



Employees honored for dedication to MVCC

The spring semester wrapped up with the Summer Institute recognition luncheon with six MVCC employees being honored. This year's MVCC award winners are: Norma Chrisman, Excellence in Professional Service; Pamela Fess, Excellence in Faculty Service; James Vitale, Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity; Mike Kopec, Excellence in Classified Service; Louise Charbonneau, Excellence in Librarianship; and Aiko Kane, Part-Time Personnel Excellence in Service.

Chrisman's honor was for her work as the College's Educational Technology Specialist, where she has been an incredible asset through her leadership, commitment and professional contributions. Her duties include developing training materials for staff development, preparing and presenting workshops, individualized training with software, and working with faculty as support for their online courses and distance learning.

Chrisman is considered the go-to-person for many projects. She is involved with the Employee Enrichment Council, serves as vice chair of the College Senate, is a member of the Senate Advisory Committee and chair of the Senate Elections Committee in addition to being second vice president for the Professional Association.

Fess is an Assistant Professor in the Center for Life and Health Sciences where she provides leadership and professional contributions in her field of nursing. Her contributions in curriculum development and creation of a hybrid course for the transition from LPN to RN has been critical to the success of the Nursing Program. Fess' work with MVCC Campus Security – training personnel on the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – has added an extra measure of safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors to the College.

Fess exemplifies the term "extended service leadership" through an impressive array of campus and community volunteer efforts. She served on the Health Service Faculty Committee, chaired and worked as Second Year Coordinator for nursing students, is on the PA's Education and Training Committee, worked on MVCC's Cultural Events Committee, and is the past president of the MV Chapter of Critical Care Nurses Education Committee.

Vitale is an Associate Professor who demonstrates creative service leadership and made many creative and scholarly professional contributions to his field. He often incorporates service projects for others on campus and throughout the community into his in-class teaching and work. He serves as the production manager and technical advisor for Art Department posters and brochures. His participation in the annual MVCC Alumni Art Show and work with the MVCC Faculty Show has made both events successful year after year.

He is also the liaison between SUNYIT and MVCC in the coordination of the annual SUNYIT/MVCC Student Show. He serves as a co-chair of the Learning Communities Committee



and chairs the Design Team. Outside of work, he sits on the Iliion Board of Education and coaches soccer.

Kopec is the Labor Supervisor in the Facilities and Operations Department where he is responsible for overseeing grounds crews, maintenance of all equipment and vehicles on campus. He demonstrates a strong work ethic and is always the first one here and last one to leave to make sure everything is locked up and secure. Kopec has the reputation as the one who goes above and beyond to help anyone in need whether it be a co-worker, student or visitor to campus. He often accommodates last-minute requests such as mowing the athletic fields or helping any department move heavy equipment in a safe and secure manner.

Dr. Charbonneau has been the Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian since 2004. She is responsible for the evaluation, selection, and training for all electronic resources including reference materials, indexes, abstracts, images, and full-text databases. Over the past few years, the library has moved to a new system for inter-library loans, and Dr. Charbonneau has overseen the process step by step. She is involved with the College Senate, Affirmative Action Committee, Excellence in Librarianship Committee, Library Read-Aloud, Marjorie Thorpe Awards and the PA's Education and Training Committee. Outside of work, she is a member of CNY Library Resources Council, SUNYLA, CNY Aleph Users Group and the Mid-York Library System.

Kane works at the circulation desk in the library. She is prompt and willing to fill in when others need a hand. She has made sure the circulation desk is organized and orderly while being very knowledgeable about the processes of the library beyond the circulation desk.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service



Anthony Stanwick and David Lindfield combine for 30 years of service to the College and were recognized this week for their dedication. As 15-year employees, Stanwick has been a Building Maintenance Worker on the second shift while Lindfield has been the Working Supervisor on the third shift. Both joined MVCC on June 18, 1996 and have kept the College ▲ moving forward.

Gary Parker recently completed his 35th year at MVCC and was honored for his dedication. Gary is one of the most successful coaches to have worked at MVCC, having led cross country along with track and field teams to national championships. Gary has been a Technical Assistant in the Physical Education and Athletic departments since being hired by Robert Jorgensen on June 1, 1976. ▼



◀ Following taking out her frustrations at the Summer Institute's exercise program, Jacqueline Womack was honored in the Financial Aid Office for 20 years of service with the entire department on hand. President VanWagoner recognized Jacqueline for her bubbly personality and how she goes the extra mile to help students get through the maze of paperwork. Jacqueline, who joined MVCC on May 28, 1986, holds the title of Financial Aid Assistant.

Upward Bound student named Teen All-Star

The City of Utica has become a haven for refugees from around the world and these new residents each have a unique story. This includes Proctor High School senior Saingghech Ung who is a member of the College's Upward Bound Program.

Ung was selected as a Teen All-Star by the Utica OD.

Three years after coming to Central New York from Cambodia, Ung was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the age of 16. After waking from surgery she found she had lost all memory of her childhood which included family members and former friends. This experience has completely changed her outlook on life.

"After I went through the unsafe zone of life, I felt the need to care about things," said Ung, who is now 18 and planning to pursue a degree in pre-pharmacy from MVCC in the Fall. At Proctor, she has learned the Regents-level curriculum along with English as a second language to be inducted into the National Honor Society.

Ung is very active within the community having participated in America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, the Breast Cancer Walk, and tutoring at the Boys and Girls Club.





Aviation Club's Fly-In takes flight

The Inaugural MVCC Aviation Training Center Open House and Spring Fly-In, which was held at the Oneida County Airport in Rome, took off to be a flying success last month.

This aircraft event was sponsored by the Aviation Technology Club with help from Oneida County staff.

Approximately 4,000 spectators enjoyed a day of touring the College's Aviation Train Center and the many aircraft which flew in and were on display.

"At one point in the day, both parking lots which each hold 850 cars were full," said Walter Constantini, Director of the Airframe & Powerplant Program. "The lots remained full with a steady flow of cars replacing those who were leaving."

Among the visitors were County Executive Anthony Picente,

Chairman of the Board of Legislators Gerry Fiorini, Rome's Mayor Jim Brown, and several other politicians.

Aircraft on display included MVCC's Boeing 727, Piper Cherokee 140, and Baby Great Lakes kit bi-plane along with a C-130 from the 109th Albany Air National Guard. There also was a C-5A from the 105th Heavy Lift Unit from the N.Y. Air National Guard out of Stewart Airport, and a Boeing 747-400 from MidAir USA based in Rome. This aircraft flew directly from Japan the day before.

There was a powered glider owned by one of the student's parents, two Russian L-39 jet fighter trainer aircraft, and a highly modified Aero Commander twin engine aircraft from Syracuse.

MVCC Faces: Sarah Gatley

With the help of a \$2.78 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, MVCC will be able to provide training in cybersecurity on the Rome Campus. Helping to take the lead in this new program, which is run through the Center for Corporate and Community Education, is Sarah Gatley.

Gatley is the Career Specialist for Cybersecurity and provides assessment services such as enrollment assistance and front-end counseling. She is responsible for helping participants to develop useful computer skills which will benefit them on the job. She also serves as a liaison with other community agencies, to assist in the tracking of participants and the development of class schedules.

A resident of Oneida, she has been on the job since January 3, as this grant provides funding for three years. "I hope to support our community in raising their computer skills and therefore their employability," said Gatley. While she enjoys spending time at her family's camp on Lake Ontario, she is spending her time this summer planning for her July wedding.

Gatley earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Childhood Education from SUNY Potsdam and a Masters of Education in Literacy from SUNY Cortland.

The CyberJobs program is a training opportunity for area residents who seek new skills in high-growth job fields such as information technology and cybersecurity. The free-of-charge program helps people at any stage from entry level to expert. Its custom training programs are designed to fit the schedules of busy adults.



Sarah Gatley
Career Specialist for Cybersecurity

College purchases new classroom chairs for disabled students

Message from Lynn Igoe: The College recently purchased and placed fifty sturdy, comfortable chairs to be placed in classrooms across the two campuses. These are for the use

of students with disabilities or conditions that make it difficult or impossible for them to use the usual classroom seating. Please be sure not to relocate these chairs for any reason.



LESSON ON EDIQUETTE - Renowned speaker Professor Brian Earle of Cornell University brought his unique insight into business and dining etiquette during an interactive four course meal this semester for business students.

Learning the value of business dining

If you are thinking that getting ready for life after MVCC is about job interviews, transferring, and resume writing you might have forgotten one very important element.

Have you stopped to think about one aspect of the real world that is often overlooked? Cocktail parties, business lunches, interview dinners, receptions, and other social occasions that soon will become part of your life.

MVCC students will eventually be joining the business and professional world where they will face the problem of how to conduct themselves at a dinner or reception. Many cultures have customs and tradition surrounding food and eating that our students should be aware of. What do you do with that extra fork? Is there a proper way to eat soup? Is there a tactful way to tell a server there is a bug in your salad—in front of someone interviewing you for a job? And how does all this vary from one culture to another or even one part of the U.S. to another.

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The Administrative Assistant students and the three Internships--Business, Criminal Justice, and Hospitality attended this event. Approximately 100 students, staff, and faculty were in attendance.

Everyone not only enjoyed it but learned something valuable at this event.

WHERE EDUCATION IS HEADED - Acclaimed futurist, Dr. Lowell Catlett gave a rousing presentation during the first Plenary Session of the Summer Institute on Tuesday, May 24. His presentation focused on "Education Everywhere," and how each generation's perception of where education is headed is different. Catlett's fascinating views about where higher education is headed was delivered with a large dose of wry wit and high-energy. Catlett is a professor, dean, and chief administrative officer at New Mexico State University. ▶

Katz presents at Successful Teaching Conference

David R. Katz III spun insights on emotional intelligence at the Downstate Successful Teaching Conference held on April 15, at Sullivan County Community College as the event's keynote speaker. This is the second conference since October that Katz has presented his presentation posing the question, "Have you ever wished you could change your students' attitudes?"

During his discussion, he asserts the answer of "Yes you can!" Katz draws on research, anecdotes, a bit of role modeling and some refreshingly offbeat PowerPoint slides to provide proof of the answer.

Katz used his 30 years of experience of teaching adult learners and traditional college students, coaching basketball players in intercollegiate competition, working with inmates in New York State correctional facilities, and teaching social/ballroom dancing professionally to draw his audience into the conversation while strolling around the room.

Katz says he found his career calling fresh out of high school, teaching dance and swimming classes while also mentoring kids in a Big Brothers program. He reflects, "I guess my tendency is, when I love something I want to share it with people. So I continue to teach dance on the side, continue to mentor young people, and got involved in coaching ... The whole thing has been fueled by a passion to meaningfully touch the lives of other people, so that in some way I can be helpful."

Katz's headlined a schedule of 15 workshops and GIFTS (Gathering Ideas for Teaching Success) presentations featuring 32 faculty representing 17 colleges.

Katz holds an AA degree in Liberal Arts from Camden County Community College, a BA from the University of Massachusetts with a major in Political Science and a minor in Secondary Education, and an MA from Villanova University in Political Science.

He has been included in Who's Who Among America's Educators for the past 12 years. His honors include MVCC's Excellence in Teaching Award, the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service, and the North American Council for Staff, Program, and Organizational Development's Exemplar Award.



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