



Carbone's front-row seat at MVCC

MVCC bids farewell and good luck to an icon and a pillar of its foundation this Spring. Antoinette "Toni" Carbone, the biggest Yankees fan at the College, is retiring after nearly 46 years of service to students, faculty, staff, and neighbors.

"I have been very happy here," said Carbone, who retires as the Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. "There was never a day when I woke up and thought, 'I hate to go to work today.' The College means a lot to me and it always will."

During her time at MVCC, she has had a front-row seat to cheer – and get in the game – as the College has grown and diversified environmentally, demographically and emotionally.

As a senior at Proctor High School, Carbone was among the students recruited to take the Civil Service Exam with their names being canvased for state, county and federal jobs. Being a Utica native, she was drawn to MVCC and began as a secretary on October 31, 1965. Carbone viewed working at MVCC as a double benefit, earning a salary while also working toward her AAS in Retail Business Management.

"It was very different back then. There was the Academic Building, the College Center and the Gymnasium. They were just beginning to build Payne Hall," remembers Carbone. "I thought I wanted to be a buyer in a department store, but once I started working in retail part-time I realized it wasn't something I would want to do full time. Working at the College, I realized I enjoyed it here so much more."

Carbone's first position at the College was split between the Humanities Department under Department Head Roy L. Mitchell and the Evening Division under Armond Festine, Dean. While the enrollment was around 2,000 traditional-aged students for day classes, the Evening Division had an enrollment nearly as large with non-traditional students.

Technology has changed considerably since those days. "We just started to use electric typewriters and ditto machines were everywhere. I remember when the College began to put computers at everyone's desk. I was told that in a year we wouldn't need filing cabinets – the College would be paperless. Well, as you know that never came to be," laughs Carbone.

She soon moved to the Division of Community Services – now known as CCED – which was located in front of the President's Office. This afforded her the opportunity to work indirectly for three of MVCC's presidents and directly for the other two: Dr. Michael Schafer and Dr. Randall VanWagoner.

Never one to miss a Yankees game on TV or the radio, Carbone also had front-row seats for the construction of Payne Hall, the Science and Technology Building, New Hall, the Information Technology Building and the Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center. She has also witnessed the College's rapid growth in the past decade and transformations in the needs of MVCC students and our surrounding community.

Some of the other traditions Carbone has seen come and go



AN MVCC ICON RETIRES - Antoinette "Toni" Carbone has enjoyed 46 years at MVCC and will retire this week. She can bear witness to the strides the College has made in helping students succeed.

include sororities and fraternities on campus until the mid-70s and the College Pub – located in the College Center – where students were served alcohol when the legal age was 18. The other significant change was in the early-90s when smoking in offices was banned.

"When I started at 19, I blended right in since most of the student body was traditional students right out of high school. Over the years, there have been more adult students and now we have a mixture of students," says Carbone, who has also seen the College go from a traditionally white population to a multi-ethnic population that reflects Oneida County's increasing cultural diversity. Even the makeup of the faculty has changed from mostly white women to a mix of ethnicities and genders.

On the academic side of the house there were also major changes as the College slowly switched from primarily a trades and technology focus to more human services and general studies programs during the 1980s. As the College continues to keep up with changing times, computer science programs are playing a major role.

Carbone was appointed as the Assistant to the President on November 10, 1998, and held that position until today. In retirement, she is planning to spend more time with family and friends doing the things she never had time to do before.

"I feel very fortunate to have worked with such wonderful individuals throughout the years, and for the last 13 years to have worked closely with the dedicated members of the Board of Trustees. That helps to sustain a career," says Carbone.

From all of us to Toni, we say, "Thank you friend!"

Honoring Employees for Years of Service



Keith Ragin was all smiles when the Facilities and Operations Department came together to celebrate his 10 years of service this week. Keith has been a Building Maintenance Helper since starting at MVCC on February 5, 2001. President VanWagoner joined in the celebration of Keith's work.



The good times continued in the Facilities and Operations Department as Yakov Pilipchuk was also honored for 10 years of service at the College. Yakov joined the MVCC community on February 26, 2001, and learned the ropes of being a Building Maintenance Helper with his co-worker Keith Ragin.

Sumner wins top Marjorie Thorpe Award

MVCC's library officials selected the winners of the 21st annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper contest.

Marjorie Thorpe was a librarian at MVCC from 1962 until her retirement in 1968. In 1982 she was awarded the title Professor Emerita for her outstanding service to the College. She died in 1989 at the age of 91, leaving money to the College libraries to be used for the annual term paper contest.

Sixty papers were submitted by 44 students, and judged by six librarians from MVCC's Utica and Rome libraries. The papers were judged on the variety and quality of sources, accurate and appropriate use of references, and writing style.

First place: Adael Sumner, Taberg, NY, for "Radiant Heating: Revolutionary Idea or Centuries Old Practice?" It was written for Instructor Andrew Puckey. She was awarded \$100 and a certificate.

Second place: Jenna Ingalls, Clinton, NY, for "The Lasting Impact of the Events of June 4, 1991." It was written for Professor George Searles' class. She was awarded \$75 and a certificate.

Third place: Jennifer McConnell, Boonville, NY, for "Villa Grimaldi: The Light that Comes Out of the Dark." It was written for Instructor Erin Severs' class. She was awarded \$50 and a certificate.

Fourth place: Jack Chesebro, Rome, NY, for "Solving America's Education Problem: Do We Race to the Top or Leave No Child Behind?" It was written for Instructor Mary Byrne's class. He was awarded \$25 and a certificate.

Honorable mention: Elizabeth Ames, Sauquoit, NY, for "A Literary Discourse on the American Dream." It was written for



TOP TERM PAPERS - Sixty papers were submitted by 44 students for the 21st annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper contest. From left are, librarian Steve Frisbee, Jenna Ingalls, Adael Sumner, Elizabeth Ames, and librarian Anne Ichihana.

Instructor Rialda Alibegic's class.

Honorable mention: Katelyn Byrne, Cleveland, NY, for "Empress of the Tang Dynasty: Reality versus Fiction." It was written for Instructor Alan Trombley's class.

The judges for the Marjorie Thorpe Memorial contest are Anne Ichihana, Krista Hartman, Colleen Kehoe-Robinson, Louise Charbonneau, Barbara Evans, Judy Chaffee, Nancy Becker, and Kristen VanValkenburg.

Ted Moore attracts record 242 participants

The 14th annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk was held Saturday on the Utica Campus, attracting 242 participants. This was the largest number to take part in this event. The awards and results are as follows:

Male Overall Winner: Joseph Mashaw, Marcy, 18:03

Female Overall Winner: Michele Nizzi, Frankfort, 20:14

Ted Moore 5k Run Results

#	Name	Hometown	Time
1	Joseph Mashaw	Marcy	18:03
2	Jim Fiore	Utica	18:21
3	Kenneth Burd	Lacona	18:52
4	Bruce Palmer	Rome	19:22
5	Andrew Jeselson	Ava	19:26
6	Robert Clarey	Rome	19:42
7	Ronald Esposito	Deerfield	19:50
8	Gene Velardi	Oriskany	20:01
9	Leland Hight	Oriskany	20:06
10	Michele Nizzi	Frankfort	20:14
11	John Draper	Remsen	20:18
12	Joe Langlois	Ilion	20:18
13	Timothy Phillely	Taberg	20:24
14	Ed Coluccio	Rome	20:31
15	Chris Tullar	Utica	20:35
16	Alan Rust	New Hartford	20:40
17	Mike Bowee	Clayville	21:11
18	William Rust	New Hartford	21:27
19	Dino Jukic	Utica	21:29
20	Ryan Misencik	Whitesboro	21:35
21	James Siepiola	Clinton	21:44
22	Dallas Robinson	Oriskany	21:49
23	Timothy Bishop	Deerfield	21:51
24	Justyna Wilkinson	Deerfield	21:54
25	Scott Adams	Rome	21:56
26	Cynthia Lauzon	Boonville	22:01
27	Fred Sfeir	Whitesboro	22:17
28	Lindsey Stoller	Rochester	22:18
29	Tom Bick	Frankfort	22:34
30	Anthony Jones	Rome	22:46
31	Suzanna Price	New Hartford	23:03
32	Chris Hoffman	Utica	23:06
33	Ray Smith	Old Forge	23:09
34	Joshua Stuhlman	Whitesboro	23:14
35	David Pasick	Utica	23:16
36	Adis Redzic	Utica	23:18
37	Michael Volz	Utica	23:30
38	Dustin Dorsino	Rome	23:40
39	Triston Hamm	Rome	23:40
40	Connie Siebold	Oriskany	23:43
41	Katie Mercurio	New Hartford	23:44
42	Lauren VanWagoner	N. Hartford	23:44
43	Morgan Steere	Deerfield	23:50
44	Neal Evans	Utica	23:53
45	Samuel Stuhlman	Whitesboro	24:05
46	Alaina Spadaro	Holland Patent	24:11
47	Kevin Siembab	Whitesboro	24:12
48	Colleen George	Utica	24:15
49	Lindsay Varnum	Utica	24:16
50	George Saber	Utica	24:18
51	Meghan Mazloom	New Hartford	24:26
52	Maryann Wilkinson	Deerfield	24:26
53	Sado Korman	New Hartford	24:39
54	Darrin Jadowski	Whitesboro	24:41
55	Zack Henderson	Utica	24:53
56	Hamed Adilovic	Utica	24:54
57	David Stedman	Chadwicks	24:55
58	Matthew Deierlein	Utica	24:56
59	Morgan Burd	Lacona	25:00
60	Stacey Smith	Westmoreland	25:03
61	Samantha McDonough	Vernon	25:16
62	Tiffany Graham	Canastota	25:35
63	Kayla Peterson	Verona	25:38
64	Monica Serley	Rome	25:47
65	Deborah Mcdglynn	Whitesboro	25:59
66	Anthony Kowanec	Oneida	26:03
67	Jordan Livingston	Rome	26:07
68	Chris Waszkiewicz	Rome	26:09
69	Ashley O'Herien	Munnsville	26:11
70	Heidi Caporale	Marcy	26:14
71	Christina Reilly	New Hartford	26:25
72	Rob Ichihana	Herkimer	26:28
73	Theodore Ayoub III	Utica	26:35
74	Alexandra Benn	Clayville	26:40
75	Musco Millner III	Rome	26:45
76	Richard Hahn	Sherrill	26:45
77	Michaela Murphy	Oriskany	26:46
78	Sarah Beck	Utica	26:49
79	William Read	Whitesboro	26:52
80	Pavel Shinkarevich	Rome	26:59
81	Virginia Truax	Clayville	26:59
82	Lenore Valuckas	Sauquoit	27:08
83	Melissa Peach	Forestport	27:12
84	Patrick Mahoney	Deerfield	27:14
85	Dhia Degroat	Munnsville	27:23
86	Kally Degroat	Munnsville	27:30
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88	Cory Sprague	Rome	27:33
89	Brendan Schultz	Rome	27:34
90	Dayna Robinson	Oriskany	27:40
91	Bridget Humphrey	Utica	27:48
92	Mason Burns	Oriskany	27:49
93	Michael Weaver	Rome	27:49
94	Jenna Napolis	Rome	28:01
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97	Kevin Hoehn	Rome	28:09
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99	Michael Desjardins	Utica	28:41
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102	George Searles	Clinton	28:51
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116	Michelle Guca	New York Mills	30:36
117	Julie Bramley	Whitesboro	30:37
118	Amy Sherwood		30:51
119	Mark Henderson	Utica	31:02
120	Karen Shanley	Utica	31:12
121	Melissa Hughes	Whitesboro	31:13
122	Rich D'accuzio	Utica	31:19
123	Marisa Graziano	New Hartford	31:20
124	Sarah Sampson	Oriskany	31:38
125	Ashton Lowenstein	Clinton	31:40
126	Katie Pierce	Clinton	31:41
127	Abigail Warfel	Clinton	31:55
128	Theodore Engle	Rome	32:09
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MVCC, My Big Family in the United States!

Dear All of MVCC staff/ faculty and MVCC students,

On behalf of KGCC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the great chance to work and contribute to the development of our partnership. Thank you so much for your hospitality, friendliness and collaboration to help me experience how American education has been implemented and to improve my knowledge about the culture of the second language I have been using and teaching at home. It was a wonderful experience, and it made me even more sure that KGCC would like to maintain and work more closely with its sister community college.

Over the past weeks of my visit, I was able to spend many hours with many different classes listening to you and your students, and sharing with them about education and different aspects of life in Vietnam as well. That was an incredible chance for me to popularize and update the information about my culture, people and what is going on in the country. I had a very good time in every class and really enjoyed and learned a lot from the questions raised by you and your students. Your conversations and experience inside and outside the classroom have been tremendously helpful throughout these past nine weeks.

In addition, I would like thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule, getting along with me and traveling around the country with me. I really enjoyed every minute with you to go to Washington DC, New York City, Howe Caverns, Arts Institution, Oneida, Brewery in Utica, Rome, Syracuse, Cooperstown, Fort Stanwix, Turning Stone and Sovenia. I have truly



appreciated what my friends at MVCC have done for my college in general and for me specifically. I have been seen day by day new and interesting experiences about your daily life, family life, the different styles of food and the recreation here. Also, I am very interested in DGV events; especially the International Festival gave me a very good impression of the diversity of cultures and how much MVCC staff and faculty are concerned and have contributed to the building of international friendship.

I am sure I have so many interesting things to tell my colleagues at KGCC. I am very impressed with the staff at MVCC; especially I have had the chance to talk and learn from the staff in the Learning Center, the Library, College Outreach, Educational Technologies, College Admissions, Student Service Center and the staff in cafeterias. They are so gracious, helpful and definitely provide students with the best service and useful programs. I love your library so much and I am so glad that MVCC students are offered a wonderful service with the huge, useful and convenient databases. With the great help of MVCC librarians, I found a lot of material and articles with valuable information supporting my subject for my MA degree.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of my friends again for sharing teaching, working and cultural experiences with me and giving me valuable textbooks. Especially, I would like to say thanks to Dr. Engel for her wonderful in-country orientation and hard work on my schedule. I also want to express my special thanks to the Board of Trustees for giving me a chance to work, to learn, meet interesting people at MVCC and give me a perfect and enjoyable stay. Thanks to your nice students for the kind actions of getting me bottles of water after my presentations and for friendly greetings and interesting discussions.

I wish all of you happiness, health and success. Please send my best wishes to your family members and I wish our relationship will last and develop forever!

Love,

Thanh Ngoc Thai,

Visiting Professor from Vietnam

So ... how does DegreeWorks work?

The college is nearing the launch of MVCC's new DegreeWorks advising software system, which will replace the Plan of Study with a tool that is easier for students to navigate and understand.

To make ready for launch, a team of Registrar, IT, Learning and Academic Affairs and other staff will present to faculty and staff at Summer Institute. On Tuesday, May 24 at 1 p.m., "DegreeWorks: Beyond the Buzz" will bring interactive displays, demonstrations, and tutorials to IT 216. The session will be of interest to anyone who advises students or is interested in knowing how students can track academic progress.

To register for this and other Summer Institute sessions, including plenaries with futurist Lowell Catlett and a Food Network chef, visit <http://www2.mvcc.edu/training/si/>.

MVCC EVENTS

Monday, May 16

4:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting, Festine Aud., Rome

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 am - Senator Gillibrand's "Canal Way Trail"

Roundtable Event, IT 225

2:30 pm - College Senate, IT 225

Wednesday, May 18

4:00 pm - Celebration of Success, IT Lobbies/IT225

Thursday, May 19

8:00 am - BOCES Event: "All Access Pass to Your Future,"

Theater

1:00 pm - GSA/ Lavender Graduation, ACC 116

6:00 pm - Nursing Pinning Reception, IT Lobby 1st Floor

Friday, May 20

4:00 pm - Graduation, Utica Memorial Aud.

6:30 pm - Graduation Reception, IT Lobby 1st Floor

Sunday, May 22

3:00 pm - 5th Grader Challenge

Theater

Year-end fun for Kiddie Campus kids



As the Spring semester wrapped up, it was a busy time for the children at the Kiddie Campus. The Black Student Union/ Caribbean Club sponsored an Easter Celebration by hosting an egg hunt in the Quad that included the Utica Zoomobile, Jack the Bunny and egg painting. The following week was the Kiddie Campus Prom which featured a limo ride, refreshments, music and dancing. The children also hosted their second annual Kiddie Campus Art Show which featured their works.