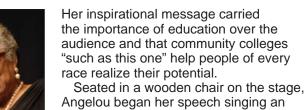


Maya Angelou's words provide inspiration for MVCC audience

The words may have come from an elder stateswoman who has seen more in one lifetime than most people, and the inspiration that washed over the 2,300 people in the audience was undeniable. The College presented Maya Angelou last

week in a lecture that brought together men and women from across the generations and cultural spectrum.

The renowned civil rights activist, poet, novelist and actress talked of her life growing up during times of racism and how her family support enabled her to become the person she is today.



Seated in a wooden chair on the stage, Angelou began her speech singing an 18th century slave song. As the audience sat, riveted and hanging on each word, Angelou told stories of her childhood and experiences, interweaving them with the importance of education and how her family made sure she was educated in times tables and reading.

"There's a difference between training and education," Angelou said to the crowd. "Education never stops. You continue it."

She went on to tell how her aunt told her: "You are going to be a teacher



and you are going to teach around the world." This prophecy has come to past with her works having been translated into Spanish, French and many other languages – spreading the inspiration.

The 83-year-old Angelou placed emphasis on the courage to say yes to "associate with whomever you want, whether they be black or white, gay or straight, fat or skinny." She encouraged everyone to seek out the rainbows in the clouds and that "you cannot be more human than another human being."

Angelou's lecture helped the College unveil the new Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic and Event Center to the public.

Mathis wins national ACCT Leadership Award

David Mathis' continued support and dedicated work in making MVCC an elite community college not only in New York State, but throughout the nation, was recently recognized by the National Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). During the 42nd Annual ACCT Awards Gala on Friday, October 14, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, Mr. Mathis was the recipient of the 2011 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

"While David has seen tremendous change in his 34 years as an MVCC Trustee, one unshakable constant has been the exceptional quality of his leadership," says President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D. "As MVCC continues to adapt to students and employers' needs, David and his fellow Trustees ensure that we are progressive, accountable, and effective. I am appreciative that the nation's leading community college leaders' organization has chosen to recognize David for the positive effects of his leadership on MVCC and in Oneida County."

This national recognition comes on the heels of Mathis' being presented the ACCT's Regional Trustee Leadership Award for the Northeast Region. This honor qualified him to be chosen from the many other regional awardees for the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

Matthis, a 1970 graduate of MVCC and Alumnus of Merit Award winner, is vice chair of the MVCC Board of Trustees.

"In his many years on this board, David has given great leadership at this college. It is a well deserved honor for him to also be recognized at the state and national levels," said Elaine M. Falvo, Chair of the MVCC Board of Trustees, in announcing Mathis' honor at Monday's board meeting.

Mathis has been a member of the MVCC Board of Trustees since 1977, initially appointed by former County Executive William Bryant. He has been reappointed by four succeeding county executives in 1981, 1990, 1999, and 2008. He is a graduate of the MVCC Class of 1970 with a degree in Retail



Business Management. Since 1997, he has presided over the MVCC Alumni Association, and is chair of its Board of Directors. He has also served as chair of the MVCC Dormitory Corporation, vice president of the MVCC Foundation, and a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

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Transfer Day helps students with next step

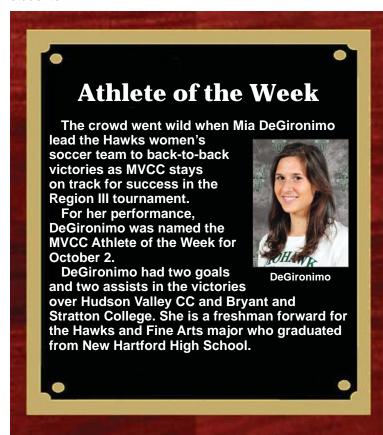
In helping students to take the next step in their education, the annual Fall Transfer Day proved to be a huge success with more than 55 colleges and universities taking part.

"The admissions counselors were busy from the time they arrived until they left," said Michael Henningsen, Coordinator of Transfer Services, of the Tuesday, October 11, event. "We made it a bit more of a festive atmosphere this year which played well with the students. Another element which seemed to work well was putting some questions on the tables for the students to ask in order to start up a conversion. It is difficult for our students to know the questions they need to ask the admission counselors."

Henningsen went on to explain how the question sheets helped students overcome the intimidation factor faced when sparking a conversation with the admission counselors. The event was held in the MVCC Commons which attracted the attention of many students along with the help of the faculty and staff who informed their students of the event in order to entice them to attend.

"The Transfer Day events get students thinking of the transfer process," said Henningsen. "The earlier they start thinking about the transfer process, the easier it will make it."

With more than 55 four-year institutions in attendance, this was the largest Fall Transfer Day the college has hosted. Along with the students, many faculty members attended the event to talk with admission counselors in order to better inform their students.



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LEARNING THE POSSIBILTIES - MVCC student Maizie Zamlowski, right, discusses her academic interests with LeMoyne College Admissions representative Cathy Andersal during last week's Fall Transfer Day. Below, the MVCC Commons was fill with activity as students met with representatives from more than 55 four-year institutions.



Job Listings at MVCC

Title: Building Maintenance Worker

Location: Facilities & Operations, Utica Campus

Hours: Second Shift, Monday-Friday, 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Requirements: A) Must be a current MVCC employee and meet eligibility

requirements for Oneida County

Civil Service appointment.

B1) Two years experience in either general building maintenance, maintenance and repair of roads or streets

OR

B2) In building trades work which has involved one or more of the standard trades, such as carpentry, plumbing or electrical required.

Contact: Contact Human Resources for application instructions.

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French at local school

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Team MVCC steps out against breast cancer



Team MVCC and members of the College community came out in strong support for the Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday at the Masonic Home in Utica.

More than 150 representatives from MVCC helped raise more than \$4,500 for the cause, with more to come as the final tally is announced next week. The local walk was claimed as extremely successful by organizers as the event reached nearly \$250,000 in total donations.

"We had a great turnout from the faculty, staff and especially the students," said Sandy Cummings, Chair Person for Team MVCC. "The clubs, student organizations and athletic teams showed their support by helping raise money within the student-body and then came out to join the walk."

Taking part in this year's walk were members of the women's volleyball team and the women's basketball team along with

representatives from the Student Congress, Student Nurses' Organization and the Upward Bound program. Student Congress also helped raise money by selling smoothies in the MVCC Commons on Friday and earlier in the week, the Kiddie Campus held a bake sale to raise \$123.

Other fund raising activities included the sale of bracelets, hair extensions, and rings. On Sunday, Team MVCC provided pink pompoms.

Team MVCC is gearing up for its next event, the Inter-Generational Cleanup, in which MVCC students, clubs, faculty and staff do yard work for elderly within the community. Volunteers should contact Sandy Cummings at scummings@mvcc.edu

Team MVCC will also sponsor a food drive in November in honor of Veterans Day, culminating in a Nov. 11 ceremony in the Jorgensen Center.



Dr. Treis publishes new book of poetry

Alina Mildred Treis, Ph.D., recently released her newest book of poetry, "Reflections of a Woman's Soul."

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The poems compiled in this book were written over a period of several years and reflect on her emotional ties to Zanzibar, Africa; Goa, India; and New York. Dr. Treis writes emotional poems embedded in nature.

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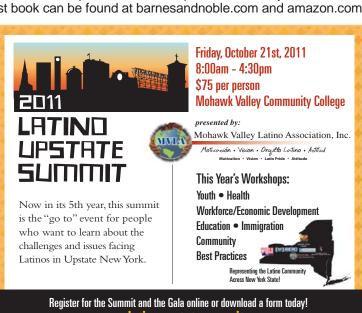
The reader will indulge in the images both in the written word and pictures taken during her travels in

Zanzibar, Goa, Germany, and across this country.

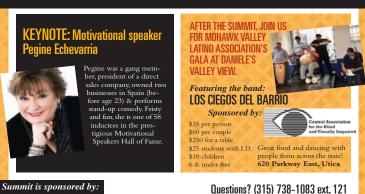
Dr. Treis, who is an Associate Professor at MVCC since 1990, was born in Zanzibar and went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and French in Goa India.

In 1981, she earned a Master's degree and Ph.D. in English Literary Theory from the University at Albany. Her dissertation was on Rebecca Harding Davis.

Dr. Treis has published several poems over the years. Her latest book can be found at barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com.







Latino Student Union





Publications provide insight to what is happening at MVCC

In recent weeks, different divisions of the College community has produced and released internal publications designed to inform both the student-body and the employees of what is happening around the MVCC.

The first publication is called The Traveler, which focuses on what the College is doing internationally. The faculty at MVCC realizes that the world extends beyond the borders of the United States and under the direction of Dr. Sandra Engel is working to enlighten the College community. To view and download the latest version of The Traveler, visit the MVCC website, click on Faculty & Staff, and look for International Education under Employee Information along the right side.

Dr. Engel has worked on and helped produce three issues of The Traveler over the past three years and all three issues can be viewed and downloaded by clicking on The Traveler Newsletter along the right column.

The second publication is The Student Voice. This newsletter/ newspaper has been around for year, but features a new look this year. This publication can be found by going to the MVCC website, under Current Students, click on the red Student Voice icon. The Student Voice features students' poetry, music and movie reviews and an insight into the MVCC culture through the students' eyes.

So take the time to learn what is happening around the campus and getting involved with these externely interesting publications.

MVCC students celebrates Respiratory Care Week

The MVCC Respiratory Care Club - students and faculty - will be celebrate Respiratory Care Week between October 24-29.

The club will have a display in the Academic Building Lobby while offering Pulmonary function testing, pulse oximetry and health information to the MVCC community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25. In addition, they are selling Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars (\$1.00) and SaveAround Utica/Rome and Syracuse Books (\$20.00).

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