

# Coleman, Doherty exemplify what student success means at MVCC

The College Senate meeting was abuzz with lots of business on Tuesday, but nothing more exciting than the presentation of this Fall's Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk awards. Sarah Coleman, Ph.D., received the honor of Heart of the Hawk for her work within the classroom while Lizabeth Doherty was honored for her work in aiding students as they enter college with the Pride of the Hawk award.

"I started my life by attending Onondaga Community College and it is there that I learned the value of a community college education," said Dr. Coleman, who earned her doctorate in Sociology. "It is from my experience at OCC that I decided I wanted to teach at a community college and give the same inspiration to my students which was given to me."

Dr. Coleman is a leader in innovative ideas at MVCC, helping to organize and establish the Diversity and Global View initiative. She is known for always making herself available to students whether in the classroom, in her office or while walking across campus.

"A teacher can teach anything but it is the way they teach that sets them apart," said Crystal Miranda, who was just one of the



**HEART OF THE HAWK** - Sarah Coleman, Ph.D., received the honor of Heart of the Hawk award for her work within the classroom as well as her dedication to students outside in the college community.



**PRIDE OF THE HAWK -** Lizabeth Doherty was honored on Tuesday during the College Senate meeting when she was presented with the Pride of the Hawk award. Doherty has been instrumental in helping students acclimate to their classes.

students who nominated Dr. Coleman. "She addresses every need a student may come across. Her lectures are informative and her sense of humor unmatched. I believe she deserves this award because her lectures provide information on learning, diversity, integrity and excellence."

Her work is recognized by her co-workers, peers and superiors. Dr. Coleman has been open to new and innovative ideas in her course offerings such as distant learning, online courses, hybrids, and participating in learning communities. She has served as chair of various work groups and worked to promote a successful Middle State Review.

"Sarah is a devoted faculty member that knows the challenges of a community college student and understands what it means to put her students first," said Marianne Buttenschon, Dean of the Center for Social Sciences, Business and Information Sciences. "Sarah has always demonstrated outstanding dedication to this institution. Her outgoing and determined personality resulted in the successful institutionalization of the Diversity Global View initiative and she still encourages faculty to generate tutorials, working with computer services, the registrar's office, marketing, assessment and various administrators to ensure that continued success of the global diversity plan."

Like Dr. Coleman, Liz Doherty gives 200 percent of herself when it comes to helping students. In the short time she has been at the College, Doherty has transformed the First Year Experiences

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RESPIRATORY CARE CONFERENCE - Students from MVCC's Respiratory Care Program had an opportunity to meet with Karen Stewart, President of the American Association of Respiratory Care, during a conference at the Turning Stone Casino and

#### **Respiratory Care students** get to meet AARC president

With the support of the MVCC Respiratory Care Club, 16 second-year Respiratory Care students attended the New York State Society for Respiratory Care Annual State Symposium at the Turning Stone Resort on Thursday, September 22.

The students had an opportunity to meet and have their picture taken with Karen Stewart, the President the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) and program faculty Chuck Svoboda and Debra Waterman.

The students assisted with conference registration and check-in and they attended six hours of lectures on best current practices, new respiratory care techniques and equipment presented by national expert physicians and therapists.

#### **Constitution Day panel** discussion in Theater

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The College will host Constitution Day from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, in the Theater on the Utica Campus.

The event will feature a panel discussion on court arraignment procedures with panel members from the Mohawk Valley, including the Hon. John Balzano, Utica City Court; MVCC trustee Tony Colon,

Court Interpreter; Leland McCormac, Oneida County

Public Defender Office: and others.

For more information, call the Center for Social Sciences, Business & Information Sciences at 792-5463.

### Easier than ever to buy tickets through MVCC's Box Office

Over the summer, the Office of Events upgraded their ticketing software, therefore, completely revamping their physical and online presence. With box office locations now in Utica, Rome, and online at www.mvcc.edu/tickets, purchasing tickets to your favorite Cultural Series events has never been easier. Listen to this, your ticket



is FREE if you are an MVCC student and MVCC employees receive significant discounts (typically 50 percent off). And heads up for you MVCC students: Tickets are still required for all events marked with a dollar sign (\$). Get your tickets ahead of time.

MVCC students are allowed one (1) free ticket per I.D. and up to five (5) additional tickets at the Faculty/Staff discount (usually 50 percent off). MVCC employees (faculty/staff) are allowed five (5) tickets at the employee discount and as many additional general admission tickets as they wish. Students, faculty, staff and community members can get tickets at the online box office! All you need to do is visit www.mvcc.edu/tickets.

#### **How to Purchase Tickets**

Here's how you logon to our online box office:

Visit www.MVCC.edu/TICKETS and hit "login" Use the "Mohawk Valley Community College Users" login on the left side of the page (you'll see the MVCC logo)

Click on the link that says "MVCC Student, Faculty, and Staff Login"

Students will choose "MVCC Student" in the drop box and employees with choose "MVCC Staff and Faculty"

Students will put in their MVCC username (1st initial, last name, day of your birth - mine would be "wdustin05") and password (last 4 digits of SS#) and hit "login"

Employees will put in their MVCC username (not entire email address; William Dustin's would be wdustin) and password (same password used for email) and hit "login"

Folks will be able to "purchase" their tickets right online and print them off in the comfort of their own home/ residence hall with our new "e-ticket" option

#### **Box Office Locations:**

Rome Campus Box Office

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The R-Box Office [RBO] is located within the Registrar/ Business Office (PC117) on the 2nd floor of the Plumley Complex at 1101 Floyd Ave, Rome, NY.

**Utica Campus Box Office** 

Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The U-Box Office [UBO] is located just outside the MVCC Theater (IT106) within the Information Technology Building at 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY.

### Team MVCC joins fight aginst breast cancer

Team MVCC is going pink in its quest to "Save the Tat Tats," as the team gears up for the 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. This year's walk will be held on Sunday, October 16, at the Masonic Home beginning at 10 a.m.

This has been an annual event for Team MVCC which has set a goal of raising \$5,000 this year.

"This is an important cause because it helps raise awareness and promotes research for a cure," said Sandy Cummings, Chair of Team MVCC. "This is not a disease which is exclusive to women. It affects many men."

More than 200 people took part in Team MVCC's efforts last year and this year they are hoping to surpass 250 participants. The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk has been strongly support by the MVCC community over the years with many of the athletic teams taking part along with College clubs and employees.

"I am hoping we can go beyond getting 250 people involved as that would be awesome," added Cummings. "We are hoping to become the Number 1 local team for this year's walk."

Team MVCC raised the second largest amount last year for area teams behind Met Life. With the walk only two weeks away, Team MVCC has many events to promote the cause and raise awareness. All proceeds raised will benefit the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

#### **Team MVCC - Think Pink Week**

Wednesday, October 12

Kiddie Campus - Bake Sale with Cookies & Cupcakes!!! 10 am-1 pm, Utica Campus - Snack Bar/Commons Upward Bound - Breast Cancer Awareness Merchandise Ribbons, Bracelets, Key Chains, etc.

2:30 pm-5 pm, Utica Campus - AB Lobby

**Breast Cancer Awareness Merchandise** - Cookies/Pink Ribbons 10 am-3 pm, Rome Campus - Plumley Complex in the Atrium

Thursday, October 13

Think Pink on Wear Pink Day

**Utica Campus Photo** - MVCC Faculty, Staff and Students are all asked to wear Pink on Thursday October 13 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

10 am, IT Building - 1st Floor Lobby

Rome Campus Photo -

10 am, Plumley Complex - Festine Auditorium



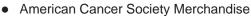
Breast Cancer Awareness
Day - Join Team MVCC
and help raise money for
the Making Strides Against
Breast Cancer Walk.
11 am–3 pm, Snack Bar/
Commons

FREE Pink

Lemonade & Cookies

• Pink Hair

Extensions



Basket Raffle

Breast Cancer Awareness Bracelets & Ribbon Sales

• MVCC Student Nurse's Organization

Upward Bound Merchandise Sale

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Sign-ups

**Pink Ribbon Sales** - Ribbon & Merchandise Sales 4 pm–6 pm, Jorgensen Center

Friday, October 14

**Student Congress & Pink Smoothies** - Stop by to see the MVCC Student Congress Members and purchase a Pink Smoothie in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Noon–2 pm, Snack Bar/Commons

### October Institute focuses on mental & physical wellness

The October Institute went off without a hitch with 140 employees registering for the eight workshops being offered on Monday. In total, there were 192 attendees.

"The initial feedback was the quality of the workshops was very high and people did a good job of accommodating this new schedule which ran through regular classes," said David R. Katz III, Professor of Political Science and History, and Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Enrichment. "Finding open space was challenging and we are looking forward to people's feedback in moving forward with this new format."

The January Institute will be held January 11 – a week before spring classes begin.

The October Institute was designed to address non-teaching issues faced by MVCC's employees. The workshops focused on a wellness theme with workshops on Yoga, Sustainable Wellness on how to maintain motivation, and the Civility Project. Keeping with the theme, a new lunch format was offered as participants got to choose from roast beef, turkey or vegetarian



sandwiches which were served with fruit and vegetables. For any on interested in offering ideas for future workshops, they are asked to contact Dave Katz.

### Jorgensen Center officially opened Monday

The Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center officially opened on Monday with students, senior citizens, alumni and employees being allowed to enter the main complex to utilize everything the facility has to offer.

While the fitness center has been operational since the start of classes for everyone who has completed the PE154 course, the floor and the lines are finally in place in the main section. Everyone with the proper College ID can use the indoor walking/jogging track, the three basketball courts and the floor can be configured to house tennis and volleyball courts.

Hours of operation for the Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1–9 p.m. These hours will change for summers and winter breaks.

The Fitness Center hours for the fall and spring semesters are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m. The hours for the pool will be Monday-Friday, noon-1 p.m. and 4–5 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8–9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30–4 p.m.

The cost of using the facilities is as follows:

Wellness Pass – May be purchased by MVCC employees, Alumni Association members, and Senior Citizens (60+ years of age). The fee is \$25 per semester or \$60 annually. This pass entitles members to use the Fitness Center, indoor running track, pool, and racquetball courts.

Fitness Center - Following successful completion of PE154 MVCC employees, Alumni Association members, and Senior Citizens must purchase a Wellness Pass.

Main Gym and Field House - All full/part time students, full/part time employees, and Alumni Association members have access. There is a \$3 charge for quests.

Pool - The pool is open to the public for a \$3 fee per visit or a

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of students by building a learner centered orientation and communication stream. She has implemented a student strengths and success approach to advising and career counseling, and working in collaboration with Academic Affairs to develop learning communities and academic intervention programs.

"Liz has been tireless in her effort to collaborate with Academic Affairs, including playing a key role in the College's pilot learning communities," said Jennifer DeWeerth, Assistant Dean for the Student Service Center. "Over the past two years, Liz was behind what was arguably the single largest student success initiative the College has launched in more than ten years - our new academic intervention and probation program - Pathways to Academic Recovery (PAR). The goal was to intervene with students whose first semester was not successful and offer them opportunities to gain the understanding, skills, and motivation, to turn their educational experience around. Liz developed the program in coordination with Academic Affairs and the Financial Aid office, as a means to help students turn around their academic performance in time to avoid the loss of financial aid eligibility."

Collaborating with many others, Liz has provided leadership to revitalize both ends of the student spectrum at the College. On the top end, she has energized our Phi Theta Kappa chapter as one of its primary advisors, and created a dynamic peer Orientation Leader program for students who have begun succeeding academically and want to help their new classmates do the same. On the other end, she has developed a strong probation advising program with intrusive advising and workshops for students who have not responded after their initial academic intervention semester.



**COMPLETE CENTER -** Seen here is the complete interior of the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center which officially opened to students, MVCC employees and alumni on Monday.

semester pass of \$50 for individuals and \$125 for a family. For MVCC employees, Alumni Association members, and Senior Citizens (who don't hold a Wellness Pass), the cost is \$25 for individual and \$65 for a family semester passes.

For use of other facilities in the Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center, contact the Athletics Office.



## Historic day as Budnjo sets scoring record

It was an historic day for the men's soccer team this past Saturday as Utica's own Armin Budnjo became the College's all-time leading scorer. Budnjo has proven unstoppable since joining the Hawks' program, achieving national recognition last year and expecting much more this season.

In Saturday's 7-2 home victory over Clinton Community College, Budnjo scored his 29 and 30 career goals. Ironically, with this being the Hawks Alumni Weekend, on hand was the previously record holder Samir Sisic (1999-2000).

The Hawks (9-2-1), are now ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA national poll. Along with Budnjo's two goals, he also had two assists as the Hawks broke out to a 4-0 lead. Also scoring for MVCC was Sauquoit native Mason Olmstead with two goals and Frankfort native David Gould with a goal and two assists. Abraham Morales and Utica native Armin Mekic each had one goal.