

Team MVCC kicks off with Four-Runners Breakfast

Team MVCC kicked off the 2011-2012 vear with the 2nd annual Four-Runners Breakfast on Monday with 50 MVCC faculty and staff being honored. Also qualifying to be Four-Runner members from last year were four MVCC students and 20 Upward Bound students.

"Team MVCC helps us put community back in community college," said MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D. "This is a visible means for the college to be present in the community."

To become a member of the Four-Runners Club, College employees must participate in two events sponsored by Team MVCC while also making a donation to the Foundation's annual campaign and to the United Wav's campaign. For students, they must participate in four Team MVCC sponsored events.

Team MVCC accomplished some amazing feats last year with the volunteers stepping up to meet each challenge. These accomplishments include helping the MVCC baseball team to collect more than 400 toys for the Ilion Marine Corp. League's annual Holly Days Toy Drive. Other accomplishes are:

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: More then 165 MVCC faculty, staff and student participants helped raise \$5,635, making Team MVCC second among teams collecting money.
- Oneida County Intergenerational Clean-Up Weekend: More than 50 students volunteered from six clubs to provide local elderly and disabled individuals with fall and spring yard clean-up. MVCC had the largest group of volunteers out of all of the local colleges who participated.
- MVCC had 117 individuals donate a total of \$12,532.64 to the United Way.
- The Foundation's annual campaign received donations from 384 MVCC employees of which 235 new donors. Nearly 84 percent of the Faculty and Staff helped

raise more than \$54.636 for scholarships.

- Recruited more than 45 Salvation Army bell ringers, who manned the kettles for an entire Saturday at Chanatry's, Target & J.C. Penney.
- America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk: 216 participants helped raise \$9,086.83, making MVCC second in the college division behind host school Utica College with its \$10,417.
- Japan Earthquake & Pacific Tsunami Relief Raffle: Organized by Team MVCC, Student Congress & the Cultural Events Council, the raffle raised \$5.118, which was donated to the American Red Cross
- 14th Annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk: Of the 242 participants at the Run/Walk, 50 were MVCC Faculty, Staff, and Students who each helped raise \$7,200 Ted Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Overall. Team MVCC recruited more than 500 volunteers and participants. who helped collect toys for local children and raise more than \$94,208 of which \$32,372 was donated to local non-profit organizations and \$61,836 was raised for the MVCC Foundation and College Scholarships.

Team MVCC has a full calendar of events slated for the coming months. View the list to the right for details.

September 2011

Sept. 19-23: Crohn's & Colitis Walk Raffle Week

Sept. 26-30: Holly Days Campaign October 2011

Oct. 10-14: Breast Cancer Awareness Week

Oct. 16: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Oct. 22-23: Intergenerational Clean-Up November 2011

TBD: Foundation Annual Campaign

TBD: United Way Campaign

Nov. 7-11: Veteran's Center Food Drive

TBD: Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 2011

TBD: Kiddie Campus Holiday Helpers February 2012

Feb. 27-Mar. 2: Heart Run & Walk Fundraising Week

March 2012

March 3: Heart Run & Walk

Mar. 19-23: Hemophilia Walk Raffle

Week

April 2012

TBD: Autism Walk Fundraising Week

TBD: Autism Walk

April 30-May 4: Ted Moore Run/Walk Fundraising Week

TBD: Intergenerational Clean-Up May 2012

May 5: Theodore "Ted" Moore

5K Run/Walk



Challenge and Opportunity campaign launches new scholarship for returning adult students

By Deanna Ferro

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The Challenge and Opportunity campaign is off and running!



Within the last year the MVCC Foundation has been able to raise \$2 million in support of the College's campaign initiatives. As the Campaign continues to move forward toward the overall goal of \$7 million, monthly updates will be provide to Faculty and Staff highlighting the impact of these gifts, and the creation of new scholarships.

Despite the economy, many local organizations are stepping up to support MVCC and our many programs, services and scholar-

ships. One organization who has chosen to participate in the Challenge and Opportunity campaign and create a new scholarship is M&T Bank.

Through its M&T Bank/Partners Trust Charitable Fund through the Community Foundation, M&T Bank has been able to commit \$15,000 in support of the Campaign to create a new scholarship aimed at helping returning adult students. This scholarship is the first of its kind here at the College, and fulfills a need to provide scholarship opportunities to returning adults

Team MVCC to Raffle iPad2 for Crohn's and Colitis cure

During the week of September 19-23, Team MVCC will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an iPad2 in support of the upcoming Utica Take Steps Walk and Colitis.

From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. each

day that week, Team MVCC members will be selling raffle tickets and offering information about the walk. Tables will be set up on Monday in Rome in the Plumley Complex Atrium; Tuesday in the IT Building; Wednesday in Payne Hall; Thursday in AB lobby; and Friday in ACC Commons.

The CyberJobs program, Which offers free computer training to the community, has trained 648 Individuals In the 8 months since its

The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday.

The MVCC community has a strong connection to the walk. Three staff members are on the planning committee - Lisa Philipson, Gloria Karol, and Janet Visalli - and Hilary Althoff, a 20-year-old MVCC student from Whitesboro, is being honored as the 2011 Take Steps Local Hero.

Hosted by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), Take Steps is the nation's largest event dedicated to finding cures for digestive diseases. The walk - which is the first in Utica -- will take place on Saturday, October 1 at the Masonic Care Community. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.; the 1.5-mile salk kicks off at 3:30 p.m. For information and to register or donate, visit www.cctakesteps.org/utica.

students attending MVCC part-time. The M&T Bank/Partners Trust Charitable Fund New Career Scholarship has been specifically tailored to part-time returning adult students who are working to complete a degree program at MVCC.

Campaign gifts like the one from M&T Bank will help MVCC continue to offer affordable first-rate education, and will provide additional help and opportunities to MVCC students who are striving to achieve their educational goals.

Scholarship Name: M&T Bank / Partners Trust Charitable Fund New Career Scholarship

Deadline to Apply: April 1st & November 15th

Description: This scholarship supports returning adult students who are attending MVCC part-time, and are working to complete a degree program.

Duration: 1 semester Criteria Checklist:

- Must be a returning adult student
- Financial Need is given preference
- Must have earned at least 6 credits
- Must be enrolled at MVCC for a minimum of 6 credit hours
- Eligibility is limited to one semester

Selected by: Scholarship Review Committee



SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS - The Student Nurse Organization (SNO) demonstrated their support for the American Armed Forces by gathering letters of encouragement and items which were sent to a unit of Marines currently serving in Afghanistan. Drop off stations were in Lisa Reith's Nursing Lab and the Learning Center on the MVCC Campus as well as at the Out Patient Observation Unit in St. Luke's Hospital and Steele Nails Salon in Ilion. SNO is planning on doing another drive during the fall.

MVCC in Community College Journal

The August/September issue of Community College Journal is devoted to community college international enterprises.

The article "Community Abroad" features discussion of MVCC's ongoing successful relationship with Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam and the developing relationship with National College of Ireland in Dublin.

A copy of the Journal is available in the Utica campus library and in ACC224.





College employees enjoy DGV dinner series

Over the summer of 2011, the Diversity and Global View (DGV) Committee started its efforts to support faculty and staff in broadening their DGV awareness. While a number of MVCC staff already partakes in the DGV events offered throughout the year, the Committee sought to offer and highlight opportunities for MVCC employees in order to raise their awareness of the increasingly diverse and globalized environment.

Thus began Mohawk Valley DGV Dinners.

Each month, employees of MVCC gather at local eateries to explore new foods, build the MVCC community, and experience the variety that calls the Mohawk Valley home. Each diner bought their own meal and guests (non-MVCC students) were welcome to join in on the experience. In lieu of credit toward

graduation, faculty and staff attending will receive a memento of the event which they are urged to display in their offices.

The first DGV Dinner was held in June at the Phoenician featuring Lebanese cuisine. In July, diners met at Minar Restaurant to sample Indian food.

August's dinner, organized by popular demand when it was first postponed due to the start-of-semester frenzy, was held at El-Canelo with 30 diners. As the dinner was being held on Eid al-Fitr, Maimun Khan incorporated that celebration into the evening for a double DGV experience.

Each group chose the next month's restaurant, so watch for emails for the invitation to Cambodian cuisine next.

Events on campus mark 10th anniversary of 9/11

As the nation marked the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil, the College has been host to one of 30 "New York Remembers" exhibits arranged around the state. This past Friday, college officials were joined by state, county and local officials in the lobby of the IT Building to honor first responders and those who lost their lives on that bright morning.

"History has been preserved with the artifacts on display here and they remind us that we should not and shall not forget," said MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner. In attendance were more than a dozen members of the Fire Department of New York, who were praised for their efforts on evacuating more than 25,000 people from the World Trade Center buildings.

Only days earlier, more than 450 people gathered to hear the accounts of two men who share their heroic stories from a day that changed America. As part of the College's "Tribute to 9/11," Lt. Mickey Kross, a New York City firefighter, and Kevin Hughes, a Marcy native, shared their stories of Sept. 11, 2001.

Kross responded to the North Tower, where he and 12 of his men attempted to rescue people trapped inside. He was in the stairwell when the building collapsed, trapping him and several

others under the rubble. His account of survival left those in attendance with watery eyes.

Hughes was a Wall Street investment banker. He was in his Deutsche Bank office in the South Tower of the World Trade Center during the attacks. As



a Marine reservist, he was among the first U.S. troops to enter Iraq at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, where he conducted combat operations securing areas up to and including the Presidential Palace in Baghdad.



Want to recognize a colleague for their great work?

The deadline for nominating individuals for the October Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk Awards is

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.



To nominate click on this link or paste into your browser: www.mvcc.edu/academics/employees-awards/faculty-staff-accomplishment

Your involvement in this program makes us all stronger!



Upgrade your laptop to Windows 7 & Office 2010

Beginning this fall term, all of the Academic Labs will be running Windows7 and MS-Office 2010. If you are still running Windows XP and MS-OFFICE 2007 on your laptop, you can have it upgraded by visiting the Information Technology Help Desk in IT139. You will need to leave your laptop and IT Staff will do their best for "same day service", but please plan for up to "24 hour turnaround."

Colleges offers transit options for students

As the College's enrollment has grown in recent years, so has the transit needs of students between the Rome and Utica campuses. The college now has several strategies to help students and visitors find ample parking and alternatives to driving.

Shuttle Service: A partnership between MVCC and Birnie Bus provides free, direct shuttle service between the Rome and Utica campuses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when traffic between the two campuses is greatest. Transit time is estimated at 30 minutes one way. Shuttle riders must show their MVCC IDs.

- Departures from Rome's Plumley Complex: 7:20 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 4:20 p.m., and 9:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Departures from Utica's Payne Hall traffic circle: 8 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., and 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Carpool Board: MVCC has also set up a new, online Carpool Board for people who wish to communicate with each other to set up carpools. The tool is now live at the "Carpool Board" link, www2.mvcc.edu/carpool/database/ at mvcc.edu. Students, faculty and staff can post whether they wish to give others a ride or seek a ride themselves.

December Break runs Dec. 23-Jan. 2

Please be advised that most College offices will close at the end of the day on Thursday December 22, 2011, and re-open on Tuesday January 3, 2012.

Those employees who are represented by AMVA and the PA will take December 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2011, as the days provided in the union contracts. Members of the classified staff who wish to take time off will use accrued time. Exempt administrators will use vacation.

The in lieu of days covering this December Break (ajar period) are: Columbus Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday.

2011-12 Academic Year Holidays

HOLIDAY	DATE	COLLEGE
Labor Day	September 5	Closed
Columbus Day	October 10	Open
Election Day	November 8	Open
Veteran's Day	November 11	Open
Thanksgiving	November 24, 25	Closed
Christmas	December 26	Closed
New Year's	January 2	Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 16	Open
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12	Open
President's Day	February 20	Open
Washington's Birthday	February 22	Open
Good Friday	April 6	Open
Memorial Day	May 28	Closed
Independence Day	July 4	Closed

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Some of these holidays are not available to everyone because each union contract contains a different list of holidays. Employees required to work on a holiday for which they are eligible will be compensated or accrue time as provided in the appropriate union contract.

Job Listings at MVCC

Title: Building Maintenance Helper

Location: Facilities & Operations, Utica Campus

Hours: Second Shift, Monday-Friday, 4:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Requirements: A) Applicants must meet eligibility for Oneida County Civil Service appointment; B1) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma

OR

B2) One (1) year of experience in manual labor associated with the maintenance and repair of roads or streets or one (1) year of building cleaning experience or one (1) year experience in the building trades.

Disability Services Faculty Reminder

In order to comply with federal requirements, it's essential that we notify students with disabilities about the accommodations and services that are available to them. If you forgot to put the Disability Services Office statement in your syllabus, please read (or otherwise distribute) it to your class at the next session. If you need a copy, contact Lynn Igoe by e-mail, or at ext. 5413.

Submit information for Communitas to Rich Haubert at rhaubert@mvcc.edu