Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of September 5, 2011

David Mathis recipient of regional award

David Mathis has been a pillar within the community and here at MVCC ever since being a student back in the late 1960s. His dedication and hard work was recently recognized as the recipient of the 2011 Regional Trustee Leadership Award for the Northeast Region from the National Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

Mathis, a 1970 graduate of MVCC, is currently the College's vice chair of the Board of Trustees. He will be recognized at the 42nd annual ACCT Leadership Congress Awards Gala in Dallas on Friday, October 14, where he or one of the four other regional awardees will be named top honoree.

ACCT's Regional Awards recognize the contributions made by trustees, equity programs, chief executive officers, faculty members, and professional board staff.

"Community colleges have taken on new roles and increased responsibilities in recent years," says ACCT Chair and Midlands Technical College (S.C.) Trustee Peter E. Sercer Sr. "The individuals selected to receive this important recognition are truly vital to their communities and regions."

"David has served the MVCC Board of Trustees for more than 30 years, and that service has helped transform our college, as well as the experience of our students, in so many positive ways," says MVCC Board of Trustees Chair Elaine M. Falvo.

Adds MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., "David is a true advocate for community colleges at the local, state, and national level. This honor speaks to just how fortunate we are to have his leadership at MVCC."

"I deeply appreciate this honor," says Mathis. "Across America, community colleges are the places where excellence and access meet. I know that I speak for my fellow trustees here at MVCC when I say that our efforts on behalf of the institution are truly a labor of love because the future of our region and its people – particularly those with the greatest needs – are shaped by the decisions we make. There is great responsibility in the decisions we face; but great rewards in seeing our students not only survive, but thrive."

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.

In 1990, Mathis received the MVCC Alumni of Merit Award, and he was among the first to be inducted into the MVCC Hall of Fame in 1996. He is also active in the statewide community college movement, serving as president of the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) from 1999-2001. On the national level, Mathis has served on the board of directors of the ACCT, as ACCT's New York State Chair, and on many national committees.

David Mathis

Mathis, who is the director of the Oneida County Office of Workforce Development, earned a Bachelor of Science from Utica College in Business & Economics, and has done graduate work at SUNYIT and Utica College. He is a Utica resident.

MVCC receives approval to open the pool

The College received final clearance from the Oneida County Health Department to open the pool, located in the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic/Event Center on the Utica Campus.

The MVCC pool officially opened on Tuesday, September 6, with the following hours for open swim during the fall semester:

Monday thru Friday Noon – 1:00 pm
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Mon/Tues/Thu/Fri 8:00 – 9:30 pm
Saturday/Sunday 1:30 – 4:00 pm

There is a $3/visit fee for open swimming.

MVCC faculty and staff may purchase an individual pass for $25 for the semester, or a family pass for $65 for the semester. The pool is included in the Wellness Pass membership.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service

Bruce Kurtz and Duane Frymire were honored last week for the many years of dedication they have shown to MVCC and its students. Bruce is an Associate Professor who has been teaching Electrical Engineering Technology for the past 15 years. Duane, an Assistant Professor in Surveying Technology, has been a collegiate of Bruce's for the past 10 years. ▶

Bernie Raynor has been serving more than just the college over the past 10 years while also being a member of the U.S. Air Force reserves where he served in Afghanistan last year. But it was his work at MVCC he was honored for earlier this year. Bernie has been working as a Technical Assistant for 10 years in the College's Network Services Department. ▲

Rosemary Mink was recently honored for 10 years of service to the college during a ceremony in her office. Rosemary is an Assistant Professor of English in the Arts & Humanities Center. ▲

Learning Center's Brown Bag Lunch Series

The Brown Bag Lunch Series are workshops designed to help students develop their skills to help them become academically successful in pursuit of a degree or certificate at MVCC. These workshops are provided free to all students and target specific academic areas of study. No pre-registration is needed.

Front Loading Success
Rome Campus
Plumley Complex, Rm L43
September 6, 2 -3 pm
Utica Campus
IT Building, Room 131
September 7, 1-2 pm
September 8, 2-3 pm, 5-6 pm

How to Study
Math and Science
Rome Campus
Plumley Complex, Rm L43
September 7, 1-2 pm
September 14, Noon-1 pm
Utica Campus
IT Building, Room 131
September 19, 10-11 am
September 20, 2-3 pm
Academic Building, Room 151
October 4, 6-7 pm

So you have to
write a paper...
Rome Campus
Plumley Complex, Rm L43
September 15, 11 am-Noon
October 6, 11 am-Noon
Utica Campus
IT Building, Rm 131
October 11, 10-11 am
October 14, 2-3 pm
October 17, 5-6 pm

How to beat
the cram out of finals
Rome Campus
Plumley Complex, Rm L43
November 15, 4-5 pm
Utica Campus
IT Building, Room 131
November 18, 10-11 am

MVCC's Respiratory Care students educate the public at State Fair

The MVCC Respiratory Care Program faculty and second-year students staffed the New York State Society for Respiratory Care (NYSSRC) booth at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, on Tuesday, August 30. MVCC's Respiratory Care Program has been attending the State Fair for 15 years for this program.

The 16 students and three faculty members (Chuck Svoboda, Debra Waterman, and Joseph Sageer) manned the informational booth from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., performing pulmonary function tests and respiratory disease screening surveys.

The students and faculty participated in the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) "Drive 4 COPD" National Survey for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (Emphysema and Chronic Bronchitis). They provided valuable patient education for the fair attendees on Senior Citizen Day.

The students also gained additional knowledge and the required skill sets to work effectively with all age ranges of patients.

Job Listings at MVCC

Title: Building Maintenance Helper

Location: Facilities & Operations, Utica Campus

Hours: First Shift - Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Monday – Thursday 5:30 a.m – 2:00 p.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.

Rome Hospital invests $161,691 in MVCC's nursing, allied health

MVCC received a five-year, $161,691 investment from Rome Memorial Hospital to the College's $7 million "Challenge and Opportunity" Major Gifts Campaign. MVCC will use the funds to expand the number of nursing and allied health graduates in the community, in order to meet the needs of local health care providers, consumers, and employees.

"Our community's health care needs are growing and changing faster than ever. Employers' demand for skilled workers and the career opportunities in health care are growing too—so we are proud to extend our partnership with Rome Memorial Hospital to reach new educational goals," said MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D. "All of us at the college are grateful for these resources, which we'll use to prepare more MVCC students for high-demand careers."

This gift is a renewal of the hospital's initial investment that helped bring MVCC's nursing program to the Rome campus in 2005 to address area nursing shortages. "MVCC is to be commended for preparing exceptional nursing and health care professionals to serve our community's needs. MVCC alumni are in vital roles as caregivers and support staff throughout Rome's hospital and nursing home," said RMH President/Chief Executive Officer Basil J. "Buzz" Ariglio. "We've renewed our financial commitment because our hospital and our patients directly benefit from having a well-educated work force. This partnership extends meaningful career opportunities to even more people to benefit health care providers in our region."

Dr. VanWagoner and Ariglio both thanked Ariglio's predecessor, Darlene A. Burns, for her role in establishing the partnership. Burns retired Dec. 31, 2010.

RMH's investment supports one of MVCC's campaign goals, which is to establish five new programs in health care fields where demand for employees is forecast to grow in the coming decades.

With this RMH investment, MVCC's Center for Life and Health Sciences will expand its nursing and allied health programs, traditionally an area of strength for the college. MVCC will make several improvements in Rome with the RMH funds, including:

◆ An upgraded Nursing Learning Resource Center;

◆ Upgraded Surgical Technician and Certified Nurse Aide laboratories, to support those programs' addition to the college's program offerings;

◆ Additional RMH clinical placements for MVCC students; and

◆ New faculty and staff as necessary to support expanded allied health programs.

While the course offerings, labs, and clinical placements will support the addition of specific new programs, the partnership's tutoring and study resources will help a broader cross-section of allied health students in Rome to complete their educational goals—a substantial benefit on a campus where enrollment has grown by half in five years, and where nursing and related courses are highly sought after.

MVCC is currently in the lead gifts phase of the Challenge and Opportunity campaign, seeking six-figure and larger investments from the community's leading businesses, non-profits, and individual philanthropists. RMH's gift brings the campaign's total to date to $1.7 million.

Hawks Fall Athletic Teams Are In Full Action

Men's Soccer

September 7	MVCC hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4:00
September 10	MVCC at Cayuga CC, 1:00
September 14	MVCC hosts Finger Lakes CC, 4:00
September 17	MVCC at Genesee CC, 1:00
September 21	MVCC hosts Jefferson CC, 4:00
September 24	MVCC at North Country CC, 3:00
September 28	MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 4:00
October 1	MVCC hosts Clinton CCC, 2:00
October 4	MVCC at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00
October 8	MVCC hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00
October 11	MVCC at SUNY Delhi, 4:00
October 13	MVCC at Broome CC, 4:00
October 15	MVCC hosts Onondaga CC, 1:00
October 19	MVCC hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4:00
October 22	MVCC in Sub-Regionals, TBA
October 25	MVCC in Quarter Regionals, TBA
October 29	Region III Tournament, TBA
October 30	Region III Tournament, TBA

Women's Soccer

September 8	MVCC at Broome CC, 4:00
September 10	MVCC at Cayuga CC, 3:00
September 12	MVCC at Finger Lakes CC, 4:00
September 17	MVCC at Genesee CC, 3:00
September 21	MVCC hosts Jefferson CC (Proctor), 4:00
September 24	MVCC at North Country CC, 1:00
September 28	MVCC hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00
October 1	MVCC hosts Clinton CCC, 2:00
October 4	MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00
October 8	MVCC at Bryant & Stratton, 1:00
October 11	MVCC hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00
October 15	MVCC hosts Onondaga CC, 1:00
October 19	MVCC at Fulton Montgomery CC, 4:00
October 22	MVCC in Sub-Regionals, TBA
October 25	MVCC in Semi-finals, TBA
October 29	Region III Tournament at HCCC, TBA
October 30	Region III Tournament at HCCC, TBA

Women's Volleyball

September 10	MVCC at Niagara CCC (P), 2:00
September 17	MVCC hosts Hawks Invitational (P), 2:00
September 21	MVCC at Adirondack CCC, 6:00
September 24	MVCC at Herkimer CCC (P), 2:00
September 28	MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 6:00
October 2	MVCC at SUNY Delhi (P), 2:00
October 5	MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 6:00
October 7	MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, 6:00
October 8	MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, 2:00
October 12	MVCC at SUNY Delhi, 6:00
October 15	MVCC at Hudson Valley CC (P), 6:00
October 19	MVCC hosts Fulton Montgomery CC, 6:00
October 22	Mountain Valley Conference, TBA
October 25	MVCC in Sub-Regionals, TBA
October 29	Region III Tournament, TBA
October 30	Region III Tournament, TBA

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September 10	MVCC at Niagara CCC (P), 9:00
September 17	MVCC hosts Hawks Invitational (P), 2:00
September 21	MVCC at Adirondack CCC, 6:00
September 24	MVCC at Herkimer CCC (P), 2:00
September 28	MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 6:00
October 2	MVCC at SUNY Delhi (P), 10:00
October 5	MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 6:00
October 7	MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, 6:00
October 8	MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, 2:00
October 12	MVCC at SUNY Delhi, 6:00
October 15	MVCC at Hudson Valley CC (P), 10:00
October 19	MVCC hosts Fulton Montgomery CC, 6:00
October 22	Mountain Valley Conference, TBA
October 25	MVCC in Sub-Regionals, TBA
October 29	Region III Tournament, TBA
October 30	Region III Tournament, TBA

Cross Country

September 10	MVCC at Hamilton College, 10:00
September 17	MVCC at Finger Lakes CC, 10:00
September 24	MVCC at SUNY Cortland, 10:00
October 8	MVCC at Hamilton College, 10:00
October 22	Mountain Valley Conference Meet, TBA
October 29	Region III Meet @ SUNY Alfred, TBA
November 5	NJCAA Nationals @ Holyoke, TBA

Submit information for Communitas
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Women's Tennis

September 8 MVCC hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00
September 10 MVCC at Broome CC, 1:00
September 12 MVCC hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00
September 15 MVCC at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00
September 17 MVCC at Adirondack CC, 1:00
September 20 MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 4:00
September 22 MVCC hosts Onondaga CC, 4:00
September 24 MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 1:00
September 26 MVCC at Onondaga CC, 4:00
October 8 Regional III Tournament @ SUNY Delhi, TBA
October 9 Regional III Tournament @ SUNY Delhi, TBA
October 26 Nationals @ Flushing Meadows, TBA
October 27 Nationals @ Flushing Meadows, TBA
October 28 Nationals @ Flushing Meadows, TBA