

Female leaders move to promote women in fields of science, tech, engineering and math

Like all colleges, MVCC has the responsibility to take on the challenges of racism, sexism, and ethnic and cultural inequity.

OFF SE WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

A group of female MVCC faculty and staff are taking these challenges to heart, pointing out that the best way to resolve these issues is to shine light on them.

The group members are not just talking, but doing, by initiating a

movement within the College community to achieve parity. Female faculty from the Center for Mathematics, Physical Science, Engineering & Applied Technology and colleagues from Student Affairs and Learning and Academic Affairs have launched a campaign to promote and encourage women to pursue degrees and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

"Women are vastly underrepresented in STEM jobs and among STEM degree holders," states a report from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economics and Statistics Administration.

In response, female leaders have formed Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) to encourage female students to consider pursuing a career in one of the STEM disciplines. Working with the Learning Center, they are acting as mentors and tutors for female students interested in a STEM program.

"There is a real need for women in the field of engineering," said Margaret Reilly, who holds advance degrees in Civil Engineering and is the Assistant Dean of the STEM Center. "For women in these fields, there are so many opportunities."

Currently, the STEM Center offers 21 Associate degrees and 11 certificate programs. The College also has many articulation agreements with four-year institutions such as Clarkson University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Environmental Sciences at Syracuse University and dozens more.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for women at MVCC," said Celia Domser, who teaches chemistry and is the STEM P-20 Arc Director. "Most of the students we talk to don't realize there are scholarships out there for women who are pursuing a degree in one of the sciences or engineering."

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce's report,



WISE MOVEMENT - Shahida Dar, right, who teaches Physics at MVCC, explains the benefits of degrees that MVCC offers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to several students during the launch meeting of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE).

women hold less than 25 percent of STEM jobs, but those women who go into the STEM field earn 33 percent more than comparable women in non-STEM jobs. The gender wage gap is also much smaller in STEM jobs than in non-STEM jobs.

To learn more about the WISE program, contact one faculty or staff listed to the right.

WISE Organizers

Melissa Bartlett - Biology Joyce Baumann - Chemistry Eileen Bush - Biology Evelyn Butler - Biology Shahida Dar - Physics Celia Domser - Chemistry Lindsey Geary - Geology Nelissa Nowicki - Mathematics Fumin Pan - Chemistry Lorie Phillips - Health Sciences Anna Radlowski - Mathematics Margaret Reilly - Civil Engineering Norayne Rosero - Mathematics Barbara Turner - Mathematics Donna Sawyer White - Learning Center Christy Stephenson - STEP

Last Faculty Excellence and Innovation Academy for Spring is April 24

The MVCC community is invited to join the last session of The Faculty Excellence and Innovation Academy for this semester on Tuesday, April 24, from 2:30-4 p.m. in IT225. At these monthly meetings, attendees gather with senior faculty members who share their stories about how

they came to their own unique contributions to the MVCC community.

2:30pm Jim Smrtic – (Kids & Coaches)

3:00pm Mike Sorrentino (Welders Among Community) 3:30pm Cheryl Plescia – (Strengths-based teaching)





HUGHES REMEMBERED - Former MVCC nursing instructor Denise Hughes was memorialized during a ceremony this past weekend. In attendances were her daughter Karen, left, Pam Fess, Lisa Reith and Lorie Phillips.

Hughes remembered as a caring instructor

A memorial service was held at the Dimbleby, Friedel, Williams & Edmunds Funeral Home in New Hartford to honor the life of former MVCC nursing clinical instructor and tutor Denise "Deni" Hughes on Saturday 14. Hughes passed away on March 4, 2012.

She was a dedicated nurse and educator, working throughout the area as an RN at Bassett Healthcare, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare and at MVCC.

Former Nursing Laboratory Assistant, Lisa Rieth, performed a Nightingale Tribute at the service as well as read a personal letter from retired Associate Dean, Nancy Caputo. The Nursing and Allied Health Department members mourn the loss of Hughes who dedicated many years of her life in the service to the college.

Civility Forum returns April 24 in IT Theater

It has been a constant effort colleges across the nation have been making in recent years: creating a civil learning environment.

MVCC's Civility Club and the Student Congress have teamed up to host the Open Civility Forum 2 which is designed to set into action better behavior among students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. This event will be held Tuesday, April 24, from 3-6 p.m. in the IT Theater on the Utica Campus.

"The goal is to discuss the topic of civility and then come up with an action plan which can be implemented," said John Coleman, president of Student Congress.

"We are encouraging all the clubs, teachers, and administrators to attend in order to get some diversity to the solution."

Coleman pointed out that many of the students complain about the lack of civility, but are afraid to take the first step on making change. He says this open forum is designed to show students that there is unity in this movement and that they are not alone.

There will be mediators with much of the discussion being led by students. Coleman is encouraging faculty to promote this open forum within their classes in order for everyone to get the message. DGV credit will be offered to students.

The Civility Club is creating a message wall which will be in the quad where students can write messages. During last year's Civility Forum, students were asked to sign a pledge to be civil. "We are hoping that everyone will implement civil behavior and make respect a norm," added Coleman.

Alumni Art Show builds on MVCC traditions of student, alumni success

There are walls of exceptional art and design work by MVCC alumni now on display as part of the 26th Annual Alumni Art Show in the Art Department Gallery on the second floor of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus.

This year's show features 86 works from as far away as Georgia and South Carolina.

"It is very nice to see the work come in from all over," said Douglas Hyldelund, Assistant Professor in Graphic Design. "It is an amazing show and I do hope everyone gets a change to view it."

Hyldelund, a 1986 MVCC alumnus of the then-Advertising and Design Program, has been working on organizing this year's show since the beginning of this year. Each year there are 75-100 submissions from the nearly 2,600 graduates in the College's Graphic Design, Advertising Design and Production, and Illustration programs.

"The quality of the show is a testament to the depth of the MVCC curriculum then and now," said Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D.

The Alumni Art Show was the brainchild of now retired Professor Robert Clarke, as a way for MVCC alum to display the work they have created since leaving the College. Each year the show has grown with submissions coming from around the country and internationally.

The 26th annual Alumni Art Show will be on display through



Spring Commencement on May 18.

To view more on this year's show, visit http://youtu.be/ CnFNT WY1Rk

This year's Professional Judge was Scott Herron, Creative Director for Designworks Advertising in Syracuse.

Alumni Art Show Winners

Illustration - Published

1st Place: Lawrence Gardinier, '86 Kennesaw, Ga.

"Green Panoz Esperante Holiday

Card"
2nd Place: Alexander Piejko, '84

Marcy, N.Y.

"Multiethinic Children's Literature Textbook Cover"

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Honorable: Lawrence Gardinier, '86

Kennesaw, Ga.

"Blue Panoz Esperante Holiday Card"

Honorable: Alexander Piejko, '84

Marcy, N.Y.

"Diversified Health Occupations Texbook Cover"

Illustration - Unpublished

1st Place: Michelle Roberts, '04

Rochester, N.Y.

"Music Frees the Soul"

2nd Place: Sean Usyk, '03

Utica, N.Y.

"Holmes and Moriarty"

Honorable: Richard Harvey, '68

Rochester, N.Y.

"Connections"

Honorable: Aaron Sheldon, '09

Van Hornesville, N.Y.

"Brent"

Graphic Design - Multi-Color

1st Place: Glenn Clark, '86 Honeoye Fall, N.Y.

"Hunt Races Tailgate Party Poster" 2nd Place: Justin Palmer, '05

Waterville, N.Y.

"Mammography/Breast Care Center

Brochure'

Honorable: Krista Nati, '95

Hamburg, N.Y.

"The Black & White Ball Invitation" Honorable: Leah McDonald Hobaica.

'04

Utica. N.Y.

"Springbrook Gala Invitation"

Graphic Design - Limited Color

1st Place: Jack DelGado, '86

Greenville, S.C.

"Bova Identity Mark"

2nd Place: Daniel Jones, '86

Rochester, N.Y.

"Eagle Creek Identity Mark" Honorable: Nick Cuda, '11

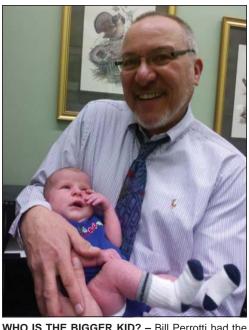
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Avant Garde Poster Design" Honorable: Alan Coon, '91

Craryville, N.Y.

"Orion Healthcare Equity Partners

Identity Mark"



WHO IS THE BIGGER KID? – Bill Perrotti had the stork's number for the arrival of George Adler earlier this spring. As the winner of the contest picking George's birthday, Bill donated his share of the 50-50 toward lots of Pampers for Michelle Adler's new arrival.

Submit Information for Communitas to rhaubert@mvcc.edu



HEADED FOR DIVISION I — MVCC lacrosse player Kayla Smith, center, signs her national letter of intent to play lacrosse for NCAA Division I Niagara Unversity next fall. Also pictured are parents Thomas and Mary Smith in front and MVCC head coach Gina St. Croix.

MVCC's Smith will play lacrosse for Niagara U.

In just its second year of intercollegiate play, the MVCC women's lacrosse program has produced a star student-athlete in Kayla Smith. Smith, a second-year midfielder and team captain, signed a letter of intent to accept a full academic and athletic scholarship at Niagara University, which plays NCAA Division I lacrosse.

Smith is a native of Rome and graduated from Rome Free Academy. She matriculated in General Studies and is a candidate for graduation this May. She signed her letter of intent in the new Jorgensen Athletic and Events Center with friends, family members, teammates and coaching staff looking on.

"Kayla has been a star of our new lacrosse program. We knew from our first practices that Kayla is a leader on and off the field," says Coach Gina St. Croix. "We had confidence that her leadership at MVCC would translate into opportunities at a D-I school."

So far in the 2012 season, Smith leads the Hawks with 12 goals and three assists in four games. Last season, she led the team with 51 goals and 13 assists, and she finished as the fourth-leading scorer in the National Junior College Athletic Association. She scored in double digits in three games, and her scoring leadership was accomplished over just 12 games. In national All-American voting, she placed ninth.

At Niagara, she joins a top-25 team in Division 1, which has had three appearances in the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament. She plans to major in Education.

Small Works Gallery

The Small Works Gallery is hosting an exhibit entitled "The Academy Strikes Back."

The exhibit will be on display through May 10 in the Small Works Gallery, located on the second floor of the Information Technology Building.

The New York Academy of Art and the European Academic tradition have played a large role in the training of Fine Art instructors and art gallery participants at MVCC. Further, this style of teaching has been infused into the training of MVCC art students.

The Academy Strikes Back looks to highlight works on paper from the skilled artists who have taught or shown work at MVCC and trained at the New York Academy of Art.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 1-6 p.m.

With the ability to stop a ball moving at lightning speed, Erik Howard has been the key to the men's lacrosse team in the goal. For his efforts between the pipes, he was named MVCC's Athlete of the Week for the week of April 8. Howard made 22 saves in the Hawks' victory over Niagara Community College. For the week, Howard had a 71.2 percent save ratio while only giving up an average of 9.5 goals per game. Howard is a sophomore Psychology major who graduated from Canton High School.

Vincent Dunn speaks at firefighter workshops



The College hosted a series of professional development workshops for firefighters and an evening presentation highlighting the career of Deputy Chief Vincent Dunn's FDNY (Ret.) on Tuesday. This event was part of Public Safety Month.

The firefighter workshops included high-rise building

firefighting, the dangers of operating on a peaked roof, and terrorism and security devices.

The presentation, "Life in the Fire Service," took place in the MVCC Theater. Dunn was a firefighter in New York City for 42 years. An editor and author on the subject, Dunn is also a nationally recognized expert on high-rise firefighting, rescue, and building collapse.

Wanted

Artists, writers and hobbyists are needed for the Summer Institute Showcase.

If you have talent in arts and crafts, drawing, photography, design, painting, sculpture or writing, please consider entering the Showcase Exhibition.

If you wish to participate in the Showcase Exhibition, contact Debbie Otis @x5551 or via e-mail dotis@mvcc.edu.