

Pasick, Porcelli demonstrate what it means to be Pride, Heart of the Hawk

There are many exemplary employees at MVCC who go the extra mile to help students obtain their goals and those who put in the extra effort to ease the work burden of their co-workers. Two of these employees were recognized at this week's Senate meeting during the presentation of the Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk presentation.

"This is a great honor and privilege for me to recognize these two individuals. Too often we are so busy and focused on the task at hand that we fail to realize the outstanding work our co-workers are doing for students and the employees here at the College," said MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D.

Dr. VanWagoner and members of Cabinet was on hand for the presentation of the Spring's Heart of the Hawk award to David Pasick and the Pride of the Hawk award to Dan Porcelli.

In the short time Pasick has been at

MVCC, this instructor in Criminal Justice has quickly become a productive faculty member who continuously strives to support the mission and vision of the College. He was instrumental in the development of new law enforcement degree and certificate programs, played a role in selection of new Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminology textbooks, and served on the Criminal Justice Media Solutions Advisory Board for Pearson Education.

"David is very supportive of the many events hosted on campus by his colleagues," said Marianne Buttenschon, Dean of the Center for Social Science, Business and Information Sciences. "He has been very active in assisting the Criminal Justice program to strive for excellence. For our students he acts as an advisor for our Criminal Justice Club and organizes field trips to local correctional facilities to apply



HEART OF HAWK - David Pasick thanks his colleagues after receiving the Heart of the Hawk award at this week's Senate meeting.

practical experience and promote service learning."

As a member of the American Society of Criminology and the Criminal Justice Educators of New York State, he recently

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Former MVCC player earns first MLB win

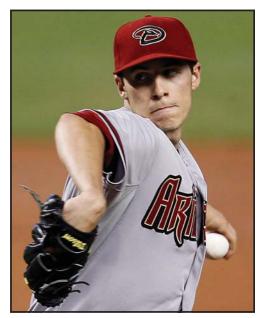
Former MVCC baseball player Patrick Corbin etched the Hawks name in Major League Baseball history Monday, becoming the first-ever MVCC student athlete to ascend to the major leagues. Corbin was the Arizona Diamondbacks' starting pitcher in a 9-5 win at the Miami Marlins, throwing for 5 2-3 innings with six strikeouts and three runs allowed.

Corbin is Clay, N.Y., native who is a familiar presence on Central New York diamonds. He graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse High School in 2007 and played on the 2008 MVCC team that went 15-11 in NJCAA Region III under the tutelage of Coach Dave Warren. Corbin finished his college playing career at Chipola Junior College in Florida before being drafted by the Los Angeles Angels and traded to the Diamondbacks. In his minor league career he hurled his way to a 28-14 record with a 3.83 ERA.

Along with the MVCC Hawks family following on Twitter at #MVCCBaseball, 15 of Corbin's friends and family made the trip to Miami to see him make his MLB debut after he was called up from Double A Mobile.

"Pat's the first student-athlete ever from MVCC to make it to Major League Baseball—or to the NHL, NFL, NBA, or MLS," says Warren. "He's been close to the show all season and it's great to see him break into the majors with a win." At Mobile, Corbin made the Southern League All-Star Team and was the Southern League leader in strikeouts and innings pitched at the time of his callup.

MVCC's baseball team has produced numerous major league prospects and scholarship players and is a perennial threat in the post-season, making NJCAA post-season play 34 out of the last 51 years.



Patrick Corbin

Honoring Employees for Years of Service



David Pula's career at MVCC has been a very colorful one. David has been the College's painter for nearly 30 years and has seen the color palate go the College's painter for nearly 30 years and then back again. David was recent from a few primary colors to dozens and then back again. David was recent from a few primary colors to dozens and then back again. David years of service. David joined MVCC on April 5, 1982. It is recognized for 30 years of service.



It all adds up for Rosemary Zarnoch as she was recently honored for 15 years of service to the College. Working in the Payroll Office as a Data in order. She has been doing exceptional work in the Business Office since joining MVCC on April 7, 1997.

MVCC launches Educational Opportunity Center

MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., was joined by U.S. Representative Richard Hanna, R-NY, on Tuesday to announce the opening of an Educational Opportunity Center at the College's Education Center located at 524 Elizabeth Street.

"This Center ensures everyone has the opportunity to enter college, and that when they get there, they are prepared to succeed." said Dr. VanWagoner. "Increasing college enrollment puts more people on degree tracks that equip them to take control of the future. We've built a program that will start at the individual's viewpoint, develop solutions to meet those unique goals, and place that person in a learning environment where they are now poised for success and can take that step towards a better life. By starting from this very personal perspective, we are building a stronger community, one student at a time."

The Educational Opportunity Center is a U.S. Department of Education-funded project to increase enrollment of adults in post-secondary education through community outreach and extensive college preparation services.

"This center will be instrumental in assisting many non-traditional students with the opportunity of pursuing a higher education degree," Rep. Hanna said. "There is a network of strong regional partnerships working together to make higher education accessible to everyone. It is a privilege to be here today to announce this educational opportunity."

The MVCC Educational Opportunity Center is located at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Third Ave., in Utica. The MVCC/MHA Education Center is operated jointly by MVCC and Utica's Municipal Housing Authority.

Dr. VanWagoner made the announcement backed by strong support from local government and community partners.

The two officials were joined by representatives from Oneida County government, the Workforce Investment Board, the



COMMUNITY BENEFIT – MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., talks with U.S. Representative Richard Hanna, R-NY, prior to the announcement of the Educational Opportunity Center.

Mohawk Valley Latino Association, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Services provided by the Center include information on educational opportunities and institutions, with the ultimate goal of placing more people in degree programs. Extensive tutoring prepares people for post-secondary level academics, entrance exams, and meets specific needs such as difficulties in speaking English or obtaining a GED. Heavy academic advisement, mentoring, and personal counseling provide guidance through the higher education system and making informed decisions.

MVCC chapter honored at International Convention

MVCC sent 15 students and three advisors recently to Nashville, Tenn., for the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

The International Convention hosted more than 4,000 PTK members for three days of educational forums, general sessions, officer elections, a senior college transfer fair, and more. The keynote speakers, Amy Chua and Malcolm Gladwell, addressed the new PTK Honors Study Topic, *The Culture of Competition*.

This is the Honors Study topic for 2012-2014 and will serve as the basis for Honors in Action projects for chapters throughout the country during that time.

To travel to the convention, the MVCC chapter chartered a bus and invited students and advisors from the Corning, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Herkimer County, and Fulton Montgomery



MODERN POLICING - Steven R. Peterson, a veteran Special Agent of the United States Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration, present "Policing in the 21st Century" on Thursday, April 26, in the Theater of the Information Technology Building. Peterson gave a presentation focused on integrity and dealing with the media in policing. This event was sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Police Academy and MVCC.



SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY – Members of MVCC's Phi Theta Kappa attended the International Convention in Nashville, Tenn., where the College's membership received several awards and many accolades. MVCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa also earned Five-Star recognition, the highest in the organization. Attending were Lori Collins, Jason Czerkies, Joe Davies, Elizabeth DeSanctis, Jordyn Dunlap, Amanda Flansburg, Ashley Flansburg, Mike Goodhines, Sheila Goodhines, Coty Jones, Nicole Kraeger, Carlos Pulquerio, Nick Schultz, and Vincent Semeraro. Advisors attending the event included Steve Frisbee, Sue Smith and Lizabeth N. Doherty along with MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner.

community colleges to join them for the more than 15-hour trip each way.

While at the convention, MVCC was once again honored for being a Five Star Chapter which reflects the level of involvement in campus and community service and leadership. MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., was also honored as one of 20 community college

executive officers awarded the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for his commitment to Phi Theta Kappa and student success at MVCC.

Finally, chapter advisor, Lizabeth Doherty, was honored with a Paragon Award which recognizes distinguished service by chapter advisors of less than four years.

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was published in the Journal for Peace and Justice Studies with the article "Education for Some: The Inadequacy of Educational Programs Offered to Youth Offenders in Adult and Juvenile Correctional Facilities."

As the Bursar at the College, Porcelli is constantly in motion attending to the many intricate details and processes managed by the Bursar's Office. His attention to detail in coordinating the work of the Bursar's Office with the Financial Aid Department and the Registrar's Office, as well as ongoing contact with other Student Affairs areas keeps the process running smoothly for students and employees alike.

"What strikes me about Dan is that as hectic as he is all day long, he is never too



PRIDE OF HAWK - Dan Porcelli shades hands with MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., after receiving the Pride of the Hawk award.

busy to handle another question, problem, situation, or request from his staff members or anyone else from the Business Office or any other department," said Brian Molinaro, MVCC Controller. "Dan somehow always maintains a professional and pleasant demeanor amidst the frenzied atmosphere that sometimes is present in the Business Office as we strive the meet the many deadlines and responsibilities there."

Franca Armstrong, Director of Corporate and Community Education, agrees. "Dan is consistently trying to solve situations and problems. When a problem occurs, he manages to take a calm approach to find a solution. That aura of calmness immediately diffuses an upset student or an anxious individual on the phone. Next, he finds a way to solve the problem. He never settles for what might be the easy answer and tries to help all people involved."

Porcelli works closely with the IT Department to ensure all systems for billing and payment for our students' tuition and fees are always functioning accurately. He also makes time to serve on important committees for MVCC, including the President's Think Tank, and the MVCC Calendar Committee.

Father's Day - The Magical Way benefits single mothers

It is going to be a magical afternoon when MVCC hosts the "Father's Day - The Magical Way" performance featuring the mystifying magic of Leon Etienne. Etienne will bring his talents to the Utica Campus on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day) in



the MVCC Theater for a 2 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$10. The proceeds from this event benefit the The Daron Malik Jae Simpson Memorial Scholarship for Single Mothers at MVCC.

Etienne is an accomplished magical arts performer whose love

of the craft began at the age of 12. Etienne has performed for thousands of audiences in hundreds of venues with his passion for the art of magic taking around the globe. Etienne's performances have won him several prestigious awards, including Stage Magic Champion from the Magicians' Alliance of Eastern States.

The scholarship, which is in memory of Daron who was killed in 2004, benefits single mothers enrolled at MVCC. The scholarship provides a \$500 per semester award. This year for the first time, two scholarship winners will receive the award. Daron was my grandson of Robert Lacell, Director of Public Information Emeritus.

More information about the event is available in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Details on the scholarship can be found online at www.daronscholarship.com.



Kiddie Campus is visited by a four-leg friend

It was a howling good time at the Kiddie Campus last week when

the children were visited by a former resident of the Stevens-Swan Humane Society of Oneida County.

The children were visited by none other than Dolly, who has been working for the past two years as an unofficial spokes-dog for Stevens-Swan. Dolly came to the Utica Campus along with owner Jerry Kraus to talk about how to properly care for pets and to learn



what Stevens-Swan does for the many cats and dogs in the area which are looking for good homes.

"This is a great opportunity for the children to see how friendly these animals are," said Kraus, who is Director of Public Relations and Marketing for Stevens-Swan Humane Society.

Kraus talked to the children about keeping pets healthy with visits to the veterinarian, how to correctly introduce themselves to another person's pet and how to act around that animal. Each of the children had an opportunity to pet Dolly.



