

MVCC float wins Judges' Favorite

It has been years of laying the groundwork, but MVCC's Rome Campus captured gold during the 2012 Honor America Days Parade's float competition. The MVCC float was presented the Judges' Favorite Award during the ceremony at the Canal Fest Kick-Off Ceremony on August 3.

"We have been trying to win it for three years, so it was great to finally win it," said Sarah Tierney, Student Services Specialist and community outreach organizer for the Rome Campus.

The wagon was donated by Clinton Tractor and Supply. Tierney was joined by Dan Yoxall, Dave Guido, Pete Petersen, Jeff Berg, Ronald Moskal, John Mehl, Joseph Fiorenza, and Joseph Puchyr who spent the next five days to building the float for Saturday morning.

This year's theme for the parade was "Salute to the 1970s." Tierney said that the employees planning the float knew that disco would be used by many of the other competitors. She and Kathy Kotary came up with the idea of a television show which tied into MVCC. They came up with "The Price is Right at MVCC."

"It was a perfect fit for the college," said Tierney.

Chrono Ho from the Marketing Office designed the t-shirt logo which was then carried over to the float. With more than 18 people volunteering to ride on the float tossing out candy along the more the two-mile route, the theme music for "The Price is Right" played in the background.

"I am always thankful for everyone who volunteers and get up early on a Saturday for this event. We are getting more and more people involved each year and I would like to see this grow into something bigger and we can win again next year," said Tierney.



NEW PEACE OFFICERS – MVCC added three new NYS Certified Peace Officers this month as they completed three months of training. From left are: Chief of Public Safety Joseph Palmer, Campus Peace Officers Ashley Jones, Frederick Bruzzese, and Ryan Barsuch, along with Vice President for Administration Ralph Feola.





Three new Peace Officers added to the MVCC force

The MVCC Utica Campus was made safer this summer as three new Peace Officers completed their training and joined the MVCC Public Safety force this month.

Ashley Jones, Frederick Bruzzese, and Ryan Barsuch graduated from the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Training Academy located in Schenectady on August 3. The officers spent three months over the summer rigorously training and studying to become the MVCC Department of Public Safety's newest New York State Certified Peace Officers.

The three new officers began a Department of Criminal Justice certified regimented field training program last week after which they will be assigned specific duties throughout the Utica Campus. There are now 12 Peace Officers at MVCC, up from 0 in 2010.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service

Jay Salsberg may not be as famous as Johannes Gutenberg, but it is a sure bet that he knows more about printing than the famed inventor. Jay has been on the job for more than 25 years and was honored for his dedication to making sure everything from brochures to post cards and syllabi to entire statistical books are printed correctly and Synau to entire statistical books are printed contents and on time. Jay is the Senior Offset Printing Machine Operator on unite. Jay is the senior of the busiest people on campus for the College and is one of the busiest people on campus



In order for any organization to be successful, it has to be able to track and retrieve information. At MVCC, that duty has been in the hands of Tom Jeff who is celebrating 25 years of service. As a Programmer Analyst, Tom is the go-to person when the Alumni Office or other areas of the College require data from Banner. By filling the requests of end users, the work here at MVCC can progress and move forward. Tom joined the MVCC community on June 22, 1987.

Beebe Lounge dedication supports YEA

The Beebe Construction company has deep roots connections with MVCC with many of the top officials being alum of the College. Those bonds were solidified earlier this month when the firm pledge of \$25,000 to MVCC's "Challenge and Opportunity" major gifts campaign.

this time of year.

In recognition of this generous gift, the College held a naming ceremony to dedicate the new Beebe Construction Services Lounge, a gathering and study space on the second floor of the Information Technology Building. The firm's gift will be used to support MVCC's new Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!).

"Beebe Construction Services has long been an important partner to MVCC and many other organizations in our community," said MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D. "To dedicate this space in Beebe's honor shows our appreciation for their role in our community and the impact that their philanthropy will have on young people."

As mentioned in last week's Communitas, YEA! is a groundbreaking program that takes students between the ages of 11 and 18 through the process of launching a real business or social movement over the course of an academic year. By the end of the class, students own and operate fully-formed and functioning businesses, which they can continue to operate after graduating from the program.

The Challenge and Opportunity campaign's targets investments in endowed scholarships, seeking to create a Fresh Start



DEDICATION CEREMONY – Frank DuRoss, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at MVCC, talks with Greg Benincasa and Rob Korrie, partners in the Beebe Construction Services Inc. following the dedication ceremony for the naming of the study lounge on the second floor of the Information Technology Building.

Fund for people returning to college, to expand services and programs for entrepreneurship, and launch new degree and certificate programs in high-demand fields.

MVCC makes Boilermaker memorable

While most of the College's faculty and staff were enjoying the hot summer weather, the Utica Campus was buzzing with life during the first week of July as MVCC hosted the 2012 Boilermaker Health and Fitness Expo.

This is the first year MVCC hosted the event which was held on the grounds of the Masonic Home in years past. Thanks to the addition of the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic and Events Center, the Boilermaker Expo was held completely in a climate controlled environment.

"The Boilermaker continues to be a significant opportunity for MVCC students and employees to engage with our community," said MVCC President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D. "We were honored this summer to host more than 35,000 people on our campus over the two days of the Boilermaker Expo."

The Health Expo enabled MVCC to demonstrate how

it is at the cultural center of the Mohawk Valley. The field house hosted all the vendors while the main gymnasium provided for all runners to easily receive their registration packets. The Utica Campus also hosted the children's run.

MVCC also played a large visual role in this year's Boilermaker Road Race as the 2012 Boilermaker logo was designed by one of the College's Graphic Art students. The selected logo was created by Shawn Lockwood, a sophomore student majoring in the Graphic Arts. Also during the event, Team MVCC kicked into action and provided more than 60 volunteers to help make the International Mile

a success. The International Mile feature ethnic entertainment groups from Kettle Drum performers to a belly dancing troupe.

MVCC volunteers walked the length of the International Mile providing water and balloons to the spectators and entertainers.

The College also housed the Elite Runners in the Residence Halls during the event.







Convocation Recap

At Convocation on Aug. 13, the IT Theater was full as President Randall VanWagoner addressed the entire faculty and staff community regarding MVCC's accomplishments in the previous year and plans for the year to come. In his remarks, Dr. VanWagoner identified three major areas where the college is ready for what is to come this year; and discussed three ways that every member of the college community can contribute in her or his own way. Below are excerpts from his remarks.

We are ready:

- to deal with the financial constraints.
- to adjust to enrollment shifts.
- to focus on our daily work.

Guides along the way:

- Do more of what you do well.
- Connect with students and help them find their way.
- Be patient, kind, and respectful with others in all matters.

Hawks' Fall 2012 Athletic Schedules

Men's Soccer

Saturday, August 25, MVCC at FLCC vs. Mercyhurst CC, 3:00 Sunday, August 26, MVCC at FLCC vs. Howard CC, 1:00 Saturday, Sept. 1, MVCC at Alfred State vs. Jamestown CC, 2:00 Sunday, Sept.. 2, MVCC at Alfred State vs. Alfred State, 2:00 Wednesday, Sept. 5, MVCC at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 6:00 Saturday, September 8, MVCC hosts Cayuga CC, 3:00 Tuesday, September 11, MVCC hosts Finger Lakes CC, 5:00 Saturday, September 15, MVCC hosts Genesee CC, 3:00 Wednesday, September 19, MVCC at Jefferson CC, 4:00 Saturday, September 22, MVCC hosts North Country CC, 3:00 Wednesday, September 26, MVCC hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 Saturday, September 29, MVCC at Clinton CC, 6:30 Tuesday, October 2, MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 Saturday, October 6, MVCC at Adirondack CC, 1:00 Tuesday, October 9, MVCC hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 Thursday, October 11, MVCC hosts Broome CC, 4:00 Saturday, October 13, MVCC at Onondaga CC, 3:00 Wednesday, Oct. 17, MVCC at Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4:00 Saturday, October 20, MVCC at Sub-Regionals, TBA Tuesday, October 23, MVCC at Regional Semi Finals, TBA Saturday, October 27, MVCC at Regional Final, TBA

Women's Soccer

Saturday, August 25, MVCC at Jamestown CC, 2:00 Sunday, August 26, MVCC at Jamestown-Olean CC, Noon Wednesday, August 29, MVCC at Tompkins Cortland CC, 4:00 Sunday, September 2, MVCC hosts Niagara CCC, Noon Tuesday, September 4, MVCC hosts Erie CC, 4:00 Thursday, September 6, MVCC hosts Broome CC, 4:00 Saturday, September 8, MVCC hosts Cayuga CC, 1:00 Tuesday, September 11, MVCC hosts Finger Lakes CC, 3:00 Saturday, September 15, MVCC hosts Genesee CC, 1:00 Wednesday, September 19, MVCC at Jefferson CC, 4:00 Saturday, September 22, MVCC hosts North Country CC, 1:00 Wednesday, September 26, MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 7:00 Saturday, September 29, MVCC Clinton CC, 4:30 Tuesday, October 2, MVCC at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 Thursday, October 4, MVCC hosts Bryant & Stratton, 4:00 Tuesday, October 9, MVCC at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 Saturday, October 13, MVCC at Onondaga CC, 1:00 Wednesday, Oct. 17, MVCC hosts Fulton Montgomery CC, 4:00 Saturday, October 20, MVCC at Sub-Regionals, TBA Tuesday, October 23, MVCC at Regional Semi Finals, TBA Saturday, October 27, MVCC at Regional Final, TBA

Cross Country

Saturday, September 1, MVCC at SUNY IT, 11:00 Saturday, September 8, MVCCC at SUNY Cobleskill, TBA Saturday, September 15, MVCC at Finger Lakes CC, 11:00 Saturday, September 22, MVCC at SUNY Cortland, TBA Saturday, October 6, MVCC at Hamilton College, 11:00 Saturday, Oct. 20, MVCC at Conference Meet @ NCCC, 10:00 Saturday, October 27, MVCC at Regionals @ MVCC, Saturday, Nov. 10, MVCC at Nationals @ SUNY Delhi, TBA

Women's Tennis

Thursday, September 6, MVCC at Herkimer CCC, 4:00 Saturday, September 8, MVCC hosts Broome CC, 1:00 Monday, September 10, MVCC at SUNY Delhi, 4:00 Thursday, September 13, MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 Saturday, September 15, MVCC hosts Adirondack CC, 1:00 Tuesday, September 18, MVCC hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 Thursday, September 20, MVCC at Onondaga CC, 4:00 Saturday, September 22, MVCC at Hudson Valley CC, Noon Wednesday, September 26, MVCC hosts Onondaga CC, 4:00 Thursday, October 4, MVCC hosts SUNY Delhi, 4:00 Saturday, October 6, MVCC at Regionals, TBA Sunday, October 7, MVCC at Regionals, TBA

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, September 8, MVCC at Herkimer CCC, TBA Wednesday, September 12, MVCC at Herkimer CCC, TBA Saturday, September 15, MVCC at Broome CC, TBA Wednesday, September 19, MVCC at SUNY Delhi, TBA Saturday, September 22, MVCC at Jefferson CC, 10:00 Wednesday, September 26, MVCCC at Adirondack CC, 6:00 Saturday, September 29, MVCC at Finger Lakes CC, 10:00 Wednesday, October 3, MVCC hosts Hudson Valley CC, 7:00 Friday, October 5, MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA Saturday, October 6, MVCC at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA Wednesday, Oct. 10, MVCC hosts Fulton Montgomery CC, 7:00 Saturday, October 13, MVCC at SUNY Delhi, TBA Wednesday, Oct. 17, MVCC hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 7:00 Saturday, Oct. 20, MVCC at Conference Tournament @ FMCC, TBA Tuesday, October 23, MVCC at Sub-Regionals, TBA Saturday, October 27, MVCC at Regionals, TBA

2012-2013 Academic Year Holidays

Labor Day September 3 Closed Columbus Day October 8 Open Open **Election Day** November 6 November 12 Open Veteran's Day Closed Thanksgiving November 22,23 Christmas December 25 Closed New Year's January 1 Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. January 21 Open Open Lincoln's Birthday February 12 February 18 Open President's Day

Washington's Birthday February 18 Open Good Friday March 29 Open Closed Memorial Day May 27 Independence Day July 4 Closed Most College offices will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 27,

28, 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

Some of the above holidays are not available to everyone because each union contract contains a different list of holidays. Employees required to work on a holiday will be compensated in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.