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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter
Week of February 13, 2012

PTK honors largest class of inductees

It was a packed house last Wednesday in the College's theater when 144 students were inducted into the Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

This was one of the largest induction classes at MVCC with more than 10,000 members since 1960.

"Students are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa because of their academic success, but by becoming members, they also open the doors to their future success," said Stephen Frisbee, Director of Libraries at MVCC and advisor for Phi Theta Kappa. "In addition to academic excellence, Phi Theta Kappans take part in many community activities, as well as helping with various activities at MVCC. Those members who have chosen to participate in various events have enriched their lives and broadened their knowledge beyond the scope of their academics."

On hand to celebrate the accomplishments of these students were College President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., Stephanie Reynolds, vice president of Student Affairs, and keynote speaker Donald Willner, dean of the Center for Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Sciences and Applied Technologies.

Rose Cardona, Lambda Beta Chapter Vice President for Scholarship, gave the opening remarks and welcome to students and family members. Following congratulatory remarks from Dr. VanWagoner and Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Willner gave a humorous address about his time as the sole advisor of Phi Theta Kappa and organizing the first induction ceremony. He was then recognized for his many years of service to the organization with honorary membership.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society which serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through academic, leadership, and service programming. It is the largest honor society in American higher education, having been established in 1918 by two Missouri two-year college presidents.

According to the 1961 MVCC yearbook, "Phi Theta Kappa is a scholarly fellowship which embraces junior colleges not only of New York State but of the nation. The purpose of this non-secretive fraternity is to foster a spirit of devotion to study and to scholarly ideals among its members. The principles of Phi Theta Kappa are embodied in the Greek letters which stand for phronimon, thuermos, kathariotes (wisdom, aspiration, purity)."

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.

FUTURE LEADER - Donald Willner, dean of the Center for Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Sciences and Applied Technologies, congratulates Mariella S. Marrero for joining MVCC's Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Ms. Marrero is the president of MVCC's Returning Adult Students Association.

List of Spring 2012 PTK Inductees

Natalya Akhmedova
Andrew J. Albright
Anna M. Alger
Michael F. Alger Jr.
Rusul Almayahi
Micaela M. Altieri
Michael J. Anania
Kaci L. Anderson
Joseph L. Armstrong
John E. Bowdish
Brittany A. Brewington
Brian C. Broat
Danielle M. Brown
Alek J. Buffa
Christian J. Bunce
Desirae N. Campbell
Gabriella T. Cannarelli
Abbey A. Cappadonia
Brenda M. Capron
Summer L. Carbone
Jill V. Carncross
Jaron A. Case
Carlin J. Chruscicki
Lia Cioclea
Christopher J. Cleveland
Michelle M. Cole
Jennifer L. Collins
Katlynn K. Conley
Emily J. Cook
Trevor S. Coye
Jason R. Czerkies
Chris A. Daniel
Mia A. DeGironimo
Heidi J. Deppmeyer
Angela A. Derrane
Elizabeth R. DeSanctis
Heather M. Downs
Jordyn L. Dunlap
Tiffany L. Earley
Amanda L. Farmer
Kevin T. Farr
Christina L. Ferrucci
Amanda J. Flansburg
Ashley L. Flansburg
Lori Flemma
Francesco Gaetani-Liseo
Allison M. Gentile
Austin J. Giordano
Brianna M. Giruzzi
Michael J. Goodhines Sr.

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Educational Technology workshops for Spring 2012

As the College converts to Version 9 of Blackboard over the Summer, the Educational Technology support staff is concentrating on offering workshops to acclimate the campus to this version.

Sessions will be geared towards those already familiar with Blackboard as well as those new to Blackboard. A small scattering of topics other than Blackboard are also included in the schedule.

Please go to http://www2.mvcc.edu/webforms/workshops/ to register for sessions beginning Feb. 14th

Workshops will be offered every Tuesday/Wednesday during 2:00 – 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm – 6:30 time slots.

Workshops are limited to 10 registrations.

The Educational Technology staff strongly urge anyone interested in learning about Blackboard or the new version to attend the sessions.

International Festivial is Feb. 29

The International Festival will be held Wednesday, Feb. 29, from noon-1:45 p.m. in the lobbies of the Information Technology Building and Room 225.

This year's event will feature a lecture in the theater at 2 p.m. by Obama & Kenya.

The International Festival has been a growing success at MVCC, growing from a few tables to more than 30 exhibits, demonstrations and foods from around the world.

Items to be exhibited from individuals can be dropped to Anne Ichihana in the library by February 15. Anyone interested in setting an exhibit table should contact Maimun Khan.

For more information, contact Carolyn West Pace, Ph.D., at 792.5447.

Athlete of the Week

The Hawks are on pace to capture another championship behind the powerful performance of freshman guard Clint Wilson. In last week's game against nationally ranked SUNY Delhi, Wilson turned in 18 points as the Hawks walked off the court victorious.

Wilson

For this performance, Wilson was named MVCC's Athlete of the Week for the week ending February 12. Wilson also hit double figures in both of the Hawks' other victories last week.

On the season, the 6-foot 3-inch Wilson is shooting 40 percent from three-point range and 84 percent from the free throw line which has enabled MVCC to compile a 20-4 record.

Wilson is a General Studies major who graduated from East High School in Rochester.

Continuation of Phi Theta Kappa induction list

Gavan L. Greco
Megan E. Greenfield
Christin J. Griffith
Mitchell J. Grisham
Amy L. Hall
Deana L. Hansen-Danis
Kaitlyn A. Hearn
Dain B. Heath
Michellie A. Henze
Chelsea L. Hopkins
Ronald Howe Jr.
Rebecca L. Hughes
Adnan Huric
Coty R. Jones
Brittany M. Kane
Amanda L. Kelly
Tanya M. Kelly
Yuka Koba
Gabhriel H. Kohlbrenner
Tamara M. Kolupa
Lauren M. Komnick
Zachary J. LaClair
Phebe A. Lamont
Brynn M. Lape
David J. Leffingwell III
William T. Lighthall
Sarah A. Lokker
Breanna M. Longo
Emmett Z. Loori
William J. Lowery
Shannon M. Luckey
Kyle C. Mack
Nicole E. Madia
Anis S. Mangal
Nicole M. Manley
Josh L. March
Mariella S. Marrero
Kaitlyn A. Mars
Joshua D. Mattocks
Justin C. McCarrell
Sarah A. McMyler
Ian S. Miller
Matthew C. Mondrick
Faizan S. Munir
Jessica C. Nelson
Jennifer L. Ness
Richard P. Nicotera Sr.
Erica M. O'Brien
Crestina Ogievich
Francesca M. Orsomarso
Eileen M. O'Shaughnessy
Nathaniel S. Paul
Isabel Pavlik
Jason Perkins
Tyler D. Peters
Bridget N. Petrillose
Romnea Pich
Alexandria A. Pisarczyk
Jared M. Platt
Mark P. Prokopienko
Katelyn A. Prouty
Marie L. Pryborowski
Jeremy A. Raciti
Robyn E. Reath
Jordin L. Reed
Trevor W. Roorda
Benjamin J. Schrantz
Erin A. Senior
Diana L. Sidorevich
Kristin Lee Sittig
Erin E. Slegaitis
Melissa A. Smith
Maegen E. Soper
Michael V. Southwell
Kristie R. Stanczyk
Samuel K. Steffen
Viktor Sykora
Carlleen D. Taylor
Paula M. Thurston
Shane P. Toussaint
Tabitha A. Trumble
Sheri L. Underwood
Saingghech Ung
Matthew J. Vedete
Esma Velic
Kyle A. Vella
Michael V. Voultsios
Bryan D. Watras
Joseph W. Weaver
Kristopher J. Weber
Candace A. Wright
Samantha Yahnke
Alyson A. Yip
Susan E. Young