

Zest is coming to Rome

The Sodexo Food Service is expanding its services for the Fall semester and taking on a new look. After two years of growing success of the Zest Café in the lobby of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus, this service will now be offered on the Rome Campus.

Margie's On Campus Café in the Plumley Complex announced earlier this Spring that it would not be renewing its contract to provide meals on the Rome Campus. So, the Dean of the Rome Campus, Richard Quest, Ph.D., approached Sodexo about providing food service in Rome and following much brainstorming, a solution was reached.

"It will be the same as the Zest on the Utica Campus which is very exciting for us because there are going to be new options for students," said Dr. Quest. "I have seen the number of students over there and they flock to (the Zest) and it will be a nice addition for the Rome Campus."

Renovations to the current location of Margie's On Campus Café will begin in July and be completed before students return for the Fall. Since Sodexo already has the software in place, students will be able to use Hawk Dollars and there will be new furniture for a relaxing ambiance.

The current furniture in the Plumley Complex Atrium will be utilized in other areas to create more seating areas.



WHERE THE WILD THINGS LIVE – The Spring Celebration of Success helped raise \$650 which was donated to the Utica Zoo on Wednesday, May 30. Presenting the check was MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., to Andria Delisle-Heath. Executive Director of the Utica Zoo.

Lightning strikes tree on Rome Campus



It was a close call on the Rome Campus on Wednesday when lightning struck one of the large Norway Spruce trees during a power storm which blew through the area.

The lightning also went into the telephone lines and fried some circuit boards, leaving the campus out of touch.

Dean Richard Quest, Ph.D., was on site to survey the damage of the splintered tree and the damage to the equipment. The lightning corkscrewed around the tree and left pieces and splinters on the lawn.

The storm came through around 3:40 p.m. Classes, events and services continued afterwards without interruption while repairs were made.



Thank You Everyone For Helping Make Communitas A Success This Year.



IT ALL ADDS UP – Members of MVCC's CSTEP welcomed homeschooled and area junior high school students to the MATHCOUNTS Competition. The MATHCOUNTS Competition is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. Locally the competition has been sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Executive Engineering Council (MVEEC) for many years. The competition was a huge success and marks the second year MVCC has hosted the event with CSTEP members volunteering.



JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP – Jennifer Squire from the Career and Transfer Services Office, talked with students about how to prepare for a job search upon graduation. This workshop was well attended with more than 50 students.

Workshop helps students prepare to land that first job

While the academic year wound down, the staff of the Career and Transfer Services Office hosted a workshop on "How to Prepare a Job Search."

Room 116 of the Alumni College Center filled quickly as Jennifer Squire talked on the importance of preparing a cover letter, resume and interview skills. Some of the areas she covered researching a company prior to sending a resume or having the interview, the importance of asking questions about the organization and bringing extra copies of a resume as there may be more than one person at the interview. Also providing contact information, education, work experience, special skills, professional organizations, extracurricular activities, using good quality bond paper for the resume, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and avoiding exaggeration.

"You want to be prepared to discuss your skills," said Squire. "Discuss what you can do for the company and try to anticipate the interview questions. As you gain more experience on doing job interviews, this will be easier to day."

The students followed up with many questions which they stated will help prepare for that first job search.

CCED program trains new officers

Recently 22 students graduated from MVCC's Police Pre-Employment Training Program.

Graduates completed a rigorous eightmonth training program to provide them with the first phase of their training to become law enforcement officers. This July, MVCC partnered with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to offer the Police Pre-Employment Training Program, a quick-start alternative to traditional police academies, which require that a cadet be hired as a police officer before beginning training.

In the case of pre-employment training, there is no such requirement.

The mission of the Police Pre-Employment Training Program is to train individuals who have the potential to become honest, ethical, knowledgeable, competent and fit law enforcement officers. Pre-Employment recruits receive 85 percent of the basic training required to become police officers in New York State, including emergency vehicle operation, defensive tactics, basic patrol tactics and procedures, and an educational foundation in law, all taught by law enforcement officials and MVCC adjunct faculty.

The course is directed by Michael Bailey. Pre-Employment students do not receive firearms training, counter-terrorism awareness training, any defensive tactics that involve the use of a police baton, or field training. Additional training to complete the Basic Course for Police Officers can only be obtained once a student

has been hired by a police agency and becomes a sworn police officer.

The graduating students are:

Mary T.
Adamczyk,
Joseph S. Aiello, Rocco F.
Arcuri, Michael
P. Baker, Steven J. Bosque,
Roger G. Camby,
Jeremy Carnahan,

Did You Know?

CCED offers a

local small businesses.

Currently over 30 people

seminars.

Jesse G. Christian, Darcy Laraine Cordell, David J. Cummings, Rocco J. Dare, Thomas J. Furlong, Andrew C. Lawrence, Kathryn W. Marquette, Andrew J. Morinitti, Justin M. Morrissey, Christian J. Portalatin, Jackson D. Scruggs, Donald E. Talerico, Michael J. Tartaglia, Daniel C. Towne, James P. Zwijacz, and Joseph P. Zwijacz.

Sen. Gillibrand uses MVCC as backdrop for Vets Bills

Standing with student Veterans who are attending MVCC, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced bipartisan legislation to help provide education and job training for young veterans, and streamline certification processes for civilian jobs.

Last year, Sen. Gillibrand hosted a roundtable with local business and veterans leaders to discuss innovative ways to address veterans' unemployment in the Mohawk Valley. As a result, Senator Gillibrand helped pass the VOW To Hire Heroes Act to address unacceptably high rates of unemployment among veterans by ensuring that all troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have the necessary tools for a seamless transition from military service to the civilian workforce.

Now Sen. Gillibrand is working on legislation that would make training more accessible, and protect veterans' access to education.

"This new legislation is an important investment for our heroes," Sen. Gillibrand said. "We must provide veterans with access to the necessary resources which allow them to get the education, job training and appropriate licensing that will ease their transition from military life to the civilian work force. Our veterans have earned this and it's the least we can do to give them the appropriate tools needed to be successful in their life after the military."

One of the new services announced was the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) which will provide up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed Veterans. Participants must be enrolled in an MVCC program which leads to an Associate Degree or Certificate in the fields of "high demand occupation" as determined by the Department of Labor.

"Meeting veterans' educational needs is a significant part of MVCC's tradition. The needs of our proud military men and women are greater than ever. So



MAKING THE TRANSITION – Luis Aguillo talks about how MVCC's Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program has enabled him to make the transition from a career in the military to civilian life during a news conference where U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced new legislation which is meant to help veterans find the needed training and jobs upon leaving the service. Sen. Gillibrand stands listening along with New York State Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi.

we are working harder and smarter than ever to promote their success in college and to connect them with career options for successful transitions from the armed forces to the civilian workforce," said Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., President.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that in 2011, more than 12 percent of veterans who have served post 9/11 are unemployed. So, the VOW To Hire Heroes Act makes the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) mandatory for all departing service members. The TAP

Modernization Act makes improvements to TAP by offering classes for veterans and their spouses at convenient, off-base locations.

The Military and Veterans Educational Reform Act calls on state agencies to conduct greater outreach activities to veterans to assist veterans in making informed decisions on their education.

Also on hand for this announcement were Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr., State Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi.

SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

The State University of New York Chancellor's Awards are presented each year to recognize faculty and staff for their distinguished performance in helping students and institutions reach their full potential. Members of MVCC can be recognized in six categories: Excellence in Librarianship; Excellence in Professional Service; Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities; Excellence in Teaching; Excellence in Faculty Service; and Excellence in Service - Classified Staff.

Excellence in Classified Service - Michael Kopec, Labor

Supervisor, Facilities and Operations

Excellence in Librarianship - Dr. Louise Charbonneau, Resource Librarian & Asst. Professor

Excellence in Professional Service - Norma Chrisman, Educational Technology Specialist

Excellence in Faculty Service - Pamela Fess, Associate Dean – Nursing and Allied Health

Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity - James Vitale, Associate Professor of Art

Honors, promotions and recognitions at Summer Institution Luncheon

Members of the College's faculty and staff were recognized and honored during the annual Summer Institute luncheon which was held in the MVCC Commons.

The 2011-2012 Heart of the Hearts Award was presented to Sarah Coleman, Ph.D., while the Pride of Pride was presented to Dan Porcelli. Dr. Coleman won the Heart of the Hawk Award in the Fall while Porcelli won the Pride of the Hawk Award for the Spring semester. MVCC's Aeries Award for Community Service was given to Patty Fox.

The Wings of the Hawk was won by Sodexo Food Service for the Spring Semester, which in turn presented it to the Admissions Office for the Fall Semester.

The MVCC Excellence Awards – in recognition of outstanding performance and significant contributions to institutional quality – were as follows:

Adjunct Excellence in Teaching: David Podos, Center for Business, Social Sciences & Information Technology

Excellence in Classified Service: John James, Business Office

Excellence in Faculty Service: Ron Labuz, Center for Arts & Humanities

Excellence in Teaching: Don Kelly, Center for Life and Health Sciences

Excellence in Service for Part-Time Personnel: Lisa Philipson, Center for Corporate & Community Education

Excellence in Professional Service: Jennifer DeWeerth,





Advisement; Mark Radlowski, Institutional Research & Assessment

Continuing Appointments – PA (Faculty): Joyce Baumann, Dayton Elseth, Janet Fortnam, Robert Huyck, John Swistak, Melissa Thomas

Continuing Appointments – AMVA: Deborah Bogan, Walter Constantini, Jerylann George, Susan Halbritter

Career Appointments: Ronald Miller, Robin Saxe, David Yahnke

Promotions

Instructor to Assistant Professor: Joyce Baumann, Jamie Cuda, Shahida Dar, Anna Dousharm, Emily Hantsch, Michelle Scranton, Robert Joseph Woodrow

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor: Colleen Bolton, Louise Charbonneau, Ph.D., Pamela Fess

Associate Professor to Professor: William Hysell, Donald Kelly, Alexander Piejko

Teaching Administrator: Pamela Fess

Non-Teaching Administrator: Level III - Mark Radlowski; Level II - Sue Halbritter

Non-Teaching Professional: Level IV - Sharon Zohne; Level III - Sandra Cummings, Jim Myers; Level II - Patricia Antanavige, Elizabeth DiRaimo, Marie Kohl, Rhona Patterson, Carla Zupancic

MVCC students design promotional posters for Irish festival



The committee for the Great American Irish Festival turned once again to the College's graphic design students for promotional posters for the next three years.

The winning designs were by Autumn Wadsworth for 2013, Cheryl Faubert for 2014 and Lauren Calabrese for 2015. Their designs were among the 29 submissions by Associate Professor Scott Seldon's students.

"This is a great opportunity for the students to work on their portfolios and also get some real life job experience," said Seldon. They now have an understanding of how graphic design functions in a real world setting."

The students were part of the College's Professional Practices for the Graphic Designer course. There will be some refinements made to each winning design.

The Great American Irish Festival will be held July 27-29 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds.