

Nursing music video entered into national competition

Members of the Student Nursing Organization (SNO) will be waiting for an Oscar moment in April at the National Student Nurse's Association Convention in Philadelphia.

MVCC's nursing students wrote, produced and acted in a music video which portrays the caring nature of their professional field. This music video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Bm54U5Ats&feature=share) has been entered into a national competition for student nurses with most entries from four-year institutions.

"We wanted to show the relationship nurses have with patients and their families," said Lynzie Quinn, a senior nursing student who wrote the lyrics and screenplay. "Once I came up with the song and people heard it, everyone got excited about what was happening."

With the lyrics and melody in hand, Quinn teamed up with another senior nursing student, Britney Gant, to compose the music. The concept of the storyline is to demonstrate the life of a nurse and how they have an impact on the patient and family. They decided to do an original song in order to convey this message.

Quinn and Gant worked on the music for an evening, fine tuning it over the next few days, and the video took only three weeks to complete before submitting it to the National Student Nurse's Association competition. MVCC and Student Congress are sending 23 students to the national convention April 10-15.

"The idea was to try and put the caring back in nursing. Over the past several years, nursing has become very technical and there is a movement to have the caring aspect of nursing emphasized," said Lesa Steele, RN, who is the Retention Specialist and SNO advisor at MVCC. She also played the role of mother in the video. "TV shows like "Scrubs" poke fun at nurses. We are trying to improve the image of nursing and show people the caring side."

The entire video was created on a volunteer basis with the directing, cinematography and editing being done by MVCC student Tran Quoc Cuong and the Office of Educational Technologies' Mike Zombek working as the producer and Robert Rogan as the audio mixer. The patient was played by nursing student Arianna Graziadei, the nurse was Marina Joseph-Lebedeza, the dad was Norman Reith and the doctor was Lydia Seales. All are nursing students.

"Mike and Robert did a lot of the work on their off hours and we are so grateful," said Steele. The entire video was shot in



NURSING MUSIC VIDEO – Members of the Student Nurse's Organization (SNO) created a music video which was submitted to a national competition. They will find out in April if the video is chosen to represent the National Student Nurse's Association.



the Academic Building on the Utica Campus with the singing portion being done in the photography studio.

"We are very excited about submitting this video," said Quinn, who will be attending the 60th annual convention. "From the time we heard about the competition and submitted we had three weeks. It was a crazy effort during which we had testing. But everyone came together. ... If we place in the contest, we will be the first two-year college to have ever done so."

Members of SNO would like everyone to view the video and click on the "Like" button to help its rating.



RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK – Members of MVCC's Phi Theta Kappa attended the regional convention this past weekend in Saratoga Springs. MVCC's Lambda Beta chapter received several honors for its work. From left are: Liz Doherty, Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., Tai Nguyen, Noel Omondi Nyakwamba, Erica O'Brien, Lydia Seales, San Khaing, Paw Ser Soe, Mike Alger, and Steve Frisbee.

'Five Star' status among awards for PTK at regional

Phi Theta Kappa's New York Region held its annual Regional Convention this past weekend in Saratoga Springs. The seven members and two advisors who attended the event from MVCC's Lambda Beta chapter enjoyed workshops and speakers focused on personal and chapter development in addition to opportunities to visit with and learn about other chapters in the region.

At the convention, the chapter was awarded "Five Star" chapter status for the first time in its history. A "Five Star" designation is the highest honor a chapter can earn and reflects a commitment by the chapter to Phi Theta Kappa's mission, including development of a College Project and an Honors in Action project, in addition to other service and leadership activities.

The chapter was also recognized as having the top College Project in the state in 2011, which was the College Completion Signing events hosted at the start of the fall semester. Finally, the chapter was thanked for its participation in the statewide service project aimed at helping with Macy's Letters to Santa campaign for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and recognized with a Pinnacle Award for achieving 25 percent growth in membership over the past year.

Additionally, MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., joined the chapter for the awards luncheon to receive regional recognition as a recipient of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. Dr. VanWagoner will be honored again at the International Convention in Nashville next month for this great honor that is given to outstanding community college executive officers. He was nominated by the chapter for his support of Phi Theta Kappa and student success at the college.

Lizabeth Doherty, one of MVCC's chapter advisors, was also honored with the Regional Paragon Award, which is awarded annually to recognize distinguished service by chapter advisors of less than four years.

Finally, Erica O'Brien, a Psychology major and newly inducted member of PTK, was elected to regional office. For the 2012-2013 academic year, O'Brien will represent MVCC and serve the New York Region as the Recording Secretary.

Congratulations to all the members of MVCC's Lambda Beta Chapter for an outstanding year and thank you to the college community for its support of various PTK activities.

Benefit hockey game March 30

The Tenth Annual Mohawk Valley Hockey League Benefit game to benefit 1-yearold Savannah Redmond will be held Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at the New Hartford Recreation Center.

Savannah has been diagnosed with Retinoblastoma and this benefit will help her family cover medical expenses. Tickets are \$5. There will be a Chinese auction, a 50-50 raffle, and a silent auction. Food and drinks will also be on sale.

For tickets, contact Jeff Kimball at 292-4953.



Welcome back Roman Santos

With the first days of Spring arriving this week, the MVCC community is

happy to welcome back Roman Santos, who has missed much of this semester due to medial leave.

As many already know, Roman suffered a heart attack and underwent Quintuplet bypass surgery. He has spent the past seven



Roman Santos

weeks recovering and is glad to be back in the classroom teaching Spanish 102 once more.

He was very appreciative for all the well-wishes he received and the help from his co-workers during his recovery.

College recognized for diversity initiative

The role of MVCC's Diversity and Global View (DGV) program has played a vital role in molding and shaping its graduates over the past decade. For these efforts, the College was recognized by the National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA) with its 2011-2012 Exemplary Initiatives Competition.

Through the DGV program, students develop a heightened awareness of and respect for the points of view of others. The result is each student will be better prepared to be an effective participant in an ever-growing global community.

MVCC emphasizes an appreciation of the differences its student body which include race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, academic ability and interest, age, religious belief, and physical ability. Recognizing students' need to understand fundamental issues along with the complexities that are more frequently evident as cultures world-wide interact at many levels, the College Senate requested that the DGV Committee convene a series of meetings and open discussions to explore the need to address the issues of "diversity" and "global view."

The goal was to meet the needs of



Diversity and Global View

a student body which was becoming more diverse based on the large influx of international refugees, ethnic and cultural minorities making new homes in and around Utica. The DGV Committee was to enhance awareness and appreciation for growing diversity within its community for two reasons:

To create a welcome learning environment for an emerging demographic of MVCC students coming from several vibrant and diverse refugee communities, and

To provide a sound introduction to the global, multi-cultural experience for most MVCC students coming from the small, rural communities that dot the Central New York landscape.

Faculty then developed and integrated DGV related components into every course attached to the institution's General Education Core. Staff incorporated the newly formed DGV program components into the College's graduation requirements implemented in

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Faculty and staff further developed a series of Blackboard based tutorials, and a comprehensive set of DGV related extracurricular programs attached directly to MVCC's Cultural Series Program. This program component broadens and enriches students' DGV experience outside class.

Today, those pursuing an MVCC Associate Degree must complete one course required in their major, four online Blackboard tutorials, and attend four DGV approved events as part of their graduation requirements. Students pursuing a Certificate must complete two tutorials and attend two DGV approved events. All students must complete the tutorial "Introduction to Diversity and Global View" as one of the tutorials required.

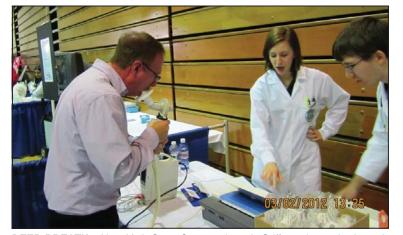
NCIA is a professional organization affiliated with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The award recognizes outstanding programs that enhance the quality of higher education provided at two-year institutions. MVCC will be recognized at the awards luncheon of the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning on April 11, in Jacksonville, FL.

Respiratory Care students work American Heart Expo

The MVCC Respiratory Care Program faculty and 27 students performed pulmonary function and pulse oximetry testing at the American Heart Association, Health and Fitness Expo at Utica College on March 2, from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

In addition to lung function tests, the Expo provides free health screening for blood cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure and blood glucose, servicing over 500 individuals this year. The Respiratory Care Program has participated in the Expo for the last 15 years, offering the opportunity for improving clinical skills and community service by students.

New York State Senator Joseph Griffo visited the pulmonary function booth to perform testing and track his lung function, as he has for the last five years.



DEEP BREATH - New York State Senator Joseph Griffo took part in the pulmonary function booth test which tracks lung function. The Respiratory Care students performing the test are Danielle Brown and James Spier.

Guest speaker helps organize new Iraqi government

The College will be hosting a lecture titled "Iraq's Economy and Government, Nine Years Since Change" on Wednesday, March 21, at 11 a.m. in the Theater.

The guest speaker for this event will be Representative Mohammed Al-Saady, Vice Chairman of the Economic and Investment Committee in Iraq's House of Representatives.

Rep. Al-Saady will talk about "Iraq's Economy and Government, Nine Years Since Change," sharing his first-hand observations of developments in Iraqi security, politics, and economy. The speaker has served in various advisory roles to the Iraqi

Prime Minister and as CEO of Rafid Plastics Manufacturing Inc., a company located in Iraq.

His presentation is geared toward anyone who is interested in the politics and economic climate of the Middle East.

Other topics Rep. Al-Saady is an expert in include Saddam's Regime and his dictatorship, neighboring countries fighting the change in Iraq, political development in the past nine years, economic development in the past nine years and the view of Iraq's future.

This is a Diversity and Global View lecture.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN - Steve Frisbee gets weighed in on Monday by Michelle Scranton in the first stage of the Biggest Loser Contest. More than 50 faculty, staff and students are taking part in this contest which has teams of two people working to lose the biggest percentage of weight in a seven-week period.

Biggest Loser Contest helps keep MVCC healthy

Just in time for those January New Year's resolutions to fade, MVCC's Biggest Loser Contest kicked off this week with the official weigh-in on Monday.

This is the first time Recreation and Leisure instructor Michelle Scranton has run this program at the College and the response far exceeded her expectations. She had 28 teams of 2 people register to take part.

"I initially thought I was going to get five teams, but everyone got really excited about this and has taken off," said Scranton, who is hoping this become an annual event each Spring. "This ties in well with Andrea (Roberts-Griffith)'s Wellness Initiative Fitness Program which I am hoping everyone takes advantage of."

The Biggest Loser Contest will run seven weeks with each contestant doing a weigh-in each Thursday. The contest is open to faculty, staff and students. There are currently around 10 faculty and staff taking part.

Each team's progress will be recorded on the MVCC Fitness Wellness and Recreation Facebook page using the team name. Prizes will be given to the team which loses the top percentage in weight and there will also be an award for the top individual.

Submit information for Communitas to rhaubert@mvcc.edu

International Festival highlights diversity



The International Festival continued to grow this Spring as the lobbies in the Information Technology Building along with Conference Room 225 were overflowing with exhibits and visitors.

The festival was held on Wednesday, February 29, from noon to 3 p.m. This year's event featured cultural displays, dance, music and foods from around the world.

The Edelweiss Schuhplattler German Dancers, which included Steven Schneid, Gracie Schell, Dayton Elseth and Tosha Elseth, put on an exciting demonstration.

There was traditional Irish music performed by Bailey Curtis who works in the BISS Center, playing her guitar. Other activities included an interactive drumming circle and a lecture in the theater titled "Obama & Kenya: Ethnicity and Electoral Politics in Africa."



Dr. Searles has photo in exhibit

Dr. George J. Searles is exhibiting a photograph in the Kirkland Art Center's 2012 Members Show in Clinton.

Dr. Searles' work will be on display through the end of the week. The gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday, until 7 p.m. Dr. Searles is a Professor in the Center for Arts and Humanities.

Dress for Success fashion show slated for Wednesday

The College will be hosting a Dress for Success fashion show on Wednesday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Theater.

This event, which is a DGV credited program, will feature professional fashions for men and women and is sponsored by Macy's Department Store. This show is designed to help students prepare for a job interview upon graduation.

This fashion show has been organized by the the BISS Center and the Office for Career and Transfer Services.