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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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Esther Caldwell wins Marjorie Thorpe Award

The College's library officials selected the winners of the 22nd annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Award term paper contest.

Marjorie Thorpe was a librarian at MVCC from 1962 until her retirement in 1968. In 1982 she was awarded the title Professor Emerita for her outstanding service to the College. She died in 1989 at the age of 91, leaving money to the College libraries to be used for the annual term paper contest.

Forty-nine papers were submitted by 44 students, and judged by six librarians from MVCC's Utica and Rome libraries. The papers were judged on the variety and quality of sources, accurate and appropriate use of references, and writing style.

First place: Esther Caldwell, Deansboro, NY, for "Life on the War Front in Europe." It was written for Instructor Stacy McCall's class. She was awarded $100 and a certificate.

Second place: Joe Weaver, Utica, NY, for "Generalized Anxiety Disorder." It was written for Instructor Sara Wolven's class. He was awarded $75 and a certificate.

Third place: Caroline Waker, Chadwicks, NY, for "Albrecht Durer." It was written for Instructor David Nackley's class. She was awarded $50 and a certificate.

Fourth place: Carin Kent, Boonville, NY, for "The Making of Saint Francis" It was written for Instructor Stacy McCall's class. She was awarded $25 and a certificate.

Honorable mentions: Hannah Johnson, Rome, NY, for "Mike Ramsdell – Speaker 'Anatomy of Hate." It was written for Instructor Jody Hicks' class.

Honorable mentions: Starlette Teater, Oneida, NY, for "Children with Behavior Problems." It was written for Associate Professor Alina Mildred Treis' class.

COLLEGE'S ESSAY WRITERS – The 22nd annual Marjorie Thorpe Memorial Awards were presented last week for the best submitted essays. Esther Caldwell (far left) won first place. Next to her are Starlette Teater, Hannah Johnson, Caroline Walker, Carin Kent, and Joe Weaver.

STEP, CSTEP honored for helping under-privileged students in STEM fields

The Mohawk Valley Engineers' Executive Council recognized the dedicated work of the staff of the STEP and CSTEP programs at MVCC by presenting them with the Certificate of Recognition at its 62nd annual banquet on April 19, at Daniele's Restaurant in New Hartford.

"This Certificate of Recognition marks the success of STEP and CSTEP at MVCC for their recent growth in the depth and breadth of the non-traditional student populations they shepherd through academia and onto the first steps of technical career paths," stated the MVEEC release.

MVCC has been home to the STEP (Science Technology Entry Program) and CSTEP (Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program) since 2005. It has become known for a wide-ranging,

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STEP, CSTEP HONORED - With the 25th Anniversary of STEP and CSTEP being marked this year, MVCC's programs were recognized for its accomplishments by the dedicated staff by the Mohawk Valley Engineers' Executive Council. Seen here are Kim Overrocker, Interim Director of Student Engagement and Outreach; Mike Joseph President of the MVEEC; Christy Stephenson- STEP/CSTEP Coordinator, Danielle Ingber-C-STEP Project Assistant, Susan Johnston-STEP Project Assistant.

Baseball players receive post-season honors

On the heels of wrapping up an exceptional season, several members of the College's baseball team were honored with post-season awards. The Hawks finished the 2012 season with a 24-17 record which included defeating a Division I team during their Spring Break trip through the Southern states.

After working the mound for a 7-1 record in his freshman year with the Hawks, Chas Parsons was selected to the All-Mountain Valley Conference Team. His performance tied the single-season school record for the pitching staff while finishing with an ERA of just 0.82. Topping off the honors for Parsons was his selection to the NJCAA's All-Region III Team.

Another freshman earning a position on the All-Mountain Valley Conference Team was first baseman Zephan Kash. At the plate he finished with a.323 average which included 25 RBI's, seven doubles and one home run.

Matthew Rotundo was selected to the NJCAA's All-Region III team in his sophomore year. Working as a designated hitter for the Hawks, he finished with a .421 batting average which included nine doubles and one home run.

Kash

Parsons

Fahy

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Radcliff

Tyler Radcliff was also selected All-Region III as a freshman outfielder and pitcher. At the plate, he compiled a .342 batting average which featured 27 RBI's, eight doubles and 17 stolen bases. On the mound, he earned two victories which led to being voted the Hawks' Most Valuable Player.

Sophomore Evan Yacowenia received the George Scala Award at the annual Hawk Athletic Banquet. The Scala Award is given to a student-athlete in the Physical Education Program. He will be attending SUNY Cortland next year.

Sophomore Michael Fahy received the prestigious Robert R. Jorgensen Award. Fahy was a two-year starter for the baseball team during which time he was team captain and an All-Region performer in his freshman year. His two-year batting average was .359. He will be attending St. John Fisher next year.

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high energy approach to mentoring students with the goal of increasing the number of students from historically under-represented groups who are pursuing professional licensure and careers in mathematics, science, technology, engineering and health-related fields.

"STEP/CSTEP give the extra support that these students are looking for in order to pursue their goals of becoming successful in the STEM fields," said Kim Overrocker, Interim Director of Student Engagement and Outreach. "Over the last four years, we have served more than 200 different students who have graduated from Proctor and then graduated from MVCC. Many alumni of MVCC's STEP and CSTEP have gone on to do wonderful things at institutions including Wayne State, Albany, and RIT just to name a few."

These programs encourage students to go into and stay in tje STEM fields, starting before and continuing through college. Services start with tutoring, Regents and SAT/ACT test prep, exposure to STEM career fields through presentations, job shadowing opportunities, and tours and college application assistance. Overrocker's team consists of Christy Stephenson, Danielle Ingber and Susan Johnston.

"They have become known for accepting any student or challenge, head-on, with high energy and boundless enthusiasm. They network tirelessly, learn about their students with sincerity and compassion, and have gained the reputation amongst students and peers that they will assist each and every student to attain an opportunity to reach their goals," stated the MVEEC release.

Join us to Celebrate Commencement for the Class of 2012
Friday, May 18 at 4 p.m. in the Aud.

Visiting professor helps students learn the finer points of etiquette

If you are thinking that getting ready for life after MVCC is about job interviews, transferring, and resume writing you might have forgotten one very important element.

Have you stopped to think about one aspect of the real world that is often overlooked? Cocktail parties, business lunches, interview dinners, receptions, and other social occasions that soon will become part of your life.

MVCC students will eventually be joining the business and professional world where they will face the problem of how to conduct themselves at a dinner or reception. Many cultures have customs and tradition surrounding food and eating that our students should be aware of. What do you do with that extra fork? Is there a proper way to eat soup? Is there a tactful way to tell a server there is a bug in your salad—in front of someone interviewing you for a job? And how does all this vary from one culture to another or even one part of the U.S. to another.

Renowned speaker Professor Brian Earle of Cornell University brought his unique insight into business and dining etiquette during an interactive four course meal.

The Administrative Assistant students and the three Internships - Business, Criminal Justice, and the Hospitality attended this event. Approximately 75 students, staff, and faculty were in attendance.

Everyone not only enjoyed it but learned something valuable at this event.