



Kiddie Campus earns national accreditation

Congratulations to the administration, teaching staff, and families of MVCC Kiddie Campus Child Care Center on achieving the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation. The Center was notified of this accreditation last month with the Kiddie Campus staff achieving perfect scores in nine of the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards.

"This is a great honor," said Jerylann George, Director of Child Care Services. "We put our heart and soul into making this an exceptional child care center and this accreditation is a testament to our hard work and dedication. I am so very proud of my staff and grateful for the families we serve."



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The Kiddie Campus staff began working on earning this accreditation in the spring of 2009. Approximately 60 percent of SUNY Campus Child Care Centers are accredited; MVCC's Kiddie Campus is the only child care center in Oneida County to earn the NAEYC accreditation honor.

There are four steps in achieving accreditation.

The process began with a self-study to discover how the current program aligns with the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. This self-study covers areas of understanding of key concepts about accreditation, the standards, the criteria, and implications for the program, determine strengths and weaknesses, develop improvement plans as needed, make improvements and document progress, and finally evaluate results.

The Kiddie Campus team compiled the documentation as proof of compliance with NAEYC standings which enabled the College's Child Care Center to move forward to the level of completing a formal Self-Assessment. During this phase, specific sources of evidence are compiled to demonstrate how the program meets the 10 standards, which are based on the latest research on the education and development of young children. Evidence includes program and classroom portfolios, observable criteria, and survey evidence.

The third step is Candidacy where the Kiddie Campus staff, provide a description of the collaborative process used to complete its Candidacy Materials, which has actively engaged the program administrator, the teaching staff, families, and the program's governing

MVCC's Kiddie Campus scores

Relationships: 100 percent
Curriculum: 100 percent
Teaching: 100 percent
Assessment: 100+ percent
Health: 100+ percent
Teachers: 100+ percent
Families: 100+ percent
Community Relationships: 100+ percent
Physical Environment: 91 percent
Leadership and Management: 100+ percent
+ Means child care center exceeded the criteria of the standard



SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER - Members of the Kiddie Campus Child Care Center were in a celebratory mood after achieving accreditation.

body. The staff also demonstrated early childhood management and leadership expertise among the teachers, teaching assistants and director.

"It was very important for us to show documentation that we were meeting all the standards," said George. "We had to have all this material well organized in order to prepare for the site visit."

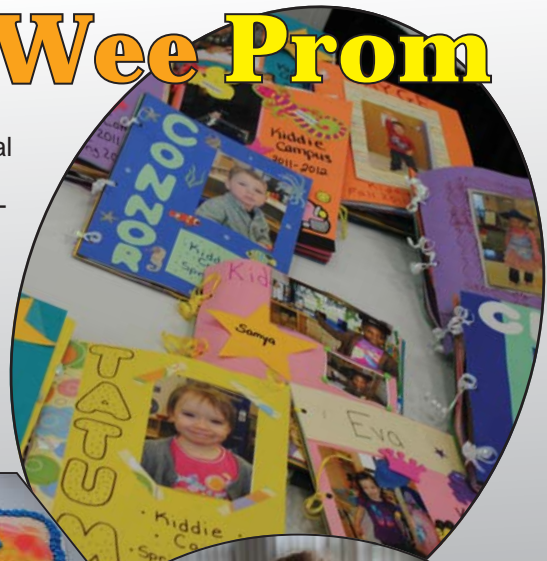
The site visit provides an independent assessment that the program fully meets NAEYC's Early Childhood Program Standards. During the site visit, an NAEYC Assessor collected data on MVCC's program based on observations and an evaluation of the evidence the program compiled during Self-Assessment.

The Kiddie Campus passed all the stages of accreditation with outstanding results.

Kiddie Campus Pee Wee Prom

The Kiddie Campus hosted its annual Pee-Wee Prom on Friday, May 4, in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center. There were fun and games for the children along with music and dancing.

The children had an opportunity to show off their personal diaries to moms, dads and grandparents while enjoying a nutritious lunch.



Several GSA events promote tolerance, equality

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For the second year, the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) has sponsored Chalking Day and Day of Silence at MVCC. Day of Silence is an international initiative by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to raise awareness of presence and needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning (LGBTQ) students in schools. The day is now an annual event on high school and college campuses throughout the nation and other countries.

MVCC GSA wanted to raise awareness of LGBTQ issues especially in areas of harassment of LGBTQ students, bullying, and marriage equality. GSA the day prior to the Day of Silence encourages people of all genders and orientations to write messages of support, pride, and goodwill on the sidewalks of the Quad. To cover the darkness of the asphalt with messages of equality and hope for all peoples is the goal of the project.

In a recent national survey, over 2/3 of LGBT students have experienced ha-

arrassment on the typical college campus. LGBT students of color and transgendered students experience more frequent incidents. They are more likely to consider leaving college or transferring to another college to complete educational goals.

One-third of LGBT students seriously considered dropping out of college due to harassment. Day of Silence, Chalking Day, and Lavender Graduation are signs of hope that the MVCC supports its LGBTQ students and celebrates their presence in the community.

To raise awareness of LGBTQ students and to begin to celebrate the success of LGBTQ students and their allies, MVCC GSA plans Lavender Graduation, a time to come together to celebrate students and allies who have completed their education at MVCC.

It is a time to celebrate victory of pride and presence over bias and harassment. Lavender Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 17, at 3 p.m. in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center. Come and celebrate!



Hawks capture national track and field crown

The women's track and field team captured the NJCAA National Championship this past weekend with the entire team crushing the competition. Leading the way for the Hawks was Savannah Boucher who set two national records as MVCC raced away to score 150 points. The next closest team was SUNY Delhi with 107 points.

Boucher set a national record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:25.18, then returned to win the 5,000-meter race with another record time of 18:12.81.

"Savannah is an outstanding runner and has been consistent during her two years here at MVCC," said MVCC track and field coach Gary Parker.

Boucher is a nine-time national champion and 11-time All-American.

But this national championship was a team effort with Jenna Hoefler winning the hammer throw and the 3,200-meter relay team of Stephanie Peck, Sara Rifendifer, Jackie Bakken, and Boucher winning in a time of 10:03.27. Boucher won the 10,000-meter run as Shykiera Heyward took first place in the 100-meter hurdles and second in the high jump. Victoria Reynolds won the javelin as many of her teammates placed in the top six to score points for the overall total.

In the men's meet, the Hawks placed tenth with 30 points. Ralph Molu won the hammer throw with a distance of 162 feet, 6 inches while Jordon Hoffman finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Doug Mondrick was third in the 800-meter run.

Women's Results

Hammer Throw: 1. Jenna Hoefler, 122-04; 4 Carlin Chruscicki, 109-00.

3,200-Meter Relay: 1. MVCC (Stephanie Peck, Sara Rifendifer, Jackie Bakken, Savannah Boucher), 10:03.27.

10,000-Meter Run: 1. Savannah Boucher, 43:53.57; 3 Heather Vroman, 48:53.18; 8 Kayleigh Corbett, 1:01:14.18.

5,000-Meter Run: 1. Savannah Boucher, 18:12.81 (meet and school record); 6. Stephanie Peck, 21:08.92; 7. Heather Vroman, 21:21.70.

3,000-Meter Steeplechase: 1. Savannah Boucher, 11:25.18 (meet and school record); 5. Shelby Fiorini, 13:27.42; 6. Heather Vroman, 13:51.15.

1,500-Meter Run: 2 Savannah Boucher, 4:59.76; 3. Stephanie Peck, 5:07.45; 5. Sara Rifendifer, 5:22.17.

100-Meter Hurdles: 1 Shykiera Heyward, 14.98.

Pole Vault: 8. Carlin Chruscicki, 7-02.5.

Discus: 10. Jenna Hoefler, 89-03.

Javelin: 1. Victoria Reynolds, 107-04; 4. Jackie Bakken, 103-09.



Shot Put: 9. Jenna Hoefler, 30-10.5.

High Jump: 2. Shykiera Heyward, 5-03.00; 9. Carlin Chruscicki, 4-09.00; 15. Jackie Bakken, 4-05.00.

800-Meter Run: 4. Stephanie Peck, 2:28.04; 8. Sara Rifendifer, 2:39.02.

1,600-Meter Relay: 5. Mohawk Valley CC (Jackie Bakken, Stephanie Peck, Shykiera Heyward, Savannah Boucher), 4:22.10.

Men's Results

Hammer Throw: 1. Ralph Molu, 162-06; 8. Dillon Snell, 137-02.

3,000-Meter Steeplechase: 2. Jordon Hoffman, 10:02.00.

Men's Pole Vault: 11. Jeremy Cantello, 11-05.75.

1,600-Meter Relay: 6. Mohawk Valley CC (Doug Mondrick, Jordon Hoffman, Joe Johnson, Craig Rugari), 8:16.00.

Discus: 11. Dillon Snell, 123-00.

800-Meter Run: 3. Doug Mondrick, 1:56.26.

200-Meter Run: 7. Carlton Knighton, 23.87.

1,500-Meter Run: 9. Jordon Hoffman, 16:58.04.



GUEST OF HONOR - In addition to meeting many of MVCC's students, faculty and staff, Thong Van Nguyen, visiting professor from Kien Giang Community College, attended the April Board of Trustees meeting. In the photograph from left are: Peter M. Rayhill, Mary-Carmel Wolf, MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., William S. Calli, Jr., John B. Stetson, Elaine M. Falvo, Mr. Thong Van Nguyen, Sandra Engel, Ph.D., and David Mathis

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Ted Moore Run/Walk continues to draw record participants

The 15th annual Theodore "Ted" Moore 5K Run/Walk was held on Saturday with the event once more setting a record for participants. Following four years of consecutive growth, this year's event attracted 275 participants.

The Ted Moore Run/Walk helps to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. Ted Moore was an Associate Professor at MVCC. He taught mathematics from 1981 until his death in 1996, when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver while he was out on his morning jog.

"The message behind this is that people really need to, if you're going to drink, get a designated driver, call a family member or take a cab. If you don't, by making a poor choice you can negatively change the lives of so many people," said Race Director Deanna Ferro.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Ted Moore Scholarship. For the complete list of race times and finishes, visit mvcc.edu.

The awards and results are as follows:

Male Open Overall Winner: Richard Cohen, Utica, 17:20

Female Open Overall Winner: Justyna Wilkinson, Deerfield, 21:06

Male: Age 14 And Under

- 1 David Kozak, Oriskany, 21:01
- 2 Brady Sanfilippo, Oriskany, 23:15
- 3 Samuel Stuhlman, Whitesboro, 23:53

Female: 14 And Under

- 1 Taylor Watson, Utica, 25:06
- 2 Grace Stuhlman, Whitesboro, 25:34
- 3 Emily VanWagoner, New Hartford, 26:50

Male: Age 15-19

- 1 Dallas Robinson, Oriskany, 19:05
- 2 Andy Jeselson, Ava, 19:15
- 3 Triston Hamm, Rome, 21:02

Female: Age 15-19

- 1 Monica Serley, Rome, 23:42
- 2 Beverly Gruet, Oriskany, 24:53
- 3 Madison Zizzi, Oriskany, 25:14

Male: Age 20-29

- 1 David Gould, Frankfort, 18:41
- 2 Philip W. Fess, Whitesboro, 20:54
- 3 Matthew Deierlien, Deerfield, 21:15

Female: Age 20-29



RUNNING TO STOP DWI - It was a perfect morning for a 5K run as the 15th annual Ted Moore Run/Walk took place this past Saturday on the Utica Campus. This year's event drew 275 participants.

1 Stacey Smith, Westmoreland, 21:35

2 Kayla Peterson, Rome, 24:16

3 Ashley Fess, Whitesboro, 26:54

Male: Age 30-34

1 Jerry Tylutki, Utica, 17:59

2 Joseph Mashaw, Marcy, 18:07

3 Beau Demarche, Clinton, 23:35

Female: Age 30-34

1 Marlo Manzo, New Hartford, 28:13

2 Anne Marie Latshaw, New York Mills, 28:14

3 Jamie Weber, Utica, 28:16

Male: Age 35-39

1 Miles Ackler, Herkimer, 21:10

2 George Saber, Utica, 23:44

3 Ryan Graziano, New Hartford, 23:44

Female: Age 35-39

1 Michelle McCarrick True, Utica, 28:01

2 Sarah Beck, Utica, 28:15

3 Elizabeth Washburn, Forestport, 28:19

Male: Age 40-44

1 Paul Humphrey, Deerfield, 18:34

2 John Draper, Remsen, 18:57

3 David Harrigan, Ilion, 24:34

Female: Age 40-44

1 Gina Richard, Barneveld, 21:41

2 Maryann Wilkinson, Deerfield, 25:19

3 Michelle Moore, West Leyden, 27:29

Male: Age 45-49

1 Ed Coluccio, Rome, 20:12

2 Scott Suba, Deerfield, 20:30

3 Jim Sampson, Oriskany, 26:18

Female: Age 45-49

1 Valerie Cognetto, New Hartford, 25:40

2 Brenda Briggs, Herkimer, 29:05

3 Sharon Stiles, Waterville, 31:58

Male: Age 50-54

1 Mike Massoud, Sauquoit, 19:17

2 Mike O'Donnell, Oriskany, 26:02

3 Mark LaPolla, Utica, 27:07

Female: Age 50-54

1 Janine Zenzillo, Utica, 25:57

2 Pamela Fess, Whitesboro, 28:15

3 Aimee Devins, Utica, 29:01

Male: Age 55-59

1 Thomas Crowley, Boonville, 19:13

2 James Seipiola, Clinton, 23:05

3 Kevin Siembab, Whitesboro, 23:30

Female: Age 55-59

1 Virginia Truax, Clayville, 26:08

2 Denise Cavanaugh, Whitesboro, 29:29

3 Susan Brown, Clinton, 32:38

Male: Age 60-69

1 Tom Bick, Frankfort, 22:20

2 Ray Smith, Old Forge, 23:50

3 George Oswald, Old Forge, 28:49

Female: Age 60-69

1 Candace Doyle, Waterville, 28:24

2 Filly Salsbury, Utica, 40:48

Male: Age 70-79

1 Kermit Cadrette, Rome, 24:52

2 Joseph Madeira, Schuyler, 31:06

MVCC Program Wins Exemplary Initiatives Competition

The Diversity and Global View (DGV) Program recently won an award from the National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA).

The awards recognize outstanding programs that enhance the quality of higher education provided at two-year institutions in the United States.

MVCC's DGV program won the award

for Curriculum and Program Innovation.

Through MVCC's DGV Program, students develop a heightened awareness of and respect for the points of view of others. Each degree or certificate seeking student must complete the requirements of the program to graduate. The student obligation includes completing online tutorials and attendance at designated events.

Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., President of MVCC said, "We're so proud of our distinctive DGV and Cultural Series efforts and for the College to be recognized through this competitive process is a testimony to the efforts of the faculty, staff, and students who have made the program what it is today."