

Camille Kahler named MVCC's newest Trustee

Camille Tauroney Kahler has been named as the newest member of MVCC's Board of Trustees during the November



Board meeting. Kahler is the Oneida County appointee to the seat previously held by Sheila Vandeveer, whose appointment expired June 30, 2012. Kahler's appointment will run through 2019.

Kahler is a partner in the law firm of Saunders Kahler, L.L.P. since 1988. Prior to that, she was an associate from 1983-87 focusing on corporate law and real estate.

Kahler A resident of Rome, Kahler holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and economics from Ohio State University and a J.D. from the Albany Law School of Union University. She holds licenses to practice law in New York State and Florida.

Other organizations she is affiliated with include the Jervis Library where she has been a trustee since 2010, and the Utica First Insurance Company where she has been director since 2006. She has a long history with the Oneida County Bar Association where she was on the CLE Committee (1984-1992).

During this time, she served as Chair (1990), Secretary (1991), Second Vice President (1992), First Vice President (1993), and President (1994). She also served as a member on the Grievance Committee (1997-2008).

On the state level, she has been a member of the House of Delegates (1992-94) and Fifth District Grievance Committee (2003-09) for the New York State Bar Association.

Her charitable board work features being director of the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley (1991-97), director of the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. from 1995-2007 during which time she was Trustee Chair (2005-07) and is still on the Governance Committee. With the United Way of the Greater Utica Area, Inc., she has served on the Executive Cabinet (1997-98) and the Board of Directors (1999-2005).

Other changes made to the MVCC Board of Trustees include William S. Calli, Jr. replacing Mary Carmel Wolf as an Oneida County appointee. Calli was previously a Governor's appointee and he will now serve until 2017.

There remain three vacancies which will be filled through the NYS Governor's office.

Fifth Annual Alumni Blood Drive set for Dec. 6

MVCC will host its Fifth Annual Holiday Blood Drive on Thursday, December 6, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Alumni College Center, Room 116, on the Utica Campus located at 1101 Sherman Drive. This blood drive is being held with the American Red Cross.

Hurricane Sandy recently forced the cancellation of almost 380 American Red Cross blood drives in 13 states and the District of Columbia, resulting in a shortfall of more than 12,800 units of blood and platelets.

The Red Cross must hold nearly 600 blood drives each day across the U.S. to meet patient needs. When disaster disrupts this schedule, the American Red Cross must immediately make plans to replenish the supply.

"The holiday season is a time for giving so why not think about giving the ultimate gift of life?" said Marie Kohl, Coordinator of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at MVCC. Walk-ins are welcome but participants can also make an appointment by calling the MVCC Alumni Office at 792-5340 or emailing mkohl@mvcc.edu. Adds Kohl, "Please get in the spirit of giving by donating blood on December 6 at MVCC."



Honoring Employees for Years of Service



When Jon Meeter arrived here in August of 2002, he brought a deeper meaning to his way of teaching; he had been running a private practice in Clinical Psychology for 20 years. For 10 years now at MVCC, Dr. Meeter has been opening the minds of his students to new levels of thinking in the field of psychology.

He teaches a wide range of classes including Research Evaluation and Measurements, Learning and Behavior Analysis, Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology, and Developmental Psychology, as well as a new interdisciplinary honors course. With master degrees in Psychology and Theology, and a Doctorate in Psychology from Fuller Theological Seminary -- located in Pasadena, California -- he emphasizes that there are life lessons and meanings with everything we learn throughout our lives.

Dr. Meeter enjoys being advisor to the chess club and the judo club at MVCC, and in the summers enjoys travel with his family. He enjoys a little cooking and tennis, but his main hobby is working on the integration of academic psychology with mindfulness and universal approaches to spirituality.

FALL OPEN HOUSE



For the second consecutive year, the Fall Open House in the field house of the Jorgensen Athletic/Event Center has proven to be a success. More than 150 prospective students and their families traveled on a beautiful sunny Friday afternoon to visit MVCC's Utica Campus on November 16.

This year's Open House featured information tables for the College's academic centers and student services, as well as breakout sessions about residence life, transfer programs, and learning in a college classroom.

The Spring Open House is being planned for April 2013.





MO RELIEF MONEY - Mo was on hand to help present a check for \$2,770 to the American Red Cross which will go toward the relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Helping to present the check to Jeff Parker, Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the Utica Office of the American Red Cross, was MVCC Student Congress President Albert Rudder.

Raffle raises money for Hurricane Sandy relief

Mo made a lot of friends last week while also helping to raise money for the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Mo was on hand to draw the winning tickets for the \$500 gift cards from Best Buy and Walmart along with the \$500 gas cards.

"This was such an important fundraising effort as there are still thousands of displaced people in the New



This raffle was launched by the Student Congress with help from Team MVCC, and raised \$2,770 which was given to the American Red Cross. Tickets were sold on both campuses during the week of November 12-16.

Jeff Parker, Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the Utica Office of the American Red Cross, was on hand in the Alumni College Center as Mo pulled the winning tickets.

Winning the \$500 gift cards to Best Buy were Alicia Aiken and Thomas Jeff. Winning the \$500 Gift Cards to Wal-Mart were Jessica Woolheater and Michael Donaruma. The \$500 gas cards to CITGO were won by Patti Antanavige and Linda Tettamant.



January Institute 2013 has structural changes

The 2013 January Institute, scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, will look and feel a bit different from those in the past. The changes, according to John Bullis, Executive Director of Organizational Development and chair of the Employee Enrichment Council, will be based on feedback received from faculty and staff who expressed concerns about their availability for academic advisement and general office coverage during the critical time prior to the start of each semester.

The new institute schedule to be implemented in January will feature a keynote session at 9 a.m., followed by two sessions which begin at 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively. Each of these sessions includes seven concurrent workshops that last for 60 minutes each. Following a regularly scheduled "box lunch" for all who have registered for the Institute, the same sessions will be repeated in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., respectively. Faculty and staff who so desire can advise or work in their offices in the morning and attend institute sessions in the afternoon or vice versa.

"We've worked with teaching faculty, staff, and administrators to design a format that should help everyone who wants to attend a keynote and/or concurrent workshops to do so," Bullis noted. The goal of the change is to continue making quality enrichment opportunities available for both faculty and staff, while maximizing the potential for office coverage and academic advising services.

"We hope this new format will assist in meeting the College's obligation to student completion," he said. January Institute attendees will be able to evaluate and comment on the changes through the on-line surveys provided at the end of the event.

"The goal of the Employee Enrichment Council is to make every event we organize as relevant and attractive as possible to every member of the MVCC faculty and staff," commented Bullis, "and, in so doing, to help maintain the commitment to excellence for which we're known."

Chinese delegates visit MVCC for workshop

A contingent of 13 city officials from Hangzhou city in the People Republic of China spent the week of November 5-9 on MVCC's Rome Campus ready to learn from some of the region's best and brightest.

They attended seminars on quality and intellectual property protections in American manufacturing.

With the help of many at MVCC, the group earned Certificates of Completion for a 25-hour class, a tour of both the Rome and Utica campuses, and even had some time for shopping.

In a short timeframe, MVCC - through CCED - was able to create a customized class, arrange for a class room at the Rome Campus, identify an instructor, a translator, and even made arrangements for Chinese lunches through Sodexo and the staff at Zebi.

The class ended Friday, November 9, when Certificates of Completion and a gift were presented to each by Dean Richard Quest, and President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D.

The Rome Campus did an outstanding job of working through last minute requests from the group and many within MVCC were asked to help in making this a success.

Soccer champs receive post-season honors

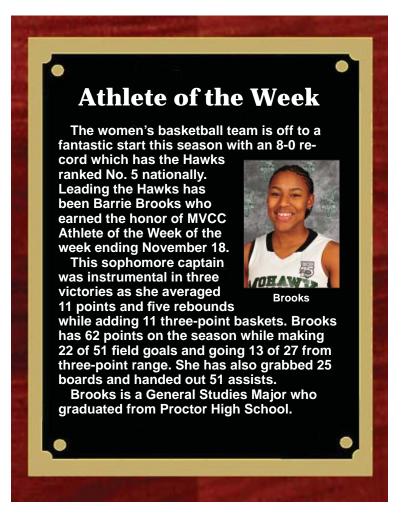
On the heels of the MVCC women's soccer team winning its second national championship of the decade, post-season honors have begun to roll in for many of the Hawks' players. MVCC captured its second NJCAA Division III national championship with a 4-1 victory over Gloucester Community College of New Jersey. The Hawks' first national crown came in 2003.

Meghan Carlo was selected as an NJCAA Region III First Team player after being named as Player of the Year for the Mountain Valley Conference. This freshman striker scored 29 goals on the season and assisted on 12 others. She was named to the NJCAA All-Tournament team at the national championships.

Helping the Hawks to finish with a 21-1-1 record was Samantha Getman who also was selected as an NJCAA Region III First Team player. This sophomore midfielder was also named to the All-Mountain Valley Conference team and selected as the NJCAA Tournament's Outstanding Offensive Player. Getman has 28 goals and 12 assists on the season.

Nicole Burline was selected to the NJCAA Region III Second Team as a freshman defender as was freshman Brittany McGraw-Wixson. McGraw-Wixson was also named to the All-Mountain Valley Conference team.

Other post-season honors were presented at the national tournament. Sophomore midfielder Meghan Gaffney was selected to the NJCAA All-Tournament team at the national championships along with Vanessa Jecko. The NJCAA Tournament MVP was MVCC's Mia DeGironimo. MVCC's head coach Steve Senior was named the Coach of the Tournament.



Adult students honor Susenburger with the Spirit of Service Award

As a part of MVCC's fifth Non-Traditional Student Week, adult students were given the opportunity to recognize faculty members whom they felt have encouraged, inspired, assisted, and or otherwise made a lasting impression on them while attending MVCC.

The Spirit of Service award, created by the Adult Learner Services Office, show-cases those instructors who go the extra mile to assist adult students on campus. In the award's second year, over 80 students nominated both full-time and adjunct instructors from both campuses. This is more nominations than received in its inaugural year. "We hope this award will become a tradition at MVCC as more and more students are considered non-traditional on our campuses" remarked Janet Visalli, Director of Adult Learner Services.

Similar to last year, the committee had a difficult decision deciding on just one person to receive the award. A committee member had this to say about the selection process: "We believe so many of the candidates were deserving of this award. With the challenge of choosing only one winner, we reviewed the nominations and narrowed down the candidates based on the award criteria. Jack Susenberger's nominations really highlighted his talents and the inspiration he instills as a faculty member, leaving his students with feelings of gratitude for the positive impacts he has made on their lives."

Jack, joined by his family and over 100 students and their guests was honored at the Non-Traditional Student Week Celebration Dinner held on November 9th. This is also where one of last year's Spirit of Service award winners, Instructor David Nackley, addressed the crowd as a guest speaker. His message of encouragement and appreciation of adult learners in the classroom was well received by all.

Adult Learner Services also sent every instructor who was nominated for the award an e-mail that included the nomi-



nation received from the students. "Even though these individuals weren't selected for the award, we felt it was important for them to receive the positive comments made by the students" said Patti Antanavige, Student Services Specialist.