Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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Benergy simplifies access to benefits info

The College is offering a new service involving benefit information called Benergy.

This is an employee-based website which is accessible around the clock with information on benefits, human resources (HR) and health management programs. It will help to ease those questions which arise while talking with your spouse at the dinner table.

This user-friendly portal will help users find information and documents related to benefits and HR programs along with links to other resources as well as assistance in evaluating benefit choices. Visitors can research many different health and wellness topics from a huge library of physician-reviewed health content and access decision support tools to make more informed decisions regarding your healthcare.

There are four areas of interest designed to keep users informed.

Benefits

The Benefits Center delivers rich resources tailored to the College's benefits package from researching programs to get assistance with planning and action. It is packed with decision support tools, such as multimedia presentations about benefits plan, tips on how to the use of the subscriber's plan and a plan comparison tool.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Center provides information around-the-clock on relevant and timely company news and communications. Users can access employee handbook information and other organizational guidelines in the policies area as well as organization information such as contacts and forms.

Health & Wellness

The Health and Wellness Center offers assistance in assess health problems, prevent and manage conditions and live healthier. The content is vast and diverse including articles, images, videos, checklists, health risk assessments, calculators and interactive modelers.

My Info

The My Info Center is where users can create personal health records, organize details about their family's doctors, immunizations, tests and more. This information is secure and for the user's eyes only.

How To Access Benergy

1. Go to www.mvcc.benergy.com
   OR - click on Benergy button on Faculty/Staff Webpage
2. Enter Employee group's User ID & Password

Employee Group	User ID	Password
Excluded Admin	mvcc01	Benergy01
AMVA	mvcc02	Benergy02
PA	mvcc03	Benergy03
UPSEU	mvcc04	Benergy04
Part-Time	mvcc05	Benergy05

HONORING THE FALLEN – Members of the Utica Fire Academy were on MVCC's Utica Campus on Tuesday, September 11, to take part in a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. The fire candidates stood at attention while Taps was played in honor of all the First Responders who lost their lives in the worst terrorist attack in American history.

New Faces @ MVCC

Gregory Farley, of Ilion, has been appointed to the position of Technical Assistant/Videographer in the Educational Technologies department at Mohawk Valley Community College.

Farley

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Information Design from the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome; an Associate in Science in Liberal Arts: General Studies and an Associate in Science in Science: Digital Filmmaking from Herkimer County Community College.

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Honoring Employees for Years of Service

Debbie Edick has made a big imprint on the MVCC community as she was honored last week for 30 years of service. She has been involved in most of the events and activities from the MVCC Galas to the annual golf tournament. Jokingly known as the "Scholarship Queen," Debbie is responsible for overseeing the more than 100 scholarships which involves setting up criteria, collecting applications, making sure applicants meet the requirements, and then present all the information to the scholarship committee. This is on a slow day. Along with notifying those who won a scholarship and those who didn't, Debbie tracks students' academic progress to make sure they remain in compliance. Debbie also sits on three committees of the Major Gifts Campaign, tracks the funds which are being brought in, and makes sure they are applied to the correct accounts. She also oversees the acknowledgements to donors and prepares the monthly reports on the financial conditions of the campaign and scholarships. Much of the money raised through the College Foundation crosses her desk which she tracks into the proper accounts.

Khan represents New York at DNC

With the nation enthralled in political debate heading into the November elections, MVCC featured a connection to the national venue when Maimun Khan was asked to represent New York State at the Democratic Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Khan

Khan, who is the Career and Student Employment Specialist at MVCC, was one of four individuals from Utica asked by the Gov. Andrew Cuomo administration to join the delegation. This made her just one of slightly over 300 delegates from NYS. This was the first time she has received such a honor after 20 years of volunteerism to Democratic Party campaigns.

"What I was struck by was the level of diversity I saw there," said Khan, who flew down Sunday, September 2, and returned the following Friday. "It was overwhelming and so refreshing to have so many people from so many different backgrounds."

There were nearly 6,000 delegates from the 50 states at the DNC. As a delegate, she got to attending briefings each morning followed by rallies featuring different speakers and breakout sessions for caucuses. It was during these meetings that delegates discussed issues, learned the talking points of the campaign and got a better understanding of the DNC policies.

"The level of diversity, whether it be intellectual, political, cultural, or sociological, was just amazing. To have everyone come together to dialog and discuss without beating each other up is what made the event so special," said Kahn, who is of Muslim faith. "It was refreshing and encouraging to see the large number of different religions represented at the Faith Council. I loved how much talk there was of faith in what we do as Democrats."

Khan said when Dr. Jill Biden – wife of Vice President Joe Biden – spoke on her passion for teaching, it struck a cord on her own role in counseling students and helping them in positive growth.

Photos by Maimun Khan

The New York delegation stayed in three hotels located in the South Park section of the city and at 3 p.m. they headed over to the convention center on buses for the 5 p.m. scheduled start. Khan was impressed by the massive logistical undertaking of moving so many people around through so many security points.

Along with the main convention speeches, there were hundreds of parties and receptions throughout the city.