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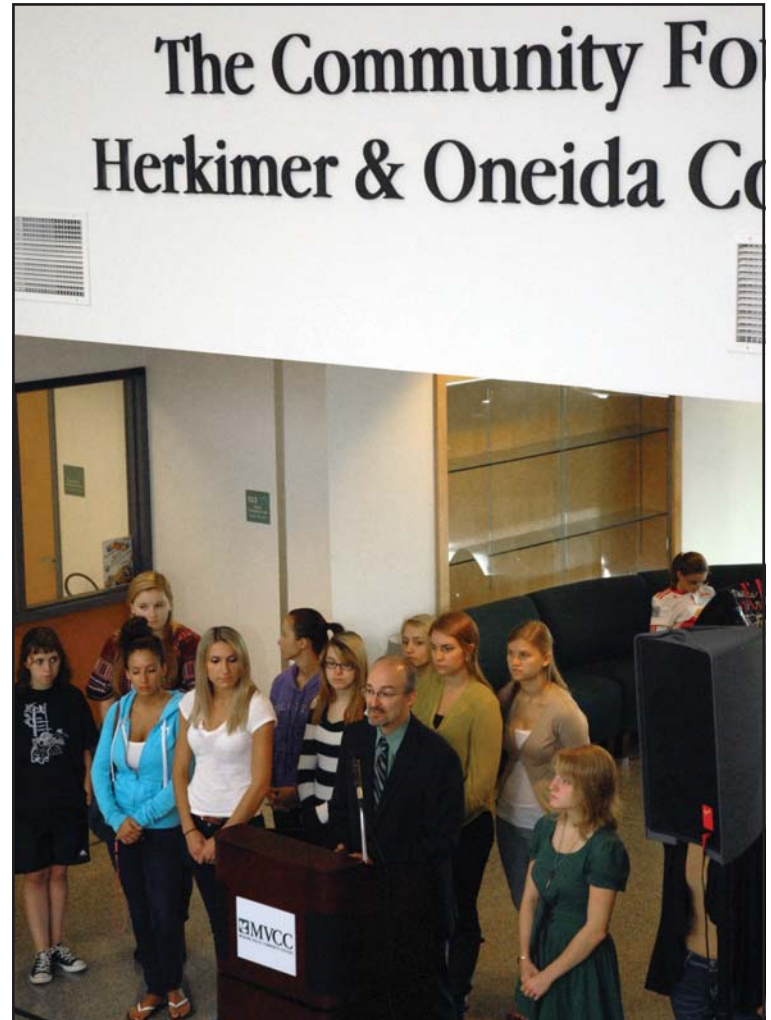
The College's Presidential Scholarship Fund received a huge boost this fall when the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties Inc. awarded MVCC a \$100,000 grant as part of the Challenge and Opportunity Major Gift Campaign.

In recognition of this generous donation to a scholarship fund designed to reward Oneida County's best and brightest, MVCC formally rededicated the large study and gathering space of its Utica Campus Information Technology Building as the "Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties Atrium." This ceremony took place last Wednesday with nearly a dozen of the 93 Presidential Scholars joined by an audience of MVCC employees, students, and community members which included MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., and Jane Squadrito, Senior Program Officer.

"MVCC is ready to expand on the scholarship and educational benefits it provides to thousands of local students annually, including the Presidential Scholars who are leaders in our classrooms," said Dr. VanWagoner. "Thanks to strong partnerships like this one with the Community Foundation we can help more students have access to a local college education of the highest quality."

The Presidential Scholarship Fund provides Oneida County students graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school class the opportunity to attend MVCC on a full-tuition scholarship. Endowing this scholarship fund helps MVCC give more students rich educational and career opportunities close to home. Presidential Scholarship endowments are the largest focus of MVCC's "Challenge and Opportunity" major gifts campaign.

"The Community Foundation is committed to funding this community's future and education is key to that future," said Peggy O'Shea, President and CEO of The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. "MVCC is a major force in our area's educational future, and we are happy to support their initiatives."



MVCC welcomes delegation from Thai college



MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., and other College representatives welcomed a small delegation from the First Global Community College in Nong Khai, Thailand, on Monday, September 24.

The delegation was led by First Global Community College founder, Mr. Pramote Nakornthab. He also sits on the boards of governors of the British International School in Phuket and the Satit Bilingual School of Rangsit University. The delegation included Phil Cunningham, a Thai specialist, and others.

The introductory and very general conversation included student, faculty and staff exchanges and the interests and capacities of both the Thai institutions and MVCC.

MVCC to host Columbus Day Admissions Info Sessions



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Members of the MVCC community are being asked to help spread the word about this October's Admissions Information Sessions on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Utica Campus.

With high school students having the day off, many of the seniors and juniors will be traveling to visit colleges and universities which will be hosting open houses. In an effort to tap into this market since the College will be open for business, representatives from MVCC's Admissions Office will be on hand

to share information about the campus, talk about MVCC's 90-plus degree programs, and provide tours of campus.

There will be three different sessions to choose from:

- 9 a.m. session with 10 a.m. tour
- 11 a.m. session with noon tour
- 1:30 p.m. session with 2:30 p.m. tour

"This is a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to see all that MVCC has to offer – from the vast number of academic programs and support services, to the athletic programs and cultural events," says Dan Ianno, Director of Admissions for MVCC.

Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. To schedule an appointment, call 315-792-5354 or email admissions@mvcc.edu.



SHARING A LAUGH - Stephanie Reynolds, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, paid a visit to the Kiddie Campus last week to read a book to the children during story hour. The children and Kiddie Campus staff enjoyed laughing and joking with Reynolds about the enjoyable story. Members of the MVCC community are invited to take part in the children's story hour by reading one of their own favorite stories.

PTK's Commit to Complete campaign goes statewide

SUNY has declared Wednesday, October 3, as College Completion Day. MVCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, which began this campaign last year, will host a number of activities on both the Utica and Rome campuses. On Wednesday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. there will be a tent on the Utica quad and a display in the Rome Plumley Complex atrium - including a signing wall along with other activities both fun and informative.

"We hope that you will stop by and sign to show your support for college completion," said Stephen Frisbee, PTK advisor. "In addition to your own participation, we hope that you will talk about this important topic with students and encourage them to



AND THE WINNER IS - A student pulled the winning ticket for the iPad3 which was raffled off last week to raise money for Crohn's and Colitis research. Krista Hartman was the winner as members of Team MVCC helped raise \$1,000.

Team MVCC raffles iPad3 to help find cure for Crohn's and Colitis

During the week of September 17-21, Team MVCC sold raffle tickets for a chance to win an iPad3 in support of the Second Annual Utica Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis.

The drawing was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 21, where a student drew the winning ticket. Krista Hartman was the winner.

The MVCC community has a strong connection to the Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis. Three staff members are on the planning committee - Lisa Philipson, Gloria Karol, and Janet Visalli.

As always, the MVCC community was very supportive of this fundraiser with \$1,000 raised to support this cause.

Hosted by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), Take Steps is the nation's largest event dedicated to finding cures for digestive diseases. The Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis – which is the second in Utica - will take place on Saturday, September 29, at the Masonic Care Community.

Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. with the 1.5-mile walk beginning at 3:30 p.m. For information and to register or donate, visit www.ctakesteps.org/utica.

participate in the day's events."

There will also be a SUNY-wide speaker, followed by a locally hosted discussion from 1-2 p.m. Feel free to check the advertising on campus next week for more detailed information about the planned events.

MVCC's PTK chapter is also asking all faculty and staff to wear a shirt from their alma mater that day as a conversation starter with students about their own college completion story. Like last year, PTK members will be distributing red "got commitment?" stickers to your mailboxes on Monday, October 1, for everyone to wear on College Completion Day.

New Faces @ MVCC

Jerry Wall has joined MVCC's Nursing faculty this fall as an Instructor.



Wall

Wall has worked as a Registered Nurse in the Cardiac Catheterization Unit at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N.Y., and St. Elizabeth Medical Center over the past seven years.

He holds an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from St. Elizabeth College of Nursing and an Accelerated B.S.N./M.S.N. in Nursing Education from the State University of New York Institute of Technology.

Wall is a Taberg resident who also has worked for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.



BE PREPARED - F.J. Lawrence, Chief of University Police and Director of Emergency Management at SUNY Cobleskill, gestures during his discussion on Fourth Friday.

Workshop helps prepare front-line employees

The College took a proactive stance on helping employees be better prepared for situations they may face when dealing with students and other members of the public. The College developed an Employee Enrichment program called Fourth Friday - held on Friday September 14 - which put front-line employees in real-life, difficult situations to help come up with a solution.

"The Fourth Friday Fall Institute offered helpful advice on how to address and deal with situations which arise in front-line offices and classrooms," said David R. Katz III, Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Enrichment. "The impetus for this training came from the reality that every day, faculty, student affairs and administrative services staff, and other front-line providers can be confronted with what can only be described as difficult, unexpected and emotionally charged interactions. Often times, if not addressed quickly and effectively, these volatile situations can get out of control."

The day's activities began at 8:30 a.m. and ran until 1 p.m. There were morning refreshments and music in ACC 116 that got everybody ready for the keynote presentation.

Under the title "What's in Your Toolbox," F.J. Lawrence, Chief of University Police and Director of Emergency Management at SUNY Cobleskill, discussed what could unfold quickly and how to be prepared. Chief Lawrence, who has more than 40 years of law enforcement experience, provided information on how to help identify, manage, and deescalate a variety of situations. The presentation enhanced both an individual's personal safety habits and their ability to foster a safer campus environment.

"Fourth Friday is a terrific employee Enrichment opportunity," said Stephanie Reynolds, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. "The topics we engaged in came directly from our employees' experiences and requests. This Fall's topic provided a first good step for increasing awareness and ensuring our responsibility to one another for our collective safety."

After the intense and forthright discussion, the results of the institute were recapped at the Sept. 18 Administrators' meeting and will be the topic of future Safety Committee and staff development activities.



OPENING LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS - The Office of Civic Responsibilities hosted a New Directions (ND) orientation and information session Wednesday evening in the Interlude on the Utica Campus. More than 20 students or potential students attended the event to learn what MVCC could do for them. The event featured speakers from Financial Aid, Learning Center and the Library to address the students about resources on campus to help them accomplish their academic goals. MVCC President Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., also was on hand to give the students encouraging words along with a motivational speech from Patrick Johnson.

Did You Know?

55 percent
of the students this
fall are female.

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mvcc.edu](mailto:rhaubert@mvcc.edu)

Women's soccer team continues on roll

The **Women's Soccer** team continued to roll with two wins last week.

The Hawks beat Jefferson Community College, 5-1, and North Country Community College, 7-0. Meghan Carlo led the Hawks offensive attack with five goals and three assists. She is currently leading the NJCAA in scoring with 20 goals in 11 games.

MVCC (10-1) has two tough road contests this week at Herkimer County Community College and Clinton Community College.

The **Men's and Women's Cross Country** teams have been at the head of the pack all season long. Tom Arcuri has yet to be beaten by any other junior college competitor this season.

The women's team has not lost to another junior college to this point. The Hawks are off this weekend and will return to action on Saturday, October 6.

The **Men's Soccer** team split a pair of Region III contests last week. The Hawks defeated Jefferson CC, 6-3, and lost a hard fought game in overtime, 2-1, against North Country CC.

MVCC plays local rival Herkimer CCC at home before traveling to Clinton CC this week.

The **Women's Volleyball** team posted its second win of the season at the Jefferson CC POD Tournament with a 3-1 win over Cayuga CC. The Hawks dropped the other two contests to Jefferson CC and Onondaga CC, 3-1 and 3-0 respectively.

Phebe Lamont led the way with 25 kills in the tournament. The Hawks return to action for a dual match at Adirondack CC this week. The Hawks will also travel to Finger Lakes CC for a POD Tournament with Monroe, Finger Lakes and Alfred State.

Questions/Comments please contact Dave Warren at 792-5674.



Chris Beck, a native of Holland Patent, takes a shot during Wednesday's game against Herkimer CCC, which the Hawks lost 2-0.



Evan Moxley (15) battles for control of the ball against a defender from Herkimer County Community College during an NJCAA Region III game on Wednesday. Despite going into the second half with a scoreless tie, the Hawks came up short for a 2-0 loss.

Athlete of the Week

When it comes to flying high, Kayla Brittell is a dominant force at the net for the MVCC volleyball team. With her performance over the past week, Brittell has been named MVCC's Athlete of the Week for September 16, 2012.

Brittell led the women's volleyball team to its first win of the season at the Broome CC Tournament. The freshman Childhood Education major scored five aces along with six kills. She also made 62 assists and 16 digs.

Brittell is a graduate of NY Mills High School.

Meghan Carlo scored five goals and assisted on three others in leading the women's soccer team to back-to-back victories last week.

For this performance, she was named at the MVCC Athlete of the Week for September 23, 2012.

The freshman Chemical Engineering major is currently leading the NJCAA in scoring. Carlo is a graduate of Oriskany High School. This is the second time this season Carlo has been honored with this award.



Brittell



Carlo