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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

Week of January 28, 2013

Wear Red Day raises awareness of heart disease in women

Team MVCC brought the College community together on Friday to take part in the Go Red for Women's annual Wear Red Day on both the Utica and Rome campuses. This national campaign is designed to help raise awareness of heart disease in women. It supports the American Heart Association.

"It is very important as a community to help raise awareness for health issues such as heart disease in women," said Sandy Cummings, co-chair of Team MVCC. "We are very proud of the level of support shown by the MVCC community."

The goal of this campaign is also to have individuals learn more about their risk factors for heart disease and then to take steps to improve them.

Team MVCC has several other fundraising events planned for the month of February. These include Upward Bound Heart Run Fundraiser, the American Heart Association Kids Walk on Sunday, February 10, Student Congress Valentine's Day Sale, The Escoffier Club Cookie Sale and the Kiddie Campus Chili Sale.

All of these events will lead up to America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk on Saturday, March 2.

Rome Campus

Fourth Friday Institute is Feb. 15

The "Fourth Friday Spring Institute 2013" will take place on Friday, Feb. 15 in ACC 116, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. As is the case with all "Fourth Friday Institutes" the goal is to service, accommodate and connect the non-teaching areas of the college that find attendance at the August and January Institutes problematic given semester start-up workloads.

All members of the divisions of Student Affairs and Administrative Services, as well as any other college employees whose schedules permit, are encouraged to register at the following link: http://www2.mvcc.edu/training/feb/

This particular Fourth Friday features festivities led by Jim Diliberto who is the director of the Adventure Staff at Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown. After a rather intense session on "de-escalation training in emotionally charged situations" the consensus among staff was for something a lighter and more uplifting. Enter Diliberto, who specializes in creating opportunities for people to participate in meaningful, challenging, interactive play!

‘Core’ workshops put focus on how entire college community vital to student success

For several years, SUNY has been talking about evaluating and grading its universities and community colleges based on student success and completion. While much of the discussion has been based on establishing a policy which can be applied to the diverse SUNY institutions, MVCC has been proactive in seeking to improve student success.

Since last year, MVCC has been planning for the launch of its first-ever Student Success Core Workshops. The purpose of these workshops is to bring together the College community on the significance of MVCC’s mission of student success.

“The upcoming ‘Cores’ are the first in a series of annual workshops, which will provide an opportunity to join colleagues in a common, meaningful two-hour exploration of a singular focus. This year’s Cores will focus on ‘the success of our students and the way in which everyone here contributes to that success,’” said Randall J. VanWagoner, Ph.D., President of MVCC. “The information, exchange of ideas, and sharing of perspectives that will occur in Cores should strengthen our collective commitment to student success. At the same time we will build relationships and enrich communication throughout the institution.”

All full-time faculty and staff are expected to attend one of these workshops, which are offered as an addition to regular professional development Institutes.

Sid VanWagoner, “the content and activities of this two-hour experience are intended to help us learn more about each other and gain a greater appreciation for what each of us does at the college every day.” With a broader understanding of the College’s mission, and the different elements contributing to student success, faculty and staff can connect what is done in our jobs even more directly to the impact we can have on individual students.

Workshops are available at various times at both campuses. Follow this link to register: *http://www2.mvcc.edu/training/core/.*

Schedule and facilitators of Student Success Core Workshops

Monday 2/18 Jen DeWeerth Pattina Keniston 8 – 10 a.m.	**Tuesday 2/19** Jim Maio Cheryl Plescia 2 – 4 p.m.	**Wednesday 2/20** **Rome Campus** Stephanie Verostek Rick Quest 10 a.m. - Noon	**Thursday 2/21** Bill Hysell Maria Salamida 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	**Friday 2/22** Bill Hysell Maria Salamida 1 – 3 p.m.
Monday 2/25 Jen DeWeerth Pattina Keniston 10 a.m. – Noon	**Tuesday 2/26** David Nackley Sharon Zohne 6 – 8 p.m.	**Wednesday 2/27** Kim Overrocker Emily Hantsch 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	**Thursday 2/28** **Rome Campus** Stephanie Verostek Rick Quest 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	**Friday 3/1** Tressa LaBella Jennifer Boulanger 2:30– 4:30 p.m.
Monday 3/4 Kim Overrocker Emily Hantsch 1 – 3 p.m.	**Tuesday 3/5** Susan Johnston Liz Doherty 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	**Wednesday 3/6** Brandon Shaw Natalie Carraway 2 – 4 p.m.	**Thursday 3/7** Susan Johnston Liz Doherty 8:30– 10:30 a.m.	**Friday 3/8** Tressa LaBella Jennifer Boulanger 8:30– 10:30 a.m.
Monday 3/11 Brandon Shaw Natalie Carraway 2 – 4 p.m.	**Tuesday 3/12** Jim Maio Cheryl Plescia 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	**Wednesday 3/13** David Katz John Bullis 5– 7 p.m.	**Thursday 3/14** David Katz John Bullis 2:30– 4:30 p.m.	**Friday 3/15** David Nackley Sharon Zohne 10 a.m. – Noon