



## Zogby provides leadership for 'Challenge and Opportunity'

As the College works toward its goal for the "Challenge and Opportunity" campaign, leadership will be provided by John Zogby who has volunteered to serve as campaign chair.

Zogby, the Chairman of the Board and Chief Insights Officer of Zogby International Research LLC, is leading MVCC's volunteer executive committee in conducting the "Challenge and Opportunity" campaign.

"MVCC is at the center of this community's economic, intellectual, and lifestyle aspirations," says Zogby. "I am proud to invest in the college's future, and I am tremendously excited to see what pivotal role MVCC will play in the Mohawk Valley's future." As chair, Zogby will lead a team of community leaders to solicit community investment in MVCC. Campaign goals and other details will be publicly announced as the campaign gets underway.

Zogby's connections to the college go back to when he was an instructor from 1977-81, and numerous members of his family have studied or taught at the college since then. Zogby has worked frequently with the college, most recently as a volunteer consultant to the President's Cabinet and Board of Trustees on trends in student demographics and as the organizer of this summer's public lecture by Ralph Nader.

Zogby has had deep impact on the college and community through his founding role at Zogby International, which is widely proclaimed as one of the world's top polling firms. The firm has distinguished itself with a sterling record for accuracy in predicting too-close-to-call elections and its high profile in the media has made Zogby a household name in America and beyond. John Zogby has furthered these explorations as a pundit and the author of books including "The Way We'll Be." His columns appear regularly in publications including the Huffington Post, Wall Street Journal, and U.S. News & World Report.

"John's dynamism and deep intellect are the perfect fit for our college, and his willingness to volunteer in many ways reinforces his dedication to this community," says MVCC President Randall VanWagoner, Ph.D.

Adds VanWagoner, "All signs point to this being the right time for our college to go into campaign. There is greater need for what a community college provides, strong community support, MVCC's growing momentum, and ever more creative partnerships with our alumni, businesses, and others. I'm buoyed to think about the benefits that John's leadership will bring."

While internal campaign preparations are underway,



**TAKING LEADERSHIP ROLE** - John Zogby, the Chairman of the Board and Chief Insights Officer of Zogby International Research LLC, is the Chair of MVCC's volunteer executive committee in conducting the "Challenge and Opportunity" campaign.

the campaign's public launch is scheduled for fall 2011. Zogby and his fellow volunteers will be supported by MVCC advancement staff as they seek community investments in four major areas:

- Creating Student Opportunity via scholarships;
- Breaking Barriers by reconnecting displaced learners with college;
- Revitalizing Our Economy with new resources for entrepreneurs and residents of the Cornhill area; and
- Educational Excellence through new resources for allied health students, technology, and cultural offerings.

Additional details of the Challenge and Opportunity campaign will be announced over the coming months. For more information, visit [mvcc.edu](http://mvcc.edu) or call Frank DuRoss at (315) 792-5526.

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# Honoring Employees for Years of Service

Thomas Capraro shares a laugh with president Randall VanWagoner while being honored for 35 years of service to the College. Thomas is a Professor of Biology. ▶



MVCC president Randall VanWagoner recognizes Carolyn West-Pace for 20 years of service to the College. Carolyn is a Professor of art history and music theory. ▼

Karen Kunzia smiles while being recognized for 25 years of service at the College. Karen works in the Admissions Office. ▼



## Hysell helps MVCC's sister college in Vietnam

For the second time in six months, a delegate from the MVCC faculty has visited the College's sister community college in Vietnam. Last month Associate Professor William Hysell made the trip to Kien Giang Community College.



Hysell

Hysell spent 15 days, October 15-30, in the city of Rach Gia in the Mekong Delta. The purpose of his trip was to share information regarding incorporating critical thinking into classroom instruction.

"Most education there is based on rote memorization," said Hysell, who interacted with teachers, administrators and students

at the college. "I observed classes, gave three presentations, taught a class and worked with students interested in improving their English."

Hysell left Syracuse on Friday, Oct. 15, at 6:00 a.m. and flew to Chicago. From there he flew 15 hours to Hong Kong and then another 2 ½ hours to Ho Chi Minh City. "I arrived in Vietnam at 10:30 on October 16. The trip back was stranger since I left Vietnam at 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 30 and arrived in Syracuse on Saturday, October 30 at 8:30 p.m. It was a long Saturday," said Hysell.

The city of Rach Gia is a seven hour minibus ride from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

At Kien Giang Community College, classes start at 7:00 a.m. and run until 9:00 p.m. Classes are run seven days a week.

"My impressions of Vietnamese culture can be summed up as resilient, adaptable and balanced. Resilient in the sense that this is a country that has been invaded numerous times and always seems to bounce back; adaptable in terms of the populace's ability to cope with weather, political and technological changes and balanced in the sense of how everything seems to flow together and get done although not necessarily in the linear ways we Westerners are used to," said Hysell, who gave a presentation via Skype to MVCC students during his trip.

There are plans to expand on exchanges with Kien Giang Community College.

Hysell's advice for those who travel to Vietnam: Prepare for a long trip and plan to be surprised.

## Escoffier Club Holiday Pie Sale

The Escoffier Club of MVCC is holding a Thanksgiving pie sale with a pick up date of November 23. Pies will be apple crumb and pumpkin pies for pre-order only.

Pick up time will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Academic Building on the Rome Campus in the Dining Room. Delivery to the Utica Campus will be between 2 -3 p.m.

The pies cost \$8 each or three for \$20. Order deadline is Monday, November 15, at 5 p.m. To order, call the Hospitality Office at 334-7702.

## Monday, November 15

5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC 116

6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC 116

8:00 pm - Monday Night Football:

Philadelphia vs. Washington, ACC Snack Bar

## Tuesday, November 16

11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261

1:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261

7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116

7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

## Wednesday, November 17

7:30 am - Math Competition, IT Lobbies/IT 220/Theater

9:00 am - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261

Noon - Lecture (DGV): Daniel R Davidson,

Quad-Amputee/Inspirational Speaker, ACC 116

1:00 pm - Art Exhibit/Lecture: "Simulatio" w/Doug Hyldelund,

George Searles, and Steve Sprecht, IT 225

2:00 pm - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261

4:00 pm - Presentation (DGV): Cultural Humanitarian

World Photographer Jeffrey Chapman, IT 225

5:00 pm - Gospel Choir, ACC 212

7:30 pm - MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116

7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

## Thursday, November 18

9:00 am - Spring 2011 Admission Placement Testing, PC 221

10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261

1:00 pm - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261

2:00 pm - Student Congress, ACC 212

3:00 pm - International Club, IT 218

3:00 pm - Program Board, ACC 212

7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116

## Friday, November 19

5:00 pm - BSU Dinner, ACC 116

5:00 pm - Video Game Tournament, MV Commons

8:00 pm - Concert: The Bomb, Rome Capital Theatre

## Saturday, November 20

8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA 207

11:00 am - Upward Bound: Dancing, IT Lobby 1st Floor

## Did you know?

Did you know that CCED provides corporate training for countless area businesses? Recently, CCED was awarded \$100,000 from a SUNY Grant, which will help CCED to provide five local companies with training in topics ranging from computer skills to stress management, and from CNC, Electrical, PLC, Project Management, Change Management to TWI Quality Training. These skills will help local businesses to excel and grow in the future.

## Donations sought for Rome Rescue Mission

MVCC's Escoffier Club is helping to collect donations for the Rome Rescue Mission. The Rome Rescue Mission is in need of the following items as cold weather approaches - jackets and winter clothing (all sizes), and blankets.

Also being collected are non-perishable food items such as canned goods or boxed meals. All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Hospitality Office, Room 204 of the Rome Academic Building or at the Rome Rescue Mission Monday - Friday before 7 p.m.

The Escoffier Club will collect donations until December 17.



**HELPING WITH TAXES** - Danell Libby, Project Coordinator with the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), came to the Utica Campus to talk about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

## Speaker discusses VITA

Danell Libby, Project Coordinator with the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), spoke about the mission of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) to Jack Susenburger's accounting class on Tuesday, November 9.

VITA was developed and certified by the IRS for those who are donating their time and talents to assist low-income individuals in preparation of year-end income tax returns.

Libby spoke about how the program works, who it works for, the commitment and benefits of being associated with VITA. She explained how to become an IRS certified tax preparer.

This is a great opportunity for students, (or anyone) to get involved and become a member of the VITA team.

Volunteers receive:

Free classroom materials and job aids

Updated tax law training (federal and state)

Computer training

For more information, contact Dinella Libby at the RCIL by calling 797-4642 or Jack Susenburger at extension 5569, Room 340 of Payne Hall.



**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK** - A group of two faculty members and 18 international students from MVCC attended the International Student Dinner at Herkimer County Community College on Friday, November 5. This event precludes International Education Week, Nov. 15-19. International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. In the photo are - Front Row: Olayinka Odede, Lydia Seales, My Ho, Kazuki Maeshiro, Isabelle Olivieri, and Ines Abega. Back Row: Tao Lu, Kazuki Maeshiro, Yuka Koba, Waly Simpapa, Ralph Molu, Sayake Ishihara, and Min Htay.

# Students learn about volunteer opportunities

The College hosted the annual Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, November 9, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Alumni College Center Snack Bar.

This event was a chance for students to give back to the larger community and to find out about volunteer opportunities with local agencies.

Some of the organizations present included YWCA, HALO (Helping Animals Live Org.),

Girl Scouts, Sitrin, Human Technologies Corp., Utica Safe Schools, The ARC, Masonic Care Community, Compeer, Rome Capitol Theatre, Madison-Oneida BOCES Literacy Zones, Resource Center for Independent Living, Mohawk Valley Latino Association, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, Utica Eastside Mission, The House of the Good Shepherd, Central Assoc. for the Blind/Visually Impaired, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Way of the Valley & Greater Utica Area and the Rescue Mission of Utica.



## Honoring Our Veterans



**AT ATTENTION** - John Harrison, a Vietnam Veteran and MVCC alum, is joined by his son Joe while saluting as the American Flag is raised on Thursday during a ceremony marking Veterans Day. Below, the Proctor High School ROTC Honor Guard raises the American Flag.



## Athlete of the Week

Although the season is young, it did not take Isayra "Izzy" Diaz long to stand out for the women's basketball team.

Diaz led the Hawks to three victories in four games last week. This performance earned her MVCC's Athlete of the Week honor.

Diaz averaged 15 points, three rebounds, four assists and three steals while also being named to the All-Tournament Team at the Torchia Classic.

The sophomore Sports Medicine major graduated from Richard Green High School of Teaching.



Diaz

## Metz: 'Every day is Veterans Day'

Ron Metz, who served in the Marines and is the current president of the Veterans Club at MVCC, spoke no truer words during the Veterans Day Service outside of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus on Thursday: "Every day is Veterans Day."

That was the energy in the air as the Proctor High School ROTC Honor Guard raised the American Flag over the quad and then lowered it to half-staff while a bugler sounded "Taps." The flag was then raised to full-staff.

"These men and women who today serve in all branches of the military are a special breed," said Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente. "For what they do for this country, 24-7, is an incredible task. Keeping this country safe is an act of love."

Picente went on to talk about how our fathers fought in World War II, but rarely mentioned the horrors of what they saw or the triumphs of the individual. "They felt it was not about them. It was about serving. It was about honor. It was about dedication. It was about love for their families and country," said Picente.