

Q&A with Kiddie Campus' new director

As part of making MVCC an exceptional learning institution, the College created the Kiddie Campus Child Care Center over two decades. The Kiddie Campus provides a pre-school learning environment for children 3 to 5 years of age that promotes the development of the whole child.

On July 5, Jerylann (Jeri) George became the new Director of Child Care Services. The Head Teacher is Robin Saxe while Terry Ann Kipers-Szatko is the Assistant Coordinator. There are also five part-time teacher assistants.

Ms. Jeri sat down for a little Q&A.

Q: How is enrollment this fall?

A: "Currently we have four openings but we have a waiting list which will help fill those slots."

Q: What was instrumental to getting a full enrollment?

A: "I sent out letters introducing myself and informing parents of an Open House. I have found an Open House prior to the start of school is a good way for parents to get all the paperwork together and have time to fill it out. They get to look around and meet the teachers while the children have an opportunity to get excited about coming to school."

Q: How many children attend Kiddie Campus?

A: "The licensing is for 18 children, but due to the students' class schedule the children aren't here all day. That is where the flexibility comes into play. We may have 40 children signed up, but because of that flexibility we aren't exceeding the capacity of our license."

Q: What role does Kiddie Campus play in the success of MVCC students?

A: "Our priority is to make the student's experience at MVCC easier by respecting the fact that the parent is not only responsible for their studies, but also caring for a child and possibility working as well. It helps to ease their burden

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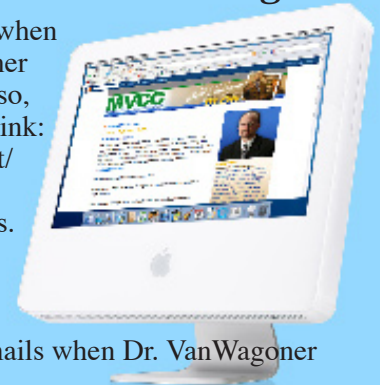
SHARING A SMILE - Terry Ann Kipers-Szatko, Kiddie Campus Assistant Coordinator, talks with Milana Grigoryan while working on a project with colored paper. Mrs. Kipers-Szatko is one of three full-time employees who work to make the Kiddie Campus an enjoyable atmosphere for the children.

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to know that their child is here and safe while they are fulfilling their academic obligations.”

Q: What are the security measures at Kiddie Campus?

A: “Every visitor must sign in and there are security key pads on all the rooms. The doors are kept locked unless you know the code. That is an awesome security feature. Teachers are constantly doing head counts which is very important because we have children coming and going throughout the day.”

Q: What is a philosophy of your’s when working with children?

A: “Children need to be around positive role models. They have a lot of energy and so you should have a lot of energy in order to create that positive atmosphere. This is their home away from home. We are a team working to help each other and the children to develop that comfortable atmosphere.”

Q: Having run a private daycare center for many years, what experience do you bring?

A: “Being the proprietor of a nursery - pre-school has prepared me in a huge way. From budgeting to maintenance, ordering supplies to overseeing the curriculum and staff, I know what needs to be accomplished.”

Q: What presentations would you like to arrange for the children?

A: “We’d like to take in the resources here at MVCC and use them to the benefit of Kiddie Campus. One of my thoughts is that we may be able to take a field trip to the college’s aviation department in Rome for a tour of the airplane. Another thought was the dental hygiene program where they could come and talk to the children about the importance of caring for their teeth.”



Q: What do you foresee in the future for the Kiddie Campus?

A: “We will begin the reaccreditation process within the upcoming year through NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

Achieving this will take some time and preparation, but is a huge accomplishment for any child care center.”

Board of Trustees Minutes from August Meeting

The MVCC Board of Trustees met Monday, August 20, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 300 on the third floor of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus.

Public Comment

Dr. Jim Gifford, Professor, Humanities Department, gave a short presentation on the MVCC Cultural Series for the 2007-2008 academic year. He also informed the Board that the Cultural Series Committee is open to suggestions for future performances to be included in the Cultural Program.

Norayne Rosero, Professor, Mathematics Department, and Co-Chair of the MVCC Middle States Self Study Committee, informed the Board that Dr. Stuart Bounds has been named Team Chair for the Middle States visit. Dr. Bounds will be on campus October 14 and 15 for a preliminary visit.

Reports

Treasurer’s Report – Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administration, reported that total operating expenditures for the college’s fiscal year through June 31, 2007, were running 6.2 percent under that which was budgeted.

President’s Report – President Randall VanWagoner announced the resignation of Francina I. Reed, Instructor, Health Services Department; retirement of William J. McGowan, Instructor, Business and Information Technologies Department; and resignation of Richard Lamasney, Assistant Professor, Humanities Department.

Dr. VanWagoner reminded the Board of the student leader dinner that will be held in the Alumni College Center on Monday, September 17, following the board meeting.

He then read a letter from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission announcing the reaccreditation of the MVCC Nursing Program.

Appointments

The appointment of these individuals as adjunct faculty was ratified for the Fall 2007 Semester and future semesters as needed: Stephen C. Clark, Kara Linn, Jerry V. Livadas, Gigi Aleen Sofia, Erick Schlosser and Brandon Shaw.

The appointment of Melissa Wines to the position of CSTEP Project Coordinator in the Learning Center;

Franca Armstrong to the position of Executive Director of the Center for Community and Economic Development as a 12-month probationary appointment;

That Dr. Sandra A. Engel be appointed to the position of Acting Vice-President for Instruction;

The appointment of William E. Hysell to the position of Acting Department Head in the Humanities Department;

The appointment of Patina Keniston to the position of Instructor in the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department;

The appointment of Melissa Thomas to the position of Instructor in the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department;

The term appointment of A. Ronald Medici to the position

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College Senate's Agenda

The MVCC College Senate's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 300 on the third floor of Payne Hall. These meetings are open to all members of the college community.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows while support materials for the meeting will be accessible in the College Senate folder in the Public Folders area of Outlook.

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Welcome to new senators
 - b. Approval of Minutes: 5-022-07 and special meeting of July 22
 - c. Chairperson's Report
 - d. Special Reports
3. President VanWagoner's (or designee's) Report
4. Student Congress President's (or designee's) Report
5. Old Business
 - a. College Senate Bylaws Revision - S. Bice
 - 1) Status of VPs
 - b. College Senate and Senate Committee Election Procedures (Appendix 6) - S. Bice
 - Analysis of Voting for College Senators and members of College Senate Committees - N. Rosero
 - c. College Smoking Policy - referred to Safety and Security Committee
 - d. Future college forum topics - W. Perrotti
 6. New Business
 - a. Review of the Charge and Composition of College Senate Committees - W. Perrotti
 - 1) Proposal from President VanWagoner for expanded role for Affirmative Action, Awards, and Staff Development committees
 - b. Safeguarding the College Catalog Clean-up Process - Collegewide Curriculum Committee
 7. Other Business
 8. Adjournment

MVCC Campus Events

Tuesday, September 11

College Senate Meeting, PH 300, 2:30 PM
Cross Country @ SUNY Oswego, 4:00 PM
Women's Tennis hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 PM
Women's Volleyball hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 6:00 PM
Movie: The World Trade Center - 'A Day of Remembrance', IT Theater, 6:30 PM
Movie: The World Trade Center - 'A Day of Remembrance', Plumley Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Night Hawk Cafe, MV Commons, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 12

Educational Speaker: Millicent St. Clair, ACC 116, 12:00 PM
Men's Soccer hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4:00 PM
Night Hawk Cafe, MV Commons, 7:00 PM
MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 PM

MVCC Faces: Jerylann (Jeri) George



Jerylann (Jeri) George
Director of Child Care Services

When Jerylann (Jeri) George began her new career at MVCC on July 5, she stepped into a position that some view as one of the most important jobs at the College. As the new Director of Child Care Services for the Kiddie Campus, she is responsible for the care and safety of over 35 children, ages 3 to 5 years old.

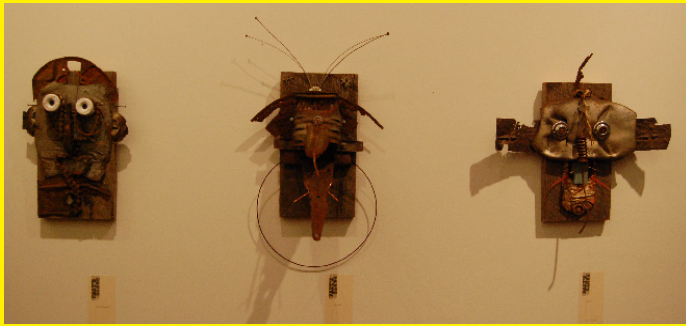
"It helps to ease (the student's) burden to know that their child is here and safe while they are fulfilling their academic obligations," says Ms. George, who ran a private nursery school for many years before coming to MVCC. "One of my philosophies is children need to be around positive role models. They have a lot of energy and so you should have a lot of energy in order to create that positive atmosphere. This is their home away from home."

In her new position, this Utica resident oversees the overall smooth operation the Kiddie Campus, which is a New York State Licensed daycare consisting of two pre-school classrooms.

Along with having many years experience as a nursery school proprietor, she holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology from SUNY Brockport along with having earned an Early Childhood Education Certificate.

At MVCC, she is a member of the College Safety Committee and teaches personal fitness overload classes. Outside of MVCC, she belongs to the Mid-York Child Care Council, School Administrators Association of New York State as well as being a member of the Arthritis Foundation.

She has two sons, 21-year-old Andrew and 14-year-old Gregory. Her hobbies include outdoor fitness and sporting activities along with competing in the Utica Women's Bocce League.



Small Works Gallery

The Small Works Gallery drew a large crowd for its first exhibit of the year.

The MVCC Alumni Show featured works by alumni/faculty members Doug Hylde-lund and Scott Selden. The exhibit, Past's Parts - Rusty Assemblages, will run through Thursday, September 27.



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of Instructor in the Humanities Department;

The term appointment of Michael Shubsda to the position of Instructor in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department;

The term appointment of Gregory Sydoriv to the position of Instructor in the Humanities Department;

The probationary appointment of Thomas Mihevc to the position of Instructor in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department;

The appointment of Jennifer Boulanger to the position of Millennium Project Director, to run through June 30, 2008;

The term appointment of Patricia Cummings to the position of Instructor in the Business and Information Technology Department;

The term appointment of Edward Tuck to the position of Instructor in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department;

The term appointment of Thomas M. Jennings to the position of Instructor in the Engineering Technologies and the Trades Department;

New Business

Amendment of College Staff Plan as follows:

- Delete title of Information Services Specialist – Assistant Professor 159

- Create title of Librarian – Assistant Professor 159
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 - Delete title of Information Services Specialist – Instructor 166
 - Create title of Librarian – Assistant Professor 166

Furthermore, Colleen Kehoe-Robinson be appointed Librarian – Assistant Professor 159; Krista Hartman be appointed Librarian – Associate Professor 160; Anne Ichihana be appointed Librarian – Assistant Professor 161; Barbara Evans be appointed Librarian – Assistant Professor 162; Louise Charbonneau be appointed Librarian – Assistant Professor 166.

The Board authorized the filling of the following positions by qualified candidates: Nursing Instructor; and English Instructor.

The Board also authorized that the appointing of Fumin Pan to the position of Instructor in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department be rescinded and that a search for a qualified candidate be sought.

