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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

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MVCC's United Way campaign hits goal

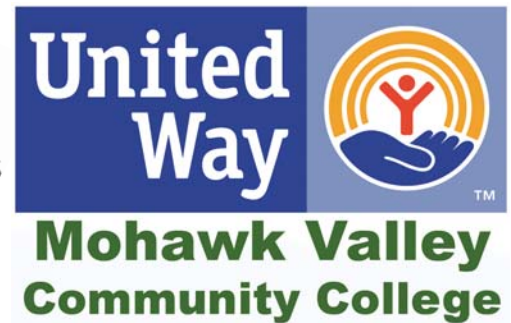
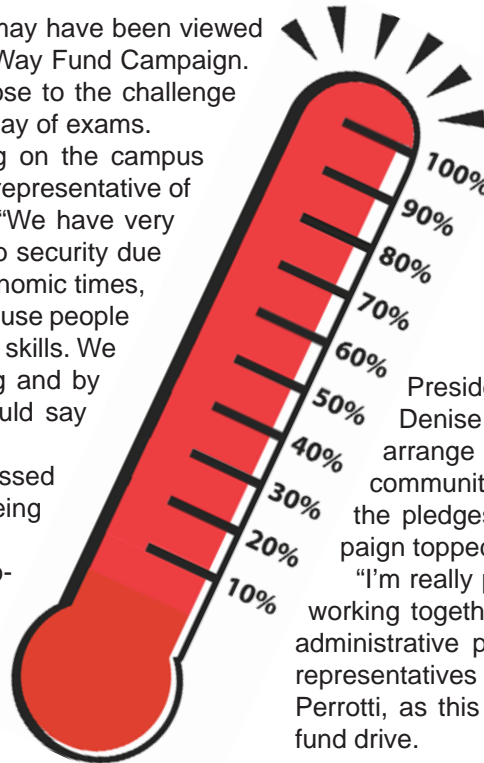
In these economic times, \$9,000 may have been viewed as a lofty goal for this year's United Way Fund Campaign. But the faculty and staff at MVCC rose to the challenge and surpassed this goal on the final day of exams.

"I think there is a different feeling on the campus over the past year," said Bill Perrotti, representative of the United Way Campaign Cabinet. "We have very good jobs here at the college with job security due to the nature of the beast. In bad economic times, community colleges do very well because people come here to retrain and develop new skills. We are the people who should be giving and by the results of this year's drive, I would say we have."

According to Perrotti, MVCC surpassed the goal of \$9000 with pledges still being collected.

"Thanks to all who generously donated to this campaign and to those who are still considering a pledge. It's not too late to give," he added.

Helping to make this campaign as success was Vice



President for Student Services/Dean of Students Denise DiGiorgio and Maria Salamida, who helped arrange to have pledge forms sent to the college community along with collecting and keeping track of the pledges as they were returned. This year's campaign topped that of last year by over \$1,000.

"I'm really proud of what the College accomplished by working together. ... Having representatives from the top administrative positions working hand in hand with union representatives really sent out a positive message," said Perrotti, as this is his first year as the head of the MVCC fund drive.

MVCC Employee Holiday Party is December 16

The MVCC Employee Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lobbies of the Information Technology Building. This event is open to all employees and guests. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

All admission fees will be donated to the local Salvation Army. To purchase an advanced ticket, contact Marie Kohl at ext. 5340, Deanna L. Ferro at ext. 5797, Beverly Hertline at ext. 5577, or Sue Halbritter at ext. 7707.

This event will be filled with music, delicious food, great drinks, and a fabulous Penny Auction.

To request a special song for the holiday party, visit the DJ's website at www.kennythepromoguy.djintelligence.com/

request.mvcc. The group name is MVCC and the password is hawks.

"Three quarters of the miseries and misunderstandings in the world would finish if people were to put on the shoes of their adversaries and understand their points of view."



**Mahatma Ghandi (1869 - 1948)
Philosopher and World Leader**

Submitted by William Rose, Instructor, Social Science

Accepting ideas to improve MVCC's facilities, buildings

The College Facilities Committee is in the process of soliciting and collecting recommendations for "campus improvements to the physical plant" and identifying facility improvement and/or modification projects which should be given the highest priority with the available funding.

There is some funding available and all input will receive consideration. For any projects unable to be funded this year, attempts will be made to include them in next year's Facilities and Operations renovation budget.

Recommendations should not be general routine maintenance items or capital projects.

Please send ideas and thoughts to Bryan Alguire (balguire@mvcc.edu or 792-5591), committee chair, by the end of January 2009. Other members of the committee are: Gary Broadhurst, Karin Capuana, Norma Chrisman, Bob Clarke, Ralph Feola, Lynn Igoe, Don Kelly, Dawson McDermott, Barbara Seaton and John Zegarelli.



SPIRIT OF GIVING - The Residence Council presented the children from the Kiddie Campus with educational toys. Having fun unwrapping a Leap Frog toy is Avani while Parker, right, looks on.

Residence Council present children with educational gifts for holidays

The Residence Council helped make the holiday season a little bit brighter for a group of youngsters on MVCC's campus by throwing a celebration for the children of the Kiddie Campus and presenting them with toys.

"We wanted to do something positive for children," said Roxana Valois, President of MVCC's Residence Council. "The Kiddie Campus is a group who are close to us on campus."

When deciding on what kind of toys to purchase, the council decided that they should be educational. For this reason, each child received a Leap Frog Pad or a V-Tech laptop. These toys help children learn math, reading and phonics. In all, the council purchased 48 gifts along with a collection of books which are for the Kiddie Campus classrooms.

"It is really nice to see the students be so involved with the children," said Jerylann George, Director of Child Care Services.

Real-world experience



PRACTICE INTERVIEWS - Students from Rosemary Fuoco's Office Administration class participated in mock interviews with Renee Arcuri, a supervisor with the Air Force Research Laboratory. Arcuri reviewed students' resumes and gave tips on interview techniques. Above is Marykaye Payne, left, with Arcuri. Below is Kyle Braunlich being interviewed.



COLORING WITH A FRIEND - Isabella spends time coloring during a party thrown for the children at the Kiddie Campus by the Residence Council in New Hall. Looking on is Miss Tara, who works in the Kiddie Campus and lives in New Hall. She is majoring in child care at the College.

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MVCC Faces: Debbie Schreppel

After years of working in the health services profession, Debbie Schreppel is now passing on her knowledge to the next generation.

Schreppel joined MVCC's Health Services Department as an instructor in September to teach Introduction to Nursing (NU101), Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics (NU 111) and Nursing 2B – Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing throughout the Life Cycle (NU 103).

"My goal is to improve the teacher/student relationship and implement a Narrative Pedagogy philosophy in teaching," said Schreppel.

Her position's responsibilities cover nursing theory, laboratory operations, and clinical duties for "Fundamentals of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing." Schreppel also serves on MVCC's nursing curriculum committee.

This Village of Cold Brook resident is an alumna of MVCC's nursing program and earned her Bachelor of Science from SUNY Information and Technology in nursing. She went on to earn her Master of Art degree from Empire State College in Social Policy.

Schreppel is a member of Oneida County Single Entry for Mental Health Housing as well as a member of Poland Central School Secondary Building team. She is also a health care volunteer for the Heart/Run Walk and the Utica Boilermaker. Along with the recipient of the HESI Nursing Faculty Scholarship in 2007 and 2008, Schreppel works as a Community Health Nurse therapist and Assistant Director of Mental Health Residential Program.



**Debbie Schreppel, Instructor
Health Services Department**

When not giving back to the community, Schreppel enjoys time with her son Josh who lives in North Carolina. Her daughter, Lexi, is a senior at Poland High School and plans on attending MVCC in the fall of 2009, to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. Schreppel also enjoys kayaking, hiking, cross country skiing, running and writing poetry.

MVCC EVENTS

Saturday, December 13th

Defensive Driving Course, PC 205, 9:00 am
MWPAl: "The Nutcracker," Theater, 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 14th

MWPAl: "The Nutcracker," Theater, 2:00 pm

Monday, December 15th

Board of Trustees Meeting, Payne Hall, Room 304, 4:00 pm
CCED: Kickboxing, Alumni College, Room 116, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, December 16th

Working Solutions: Resume Workshop, Plumley Complex,
Room 221, 8:45 am
MVCC Employee Holiday Party, Info Tech Lobbies, 3:00 pm
College Works: Christmas Party, Alumni College, Room 116,
4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 17th

Upward Bound: Christmas Party, Alumni College,
Room 116, 3:30 pm

Thursday, December 18th

MVCC December Graduation, Theater, 6:00 pm
(reception to follow in Lobby)
CCED: Aerobics, Alumni College, Room 116, 6:00 pm

Friday, December 19th

Performance: Soul Holiday, Theater, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 20th

Performance: Soul Holiday, Theater, 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 21st

Performance: Soul Holiday, Theater, 3:00 pm