

Fall 2018 Semester  
**Rome Campus Newsletter**

### DISCOVER MVCC'S ROME CAMPUS!



The Rome Campus hosted 80 seniors from Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES on Nov. 2 for a morning of exploring the degree options MVCC offers. The event was called "Discover Rome."

Students spent 20 minutes each in various sessions, led by faculty, to discover new careers and education pathways. The sessions included hands-on activities in which students learned about criminal justice, cybersecurity, hospitality, airframe and power plant, surgical technology, and interpreter education.

The students all helped cook the lunch they later enjoyed.



### FRANCA ARMSTRONG AND WALT CONSTANTINI RECEIVE GOOD SCOUT AWARDS



Scout Executive Ray Eschenbach presented 2018 Good Scout Awards to Franca Armstrong and to Walt Constantini.

Franca is the Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Dean of the Rome Campus, and Walt is the Director of the Airframe & Powerplant Program. They were recognized for their hard work scouting and helping with

scout STEM Camporee at Griffiss Business & Technology Park in Rome, NY.

## AIRFRAME AND POWERPLANT DECEMBER COMPLETION CEREMONY



Fourteen students received their Airframe and Powerplant Certificate on Dec. 21, 2018.

The students received almost 2,000 hours of applied experience training that is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. The program provided students with the skills and credentials to land high-paying jobs in the aviation field as aerospace inspectors, aircraft mechanics and service technicians, aerospace engineering and operating technicians, and more.

MVCC's Airframe & Powerplant Certificate Program is the only SUNY aviation maintenance program in New York State and is one of the few one-year programs in the nation.

## RSA DONATED TOYS TO ROME COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Rome Student Activities donated \$1,000 worth of toys to the Rome Alliance for Education Community Schools.

MVCC students Arica Rudd and Samantha Knecht volunteered their time to do the shopping for the donation. Children of all ages were given fun toys.

"I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and commitment to the project from the members of Rome Student Activities," said Sheryl Williams, Assistant for Student Engagement and Activities for MVCC.

This donation was given to the Rome Community Schools Community Elves project. This year, Community Elves was created as a Rome Alliance for Education program.

Rome Community Schools was thankful for the large donation of toys.

"We can do nothing without our community's support, and MVCC certainly has stepped up to the plate! We are so thankful for this contribution and I'm sure the kids will be also when they see these under their trees," said Melissa Roys, Rome Alliance for Education Executive Director.

## STUDENT SUPPORT



is hosted each Tuesday morning in Student Services. Participation at this popular coffee time continue to increase to a peak of almost 80 students.

Rome Public Safety also hosted “Coffee with A Cop” in October, which was an opportunity for students to socialize with campus safety officers over a hot beverage. Over 40 students attended.

The Rome Campus provided an ice cream social for Completion Day soon after the start of the semester. Participation at this event was high, and many students signed the wall pledging to finish their degree/certificate programs. Other events that Rome Student Activities hosted in the fall semester included:

- Fall Welcome BBQ
- Cookies and Milk
- Cider and Donuts
- Non-Traditional Student Week
- Thanks-Mas (a Thanksgiving and Christmas combination event that provided a free dinner for students)

*Below:* Rome Student Activities spent a Saturday in October assisting senior citizens in the local community with yardwork.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



On Friday, Nov. 30, the Rome Campus hosted a one-hour bus tour of the Griffiss Technology Park. Participants explored the former Griffiss Air Force Base while hearing the story of its remarkable transformation into a thriving technology park.

Staff from both the Utica and Rome campuses attended and learned about the many businesses and assets in the Griffiss Technology Park.

The day ended with a luncheon in the Plumley Complex dining room.

## CULTURAL SERIES

The Rome Campus hosted a variety of cultural series events in the Festine Auditorium, from interesting documentaries, to moving concerts, popular movies, famous comedians, and more.

“Rhythm in You: Drum Circle Workshop” was a fun, hands-on event that brought in drum enthusiasts from the community. “Family Fun Series: Smallfoot,” a child-friendly movie and appearance of Santa Claus, was a popular event that brought in approximately 50 individuals.



Many more Cultural Series events were also hosted on the Rome Campus during fall, and they offered an opportunity for students to meet other people and fulfill DGV requirements. Community members also attended many of the events, and had a chance to learn more and become involved in cultural art and activities that matched their interests.

## ROME CAMPUS HOLIDAY PARTY



The MVCC Rome Campus held a holiday celebration on Dec. 20. The Franklin Hotel in Rome catered the luncheon, and the party included a coffee/hot cocoa bar and another fun Yankee Swap.

Over 40 faculty and staff attended.

