



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter



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Giving Tuesday helps students affected by pandemic

Today the Moraine Valley Foundation will participate in the national Giving Tuesday campaign to raise funds to help students achieve their academic dreams. This year our students are facing unprecedented challenges as the pandemic impacts them in many ways, so funds are needed more than ever before. The Foundation, thanks to the generosity of its donors, has been able to respond to a 600% increase in student need during the pandemic. Please consider a donation to the Foundation to support students by texting GIVEHOPE to (708) 719-9992, go to <https://www.morainevalley.edu/giving-tuesday/> or like or share our [social media posts](#) with friends and family.

Student concerts live-streamed

The Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC) is showcasing its fall academic music concerts virtually through live stream. To maintain safety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the FPAC is helping viewers enjoy free concerts at home. A link to each live-streamed performance is online. The link will become active on the concert date. ([Read more](#))



2020 Golf Outing provides a perfect day

The Foundation's 39th Annual Golf Outing was held on Sept. 15 and featured great weather and much needed time with friends at our new location at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont. After a round of golf, players attended the Golfers Return Celebration for dinner and socially distant activities. Our top teams were announced during a virtual [award ceremony](#) on Oct. 8. In addition the Foundation hosted a virtual silent auction where all supporters bid on items which included in-kind donations from local businesses and Foundation supporters. The golf outing raised more than \$32,000 with proceeds funding student scholarships.



This year's outing was sponsored by Live Right Senior Care. Additional sponsors included Platinum: UPS; Gold, DKA, Legat Architects, PepsiCo; Bronze: Heide Wealth Management Group, KI; and Supporting Sponsor: First Midwest Bank. Beary Landscaping was the exclusive Beverage Cart Sponsor for the golf outing. Other sponsors included Game Sponsors, Kingston Tile Company and Nicor Gas; Cigar Sponsor, Stogie Life Cigar Lounge; and Raffle Sponsor, Winzer. Thank you to all of our foursomes, sponsors, individual golfers and all of our donors for making a difference for our students.



Foundation fund to help pay for textbooks

The Moraine Valley Foundation has given \$25,000 in emergency funds to purchase textbooks for students who could not afford them this semester. The fund was established by the Foundation after faculty members noticed many of their students were having trouble paying for their textbooks since the pandemic. ([Read more](#))



Alumni Spotlight: John Bibeau

John Bibeau, a CPA with more than 25 years of experience in accounting, knows how to analyze costs and benefits. So when he was considering where to begin his college education, he saw that Moraine Valley Community College offered a good "bang for the buck."

"It had a very good reputation and a very good price point. It allowed me to obtain college credit without the major expense of going away." Bibeau said. He also appreciated the partnership the college had with many four-year institutions that ensured they accepted students as a junior if they completed an associate degree at Moraine Valley. ([Read more](#))

More than 200 students honored for receiving Foundation scholarships

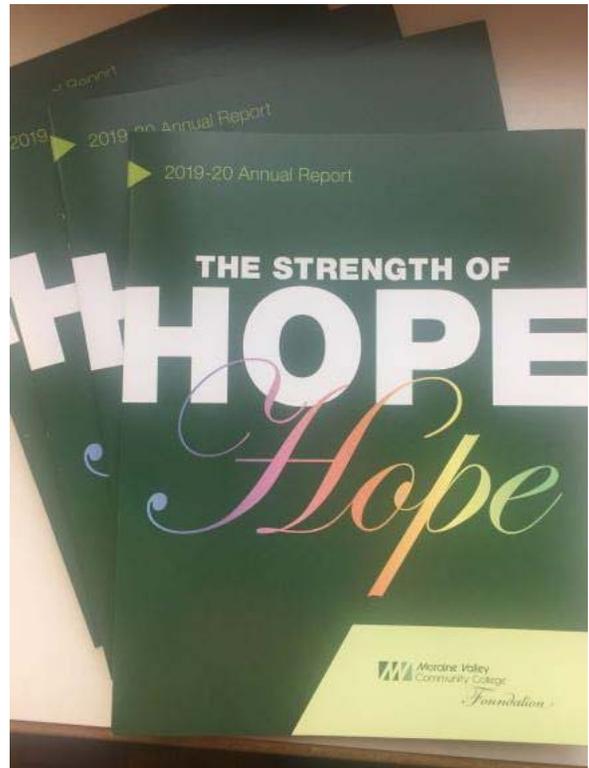
In a virtual ceremony that premiered on Thursday, Nov. 5, more than 200 Moraine Valley students were honored for receiving a Foundation scholarship during the 2020-2021 academic year. The reception is typically held on campus attended by family, friends, faculty and staff, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held online. This year's event recognized the students partnered with their scholarship donors as each student's photo was shown on the screen and announced. In addition speakers shared their congratulations and support including Kristy McGreal, executive director of the

Foundation; Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, college president; Tom Kantas, Foundation Board president; Debbie Izzo, scholarship donor and alumni and student speaker, scholarship recipient, Moises Bello. Each student name was announced by former Foundation board president Phil Foster. A [recording of the ceremony](#) is available for viewing now.



Foundation releases 2019-2020 Annual Report

The 2019-2020 Moraine Valley Foundation Annual Report is now [available for review](#). This year's publication features how donors have given our students hope to be strong and endure these unprecedented times. Besides reporting on the Foundation's financial status and listing the names of all donors, the document includes interviews with students and donors and highlights alumni and Foundation special events.



Classes offered in three formats for spring semester

Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills will offer most of its classes online for the spring 2021 semester but will nearly double the number of classes that have some in-person learning.

The spring semester schedule was viewable on the college's website as of Oct. 5.



Classes will be taught in online, virtual and hybrid formats. Online classes are offered asynchronously, meaning there are no set online meeting times. Virtual classes are conducted synchronously with set days and times for real-time online learning. Hybrid classes are taught with a combination of online and face-to-face instruction. [\(Read more\)](#)



Who was that masked man?

The sold-out 7th annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk was a 'bootacular' time as 200 participants ran, jogged, walked and even danced to the finish line on a sunny autumn morning! To abide by the current pandemic restrictions set forth by the state, seven waves of participants were released from the starting line to allow for social distancing. Children enjoyed a free Little Pumpkin's Patch of safe activities and Kid's Dash. New this year was the first event virtual ticket where participants could still support our students and run/walk on their own time and were mailed their bib

number, t-shirts and other goodies from our community business donors. The Halloween 5K raised more than \$5,000 with all proceeds helping to provide scholarships for Moraine Valley students

The Halloween 5K committee wants to thank event sponsors: Platinum, UPS; Gold, DKA, Legat Architects, PepsiCo; Bronze, Heide Wealth Management Group, KI; and Supporting Sponsors- First Midwest Bank. Matrix and Lapham Hickey Steel were the Mile Marker Sponsors. NovaCare Rehabilitation was the Finish Line Sponsor and Stretch Lab was the Table Sponsor. See your friends who participated in the Halloween 5k Run/Walk [here](#).



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