



Here's how to whip up dessert for your Valentine

As a way to say thank you to donors, the Moraine Valley Foundation is offering a video featuring Chef Rose Deneen demonstrating how to make a delicious cocoa mousse. [This video](#) is the first in a series made by the Foundation featuring expert faculty members sharing useful knowledge and tips on a wide variety of topics. In Chef Rose's video she prepares the recipe to create a delicious and very easy to prepare cocoa mousse dessert perfect for Valentine's Day dinners at home. Chef Rose is an associate professor of baking and pastry in the college's [Culinary Arts Program](#).

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Moraine Valley employees donate a record amount to the Foundation

Moraine Valley Community College employees donated a record \$83,772 to the [Moraine Valley Foundation](#) during its 2021 Employee Giving Campaign. More than 540 employees, representing 75% of the full-time faculty and staff, contributed to help provide student emergency funds and support scholarships. [Read more.](#)





Alumni Spotlight: Veteran has plans to become a surgeon

"I don't think I'd be here without Moraine Valley. The level of kindness and support I got there still motivates me today," said Arturo Gutierrez de Velasco, who is currently on the pre-med track at the University of Chicago. Gutierrez de Velasco's journey has taken him from his hometown of Tinley Park to South Korea to Chicago, and he has grown every step of the way. "I was a good student in high school, but I'm the oldest of

six. I got into good schools with scholarships, but it wasn't enough," Gutierrez de Velasco said. So, he joined the army. "It was an opportunity to develop as a person. Also, I grew up in a family where serving others has always been instilled in me. It's a core value." [Read more.](#)

Local AAUW branch donates scholarship in honor of former member

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Palos/Orland Area Branch created the [Eileen Stahulak Scholarship](#) to honor the memory of a longtime member who died in September 2020. The [memorial scholarship](#) will help a female student who is 40 or older complete her education at Moraine Valley Community College.

"Eileen was a teacher and a reading specialist in the Chicago Public School system for many years. She was devoted to her job and to the kids," said Marie Kaminski, president of the AAUW Palos/Orland Area Branch. "She was a member of our branch since 2005 and was very involved in our holiday auction, which raises money for scholarships. When she passed away, I suggested to her family that they might want to allow people to donate to a scholarship through AAUW in her memory." [Read more.](#)



Fine and Performing Arts Center presents: Meet the Artists

Join us as we spend time with some of our favorite artists from past seasons. Each Tuesday at 7 p.m. CST, Tommy Hensel, managing director of the [Fine and Performing Arts Center](#) (FPAC) interviews a popular artist from a recent season. This is a great way to get to know more about performers who have shared their talents on our stages.

The live stream on the FPAC's [Facebook page](#) will include about 30 minutes of interview followed by a time for questions posted by you, the viewers. And who knows? You might even get a little bit of spontaneous performance, as well. It's live, after all, so you never know what's going to happen. Each interview will be recorded and made available on our YouTube channel. [Read more.](#)



Free learning events with the Moraine Valley Library

Online Event

Wed., Feb. 17, 2021, 11 a.m., online event [Register Here](#)

Special guest Dr. Tracy Crump, Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at St. Xavier University. Dr. Crump's talk will consider how to build inclusive spaces in our society by exploring the root causes of social unrest in Chicago over the last century. She will start with the

Red Summer of 1919 and move forward. This will be a live event open to the general public ([advanced registration](#) required).

Pre-Recorded Events:

[Eve Ewing's 1919: A Critical conversation with Dr. Janice Tuck Lively](#) A discussion on Eve Ewing's poetry in her book "1919." In this interview, MVCC Counselor Shanya Gray interviews Dr. Janice Tuck Lively of Professor of English at Elmhurst College and author of fiction and non-fiction. This talk is part of our One Book, One College program on Ewing's 1919.

[The Bubonic Plague: The Ultimate Pandemic](#) History faculty member Jim McIntyre provides an overview of the history of one of the most deadly pandemics in history, the bubonic plague or the black death. This discussion reviews key outbreaks and the impacts they had in history. This is set in light of the current, Covid-19 pandemic.



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