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The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation is holding its Mission impossible Virtual [Fundraising Gala](#) on Friday, April 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The spy-themed gala will have a family-friendly focus and feature entertainment, a silent auction, interactive activities and a raffle. A highlight of the event will be a performance by Katie Kadan, a popular contestant on NBC's The Voice and an alumna of Moraine Valley.

People can purchase either a Secret Agent Viewing Party ticket for \$150 or an Agency Headquarters Viewing Party ticket for \$75. The Secret Agent Viewing Party includes a signature bottle of wine complemented by desserts prepared by Moraine Valley culinary arts students and wine-pairing tips. Both tickets grant access to the Virtual Fundraising Gala for everyone viewing in the ticket holder's home. A top-secret activity package, that can be picked up on campus or mailed, and a raffle ticket also are included. Tickets to the event are on sale now at [morainevalley.edu/gala](http://morainevalley.edu/gala).

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## **Moraine Valley alumna Katie Kadan - finalist of "The Voice" to perform at gala**

"Like a lot of young people, I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. I knew I wanted music to be a part of it," said Katie Kadan, a popular contestant on NBC's The Voice and an alumna of Moraine Valley Community College. She decided on Moraine Valley after seeing her siblings have a good experience there. One of her first classes was music theory. "I also took a theater class to spark my creativity. After that, I just jumped in." She liked Moraine Valley because it wasn't a huge campus. "It was smaller and more intimate, so it was easy to feel part of a community," she said.

Kadan enjoyed going to musical performances on campus. "One of my favorites was a choir that came from Africa. It was beautiful and enriched the college experience to have that type of culture at the school. I remember we had so much fun," she said.

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## **You've been apart for so long - it's time to finally get the family back together for a dream vacation**

With the pandemic restrictions lifting, many are starting to dream of where to go on vacation. After more than a year of staying at home, wouldn't a trip to Los Cabos, Maui or other destinations be just what you and your family need? The Moraine Valley Fundraising Gala features a buy-it-now feature where you can purchase exotic vacations, including seven nights at a Los Cabos resort for up to eight people; three-nights at any Fairmont Resort or a seven-night stay for four at Kahua Village in Maui. [Check out these exciting destinations](#) and help Moraine Valley students. Start packing!

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## Take a chance to give a student a chance

You don't have to attend the Foundation Fundraising Gala to win. Purchase one or more raffle tickets for a chance to win great prizes. The money raised by the raffle and the entire gala gives our students a chance to fulfil their dreams. The tickets cost only \$15 each or save and get four raffle tickets for \$50.

Raffle participants can win two round trip domestic airline tickets, a \$100 Lettuce Entertain you gift card, a sapphire double-heart sterling silver necklace or a ticket for two to attend the 2022 Moraine Valley Foundation Gala. Feeling lucky? [Take a chance now!](#)

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## From [diamonds](#) to [donuts](#) there's something for everyone and every budget in the silent auction

Whether you are a tool guy or a gem collector, a backyard griller or foodie, there is something for every taste and budget up for bid in the Foundation gala's [silent auction](#) going on now through April 23, at 8:30 p.m.

If you like to travel, there's a trip to [Las Vegas](#). Enjoy being locked in an [escape room](#), riding [waves](#), [climbing](#) trees or [dancing](#) on air? There are passes up for grabs for all of these. Maybe you prefer to entertain at home? There are home [bartending kits](#), a charcoal [grill](#) and [propane tanks](#) to keep you cooking!

Even the silent auction itself is exciting as you watch your bid and how it competes against other bidders and rush to outbid your competitors. The silent auction has dozens of items to choose from, so hurry and [get your bids in now](#).

More items are listed below. Click on each photo to learn more about that item. There are many other items than these, so be sure to go to the [main auction site](#) and start bidding!



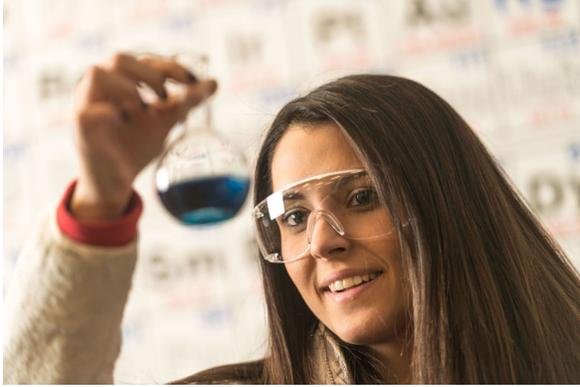


## Silent Auction hosts very unique hand-crafted items

Foundation donors have generously donated some very unique items for this year's Moraine Valley Foundation Fundraising Gala's silent auction. Some items come from the artistic talents of our faculty, staff and alumni. Moraine Valley employee Larry Bernier donated Black Hawk [bird houses](#) that he made. Alumnus Alan Bishop donated one of his paintings "[Seas the Day](#)." Michael Morches, a dean at Moraine Valley, generously provided [furniture](#) he built himself (see photo). A beautiful [hand-stitched quilt](#) was donated by Lauren Zajac, also a Moraine Valley

employee.

Some items were donated from collectors who traveled the world and brought back treasures such as this [hand carved table](#) from Thailand and this [stool hand-carved](#) by African artists from Cameroon and donated by a Lake Geneva Art Gallery. From spinning [lazy susan's](#), swirling [art glass](#) to [wall-sized paintings](#) of the Chicago Skyline, donors, collectors and artisans have a common passion--to help Moraine Valley students succeed. Now it's your turn to continue the goodness and [make a bid](#) on one of these items truly crafted from the heart.



## Don't need any auction item or prizes? Give one college credit hour or a scholarship for a student in need.

If you don't have time to attend the auction or really don't need any of the items or prizes up for bid, you can give a student in need the chance to win a grand prize. Our fund-a-need part of the annual gala offers donors a chance to donate \$139 to cover the cost of [one college credit hour](#) of tuition. Other levels include higher amounts if you want to create a larger named scholarship in honor of a loved one's

accomplishments or a memorial to someone who has passed.

Make your mission be to make a student's dream POSSIBLE. [Give to the fund-a-need now.](#)

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## Alumnae return for friendly match-up

The uniforms looked similar, and the officials were on the court, but the teams weren't the regular matchup for Cyclone women's basketball. April 6 marked the first game that pitted alumnae against current players, a tradition they hope to continue yearly. It also was the final game of the Cyclones' unofficial season.

The excitement for this game sprang from the robust connection many alumnae have to Moraine Valley and the women's basketball team.

Many players indirectly referred to it as the Delwyn Jones effect. As head coach since 2000, Jones has made and continues to make all his players feel welcomed and integral to the team. It keeps them coming back.

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