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Culinary arts restaurant opens and baseball field renovated

Moraine Valley Community College recently held two ribbon-cutting ceremonies to commemorate the reopening of its renovated baseball field and opening of its new culinary arts restaurant, Table 67.

The baseball field features new dugouts, backstop and fencing, along with an improved drainage system, which was necessary due to ongoing flooding issues that forced the team to play their home games at a field in Chicago.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the field featured remarks from Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, college president; Beth McElroy Kirkwood, secretary of the Board of Trustees; Bill Finn, athletic director; and Hugh Dennehy, head baseball coach, who said, "This field is going to serve a great purpose for our young men moving forward. We're very excited for the future of Moraine Valley baseball."

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Virtual Gala raises funds to help Moraine Valley Foundation

The Moraine Valley Foundation raised more than \$56,000 in proceeds at its Mission Possible Virtual Fundraising Gala to support Moraine Valley Community College. The money raised will be used for student scholarships, student emergency funds and to help support various college projects.

Over 100 people viewed the spy-themed event online, which featured entertainment by Katie Kaden, a popular contestant on NBC's "The Voice" and an alumna of Moraine Valley, and Elliott Aaron from Artbeat Live, who created a painting of Chicago landmarks while viewers watched.

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In the photos below (L-R) Katie Kaden performs virtually for the Gala audience; Moraine Valley employee Mike Crehan volunteers at the Gala delivering meals to donors; A donor does a drive-thru pickup of a delicious Gala meal.





40th annual Foundation Golf Outing set for September 15

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its FORE-tieth annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont. Last year, the event sold out and the Foundation was able to support a variety of student needs. All proceeds from the Golf Outing fund scholarships for our students who are striving to attain their professional and

personal educational goals.

Besides raising funds for our students, our Golf Outing is a perfect time to network with corporate executives, business owners, community members and employees of the college.

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How does your garden grow? Here's how!

The Moraine Valley Foundation's Sharing our

Thanks video for the month of May featured tips to help flower seeds sprout into healthy plants. Professor Gretchen Bernard explains how to plant the flower seeds sent to Foundation donors as a thank you for supporting our students and helping them to grow.

If you did not receive your flower seeds, please contact the Foundation office and we can send you a packet while supplies last. Bernard shares [additional information](#) on seed planting and care to assure you have a healthy and colorful garden this spring and summer.

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Moraine Valley joins White House COVID-19 vaccine challenge

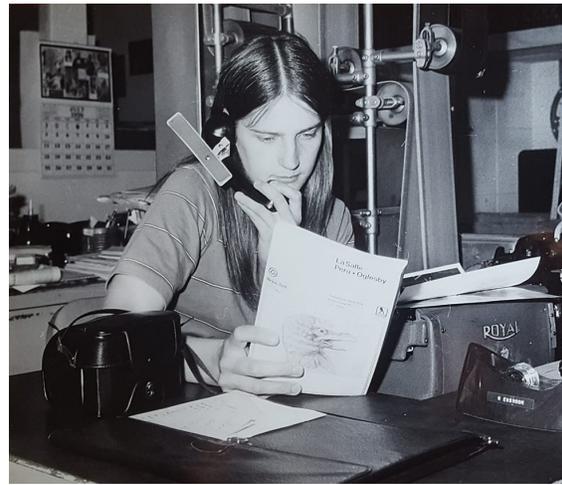
Moraine Valley Community College is one of the lead colleges in the COVID-19 College Vaccination Challenge being implemented by the White House beginning Wednesday, June 2. The challenge is an effort to meet President Biden's goal of fully vaccinating 160 million Americans by July 4.

As a Vaccine Champion College, Moraine Valley pledges to commit to taking three key actions to help get its campus communities vaccinated: engaging every student, faculty and staff member; organizing its college communities; and delivering vaccine access for all.

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Vicki Quade above with her latest book and to the right, working as a reporter soon after her time as a student at Moraine Valley.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - Glacier lays the foundation for well-known local author, Vicki Quade

"My brother took classes at Moraine Valley and liked it, so I drove out to take a look. I swear, back then, there was nothing out there," Vicki Quade said. When she attended in the early 1970s, she spent much of her time in one of the temporary buildings on campus as a reporter for the college newspaper. "The "Glacier" was in a little trailer. I really loved it," she said.

Shortly after starting at Moraine Valley Community College, Quade's father was in a serious car accident. Despite this tragedy, she stayed in school and joined the "Glacier" as a reporter. In addition to gaining valuable skills for her future journalism career, the "Glacier" created unexpected opportunities for her. Quade recalled how one assignment helped her with her tuition.

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Long time Moraine Valley tutor has scholarship named in his memory

The Jeff Williams Tutor's Scholarship has been established at Moraine Valley Community College to help students who have received tutoring while at the college. The scholarship's donor, Darlene Williams, worked with the Moraine Valley Foundation to create it as a tribute to her deceased husband, Jeff Williams, who served as a tutor at the college for nearly 10 years.

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