



# Moraine Valley Matters

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*2018 Hall of Fame inductees gather to congratulate the 2019 inductees. (L-R) Jehad Matariyeh, Jose Angel Navejas, Dylan Lloyd, Dave Shalabi, Holly Bartecki, Debbie Izzo and Elaine Echols.*

## 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame inducting four new members

After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Moraine Valley Foundation will resume its annual Alumni Hall of Fame (HOF) induction ceremony on March 21, at 5:30 p.m., in Building M on campus and via live stream. After taking nominations for more than a year, the Hall of Fame selection committee narrowed the exceptional nominees down to four. Those individuals will be inducted at the ceremony.

Nominees must have attended Moraine Valley more than ten years ago and have successfully completed a degree or certificate program or completed 30 or more credits. They are to be successful in their career, active in their community and have remained supportive of the college.

Nominations are reviewed by the HOF Selection Committee made up of faculty, staff and former Hall of Fame inductees.

The Foundation will provide a link to view the induction in the February issue of the Alumni Newsletter.

Information on how to nominate someone for the 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame is available on the college's [website](#).

**NOMINATE SOMEONE**



## Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones - CEO of Chicago Jobs Council

Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones credits her experience at Moraine Valley with helping her choose a direction for her future career. "The general educational courses I took at Moraine Valley Community College helped me decide which major I wanted to pursue," she said about

her decision to major in media communications at Governors State University after receiving her associate degree. She enrolled at Moraine Valley when she moved to Justice a few years after graduating from high school and she appreciated the convenience of taking classes close to home that fit around her work schedule. Bly-Jones said the faculty cared about students and "they worked hard to make sure we understood and learned the concepts."

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## Foundation scholarship applications open Feb. 1

Current Moraine Valley students may apply for Foundation scholarships from Feb. 1 to March 31. The application is available on the college web page. The scholarships will be awarded in May 2022 for use during the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters. More than 200 scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Students must reapply each year; however, one application is all that is needed to be considered for all 200 awards.

Scholarships are offered to full- or part-time students based on a combination of criteria requested by the scholarship donors. Most require a 2.5 or higher GPA and financial need. Students interested in applying for scholarships may do so [online](#) or contact the Foundation office if they have any questions.

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## Covid-19 test site open to community on campus

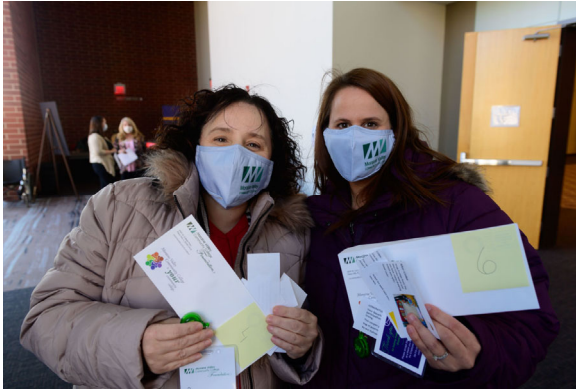
Community members can now get tested for COVID-19 at Moraine Valley Community College. The Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) saliva test will be administered in the Moraine Rooms in Building T on the main campus in Palos Hills, and at the extension sites in Blue Island and Tinley Park. Testing is free.

Vaccination clinics also will be held on campus in Building M as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. -1 p.m. by Osco (Covid, flu, Shingles, Pneumonia, and Tetanus available at this clinic ONLY)
- Tuesday, Feb 2 by Cook County: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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## Moraine Valley employees give record-breaking donations to help students

Moraine Valley Community College employees donated a record \$90,000 to the Moraine Valley Foundation during its recent Employee Giving Campaign. Over 80% of the college's full-time faculty and staff contributed to help provide funds to support the college, student emergency program,

and scholarships. This year's campaign, entitled Dreams Made Possible in an Impossible Year, raised the largest amount of money since the campaign began over 11 years ago.

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**Looking Back** - A student carries his portable "boom box" across campus in 2011.



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