



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

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Foundation Fundraising Gala returns as live event

After two years of hosting virtual Galas, the Foundation held a wonderful and safe in-person Gala for dedicated supporters. This year's theme, "Mask-erade Night," reinforced the commitment to our students by showing donors and supporters that *behind every mask is a student and a story to be shared*. The evening was incredible as supporters got into the Gala's theme by wearing lavish masquerade masks and enjoying the upbeat performances by talented dueling pianists. Silent and live auctions highlighted the event, as well as fun games and a delicious dessert made by Moraine Valley's Culinary Arts Program Bakery and Pastry students.

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College holds in-person commencement for class of 2022

Following two years of virtual graduation ceremonies, Moraine Valley held in-person commencements on Friday, May 20, in the Health, Fitness and Recreation Center's gymnasium. This year, to ensure social distancing and safety, two commencement ceremonies were held with one

starting at 11 a.m. and the other at 3 p.m. About 500 students participated in the live event which featured student speakers Jamie Novick and Raven Terry. In the 2021/22 academic year, just under 3,000 students received degrees or certificates from the college.

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Class of 2022 graduates rejoice in their accomplishments.

FPAC ticket winner announced - You may still enter to win

Moraine Valley Alumni and friends were eligible to win two free tickets to any one of the Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC) performances in the upcoming season. Congratulations to **Barbara Glusak**, who won the drawing for April.

You may still enter the drawing to win tickets by emailing your name and phone number to

alumni@morainevalley.edu. Put I WANT TO WIN TICKETS in the subject line and you are entered to win. The drawing will be held on June 15. Winners will be notified by email.

The FPAC is pleased to be back offering live performances. The FPAC's [schedule](#) for the new season will be announced in July. Current 2021/22 season performances are listed on [the FPAC](#) web site. The season starts in August and runs through May 2023.

[FPAC SHOWS](#)



2022 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees honored

During the 45th anniversary celebration of Moraine Valley Community College Athletics, four honorees were inducted into its Athletics Hall of Fame on April 30. The class included basketball announcer Bill Antonion, assistant basketball coach Kyle Hastings, tennis player Michael Wojnarowski and volleyball player Julie (Moore) Wurster.

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(Photo: left to right, inductee, Mayor Kyle Hastings; director, Health, Education and Wellness Center Bill Finn; Moraine Valley president, Dr. Sylvia Jenkins; and inductee Julie Wurster.)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Giving back becomes her brand

Barb O'Brien has come full circle--from taking general education courses and later earning a nursing degree to giving back to the same institution that gave her a great start to a successful career.

O'Brien runs Live Right Senior Care, a company she founded in response to a need for more expert home health care services for the aging population. She also is a registered nurse for the Cook County Health Department, providing care for those with brain injuries and supporting the nursing field by working with legislators regarding patient loads and critical staffing shortages throughout the country.

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Barb O'Brien speaks at the 2021 Moraine Valley Golf Outing.

Moraine Valley nursing program implements virtual reality and upgraded simulators

As technology progresses, the Nursing Program at Moraine Valley Community College is following suit, having completed its first cohort using virtual reality in class and purchasing high fidelity simulators.

Last month, nursing classes at the main campus in Palos Hills and at the Education Center at Blue Island used 25 Oculus headsets and specific software to simulate being in a hospital and treating a patient. With the headset on, students walk into a virtual hospital room, talk to a patient who responds and relays symptoms, and the students must decide on treatment.



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Annual Foundation Golf Outing set for Sept. 21

Mark your calendars for the Moraine Valley Foundation's 41st annual Golf Outing. Join the Foundation for a day of 18 holes of golf, games, food and networking at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, Sept. 21. All proceeds from the Golf Outing fund scholarships for our tee-rrific Moraine Valley students. If you are ready for a *hole* lot of fun and want to *par-take* in the golf outing, registration and sponsorship opportunities are now

available.

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Remember when? Moraine Valley Community College hosts its first graduation ceremony in 1970 despite the rainy weather.



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