

Subject:

FW: Moraine Valley Alumni Newsletter - January 2025



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - January 2025

Moraine Valley employees donate \$80,000 to support students



Each year, Moraine Valley employees provide needed financial support to students by participating in the Foundation's Employee Giving Campaign. The 2025 "Together We Soar" campaign was successful with 87% of full-time employees donating, which led to an impressive \$80,475 being raised for student scholarships, student emergency funds and special college projects.

With the theme being "Soar," employees kicked off the annual campaign with a paper airplane flying contest complete with swag prizes donated by Southwest Airlines. An Employee Giving Open House was held to thank employee-donors for their generosity. The Open House included carnival-type games where employees won chances to win raffle prizes. The heart of the campaign's success comes from the hard work of more than 60 employee volunteers representing all college departments who encourage their co-workers to participate. More than 45 departments had 100% employee participation where every member of the department donated.

"It is wonderful that our employees do the great work they do every day to support our students, and when you consider they also give from their hard-earned money to the Employee Giving Campaign, it is truly amazing," said Patti Mehallick, Employee Giving Campaign director.

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - January 2025

DONATE NOW



Foundation Gateways Gala seeking in-kind donations for silent auction

The Foundation's annual Gateways Gala is seeking in-kind donations for prizes to be offered in an auction at this year's Gala on Friday, April 11, on the Moraine Valley campus in Palos Hills. In-kind gifts are a type of charitable giving in which, instead of giving money, the goods and services themselves are donated.

This year's gala is focusing on strengthening health education. In addition to silent and live auctions where in-kind donations will be offered, plans for this year's event include a delicious dinner, a dessert created by our culinary arts students, live music, open bar and dancing.

For information on the Gala, please contact Kalynn Duggan at (708) 608-4178 or email duggank6@morainevalley.edu.

GALA INFORMATION

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



Don't miss these outstanding performances at the Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center

The Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC), located on the college's main campus in Palos Hills, has a great line-up of events you don't want to miss!

Looking for a Friday night out with a friend? [Get tickets](#) to Bettman & Halpin, an Americana folk duo on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Seating will be on the stage of the Dorothy Menker Theater.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the whole family watching the Peking Acrobats on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. This is an exciting, active performance the whole family will enjoy.

Another outstanding performance is the dynamic duo, B2wins, on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. This unforgettable, engaging show features "Top 40 from the Last 40" providing entertainment for all ages!

The college's Academic Theater takes the stage at the end of February with "Baby with the Bathwater" presented Feb. 28-March 1 and March 7-8, at 7:30 p.m. and March 2 and 9 at 3 p.m.

For information on all of the shows at the FPAC, contact the [Box Office](#) at (708) 974-5500 or go to morainevalley.edu/FPAC.

[READ MORE](#)



Local business leaders sought to attend student networking dinner

Moraine Valley's Business faculty and the student club, NextGenerationBusinessLeaders, will sponsor a networking dinner for local business leaders to share their professional experience with current Moraine Valley business students. Business

representatives from all areas of business are being sought to attend the dinner on March 27, at 5:30 p.m. in Building M of the college's main campus in Palos Hills.

The networking dinner will feature business representatives from banking, health care, retail, non-profit, legal and corporate organizations. Leaders will speak briefly on a panel answering questions from students and

then be seated with students during the dinner to exchange thoughts and ideas on how the student may excel after graduation.

Dinner is being provided by students in the Culinary Arts Program, which is part of the college's Business Department. Business leader volunteers are the guests of the college and no further time commitment is requested beyond the dinner.

If you are interested in volunteering to inspire the next generation of business leaders, please contact Patti Mehallick at mehallickp@morainevalley.edu.

BECOME A BUSINESS VOLUNTEER



Public Service Department to hold community showcase event

Moraine Valley's [Public Service Department](#), is hosting a major careers showcase event on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, on the

college's main campus in Palos Hills. Agencies from a variety of villages, cities and other institutions will be in attendance to provide information and to answer questions regarding employment opportunities and the services their agencies provide. Learn about Moraine Valley's Public Service programs, including Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Academy, Fitness Trainer, Paralegal Studies, Recreation Therapy, and Sport and Recreation Management.

For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Espinoza at espinozam9@morainevalley.edu.

READ MORE

Distinguished Alumni from 27 years ago to be inducted into Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame



On March 4, Moraine Valley will hold the 10th annual Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner, honoring four new alumni with the prestigious honor. Prior to 2014, when the Alumni Hall of Fame began, the college selected one alumni each year as their Distinguished Alumni who represented Moraine Valley in a state competition that recognized outstanding community college graduates

for their professional and civic accomplishments. To celebrate the Hall of Fame's 10th anniversary, Moraine Valley will induct the 27 Distinguished Alumni as official members of the college's Alumni Hall of Fame.

We are trying to locate some of the alumni to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. If you know any of the following alumni, please have them reach out to the college's Alumni Office so they can be included in the celebration: Robert Buhs, '84; James Foody, '74; Joan Simon, '72; Donna Kaplan Jemilo, '73; Michael McGreal, '80; Carole Biske, '89; Stacey Zawaski, '92/'93; Steven Kilgore, '89; Francine Frisby, '95; Susan Langwell, '95; Eric Spruth, '87; Marilyn Turner, '82; David Sterba, '77; Maria DeCaprio-Sunta, '81; Lori Potter, '73; Tamara Girtten, '86; and Elena Herrera, '10.

Please direct any questions to Director of Alumni, Patti Mehallick at mehallickp@morainevalley.edu.

[READ MORE](#)



Young Entrepreneurship Fair on Moraine Valley campus

The second annual Young Entrepreneurship Fair will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, on the Moraine Valley main campus in Palos Hills. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building M.

This event provides an opportunity for children age 6 to 14 to launch their very own startup business. They are coached on how to develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy and open for customers at the one-day marketplace. More than 50 booths are expected with a \$20 commitment fee charged to reserve a spot.

There will be an optional business workshop held on Thursday, Feb. 21, for students interested in learning more. Contact [Sundus Madi-McCarthy](#) for more information.

[READ MORE](#)

Did you take theater classes at Moraine Valley 1970-2002?

A Theater Program reunion is being planned for students who took Moraine Valley theater classes or performed in any college theater production from 1970 to 2002. The reunion will be held in June 2025. Those interested in more information should contact Joyce Porter at joyceporter2001@yahoo.com or visit the [Moraine Valley Theater FaceBook](#) page.

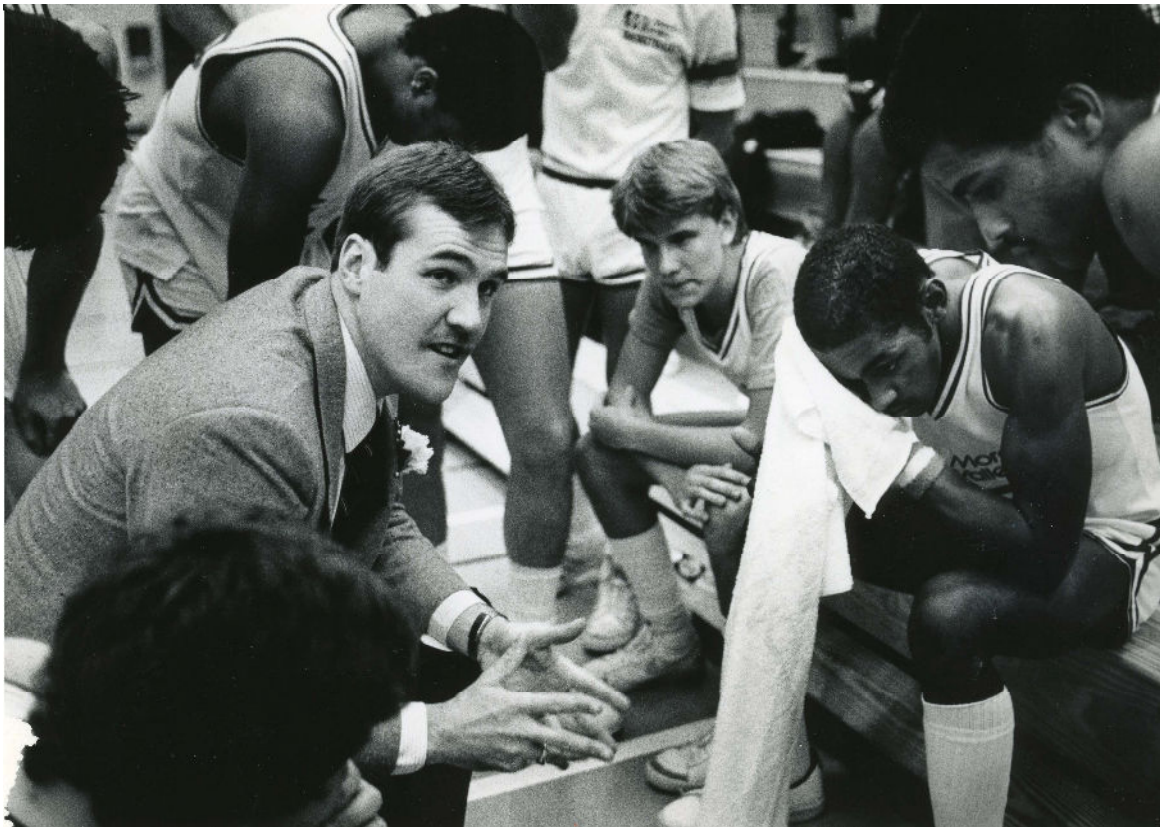
[READ MORE](#)



Read the Moraine Valley student newspaper

To catch up on the latest news and events for our current Moraine Valley students, be sure to read the Glacier. This is the student publication that recently won several national awards for being an outstanding student publication.

[READ MORE](#)



REMEMBER WHEN? This photo is of Moraine Valley basketball coach, Bill Finn, talking to the Cyclone men's basketball team. The year or the players were not identified on the photo. Coach Finn recently retired from Moraine Valley.



Facebook



Follow us on
Twitter



Watch us on
YouTube

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Moraine Valley Foundation](#)
9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, IL 60465