



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - July 2024



Moraine Valley alumnus receives state-wide distinguished alumnus award

Moraine Valley Community College alumnus, Jason Knade, was a co-recipient of the 2024 Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes an alumnus who has exhibited outstanding success and distinction in their chosen field. Additionally, the recipient must have shown service that is beneficial to society and supported community college education.

Knade is a successful filmmaker who has worked worldwide on hundreds of films, music videos, commercials and documentaries. He primarily works as a director but also has experience in writing, producing and cinematography. He currently is the creative director of Behold and is a self-employed director and cinematographer who also works with other production companies.

[READ MORE](#)

In the photo above, (left to right): Bishop Wayne Dunning, president of the ICCTA Board; Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Moraine Valley Board of Trustees chair; Jason Knade, Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame Distinguished Alumnus; and Dr. Pamela J. Haney, president of Moraine Valley Community College.



Join us for a day of 18 holes of golf, course games and networking. All proceeds from the Golf Outing fund scholarships for our amazing Moraine Valley students.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

There is still time to register for the Annual Foundation Golf Outing

[Registration](#) is going on now for the Moraine Valley Foundation's 43rd annual Golf Outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The event is sponsored by Live Right Senior Care. Multiple [sponsorship opportunities](#) are available.



Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame nomination deadline is Aug. 31

The Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Office now is accepting nominations for its 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominees must have received a degree or certificate from Moraine Valley or have

completed at least 30 hours of credits at the college 10 or more years ago.

The Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who have made an impact in their professional and personal lives. Inductees will be chosen by a committee of alumni and college faculty and staff based on their career success, commitment to education, leadership and volunteerism. They will be invited to the Alumni Hall of Fame Reception in March 2025.

[READ MORE](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Alumni has successful engineering career

“Moraine Valley provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and abilities that allowed me to continually build upon. The practical experience and deep passion of instructors helped teach me the skills I needed to persevere in my career,” said alumnus Steve Pec, who attended the college in the late '80s, earning an Associate in Applied Science degree in mechanical design and drafting and an Associate in Science transfer degree.

Pec, who is a senior staff engineer for Woodward, a design, manufacturing and service provider for aerospace and industrial markets, later went on to earn a Master of Science in Engineering Management degree and numerous professional certifications. He plans to eventually pursue a doctoral degree.

[READ MORE](#)



Moraine Valley hosts National Cybersecurity Fellowship Program Boot Camp

In May, Moraine Valley Community College hosted a three-day, in-person boot camp as part of the National Community College Cybersecurity Fellowship Program.

This application-based, competitive program, funded by the National Science Foundation and Microsoft, welcomed 35 cybersecurity students from across the country venture to campus. They were largely college

and university students in their final year of study or recent graduates working in the cybersecurity or STEM fields.

[READ MORE](#)



Fine and Performing Arts Center 2024/25 season set

From the music of The Beatles and Queen to a capella and acrobats, the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC) has a jam-packed season of diverse shows for everyone throughout 2024-25. Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Renewals and new subscriptions are ongoing.

[READ MORE](#)



ALUMNI News

Dr. Jehad Matariyeh, 2018 Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, relocated from Chicago to Dallas, TX where he is the Principal at Brighter Horizon's Academy. Dr. Matariyeh also is an adjunct professor at Collin College and serves as the Executive Director of a DeSoto, TX non-profit organization. He recently

completed a certificate in school leadership and management at Harvard University.

If you are a former Moraine Valley student who would like to share a recent accomplishment, please email Moraine Valley Matters at alumni@morainevalley.edu and we will try to publish it in a future edition of Moraine Valley Matters.

MORaine VALUES

GREAT EMPLOYEES



“I enjoy Moraine Valley’s diverse population of students and staff. It broadens your world view and builds a greater appreciation for different people and cultures.”

*Donald Allen, program assistant
in the Student Success Center*

If YOU value:

- Fulfilling work helping students pursue their dreams
- Diverse, welcoming work environment
- Excellent benefits and pension (*for full-time and many part-time positions*)
- Outstanding professional development opportunities
- Exceptional workspaces on a beautiful campus

CHOOSE a career at Moraine Valley Community College! Search for jobs at <https://jobs.morainevalley.edu>.

For more information, contact Human Resources at (708) 974-5704 or hr@morainevalley.edu.



REMEMBER WHEN? This photo, taken in 1970, is of a group of Moraine Valley students playing touch football on campus. Do you recognize anyone in this photo? If so, let us know! alumni@morainevalley.edu.



Facebook



Follow us on X



Watch us on
YouTube



Join our group on
LinkedIn

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

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