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It relieves financial stress. A scholarship eases that burden, allowing students to focus on learning rather than worry about how to pay for classes.

It opens doors to opportunities. Many students are the first in their families to attend college. For these students, a scholarship can be the difference between pursuing an education or stepping away because of the cost. Donations remove barriers.

It builds confidence and motivation. Receiving a scholarship is a powerful message-someone believes in me! Being supported and valued boosts students' confidence and helps them stay motivated.

It allows students to reduce work hours. Many students work one or more jobs. Scholarship assistance allows them to cut back on work hours, freeing up time to study and engage in the college experiences, which leads to stronger academic performance.

It helps students finish what they started. Financial need is one of the top reasons students drop out of college. Scholarships help students stay on track, complete their programs, and enter the workforce with the skills they've worked hard to gain.

It creates ripple effects for families and communities. A scholarship doesn't just change one life. When students earn degrees or certifications, they become role models to their families and contribute to a stronger community.

The value of a scholarship is measured not only in dollars, but in hope, opportunity and the belief that successful futures are possible.

Please consider a donation to help our students and see the value your giving can add to their lives.

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Moraine Valley appoints communications leader to Foundation Board

Tim Touhy, of Chicago, was sworn in as the newest member of the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation's board during a special meeting in September. The addition expands the Foundation board to 17 members.

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Moraine Valley Annuitants Association holds annual luncheon

The Moraine Valley Annuitants Association held their annual membership luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 3, on the college's main campus.

The luncheon, hosted by the Moraine Valley Foundation, celebrated the organization's accomplishments and included a general membership meeting. Featured speakers included Moraine Valley President Dr. Pamela J. Haney and Vice President of Administrative Services Dr. David Dammon.

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The Moraine Valley Robert F. Decaprio Art Gallery calling for artist exhibitions

Artists are invited to submit their work for consideration for the 2026-27 exhibition season at the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery.

Individual and small group (up to three artists) exhibitions of all types of artwork and mediums will be accepted for application through Saturday, Jan. 31. Selections will be announced in March.

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Halloween 5K Run/Walk - a thrilling time for all

The Foundation’s Halloween 5K Run/Walk was held on Oct. 25, hosted in conjunction with the Moraine Valley Foundation and the college’s Health, Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec). More than 280 participants attended the "un-boo-lievable" event that featured two races – the 5K Run/Walk and a Kid’s Dash. The proceeds, totaling $9,600, supported scholarships for Moraine Valley students.

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2026 Gateways Gala to support the college's career services programs

Whether you have relied on a mechanic to fix your car or called a repair service to address the chilling reality of a broken furnace or just stood in awe of a beautiful building or bridge, you have witnessed the immense value of tradespeople and the skills they provide. A Moraine Valley alumnus who studied at the college could be behind your car's next repair, the welded structure of your office building or your home's cozy atmosphere. These students trained for the essential, hands-on careers that sustain our communities and drive our economy.

This year, the proceeds from the Moraine Valley Gateways Gala will support career programs at the college. The gala is one of the Foundation's premier fundraising events. The 2026 gala is Friday, April 17 and promises an evening of food, music, auctions and camaraderie.

Together, we can ensure that Moraine Valley students and our community, continue to thrive.

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Generous donors start six new Foundation scholarships

The Moraine Valley Foundation has six new scholarships available during the spring and fall 2026 semesters. Eligible Moraine Valley students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships, ranging from $250 to $1,000.

"Foundation scholarships can help reduce students' financial burdens thanks to the generosity of our donors — we cannot thank them enough for their support," said Patti Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Foundation. "For the students, it's more than a gift of money; it's confidence in their education." The Foundation has more than 375 scholarships for Moraine Valley students.

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The heart of our success is our Foundation sponsors

The Moraine Valley Foundation would like to thank our 2025 Annual Sponsors for their unwavering support! Their contributions played a vital role in the success of our events, from the Gateways Gala to the 44th Annual Golf Outing and the 12th Annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk.

Our 2025 sponsors are: DKA Demonica Kemper Architects, Platinum sponsor; Old National Bank, Gold sponsor, PepsiCo, Silver; and Supporting sponsors are ComEd, UPS and Heide Wealth Management.

By becoming an annual sponsor, your company can contribute to these events while showcasing your commitment to Moraine Valley Community College. lease review our annual sponsor brochure, which outlines various sponsorship opportunities and ways to increase your business's presence on campus. In addition to annual sponsorship, there are numerous other ways to engage in each event, all of which significantly contribute to the success of our students.

Read the Moraine Valley student newspaper

To catch up on the latest news and events from the perspective of Moraine Valley students, be sure to read The Glacier. This newspaper recently won several national awards for being an outstanding student publication.

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REMEMBER WHEN? As the college continues to grow, it is a good time to reflect how far we have come. This photo of Moraine Valley's first commencement clearly demonstrates the immense growth that has taken place since its inception in 1967. The college's recent graduation required two ceremonies, each filling the large gymnasium in the college's FitRec Center's huge gymnasium with hundreds of graduates and proud family members.

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