



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - February 2024



Moraine Valley Athletic Hall of Fame grows by two athletes and a coach

Two former athletes and one retired coach were the latest group inducted into the Moraine Valley Community College Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 17. The sixth class of inductees includes a 16-year cross country coach and a volleyball and basketball player.

Mark Horstmeyer was hired at the college as the director of College and Community Relations in 1999. Shortly after, then-Athletics director Bill Finn asked if he could restart the cross country program even though Horstmeyer was a runner but hadn't coached. He led the Moraine Valley cross country program from 2000 until his retirement in spring 2016.

He coached the men's and women's programs to years of success, producing individuals and/or teams that competed at the national championship every season of his tenure. He mentored countless runners, several of whom became assistant coaches for him and one who became his successor of the programs – Dimitri Dimizas. Horstmeyer earned five Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year honors for the women's program and one for the men. He also earned four NJCAA Region 4 Coach of the Year awards for the women and one for the men.

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2024 Gateways Gala celebrates FPAC's 30th anniversary

Step into the spotlight at the [Gateways Gala](#) on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 6 to 9 p.m., as we illuminate 30 years of the [Fine and Performing Arts Center](#) (FPAC). At the Gala, witness as the FPAC Takes Center Stage, revealing two captivating performances slated for the 2024-25 season. Experience an evening immersed in the fine and performing arts, where live entertainment, hands-on art displays, delectable food stations and an open bar await you.

Prepare to be enchanted by our live auction, games and raffles, featuring an array of enticing prizes, including exotic trips, exclusive theater experiences, gourmet food and coveted concert tickets. Your presence and support ensure that the FPAC continues to flourish, enriching lives through the magic of the arts. Reserve your place at this unforgettable evening now.

Please contact [Kristy McGreal](#) at (708) 974-5335 for questions regarding the event.

GALA INFORMATION

Enter to win free tickets to see a Fine and Performing Arts Center show

Congratulations to **Peggy Casey** who was last month's winner of two tickets to any 2023-24 season performance at the [Fine and Performing Arts Center](#). You could win, too. Enter below to win two free tickets to see the show of your choice performed at the Fine and Performing Arts Center during this season's Performing Arts Series. Each month, we give away two vouchers to attend the show of your choice. Just enter by clicking on the link below. Winners for this month will be notified via email after March 15.



One of the upcoming shows at the Fine and Performing Arts Center is [Drum Tao](#) on Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the Dorothy Menker Theater on campus. DRUM TAO's modern, high-energy performance, showcases the ancient art of Japanese drumming wadaiko drums and the beautiful melody of Japanese flutes and harps. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography and innovative visuals, the performers of DRUM TAO create an energetic and unforgettable production that transfixes audiences worldwide. Contact the Fine and Performing Arts Center [Box Office](#) for ticket information.

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Moraine Valley hosting free Workforce Development Night

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting a free Workforce Development Night on Wednesday, March 27, 5 to 7 p.m., in Building T, Fogelson

Theater, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

High school students ages 16 and older can explore the possibilities of various careers available through nontraditional education at Moraine Valley, including commercial driving, nondestructive testing, pharmacy technician, dental assistant, sterile technician and more. Courses typically take one semester to complete. Students and parents will be able to speak with instructors and learn more about each program. Light refreshments will be served.

"Exploring nontraditional careers at this event gives families another look at Moraine Valley's vast offerings. For a teenager contemplating a career path, or for those who want to start working right away, these are short-term, ready-to-work courses," said Syreeta Brown, Moraine Valley senior program manager of Corporate, Community and Continuing Education.

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Moraine Valley offers new course to explore gaming industry

Moraine Valley Community College is starting a new noncredit course aimed to help anyone interested in exploring gaming industry careers.

As the Chicagoland gaming industry continues to flourish, Moraine Valley can help people prepare for a career in sports wagering, casinos, and video and slot machine establishments. The new introductory course – Illinois Gaming Industry Careers – provides an overview of various gaming career fields and how to secure a job.

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Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2024 to be inducted in March

The Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Office will announce four new inductees into the college's Alumni Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 5. Each year, the college accepts nominees for this prestigious award. The four inductees will be featured in the next issue of MV Matters.

Nominations are being accepted now for the Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2025. Nominees must have completed at least 30 credit hours at the college more than ten years ago. They should be successful in their career and education paths and active in community service as well as supportive of the college. Details and a nomination form may be found on the [Alumni web page](#). For more information, contact Moraine Valley Alumni Director, Patti Mehallick at (708) 974-5551 or alumni@morainevalley.edu.

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Library hosting first annual Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

The First Annual Jigsaw Puzzle Competition is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Moraine Valley Library. The event is open to Moraine Valley students, employees and the

community.

Participants may enter as an individual or as a pair. Select your puzzle start time at the Library reference desk and contestants have an hour to complete a 100-piece puzzle. The fastest time completing the puzzle over the two-day event, wins the competition. For more information on this even and other Library events, contact library@morainevalley.edu.

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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.

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REMEMBER WHEN? This is a photo of the Starry Night Foundation Fundraising event in 2002, held in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. This year's Gateways Gala is Thursday, April 18, and will be raising funds for the Fine and Performing Arts Center's 30th anniversary.



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