



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter



Nominations accepted now for 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - June 2024

The Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Office now is accepting nominations for its 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominees must have attended Moraine Valley 10 or more years ago and received a degree or certificate or have completed at least 30 hours of credits at the college.

The Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who have made an impact in their professional and personal lives. Winners 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.

Nominations can be made by a coworker, former colleague, family member or friend. Individuals may not nominate themselves. Visit the [Hall of Fame website](#) for additional details on qualifications for Alumni Hall of Fame nominees and the nomination process.

Nomination forms will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2024, and can be [submitted online](#) or mailed to the Moraine Valley Alumni Office, 9000 W. College Parkway, Room M220, Palos Hills, IL 60465.

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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. 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.

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Moraine Valley earns award from National Higher Education Association

Moraine Valley Community College recently received the Silver Grand Excellence Award from NASPA, the national association for student affairs administrators in higher education, for its Academic

Success Workshop: Using Data to Close Equity Gaps for Students on Academic Caution project.

The project focused on how data has been used to more efficiently assess the effectiveness of the college's online Academic Success Workshop, an intervention intended to help students identified as having academic concerns. Previously, this was a 90-minute in-person workshop. However, the COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity to redesign the workshop into an online module that students can complete on their own time from anywhere.

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Moraine Valley presents outdoor Shakespeare Play "King Lear"

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting its 20th season of free Shakespeare Under the Stars performances with "King Lear," from July 18 to 20, at 7 p.m., and July 21

at 5 p.m., on the main campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills. The outdoor performances will be on the Gateway, between Buildings M and F.

This summer's play by the Bard is a tragedy that follows the story of King Lear, who divides his kingdom between his two daughters who flatter him while banishing the youngest daughter who loves him but cannot voice it and is therefore misunderstood. He ultimately is rejected by the older daughters and goes mad. His banished daughter returns with an army to fight for him, but they later fall in battle.

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Juried community art exhibition on display through July 31

An array of art from the annual Moraine Valley Community College Juried Community Art Exhibition will be on display through July 31 in the Fine and Performing Arts Center's

(FPAC) Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery and atrium, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills.

Photos, paintings, drawings and works from artists in the community were judged by Jacob Boglio, a painter and sculptor who is a teaching artist at Art on Sedgwick and an adjunct instructor of sculpture at Trinity Christian College.

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Shakespeare Garden brick sale price ends June 30

Now is the time to purchase a personalized, engraved brick in the college's beautiful Shakespeare Garden during the annual graduation sale when brick prices are cut by \$50. The

Shakespeare Garden is located in the center of the campus, east of the Gateway, and features many of the plants and flora featured in William Shakespeare's works. The bricks are engraved with messages, greetings, quotes and memorials.



Bricks typically sell for a \$150 donation. However, to honor the Moraine Valley Class of 2024, bricks will be sold now through June 30, 2024, at the reduced donation price of \$100. Your message must meet certain criteria. Each brick has room for three lines, each with 14 spaces, and will be installed later this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation Office at foundation@morainevalley.edu or call (708) 974-5551.

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Moraine Valley professors awarded Nurse Educator Fellowship

Two Moraine Valley Community College nursing instructors each were awarded an Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Nurse Educator Fellowship. Nearly 80 individuals

earned this honor across Illinois. The number of grants awarded doubled from the previous fiscal year due to an increase in state funding.

Since 2014, the IBHE has instituted the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program to ensure the retention of qualified nursing faculty at colleges and universities that provide nursing programs throughout Illinois. The award is meant to further develop the teaching and/or leadership skills of instructors and ensure nursing students are prepared, especially with a shortage of medical personnel in the workforce.

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Congratulations to **Suha Abunijmeh**, 2024 Moraine Valley Hall of Fame inductee, on her new role at Amazon to Senior Program Manager.

Hall of Fame recipient, **Elaine Echols**, recently retired from Sisters2Sisters, a non-profit organization that focuses on developing life skills, mentoring, advocacy and motivation for women.

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.

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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.



Moraine Valley hosts free summer Movies in the Moonlight

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting its popular Movie in the Moonlight series this summer. The college will show two movies on a 16-foot inflatable screen at the Gateway, between Buildings F and M, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills. Admission is free.

The next movie is "IF" that will be shown on Saturday, July 27, at 8:30 p.m., and "Minions: Rise of Gru" will play on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 8:15 p.m.

Families must bring their own blankets or chairs to sit on. Outside food is welcome. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed on Moraine Valley's campus. People who need to smoke must do so in their vehicles.

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REMEMBER WHEN? When the spring and summer weather brings sunny, warm days, Moraine Valley students enjoy the beautiful campus. In this photo taken in 1995, students enjoy walking to class during summer session.



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