



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - May 2023



Foundation Gateways Gala is fun for everyone!

The Foundation hosted an outstanding Gateways Gala fundraising dinner on April 28. The gala was a huge success raising funds for Moraine Valley students and college projects. Attendees engaged in fun games, participated in entertainment, such as a rotating photo booth, and placed bids on many live auction items. Gateways Gala also honored Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, president of Moraine Valley Community College, who is retiring on June 30 after 36 years. To honor Dr. Jenkins, funds were raised for a new scholarship in her name. This award will go to students who are nearing the end of their degree or certificate program but are facing challenges that may make it difficult for them to finish. The Foundation would like to thank all of our donors for their generous support.

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Foundation board member, Dominick Demonica (left) with college president Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins and Foundation board member, John Daley.



Massage therapy student and Foundation scholarship recipient, Steven Stewart, was one of the featured speakers at the event.



The finalists in the Heads and Tails game compete for a grand prize. Dr. Margaret Lehner, (center, wearing green) was the winner in the final round.



In a stream of confetti, Foundation board member, Holly Bartecki, reacts after winning NASCAR tickets and other racing prizes including autographed memorabilia from NASCAR legends Richard Petty and Bobby Allison.

Graduation and ceremonies mark the end to a successful 2022/23 academic year



The Moraine Valley class of 2023 at one of the two commencement ceremonies held on campus on Friday, May 19.



Graduates of the college's 2023 Fire Academy.



A Nursing Program graduate gets pinned in the traditional Pinning Ceremony.



The Arab Student Union Scholarship ceremony awarded scholarships to several students on May 4.



Golf Outing planned for September

Are you ready for a *hole* lot of fun? [Registration](#) is now open for the Moraine Valley Foundation's 42nd annual Golf Outing to be held at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, Sept. 20, presented by Live Right Senior Care.

Join us for a day of 18 holes of golf, course games and networking. A shotgun start will be at a new time of 9 a.m. Finish the day off with an exceptional dinner and awards ceremony in the pavilion tent.

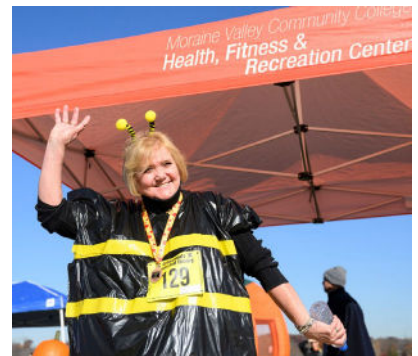
All proceeds from the Golf Outing fund scholarships for our un-fore-gettable Moraine Valley students.

There are multiple [sponsorship opportunities](#) available for the event. Please contact [Lisa Rispoli](#) for event or sponsorship questions.

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Register early for Halloween 5K Run/Walk

No trick, just treats! Run and [register](#) for the Halloween 5K Run/Walk and receive a pre-sale rate before rates increase July 1. The Moraine Valley Health, Fitness & Recreation Center will host its 10th annual Halloween 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 28 in conjunction with the Moraine Valley Foundation. Open to the Moraine Valley campus and community, this race donates all proceeds to the Moraine Valley Foundation, which provides need-based scholarships to students including FitRec employees. [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are available for this "spooktacular" event.



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5K raises funds for new Amir Darwish Refugee Scholarship

Despite the unforgiving winds, the Humanity 5K event was a huge success. More than 270 people

participated in the race. Some also donated on top of their registration fee. Others donated because they could not attend. Event proceeds are more than \$15,000 for each of the two causes, scholarships for refugees and medical equipment.

The Amir Darwish scholarship is now [taking applications](#). The scholarship will assist refugee students at Moraine Valley Community College. Students may apply online now through July 31. Refugee student is defined as students who seek refuge from their home country and are in desperate need of support.

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Host families needed for Moraine Valley international students

Moraine Valley Community College is seeking host homes within its district for international students who will be attending classes during the fall 2023 semester. Being a host home presents residents with the opportunity for cultural exchange.

Host homes must be located within a 15-minute walk to the campus in Palos Hills or along public transportation routes such as Pace bus lines #381, #385 or #379 as most international students do not have a car to get to school. Residents must own their homes and cannot be held to a lease. The home must have a washing machine/dryer on the premises, access to the internet and a private bedroom available to the international student.

For more information, call (708) 974-5427.

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Shakespeare Garden bricks special-priced for grads, alumni and employees

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 plays. The garden has a brick path that weaves through the beautiful flowers and plants. The bricks are engraved with messages, greetings, quotes and memorials.



Bricks typically sell for \$150 each. However, to honor the Moraine Valley Class of 2023, bricks will be sold now through July 1, 2023, at the reduced 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.

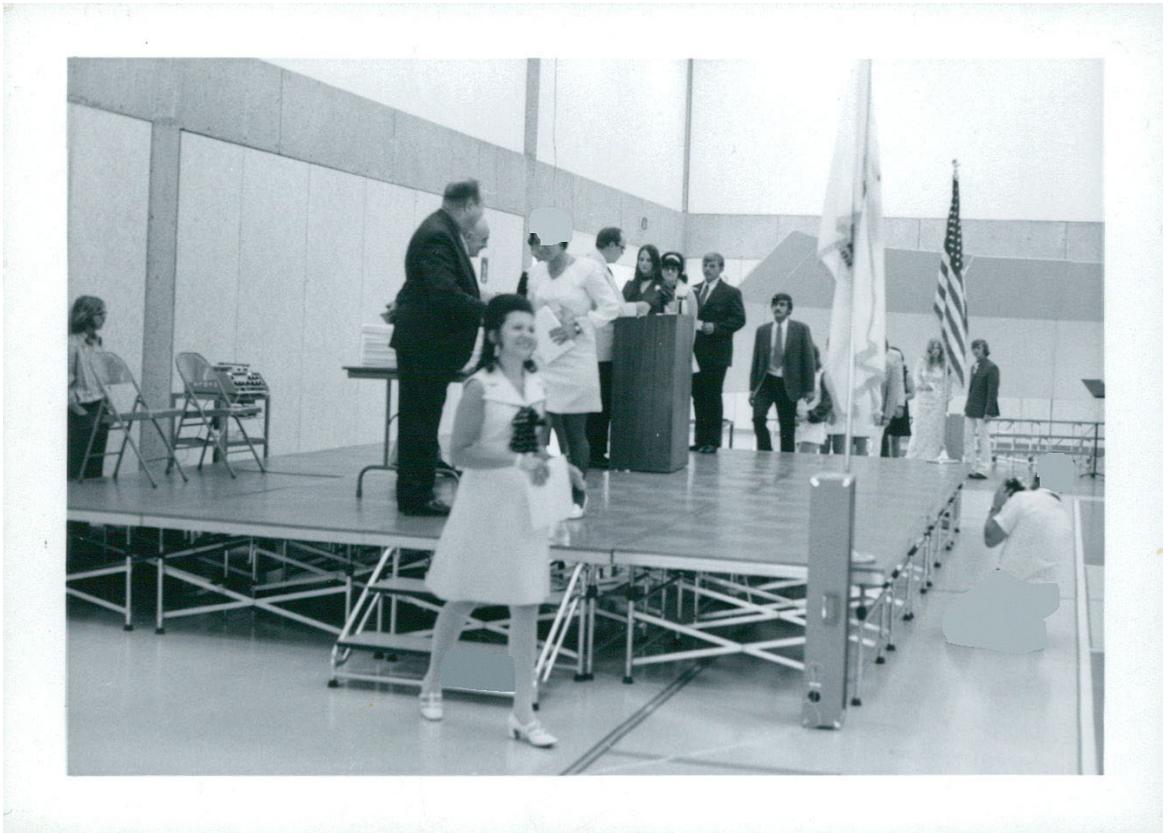
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Read the Moraine Valley student newspaper - The Glacier

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 THE GLACIER



REMEMBER WHEN? - This photo taken in 1970 during the Moraine Valley Community College graduation ceremony held in the gymnasium on campus.



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