



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - November 2022



Happy Thanksgiving from the Moraine Valley Foundation!

At this time of year, we would like to offer our most sincere thanks to the many kind donors who support the Moraine Valley Foundation. Thanks to your generosity, students receive scholarships, students in crisis are helped and special projects for the college are supported.

The three students in the photo above represent hundreds of other students who are helped by our donors' generosity.

The students featured in the photo (left to right) are Aubrietta Diggs-Harris, recipient of the Great Lakes Bank scholarship; Alicia Curry, recipient of the Dr. Vernon O. Crawley Scholarship; and Juan Diaz, recipient of the Beverly Keehn Scholarship.

Alumni Spotlight: Former FitRec lifeguard finds her career path and love at poolside

Jenna Obeid worked as a lifeguard at Moraine Valley's Health, Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec) while a sophomore in high school. She was so impressed by the campus, she decided to attend Moraine Valley after graduating. "It was the right fit for me," says Jenna. "I loved the campus, and it was close to home." She hoped to pursue a degree in respiratory therapy.

Due to the pandemic, the college's Respiratory Therapy Program was cut from 28 to 16. Unfortunately, Jenna was cut from the program. "There was nothing I could do. I felt so defeated," she said. However, at the last minute, she was notified she could start the program in fall of 2020. "It was a miracle," she said. "I remember telling myself 'this happened for a reason,' and I told myself I deserved to be there."

The Respiratory Therapy Program offered diverse clinical sites, which helped Jenna become more comfortable with different ventilators and procedures. She considers the program's coordinator, Carolyn DeWitt, a role model. "I hope to become a respiratory educator and be as supportive and motivating as she was for me," Jenna said.

Jenna received several Foundation scholarships, including the FitRec Scholarship, Kiwanis International Scholarship and Arab American Academic Excellence Scholarship, which helped her achieve her educational goal.

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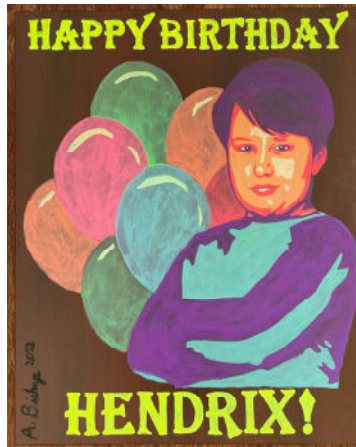
Since 2012, Giving Tuesday, is a global annual event, set aside to encourage radical community support to charities and nonprofit organizations. The Moraine Valley Foundation will participate in Giving Tuesday this year to support the Foundation's Student Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund supports students in crisis by providing financial assistance for things like overdue utility bills, groceries, medical care or bus passes. Often students in situations like these are forced to make tough decisions about their future that could put them at risk of dropping out of school. The Student Emergency Assistance Fund provides support to help manage through the crisis so the student can stay in school. The Foundation also [provides scholarships](#) and funds special projects at the college.

To make this year's Giving Tuesday more fun, we are offering donors chances to win VISA gift cards throughout the day and also putting some interesting items up for silent auction. Please remember our students when making your Giving Tuesday donations. Early donations are being accepted now. Visit [our Facebook page](#) on Giving Tuesday to be part of the fun.

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You can place a bid on our Giving Tuesday silent auction on these beautiful items including hand-crafted, oak-framed leaded stained glass depiction of a swan created by local craftsman/artist Vern Paul. (16" x 23") Ready to hang in your sunny window or a great gift. [Bid on these and other items now.](#)



Bid on having local artist Alan Bishop create a posterized acrylic painting of your favorite photo of a child, family pet or loved one. Choose to have it just how you want it. This incredibly cool painting style can be ready for holiday giving and kept for a lifetime! [Check out these and other auction items now.](#)

Other items for bid include a personalized, engraved brick in the college's Shakespeare Garden sidewalk; a 1/4 zip Moraine Valley Foundation golf pullover; or an embroidered Moraine Valley ball cap.

Check out these items for bid - [Bid now](#) through Nov. 30, at 12 p.m. All proceeds go to the Giving Tuesday fund drive to raise money for our Student Emergency Fund to help students in crisis.

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[Get tickets online](#) 24/7, or contact the Box Office

Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at (708) 974-5500.

The Box Office will be closed starting Friday, Dec. 23, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023.

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