



# Moraine Valley Matters

*Alumni and Friends Newsletter*

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - October 2022



Photo above - Halloween 5K participants ran dressed in full costume.

## Halloween 5K Run/Walk - a haunting success!

More than 235 participants, many dressed in costume, participated in the 9th Annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 29. The weather was perfect as the race started at 9 a.m., at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills.

Participants walked, ran or rode along in baby strollers for the officially timed 5K (3.1 mile) path throughout campus. The Kid's Dash started at 10:15 a.m. with 49 children participating age 3 to 12 years old, a highlight of the event. All pre-registered participants received a T-shirt and were treated to Andy's Frozen Custard, fresh fruit from the Orland Park Trader Joe's and other rejuvenating snacks at race end.

Runners/walkers were able to enroll their children in the Little Pumpkins Patch, a free area open during and after the race that included pumpkin decorating and various Halloween activities. Awards were also given based on age groups and other fun awards such as best costume and biggest group.

Proceeds from the event go to the Moraine Valley Foundation, which provides scholarships to students. For additional information, visit [morainevalley.edu/fitrec/programs/halloween5k](https://morainevalley.edu/fitrec/programs/halloween5k).



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## Orland Park Veterans Commission creates scholarship for Moraine Valley veterans

The Orland Park Veterans Commission established a new scholarship for veterans or their dependents who attend Moraine Valley Community College. The

organization donated \$3,000 to provide three \$1,000 scholarships that can be used toward the recipients' tuition, books and fees.

"Our charter is to support veterans in the community. We raise and donate funds to causes that help us achieve this mission," said Dale A. Carver, chairperson of the Orland Park Veterans Commission. "We created this scholarship through the Moraine Valley Foundation because it has the procedures and resources in place to ensure the scholarship will be awarded to the most deserving applicants."

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## Women's Tennis Team heading to Nationals

With a largely new roster, a second-year head coach, first-year assistant coach and new team captain, all the right pieces came together to give the Moraine Valley Community College women's tennis team two championships and a trip to nationals this season.

It has been quite a turnaround for the Cyclones, who finished fourth in the NJCAA Region IV and third place in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference last year. The Cyclones are now champions of both. Aside from a first match loss, where two players were injured and unable to finish competing that day, the team was undefeated. They went 6-1 overall and 4-0 in conference, largely dominating opponents, including four shutouts.



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## Please support the Moraine Valley Foundation on Giving Tuesday - Nov. 29

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.

Please remember our students when making your Giving Tuesday donations. Early donations are being accepted now.

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## Academic Theater presents: Urinetown, the Musical

Don't miss seeing Moraine Valley theater students in their fall semester performance of [Urinetown](#), the Musical, Nov. 4-13, on the Dorothy Menker Theater stage. The show is directed by Dr. Craig Rosen. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday performances and 3 p.m. for Sunday shows.

The play depicts a terrible water shortage that has crippled a town. To regulate water consumption, the government has banned the use of private toilets. People must use public, pay-for-use amenities owned and operated by the corrupt Caldwell B. Cladwell. Anyone who refuses to pay to pee is immediately hauled off to Urinetown. What is Urinetown? Nobody knows, for those who are sent there are never heard from again.

Tickets are \$12 unless otherwise indicated and may be purchased online or at the Fine and Performing Arts Center [box office](#).

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**Remember When** - Students enjoyed bean bag chair seating in the student lounge in the early 1970s.

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