



Moraine Valley Matters

Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - October/November 2023



10th Annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk - a wicked success!

About 300 participants, many dressed in costume, participated in the 10th Annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk on Sat., Oct. 28. The brisk autumn weather was perfect when the race started at 9 a.m., at Moraine Valley Community College.

Participants walked, ran or rode in baby strollers for the officially timed 5K (3.1 mile) new certified course throughout campus. More than 60 children, aged three to 12, participated in the Kid's Dash, a highlight of the event. All 5K participants received a T-shirt and hat and were treated to Aquafina water from PepsiCo, Andy's Frozen Custard – Orland Park location, bagels from Great American Bagel – Palos Heights location, fresh fruit from Trader Joe's – Orland location and other rejuvenating snacks at the end of the race.

Runners/walkers were able to enroll their children in the Little Pumpkins Patch while they participated in the 5K. Thanks to our sponsors, ComEd, Dave & Buster's and Lapham-Hickey Steel, the Little Pumpkins Patch was complimentary to the participants that included face painting, piñatas and various Halloween craft activities.

This year's Halloween 5K was presented by Local 134 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The Foundation is grateful for the additional event sponsors which include Matrix, Gift Sponsor; Refugee Life Foundation and RUSH Physical Therapy, Finish Line Sponsors; Heide Wealth Management Group and Live Right Senior Care, Mile Marker Sponsors. The Foundation's 2023 Annual Event Sponsors include Demonica Kemper Architects, Platinum; John and Patricia Coleman, Gold; PepsiCo Food Service, Silver; Old National Bank, Bronze; ComEd, Heide Wealth Management Group and Legat Architects, Supporting.

Proceeds from the event go to the Moraine Valley Foundation, which provides scholarships to students.

RACE RESULTS



5K participants dressed in all kinds of fun and scary costumes fruity to frightening.



Families and friends teamed wearing costumes and running or walking together. There was something for everyone to enjoy!



The Kids Dash is one of the favorite events held during the 5K each year with children ages three to 12 competing in the 1K run.



The 10th Annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk proved to be quite an exciting time for everyone involved.



Alumni Spotlight: Moraine Valley grad "chuffed to bits" about her studies across the pond

If someone had asked Katherine Scheidt a few years back what she saw herself doing in the future, she probably would have said waitressing in her hometown. That was then, and the University of

Cambridge in England is now.

Scheidt wasn't interested in college once she graduated high school. After all, she liked the paychecks she earned waiting tables at a small restaurant in the Mount Greenwood area. "I really wasn't gung-ho about school, and I was focusing on my job because I liked it a lot. I was making good money and enjoyed hanging out with the people at the restaurant," she said.

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Dr. Pamela J. Haney sworn in as 6th president of Moraine Valley Community College

In the photo above, on Oct. 25, Dr. Pamela J. Haney is applauded by the college's trustees, faculty and staff during her investiture as the college's sixth president. Dr. Haney was honored in other events on campus being introduced to community members, alumni and current students during the festivities recognizing her inauguration.

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Students Jessee Sotelo and Kevin Kelly pose with Dr. Haney at the pizza party in Building U where students had a chance to meet her and make cards for cancer patients.



Community members, the Foundation and alumni were invited to meet Dr. Haney on Oct. 24, in Building M. (left to right) College Trustee vice-chair Patricia Murphy, scholarship donor

Rush Darwish, Dr. Haney, Nareman Taha from Arab American Family Services and faculty member Dr. Sundus Madi-McCarthy, enjoy the festivities.

Giving Tuesday raising funds for scholarships

The Moraine Valley Foundation will be joining the fundraising effort across the country on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28. Donors who contribute to the Foundation on that special day of giving, will not only help our amazing students but will also be entered to win prizes donated by local businesses in the Oak Lawn area. The goal for this year's Giving Tuesday is to raise funds to create a scholarship for the spring 2024 semester.

Donations are already coming in. Feel free to contribute at any time up to and including Nov. 28. All donors will be entered to win prizes. Winners will be notified by email the following week. Moraine Valley students in the photo to the right are 2023/24 Foundation scholarship recipients (left to right) Sarah Kent, Charlise Parker and Atta Motan.



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ACADEMIC THEATER Presents: The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Don't miss the final performance on Nov. 12, of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" playing now in the Dorothy Menker Theatre in Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center. Based on

the book by Joe Tracz and adapted by Rick Riordan, the play is based on the son of Poseidon, Percy Jackson who has newly discovered powers he can't control. With monsters on his trail and in a quest to find Zeus' lightning bolt to prevent a war between the Greek gods. The play features a thrilling original rock score and will have all ages cheering.

TICKETS

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

Win two free tickets to see the show of your choice performing at Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center during this season's Performing Arts Series. Each month, we will be giving away two vouchers to attend the show of your choice. Just enter by clicking on the link below. Winners will be notified via email after Nov. 15.

The next professional series show is [Alicia Olatuja](#) on Nov. 18 at 7:30 pm. Praised by the New York Times as "a singer with a strong and luscious tone and an amiably regal presence on stage," Alicia Olatuja has been astounding audiences with her exquisite vocals, artistic versatility, and captivating demeanor.

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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? Pictured are the recipients of the Fall 1998 Faculty Scholarship. From left to right are Teresa Anderson, Andrea Soto, Hanadi Al-Wawi, Jennifer Anderson-Gasik Faculty Chair, Lina ElZahdan and Linda Klingensmith.



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