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Alumni and Friends Newsletter

Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Newsletter - August/September 2024

Foundation Golf Outing ready to go - Silent Auction open to golfers and non-golfers

The 43rd Annual Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Golf Outing is on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont. Proceeds from the outing fund scholarships for students in need.

Whether you are golfing in the outing or are a non-golfer, you may take part in the event's silent auction going on now. Bid on great foursomes, family-friendly activities, sports entertainment, food and much more. Start bidding now from the comfort of your home on amazing items and fun things to do! The silent auction closes at noon on Thursday, Sept. 19.

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By bidding in the silent auction, you are helping Moraine Valley students obtain a college education.

PLACE YOUR BID

Some of the many items up for silent auction are shown below, including a Yeti gift basket, selection of fine Whittingham Meats, dining at Capri restaurant along with indoor golfing next door, Swedish massages and tickets to Chicago's Illusion Museum.

MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS CHICAGO

THE HAVEN INDOOR GOLF

Capri Ristorante Italiano

Run or walk the Halloween 5K, Enjoy fun family activities

Grab some gym shoes and a costume for the 11th annual Halloween 5K run/walk and Kid's Dash on Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m., at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

Participants can walk or run the officially timed 5K (3.1 mile) path throughout campus. The Kid's Dash will start at 10:15 a.m. for children 3 to 12 years old. All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Costumes are encouraged for the individual and group costume contest.

Runners/walkers can sign their children up for the Little Pumpkins Patch, a free activity area open during and after the race that includes pumpkin decorating and various Halloween activities.

Registration is $40 for community members/alumni and $30 for Moraine Valley students/employees. Prices go up by $5 on Oct. 1. The Kid's Dash is $15 until race day. Anyone who wants to register their child for the Little Pumpkins Patch must be signed up for the race.

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Moraine Valley Alumnus Mark Sebby scholarship announced at NDT lab ribbon cutting

Moraine Valley Community College used a $500,000 grant from the Congressional Funded Community Project to upgrade its Nondestructive Testing (NDT) laboratory. The college unveiled the space during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August.

The facility now features cutting-edge technology, including a magnetic particle inspection machine, phased arrays ultrasonic testing devices, eddy current scanners and probes, and digital radiography tools. A new liquid penetrant station is coming soon.

NDT is a growing field that plays a critical role in assuring that structural components and systems perform their function in a reliable and cost-effective fashion. NDT technicians and engineers define and implement tests that locate and characterize material conditions and flaws that might otherwise cause less visible but troubling events.

In the photo above, the Sebby family started a scholarship for NDT students in memory of their father and husband, Mark Sebby, who attended Moraine Valley NDT classes. In the photo below, Moraine Valley trustees and Executive Leadership Team cut the ribbon to the new NDT laboratory.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Nursing alumnus starts scholarship in honor of her dad

Carrie Jeffery knew she wanted a career where she could help people, and she gained a solid foundation for her nursing career at Moraine Valley. She eventually went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees, and professional certifications in pediatric nursing and nursing professional development.

“I always thought Moraine Valley’s program was like a bachelor’s degree packed into two years because we learned so much,” she said.

While taking nursing classes, she worked as a nurse’s aide at Advocate Christ Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit [NICU].

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Scoops and Scholarships introduces scholarship recipients to donors

Each summer, the Moraine Valley Foundation announces the recipients of more than 300 student scholarships awarded to deserving students for use in the coming fall and spring semesters. After the announcements are made, Foundation donors, who provided the funding for the scholarships, are invited on campus to the Foundation's annual "Scoops and Scholarships" event. Here donors meet the recipients of their scholarships and students get to express their appreciation for their awards. On Wednesday, Aug. 14, more than 100 scholarship recipients, their parents and scholarship donors, gathered in the shady courtyard behind the college's Building M to enjoy refreshing ice cream sundaes and each other’s company.

"It was great to meet the very kind people who made my scholarship possible and to thank them in person," said Riley Spreadbury Scholarship recipient Jashua Guttierrez. Bruce and Deborah Pfaff, donors of the Riley Spreadbury Scholarship, attended the event to meet all 12 of the students they supported. "It is our hope that the recipients of our scholarship are able to do well by overcoming the obstacles they have faced and succeed in college, get good grades and graduate with no debt," said Pfaff. The Pfaffs have been sponsoring up to a dozen students each year since 2017.

"Receiving my award, the Jesus DeAnda Memorial Scholarship, from the DeAnda family, helps me financially of course, but, more importantly, it helps me emotionally to know that someone out there, who I do not even know, believes in me," said scholarship recipient, Nicholas Barragen.

If you are interested in starting a scholarship for Moraine Valley students, contact Patti Mehallick at scholarships@morainevalley.edu.

In the photo above, scholarship donors Bruce and Deborah Pfaff (center), are surrounded by their 2024/25 Riley Spreadbury Scholarship recipients.

WATCH EVENT VIDEO

Moraine Valley's Greer Scholars program wins national DEI award

Moraine Valley Community College's Greer Scholars Program received the 2024 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from Insight Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Inspiring Programs in STEM Award honors colleges and universities that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"Our Greer Scholars team is honored by the recognition and encouraged to learn that the work we are doing to support diverse STEM students in our Greer Scholars Program is on par with the proactive initiatives at institutions across the country," said Dr. Paula DeAnda-Shah, professor of mathematics and STEM Center coordinator. "The partnership between the Greer Foundation and Moraine Valley's Student Success Center, STEM Center, Foundation, and Science, Business and Computer Technology Subdivision has been a transformative experience for all of the faculty, staff and students involved."

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