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**A**s a faculty or staff member of Mountain View College, wouldn't it be nice to have answers to frequently asked questions right at your fingertips? Well, with recent improvements to the MVC Intranet, you do. This website, intended for campus faculty and staff only, keeps you on top of the latest employee news and events, as well as providing a host of other useful material that is updated on a continual basis.

The MVC Intranet also contains a Human Resources site, a site for Campus Computing, PSSA's newly designed site, the Public Information site, the Business Office site and an online staff directory. Campus Services are posted on the site as well. With its new, more flexible design, the intranet also offers links to district sites, policies and procedures, important forms and a district-wide employee directory. If you need to find out more about who does what,

when, where, and how, these sites should answer your questions.

Another benefit of the improved intranet is that College Committees can post meeting agendas and

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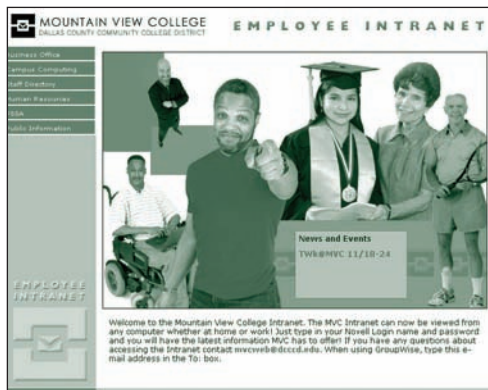
there's no need to worry about accidentally deleting important committee emails.

Our intranet is slightly different from the regular website. The first thing you'll notice is the INTRA before the word NET as opposed to INTER. The internet, as we all know it, is a network that is accessible to the public. Intra is a prefix, referring to something that is within; therefore the Intranet refers to

the internal net that we at Mountain View use. The intranet is only accessible to a limited audience that consists of faculty and staff here at Mountain View.

You can visit the site by clicking on the Employee Intranet link on the sidebar on the regular MVC

website. When you access the MVC Intranet you will be asked for your network login name and your password. If you have a need for an intranet site, please contact Public Information at 8680 or MVC webmaster Matt Greene at 8545.



minutes and archive these materials so that members can access them. Frequently used documents or forms can be posted to the web, which could save you and your committee time. Since these items will always be posted on the intranet,

# Means Nominated for Piper Award

Mountain View College's Richard Means has been selected as a finalist for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award, which honors a select number of college professors annually for their dedication to the teaching profession, and for

outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievements.

Means, who is a "Pioneer" in the truest sense of the word, was actually hired at MVC about a month before the college opened. His love for teaching is obvious to

friends and colleagues, as well as the thousands of students who have passed through his classes over the years. Despite his tenure of more than three decades, Means still possesses a boyish enthusiasm for the job.



"Oh, they'll probably have to carry me out of here some day," he said. "I still enjoy teaching very much, and I have no interest in retirement at all."

In addition to teaching, Means has been extremely active in faculty and campus affairs. He was the founder of the MVC Faculty Association, and

was president of the association for two years. He was instrumental in developing self-paced courses in the History sector, and is proud to have developed a Mexican History class at MVC that he still teaches. Means has also continued to enjoy the classroom from a student's perspective, adding more than 60 hours of education beyond his Masters degree just for the sake of learning.

Means also enjoys hitting the road with his students and giving them a first-hand look at places they learn about in his history classes. He and his students have visited a number of interesting locations in recent years, including Mexico, New

Orleans, La. and Vicksburg, Miss.

While Means certainly exhibits a dedication to professionalism and a lifetime commitment to his craft, those around campus also know he is quick with a laugh and is seldom one to take life too seriously. He usually sports an unlit cigar while in the building, and has an array of interests outside the classroom such as sailing, snow skiing, traveling and reading.

"I love boats," Means said. "I've always had a fascination with them. I've owned three sail boats, but now I'm more into snow skiing and haven't been sailing that much lately." ■

## Life Transitions Provides Childcare Scholarships

The Life Transitions Department awarded 58 MVC students with childcare scholarships for the Fall 2002 semester. A total of 72 children are enrolled in community child care centers through the assistance of childcare grants provided by the U.S. Department of Education Childcare Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Carl D. Perkins Act 1998, and



MVC Institutional support.

The Life Transitions Department also maintains a textbook lending library to assist students who cannot afford to purchase textbooks. For the Fall 2002 semester 114 students received textbooks through this grant funded program.

For more information about the Life Transitions Department and the many programs it offers, call 214-860-8555. ■

## Woods Receives Nomination

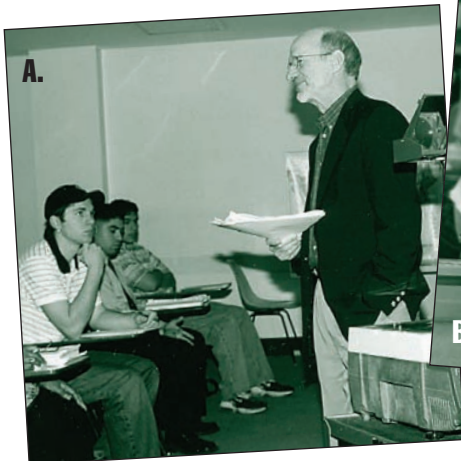
Kyle Woods has been selected as the MVC nominee for the Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award, a district-wide award for student service excellence. The award was renamed the "Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award" after the untimely death of Sharon Griffith in 1987, and it recognizes those who exemplify the personal characteristics and leadership qualities that contribute to the development of students and student success. Woods says he's honored by the nomination.



"It is a real honor any time you are recognized this way by your peers, because they are the ones who are with you day in, and day out." Woods, who started as a student assistant in Counseling at MVC in 1995, is now the assistant to the coordinator. He insists that "it's the people that make MVC a special place," and that he is happy to be a part of the everyday MVC experience.

The winner of this year's Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award will be named Feb. 20 at the annual Faculty and Administrators District Conference Day. ■

# I See You...



A. Instructor Kenneth Alfors engages students in History 1301. B. Myrna Hurtado is happy to lend a helping hand. C. Niki Ferguson is all smiles in the Business Development Office. D. Belinda Senteno (left) and Emeritus student Frances Stanley enjoy a morning with the Emeritus Book Club. E. Pat Standifer, Alex Diaz, Tivy Valladarez and Vivian Anuolam enjoy a display of Halloween spirit exhibited outside the Human Resources office. F. Jason Moses wishes all a Happy Halloween from Counseling. G. Cinesa Daniels works beneath a web of decorations in the Counseling Center.

## People News

**Carlos Barron** attended the Plato software convention in Gulfport, Miss. on Sept 23-24th where he shared information of our Title V grant using Plato with other colleges. He also attended the 15th Annual International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics, as well as the American Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference in Phoenix on November.

**Aimee Villarreal** attended the National TRIO Convention in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 10-14 where more than 500 TRIO professionals convened. She represented Mountain View well, by

winning the women's division of the 5K race that was held during the convention to raise money for the Council for Opportunity in Education.

In an effort to recruit Duncanville High School students to the MVC Tech Prep Program, **Christa Jones, Tommy Green, Doug Keenan** and robotics student **Betty Fuller** recently attended a luncheon at DHS. With Fuller at the helm, the group dazzled onlookers by introducing them to one of many robots recently assembled by students in MVC robotics classes.

"It was very nice of Doug,

Tommy and Betty to take the time to help me promote the Tech Prep Program," said program coordinator Jones. "And the crowd really enjoyed the robot. It was a huge hit. I think they made a great impression."

Representing Mountain View's ad hoc "shall I get up this early or not?" running team, **Susan Ferguson** won first place in her division at DeSoto's 5K run on Oct. 12.

According to MVC School Alliance Coordinator **Dee Hargrove**, GEAR UP has served 945 kids during our Field Trips program, Intramural programs, and

Career Exploration programs this fall.

The MVC Graphics Department recently received two gold Medallion awards and one bronze at the District IV NCMPR (National Council for Marketing and Public Relations) Conference in Little Rock Arkansas. The gold awards were for a Brochure/Flyer titled *It's Time to Take a Closer Look*, and a student handbook dubbed *Student Planner & Academic Calendar*. The bronze award was received for the *President's Report*. **Kelly Kirkpatrick** attended the conference and accepted the awards on behalf of MVC. 📧

# Don't Forget the EDF Auction!

The Employee Development Fund (EDF) Auction is coming this spring! So, while you are doing your holiday shopping, don't forget about getting something cool for the auction. Or, if you receive a gift that you really don't need or just doesn't fit your style or decor, think about donating it to the EDF auction. The auction is always a huge hit, and the proceeds always go to a great cause. So start preparing today! 📧

**AUCTION!**



## HUMAN RESOURCES: NEWS & UPDATES



As a DCCCD employee, one of the available benefits for full time and limited full time employees is the opportunity to utilize paid leave time. This benefit is a tremendous help when you get ill or want a vacation. The employee needs to request the time off from work so that the supervisor can determine what type of coverage is needed for the absent employee's duties. Just complete the Application for Leave Form for your supervisor to approve prior to the proposed absence. For record keeping purposes, it is essential that the leave forms be completed upon return from an unplanned absence.

The Leaves & Absences Policy can be located at the following website: [http://www.tasb.org/cgipol/dopolicyframeverity.perl?orgno=057501&policy=DEC\(L\)-X-057501.html](http://www.tasb.org/cgipol/dopolicyframeverity.perl?orgno=057501&policy=DEC(L)-X-057501.html) 📧

### September • October • September • October



**Sept. 17** – Met with US Navy officials to discuss their Flagship Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program.

**Sept. 26** – Attended and participated as a panelist at the COMBASE Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA from Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2002. Other panel participants included: Allatia Harris, Toni Holloway and Ms. Lori Griffin, Specialist for the Dallas Independent School District.

Upon returning from the conference, Dr. Amerman attended a reception honoring Visiting Scholars & DCCCD Board of Trustees.

**Oct. 2, 2002** – Attended a luncheon with County Commissioner Kenneth A. Mayfield.

**Oct. 8, 2002** – Met with Dean, Keith Swigger & Barbara Lerner, Assoc. Dean from Texas Women University to discuss our continuing relationship with their

university.

**Oct. 9, 2002** – Met with Bob Thornton, Chairman of the DCCCD Foundation and Mr. & Mrs. John Muse to discuss the Rising Star program and the Teacher Training Academy. John and Lyn are interested in education and want to learn more about Tomorrow's Teachers. It is hoped they will consider donating to the Rising Star program, earmarking their gift to Rising Star recipients who plan to

go in the field of education.

**Oct. 15, 2002** – Met with seniors from Molina to discuss "Think Early College."

**Oct. 16, 2002** – Dr. John Price, Rudy Rodriguez, and

Dr. John Stansell, Chair of Curriculum & Instructions at University of North Texas System Center visited MVC to discuss strengthening the relationship with MVC, scholarship opportunities and bi-lingual education.

Spoke at the SW Leadership class of 2003 about education at the University of North Texas System Center.

**Oct. 20, 2002** – Attended the Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony.

**Oct. 22, 2002** – Met with Clyde Porter and the architects to discuss the Capital Improvement Project.

**Oct. 23, 2002** – Met with Dr. Aguero to discuss New Program Development.

**Oct. 24, 2002** – Attended the Oak Cliff Chamber Urban Affairs Committee Meeting.

Attended a special meeting of the Oak Cliff Gateway TIF District Board of Directors to discuss the proposed public improvement project.

**Oct. 25, 2002** – Attended the HACU 16th Annual Conference from Oct. 25 - Oct. 28.

**Oct. 30, 2002** – Attended the Chancellor's Planning Retreat, Oct. 30 - 31, 2002 📧

## CAMPUS CALENDAR December

- 3** Stress Relief: Neck & Shoulder Massage (by Appt.), 12:30pm – 3:30pm, Health Center
- Odyssey Institute-How to Write a Winning Scholarship Essay, 12:30pm – 1:50pm, W175
- 3** MVC Women's Basketball @ Southwestern, Christian College, 4:30pm, There
- MVC Men's Basketball @ Southwestern Christian College, 7:30pm, There
- 4** Study Break, 9am – 1pm, Cafeteria
- 5** Club Holiday Party, 12:30pm – 2pm Cafeteria
- 5** TRIO/FOCUS Holiday Celebration & Awards, 9am – 1pm, Cafeteria
- 5** MVC Basketball vs. Panola College, 8pm, Here
- 12** Winter Wonderland Celebration (Campus Holiday Luncheon), 12pm–2pm, Cafeteria

## NEW HIRES and NEW POSITIONS

**Charles Fernandez** - Faculty - Business Management  
**Terris Mikelk** - Faculty - Computers  
**Demetrica Aldridge** - School Alliance Associate - WISE Program  
**LaKesha Braggs** - Academic Advisor - Rising Star Program

**BE SURE TO WELCOME THESE NEW EMPLOYEES TO MOUNTAIN VIEW!**