

MWCC will be raising awareness about hunger and homelessness in the month of November with several events on campus. Look for more details in the next issue!

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a voice for the students of mount wachusett community college

Fitness Center Fees by Ashley Gough

Fulltime students have recently been required to pay a membership fee of \$60 per semester in order to use the Fitness and Wellness Center facilities, where it was previously free. This came as a shock to many students who have voiced complaints about the change. The change came with short notice over the summer in the form of an email, letter or announced on signs put up around the Fitness Center entrance.

Steve Washkevich, Director of the Fitness and Wellness Center, stated that the implementing of fees to students

was a way of being able to keep up with rising costs without having to raise membership fees for non-students. He also stated that with an annual rate of \$320 for a non-student adult member of the community, the \$60 fee per semester was still a significant discount.

Amy Doucette, a student at the Mount, stated that she thinks the Fitness Center should be free for all students. She also mentioned that with the problems of obesity and poverty in America, it would be a great benefit to students to have access to this facility

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Freedom of the Press Discussed on Constitution Day by Ashley Gough



The panel included (l-r): Attorney Jim Korman, Dr. John Fielding, and Dr. William Hanna.

MWCC American History professor, Dr. William Hanna, and Legal Studies professor, Attorney Jim Korman, met in the South Cafe Monday September 17 to talk about the freedom of the press. Moderator Dr. John Fielding, Interim Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, lead the discussion by posing questions about the ethics and history of this concept. The event was part of Constitution Day, a nationally recognized day in which education about our nation's Constitution is required in all schools.

The discussion began with both men giving examples of court cases that dramatically impacted the history of the subject matter. Dr. Hanna brought up the groundbreaking case that took place in 1735, the libel trial of John Peter Zenger, printer of The New York Weekly Journal. Colonial Governor William Cosby had Zenger arrested on charges of seditious libel for printing negative information about him. Zenger was dismissed of the charges, citing truth as a defense for seditious libel. Although what Zenger printed about the Governor was offensive, it was true. Dr. Hanna discussed this case as setting a precedent for the freedom of the press.

Professor Korman discussed the 1964 case, New York Times Co. v. Sullivan. This case

determined that the plaintiff in a defamation or libel case must prove that the publisher of the statement in question knew the statement was false or acted in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity. According to Professor Korman, this case helped control the many libel charges being brought onto newspapers as a scare tactic to keep them from printing damaging information about public officials.

Both men spoke about the history of the freedom of the press and how even today there are struggles with the concept. One example was whether The New York Times should have printed a story in 2005 announcing the government's use of wiretapping phone calls to track down terrorists. Professor Korman stated that he was inclined to look at the situation from a legal perspective, rather than from an ethics standpoint. He stated that the newspaper was within its legal rights to print such material, rights that even the government recognized by not trying to stop the publication. Dr. Hanna stated, "There is a difference between having rights and doing the right thing." He stated that he didn't know if the Times was right in publishing the information, but agreed that newspapers were a healthy check and balance for the government.

SGA Elections Results: MWCC Student Government Association Election

Sophomore Representatives

Emmanuel Medero
Nicole Progin
Mark Thomas

At Large Positions

Wilfredo Cintron
Elizabeth L. Cox (Betsy)
Alysha White

Freshman Representatives

Mary Allen
Samantha Chace
Timothy J. Coelho
Lori Forgues
Brad Swanson

Evening Student Representative

Eveliz Rivera

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Constitution Day Fact Contest Winners

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MP3 Player

Lindsay Cormier
2 Gig Flash Drive

Jacqueline Dureault
1 Gig Flash Drive

Jesse LaRoche
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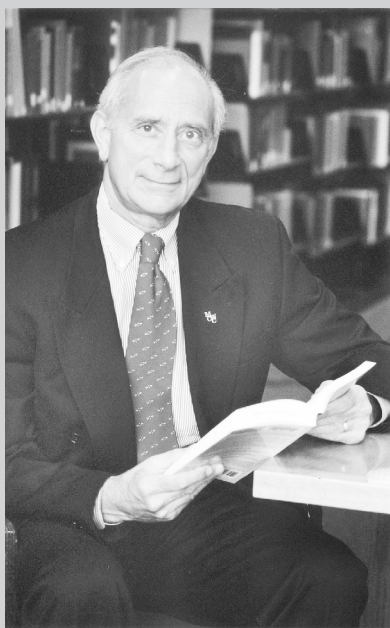
Enhanced Services and Campus Improvements Mark Start of Academic Year

By Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel M. Asquino

Mount Wachusett Community College has always been committed to providing an environment that presents students with every opportunity to succeed. As we begin the new academic year, you have likely noticed some examples of this commitment throughout the Gardner campus, at our satellite campuses and even in cyberspace.

Our priorities this year will continue to emphasize academic success, distance learning, civic engagement and service learning. In addition, we are continuing to actively pursue the possibility of establishing dorms at the Gardner campus and/or in downtown Gardner and remain quite interested in developing a “university college” concept here at MWCC, which would create greater transfer opportunities for students interested in continuing on for a bachelor’s degree. We are also working to create more international education opportunities for students to travel abroad and discover the world. Over the summer, the college invested \$1.35 million in improvements at the Gardner campus, including library renovations, a resurfaced track, new front and back patio surfaces and safety improvements to restore masonry on the building’s façade. Granted, some of the renovations may lack the “wow” factor, such as the new heating and ventilation system in the library, but they are essential maintenance projects that ensure safety and comfort.

Staying on top of facility needs becomes increasingly important as the college accommodates a growing number of students, not only on the Gardner campus, but at our satellite campuses as well. Overall, enrollment this fall is up approximately five percent over last year. In Leominster, enrollment has jumped by 20 percent, and the programs at the Devens and Burbank campuses continue to thrive and grow. Last year, the college reached its all-time high enrollment of 10,180 credit and non-credit students. We hope to continue that pace this year.



Nearly one quarter of our students now take at least one course online, and our college is among the top leaders of the state and community college system in providing online courses. We are going to continue to move in this direction by providing faculty with the resources they need to add even more courses online and enhance their on-campus courses with online components. In other technology improvements, we recently became one of the first colleges in the nation and the first in Massachusetts to offer a package of communication tools to students through the adoption of Google Apps. In addition to email using the MWCC domain, Google Apps also provides students with free access to other features, including shared calendars, spread sheets, instant messaging and word processing.

We want to create the perfect campus environment for our students. I am always interested in learning what else we can do to provide an optimal experience for you. If you have a suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office or by email at dasquino@mwcc.mass.edu. It is our goal to ensure that all MWCC students succeed in their academic programs. Faculty and staff understand the sacrifices many of you make to juggle course work, jobs and perhaps family duties. If you or someone you know needs academic support or are experiencing other difficulties, please let your academic advisor, a professor, or another

Fitness Center Fees

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for free. Doucette then said, “When it comes to utilizing resources that could aid you to better your health, or with paying your bills, I don’t think there should be a choice. I think we can use all the help we can get.”

According to Washkevich, the money paid for membership fees goes to general building operations, as well as employee salaries. He stated there are currently 3 full-time and 65 part-time employees, all of whom can access the facilities without cost.

Washkevich also mentioned that most colleges have started to charge students for access to their facilities. However, according to web and telephone surveys of local schools conducted by The Observer, every other community college in the state of Massachusetts in fact currently offers free access to their fitness facilities to full-time students and, in most cases, all students. According

to this research, Quinsigamond Community College charges all students an activity fee of \$25, and Greenfield Community College charges a \$30 activity fee. Holyoke, Mass Bay, Northern Essex, North Shore, Berkshire, Roxbury, Massasoit, Bristol, Cape Cod, and Middlesex Community College all permit free use of their fitness centers with no additional student fees.

This membership includes use of all exercise equipment, the pool, gym, and any classes being offered. Personal training, tanning, and use of the nursery cost extra. Other fee information can be found at the Fitness Center front desk.

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Fall Film Series 2007: Documenting Society



AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. That man is former Vice President Al Gore, who, in the wake of defeat in the 2000 election, re-set the course of his life to focus on a last-ditch, all-out effort to help save the planet from irrevocable change. Gore is seen as never before in the media - funny, engaging, open and downright on fire about getting the surprisingly stirring truth about what he calls our "planetary emergency" out to ordinary citizens before it's too late.

<http://www.climatecrisis.net/>

Running time is 96 minutes.

WEDNESDAY, October 24 @ 11:30 – NORTH CAFETERIA

THE GROUND TRUTH has been hailed as “powerful” and “quietly unflinching.” The film’s subjects are patriotic young Americans - ordinary men and women who heeded the call for military service in Iraq - as they experience recruitment and training, combat, homecoming, and the struggle to reintegrate with families and communities. The terrible conflict in Iraq, depicted with ferocious honesty in the film, is a prelude for the even more challenging battles fought by the soldiers returning home – with personal demons, an uncomprehending public, and an indifferent government. As these battles take shape, each soldier becomes a new kind of hero, bearing witness and giving support to other veterans, and learning to fearlessly wield the most powerful weapon of all - the truth.

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Cuckoo's Nest Opens This Month

Dale Wasserman's 60's classic, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* comes to life on the Theatre at the Mount stage for 5 performances beginning October 5.

Set in a mental ward in America in the 1950s, the drama features half a dozen patients suffering various degrees of mental illness, from the lobotomized near-vegetable Ruckly, played by March Schrader, to the hyper-active Cheswick, played by Chuck Grigaitis. Other residents include Martini (played by Anthony Santucci), an eager, bright-eyed Italian suffering from hallucinations; well-educated but nervous and effete Harding, played by Vic Kruczynski; stuttering Billy Bibbitt (played by Tim Culkeen), still psychologically under his mother's control; Scanlon (played by Tony Minichiello), who is obsessed with constructing bombs; and, Chief Bromden (played by Joe DeStadio), a large, bull muscled, deaf/mute Indian with schizophrenia.

Enter Randall P. McMurphy (played by Aaron

Whipple), a con-man, thief and rapist, who has feigned mental illness in order to escape the rigors of the prison farm. A rebel by nature, he is soon flouting every rule in the book, organizing gambling schools, basketball matches and even a party in the ward. He challenges the domineering and terrifying Nurse Ratched (played by Wendy Almeida) and manages to bring defiance, laughter and liberation to his fellow inmates. Other members of the cast include David Prokowiec, Thaddeus Bell, Nicole Couture, Carolyn Salter and Alison Laverdierre.

Performances of *Cuckoo's Nest* are October 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and October 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Theatre at the Mount box office at 978 632-2403 or online at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>

Due to mature content and language, *Cuckoo's Nest* is not appropriate for children.

And Now...A Word to All Students from the Academic Support Center

Have you ever been worried about a writing assignment, mystified by a math problem, or baffled by a biology concept?

If so, help is right around the corner. The Academic Support Center, located in Room 116, provides free tutoring in all subjects for MWCC students. The Academic Support Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are writing tutors on staff that can help with all steps of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas to compiling a bibliography. Math tutors are also available during these hours to assist with all levels of math. These services are provided on a drop-in basis – no appointment is necessary.

If you need help with any other subject, tutors are available. However, unlike math and writing, you will need to make an appointment. Typically, you will be given one hour per week at a specified time to meet with your tutor. Tutoring

is much more effective when it is started as early as possible in the semester. Don't wait until you have gotten so far behind that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to catch up. Also, remember that tutoring is not just for students who are failing – it is for anyone who would like to improve their grade. The Academic Support Center offers many other services besides tutoring. There are computers that can be used in an Open Lab format for research or homework. Free printing is available on a limited basis.

The Center also provides quiet rooms for test taking (including extended time testing) for students with documented disabilities. Equipment loans and adaptive lab materials are also available for students who need them. Stop by and the staff will provide more information.

The Academic Support Center

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- Student e-mail
- Posters in classroom or hallway
- Orientation tour or literature
- Professor
- Other (please specify)

Single Parents in College: A Juggling Act

submitted by Dee Moran

It is difficult enough to be a college student, but when you combine that role with the many demands and responsibilities of raising a family and possibly working, the challenges are many and often overwhelming. In addition to finding time to study, complete homework assignments, access internet time and possibly tutoring, many of our single parents face transportation and daycare issues.

Any one or all of these factors can undermine a student's dream for an education and the opportunities it will bring to them and their families.

Recognizing the unique challenges of our single parent students as well as the wonderful contributions they can make to the MWCC community, the college has taken on an initiative to offer supportive services to these students. Our ideas include connecting with students who are single parents to ensure that they are taking advantage of all of the services

available for academic success, addressing career related questions and providing social opportunities for you to meet and get to know each other. As research indicates, student who feel connected to their college community are often more successful. So it is our hope to connect our single parent students with their college as well as each other.

Any single parent interested in making a connection, can stop by the Advising and Counseling Center and introduce yourself to Dee Moran, Academic and Career Counselor.

'Lion's Den' Renamed for Students

The Student Center in room 153 has a new name...The Lion's Den!

These students pictured below found plenty to do recently while hanging out in the Den, so check it out for yourselves and see what's in it for you (keep walking past the bookstore and it will be on your right).

(Photo's by Sandy Arsenault)



Fall Fest 2007



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Opinion Page

Want to work out? Pay Up! By Adam Nadeau

So it's time for another school year, and like many students you might've put on a few pounds of pudg during the warm summer months. Personally, I enjoy letting out some stress in the fall by taking advantage of our school's workout facility. It isn't great, but hey, it's right on campus.

Up until now MWCC gave their full-time students the perk of membership at their Fitness & Wellness Center, which isn't uncommon. Every community college in Massachusetts gives their students a free mem-

bership, a small thank-you for spending thousands on an education at their college. Students returning this semester are still just learning that the Fitness and Wellness Center now charges \$60 per semester to full-time students, quite the price increase from \$0.

I conducted some surveys and handed them to MWCC students, asking their feelings on the gym's new prices. As I sat reading them, a mutual feeling of discontent seemed to resonate from the student body, like a dog that's been abused but

knows it still belongs to its owner. Students can be easily taken advantage of when they have no choice in the matter, and \$120 a year might be a car payment for a single mother.

The administration has mostly pushed the blame around, saying the Fitness and Wellness Center is a separate business from the school, and can make its own prices. I think the students know that this is completely unnecessary with the success the school is having, and they should express their feelings instead of being pushed

around.

As I sat in the MWCC cafeteria, biting into a juicy cheeseburger, I decided to log on to the school's website. I wanted to see what the school promotes to incoming students in particular. Under the "Become A Student" link, it still boldly prints "Full-time MWCC students have free access to the Fitness & Wellness Center, featuring state-of-the-art equipment in a clean and friendly environment." Well, yeah... we used to.

Reviews

DVD Reviews: Spiderman 3 by Adam Nadeau

Spiderman 3 shoots into stores on DVD this month, the dark tale of Peter Parker's inner struggle against evil. He does this as he battles too many villains and becomes caught in a web of a lame-ass screenplay, an overstuffed plot, and an absence of character development. This DVD release is a reminder that unwarranted hype and CGI can make a movie over 300 Million in the US box office, whether or not it's a great film.

Back in May, I remember standing in line at the local cinema, eagerly holding tickets for

myself and my best friends to see the midnight screening of the third chapter of our favorite superhero movie. The theater was packed with eager fans, some even dressed as their hero, awaiting the hyped Spiderman 3, even cheering at the opening credits.

After 2+ hours of Peter Parker making unfunny jokes, dancing down the streets with an emo haircut and roughing up women in Jazz clubs, I remember walking out of the theater pretty dissatisfied. Uncle Ben would be rolling in his grave.

Even the guy in the spidey suit, who just two hours previous was shooting webs and climbing walls near the snack counter, was scratching his head in bewilderment.

The entire feature seemed uneven, with weak character development and a bloated plot that seems to stretch the stomach of its viewers. Kirsten Dunst turns in a flat-as-hell performance proving she's slightly more interesting than a brick. Some of the bright moments, however, were a homerun job by Topher Grace as Eddie Brock,

and Bryce Dallas Howard as Gwen, looking hot enough to spin up a web with.

Sam Raimi brought his brother Ivan in as a writer for this third chapter, which I believe was a mistake. Sam is an unbelievable director, which he proved in the previous two films, which I loved. This film loses focus after the first twenty minutes as too many storylines can leave the audience feeling indifferent. Sorry Spidey, but I'm dressing as Captain Jack Sparrow this Halloween.

Restaurant Review: The Gardner Ale House Brewery and Restaurant by

The Gardner Ale House Brewery and Restaurant has it all, from mouth-watering food, their amazing drinks, to an extraordinary atmosphere.

The Ale House has local bands play live and an outstanding wait staff. The kitchen has a somewhat open aspect so you can see how your food is prepared to the utmost care. So if you like to have an excellent time and enjoy good food, the Gardner Ale House is the place to be.

Also, for those of you what are 21 or older, check out the Gardner Ale House bar. Here there is a variety of drinks and make sure to try their own personally brewed beer. You can even buy a beer sampler; this will let you try all of the different types and flavors so you can find the perfect beer for you.

So go check it out. I'm sure you will find it irresistible.

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got words? we want them!

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Student Life Calendar

(All events are on the Gardner Campus unless noted otherwise.)

October 3

Band, Ray Hendricks Revival, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., South Cafeteria. Sponsored by CATS (Campus Activities Team for Students) and the Student Life office.

October 5

“It’s Your Birthday” Celebration! If your birthday falls in August, September or October—celebrate in the Lion’s Den Student Center, Room 153, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a piece of cake, receive a small present, and enter free to win a stuffed teddy bear. Feel free to bring one guest. Sponsored by CATS (Campus Activities Team for Students) and the Student Life office.

October 9 – 12

THE ROAD TO FREEDOM Photo Exhibit, Leo & Theresa LaChance Library, Mon. -Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. THE ROAD TO FREEDOM is focused on children, teens, and adults with the full spectrum of physical, sensory, learning, and mental disabilities. Along with color photographs by Gigi Kaeser, the exhibit features interviews conducted and edited by Peggy Gillespie and the 8th graders at the Four Rivers Charter School in Greenfield, MA. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

October 10

Enjoy Brazilian desserts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, 11:30 a.m. in the Lion’s Den Student Center, room 153 (while supplies last). Sponsored by CATS and Office of Student Life.

October 15

COURTING EQUALITY Meet authors Pat Gozemba & Karen Kahn, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., North Café.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court granted equal marriage benefits to same-sex couples.

The decision provoked a searing public debate over the meaning of marriage and family, civil rights, and the role of religion in law and society. But the experiment went forward nonetheless: thousands of Massachusetts gays and lesbians married. Through storytelling and photographs, Courting Equality takes readers through the volatile public debate following the decision and introduces some of the many lesbian and gay families who have taken advantage of equal marriage laws. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

October 15 - 19

Empty Place at the Table, Upper Commons Area
Empty Place at the Table is a display that commemorates the lives lost in Massachusetts over the past year as a result of domestic violence. The display was created by Battered Women’s Resources, Inc., of Leominster and consists of a formal dining room table set up with 2 plates for each victim, one with a name and the other with a brief description of the murder. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

October 17:

Hypnotist, Steve Taubman. Roving Act: 10:30 a.m.; Hypnosis Show: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., South Cafeteria. Open to all MWCC students, faculty, and staff. Sponsored by CATS and the Office of Student Life.

October 22 – 26

NOTHING TO HIDE Photo Exhibit, Leo & Theresa LaChance Library, Mon. -Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE provides people coping with mental illness and their families an opportunity to come out of the shadows and into the public eye with the stories of children, siblings, parents, grandparents and extended family members. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

October 25

Annual Scary Karaoke, 6 – 9 p.m., North Cafeteria. Join in on the “spooky” fun. There will be snacks, door prizes, CASH PRIZES for best costumes and more. Event is free for all MWCC students, faculty and staff. Sponsored by CATS and the Office of Student Life.

October 31

Party Smart Mocktails, part of MWCC’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Week. Purchase a full-sized beverage and receive a free glass goblet (while supplies last), beginning 11:30 a.m., South Cafeteria. Sponsored by CATS, Student Life Office, Health Services, and MWCC Office of Public Safety and Security.

Fatal Vision Program, a simulation of the effect of alcohol on coordination...part of MWCC’S Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Week, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., South Cafeteria. Sponsored by the MWCC Office of Public Safety and Security and the Student Life Office.





Do you know where you are going?



Let us help you find your way.

Start near...(stay here)...Go far

TRANSFER FAIR – Four-year college and university representatives will be here on October 22 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to stop by the South cafeteria. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For transfer info. visit: <http://transfer.mwcc.edu>

Exhibit in Art Gallery

In the East Wing Gallery until Oct 6:

"To See through a Beautiful World" Lionel Reinford, Oil paintings.

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What do storybook characters, murder, comedy, imagination and a mystery have in common?

Murder in the Land of Lost Pages, A Fairy Tear-able Tale by Jan Morris is an audience interactive production by The Comical Mystery tour that will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg on Friday, Oct. 26. Cocktail Reception 6 p.m., with valid ID; show and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple (must register at the same time). Reservations required by October 17.

Contact Carol Cullins, Director of MWCC Alumni Affairs at 630-9594 or ccullins@mwcc.mass.edu.

LIVE MUSIC IN GARDNER

AUDIO WASABI WITH BRIAN CHAFFEE EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

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PN Students Volunteer at Elementary School

Eight students in the Practical Nursing Program at the Deven's campus recently volunteered to take blood pressure at an Open House at the John R. Briggs Elementary School in Ashburnham, supervised by instructors Dianne Hunt and Collene Thaxton. The following quotes are from the students who participated in the event:



"As a nursing student, it gave me a great opportunity to meet members of my community, along with the hands on experience of taking blood pressure readings from various types of people."
Ashley Legere

"My experience doing BP was wonderful. It was a great experience that will add in my clinical skills. Doing this kind of work for my community is my way of caring for others."
Genny Wesley

"Thanks to JR Briggs staff and parents for this great opportunity to put our learning to work."
Deb Mcgeeney

"It was a great experience and practice in this field and I am looking forward to doing more (community service projects)."
Moses Karuri

"I was able to observe some different ranges of BP, depending on their ages, gender and body size."
Veronicah Nyaigoti



MWCC Theatre Hosts TAMY Awards

Theatre at the Mount is hosting the second annual High School Musical Theatre Awards (The TAMYs) recognizing exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theatre in area high schools.

The TAMY Award program recognizes the work, creativity, and devotion that faculty and students pour into their high school theatrical productions. The TAMY's will celebrate the entire art of musical theatre: casts and crews, directors and designers and the great musical theatre works that inspire such devotion.

Area high schools are invited to participate in the competition by entering their annual musical production for consideration in a variety

of categories including: best overall production, best actor, best actress, best choreography, etc. Members of the TAM staff will attend and evaluate each production, making nominations in each category. Winners will be honored at a "red-carpet" Awards Ceremony and dinner modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards. Local schools interested in participating in the TAMY Award program should contact Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or at g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu

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