

Mentors in Violence Prevention Program at Monroe Community College (MVP-MCC)

Monroe Community College is the only community college to offer the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program (MVP) and to infuse it into academic coursework, including internships. MVP was founded in 1993 by Dr. Jackson Katz (jacksonkatz.com) at Northeastern University's Sports in Society Program to empower student athletes and future leaders to intervene when faced with potential violence, bullying and harassment. MVP is the leading gender violence prevention curriculum in the U.S. military, professional, college and high school sports teams, and law enforcement trainings.

MVP-MCC Includes:

- Curriculum infusion into Criminal Justice, English, Psychology, Sociology, Speech Communications and other courses
- Train the Trainers Program – three-day certification in bystander intervention techniques and empowerment offered twice per academic year on MCC's Damon City Campus (DCC)
- Co- and extra-curricular event programming, film series events and guest speakers on campus and in the community
- A competitive full year academic scholarship sponsored by the MCC Foundation

Who gets involved and what have they done with MVP Training?

Since 2010, over 150 students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members from over 20 different groups and agencies have earned certification. Student Trainees have gone on to work and/or complete internships related to violence prevention. These groups include:

- MCC's Public Safety Department
- Rochester Police Department
- Alternatives for Battered Women (ABW)
- University of Rochester's M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
- Rochester's Center for Youth
- Chances and Changes
- Keuka College
- SUNY Brockport
- Buffalo City School District
- RESOLVE (Stand Up Guys!/Safe Journey)
- Ibero-American Action League (IAAL)

What MVP-MCC graduates say about the Program:

- “I walked away from the Training with a great tool kit that allows me to take action when I see injustices in people’s words and actions.”
- “This training is an asset to MCC and the Rochester community.”
- “I have learned valuable skills that can help me in my life (personal or professional).”
- “MCC would benefit from having more student/staff exposed to MVP.”
- “The bystander approach is an effective strategy to utilize in preventing and/or interrupting the abusive behavior of my peers and/or students.”
- “I would recommend this training to my peers.”



How can I get involved in MVP-MCC?

To learn more about MVP-MCC and to get signed-up for a future Training, place Contact any of the MVP-MCC Leadership Team:

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Also, join our “MVP-MCC” Facebook group!

Coming soon!

Look for us on the MCC website – monroecc.edu