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Moraine Park names new mascot
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Moraine Park Technical College recently welcomed a new face to campus: Maximus, the Gray Wolf. As a kickoff to its upcoming centennial year, Moraine Park revealed its new mascot, the Moraine Park Gray Wolf, to students, faculty, staff and the public during the week of Aug. 22 — it was just in need of a name.

Moraine Park took more than 300 name suggestions from Moraine Park students, faculty, staff and community members and narrowed it down to five names: Maximus, Grayson, Gamma, Parker and Gary. The mascot voting contest generated 22,512 votes with Maximus winning out over the four by more than 3,800 votes.

Moraine Park President Sheila Ruhland is excited to welcome Maximus to the College. “Maximus the Gray Wolf symbolizes pathfinders, success, perseverance, stability and thought and truly embodies the spirit of Moraine Park’s student, faculty and staff,” said Ruhland.

According to Ruhland, the mascot was initiated by Moraine Park’s 2009-10 District Student Government who approached then President Dr. Gayle Hytrek with the idea of creating a mascot for the College. Hytrek charged members of District Student Government with developing a mascot they felt would accurately reflect Moraine Park’s Student body, and the idea of the Moraine Park Gray Wolf was born.

Bookstores on all three Moraine Park campuses will be carrying Gray Wolf apparel in the near future.

Moraine Park Technical College was established in 1912 and is one of 16 technical college districts that make up the Wisconsin Technical College System. With campuses in Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac and West Bend, Moraine Park offers more than 100 associate of applied science degrees, technical diplomas, apprenticeships and certificates delivered in a variety of formats — classroom, online and blended. Training and technical assistance for businesses is also offered.

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