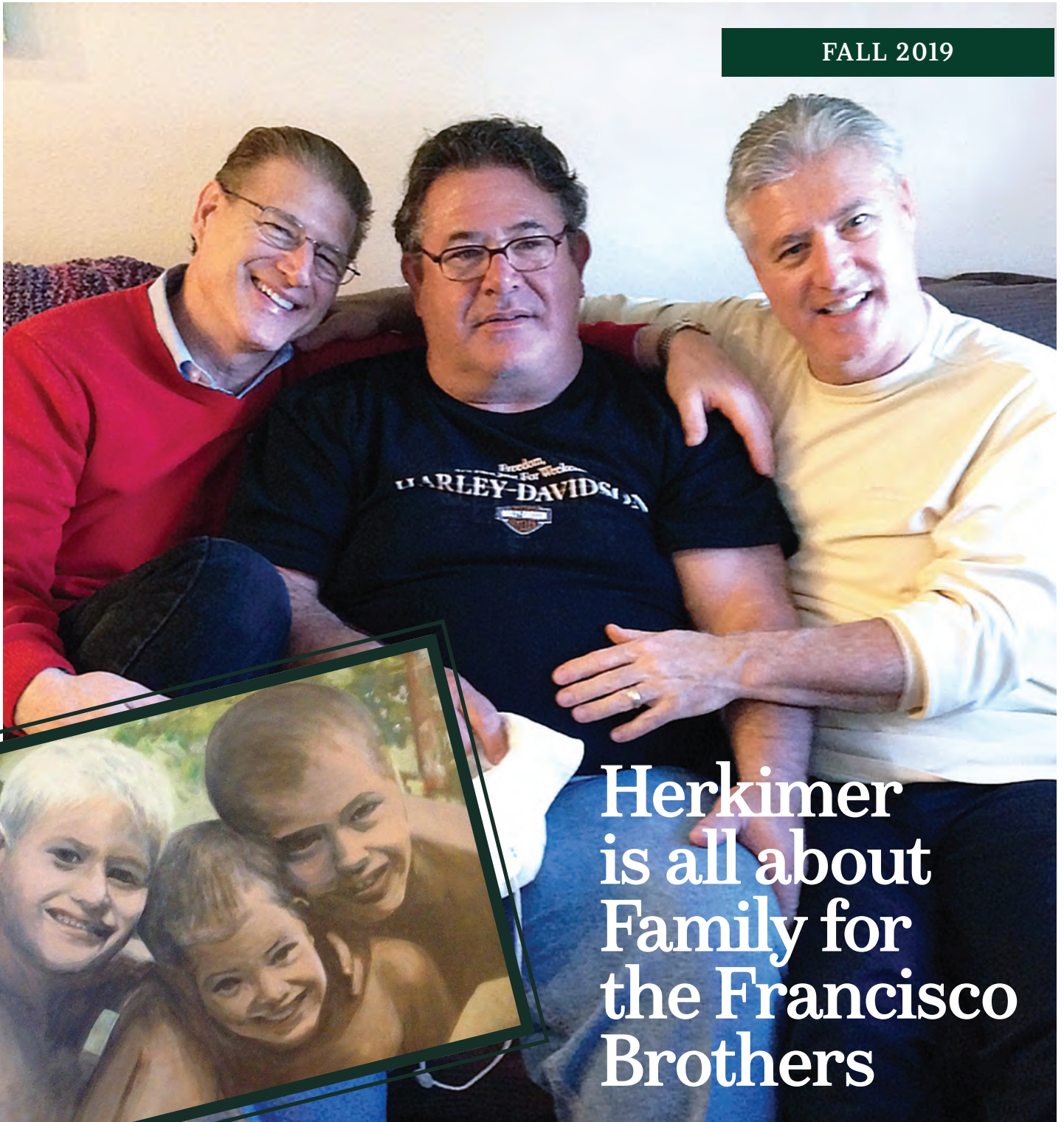




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Brothers**

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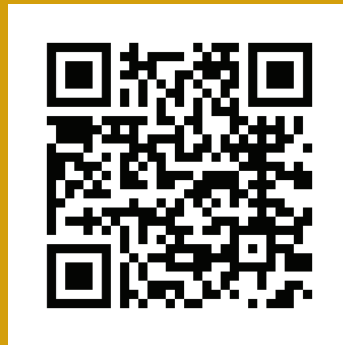
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Left to right: Glen, Dean and Curt Francisco. See story on page 10.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE President

DR. CATHLEEN C. MCCOLGIN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's hard to believe another academic year has arrived and is in full swing. It is exciting to see all the new faces on campus each year. This fall, we welcomed students into our newly approved programs in Communication and Media, Supply Chain Management, and Health Professions. These programs help round out an already diverse offering of associate degree and certificate programs offered on campus and online.

Also new this fall is the opening of The General's Cupboard, our on-campus food pantry, located in the Robert McLaughlin College Center. Studies suggest that college students across the country struggle with food insecurity, and we know that our students are not immune to this issue. Last year, we assisted students in need with food and personal items on an informal basis through the Campus Safety and Residence Life offices. We recognized that a more systematic and sustainable approach to food insecurity on our campus was necessary. I am thrilled with the progress that has been made and am grateful to the faculty and staff who worked to make The General's Cupboard a reality, as well as to all those who have donated food and personal care items.

In the last few issues, I have provided updates on the Middles States reaccreditation process, which includes a comprehensive self-study and peer review. This fall, we will host a visit from the evaluating team chair, Dr. Dianna Phillips, president of Harford Community College in Maryland. Our steering committee and work groups are on track to complete a draft of our self-study report, which will be made available to our stakeholder groups for review and comment. Finally, in the spring of 2020, we will host a three-day visit from the full evaluation team. I remain optimistic about the outcome of our self-study, and thank everyone involved for their time and effort throughout the reaccreditation process.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our alumni and friends who support Herkimer College, whether it be through donations to the Foundation, service on advisory committees, or coming out to cheer on the Herkimer Generals. You are all very important to us, and we thank you for your support and friendship.

Sincerely,



Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.
President



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A MESSAGE FROM THE Foundation Director

ROBERT FOWLER

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I realized recently that five years have passed since I joined the Foundation. That realization got me thinking about where we were back then, where we are now, and where we need to go in the future.

Over five years, this Foundation has achieved a significant amount of success, much of which I've chronicled for you in this magazine. Our scholarship fund is solid, we've successfully raised money to make improvements to our classrooms and athletic facilities, and our fundraising events have grown more successful.

These days, you don't have to look far to come across an article or statistic that describes the current struggles of community colleges. Make no mistake, Herkimer County Community College is feeling the pinch, just as other community colleges throughout the state and nation are. The challenge for the Foundation is to increase funds raised, in order to help the College fulfill its mission.

The Foundation is always looking for new ways to engage alumni and friends of the College, as well as raise dollars in order to accomplish our goals. But we need your help. I've mentioned more than once how impressed I am by your recollections of your time at Herkimer College. "Best college experience I had," and "Best decision I ever made," are commonly used statements. Over the last year, alumni have visited campus from as far away as California, Nebraska, and North Carolina, and they've all expressed a desire to give back to Herkimer.

I'm asking you to do the same. Whether you have an area of particular importance to you or you're comfortable with an unrestricted contribution, rest assured your assistance is much needed and greatly appreciated! We will maintain our focus on continuing to support the needs of the College and the students we serve. With everyone's help, I have no doubt we will continue to achieve success.

Thank you for your dedication to Herkimer College and your support of the Herkimer County College Foundation.

Sincerely,



Rob Fowler, Executive Director
Herkimer County College Foundation





BOSTON HAS FOUND

a winner!

DELANEY BUCKLEY '16

CHAMPIONSHIPS JUST SEEM TO BE IN DELANEY BUCKLEY'S DNA. FROM A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RING AT HERKIMER COLLEGE, TO ANOTHER IN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SPORTS CITY OF THE LAST DECADE.

“As a student-athlete there are a lot of expectations, whether in the classroom or on the field . . . No matter where you turned at Herkimer, there was always someone willing to lend an ear and offer advice.”

Buckley came to Herkimer after a great high school softball career, and once she arrived, realized that sports are not the only reason Herkimer College is recognized nationally. She was able to get a jumpstart on her sports management degree due to the strong academic programs at Herkimer.

Buckley was named captain of the softball team that went on to win the program’s first ever national championship in 2013. It was an accomplishment that she had a tough time putting into words, but Buckley says she will never forget the bond the team shared.

Succeeding both on and off the field, Buckley said “As a student-athlete there are a lot of expectations, whether in the classroom or on the field. Coach Anadio always stressed academics first and stuck to it. We all received the help and support we needed in order to maintain our overall eligibility. No matter where you turned at Herkimer, there was always someone willing to lend an ear and offer advice.” Delaney graduated with honors and was awarded the SUNY Chancellor’s Scholar Athlete Award for success in athletics and academics.

After graduating from Herkimer in 2016, Delaney transferred to SUNY Brockport and earned a bachelor’s degree in sports management. Once searching for a job, she leaned on her experiences from college, whether it was the leadership roles she had from softball, or the work ethic learned from balancing athletics and studies. This helped her end up where she is today, working at NESN, the sports broadcasting station out of Boston, MA. As the national sales coordinator for the station, she

manages national advertising campaigns that air during live broadcasts.

Delaney had another opportunity to be a part of a championship in 2018, with the Boston Red Sox winning the MLB World Series. She was able to attend games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park and described it as “Electric. . . Something I will never forget.” Buckley is very happy with her chosen career. “I love working in sports as a whole because it brings people together for something exciting,” she said.



ALUMNI

BRIDGET MARTIN '88

Recognized for Her Achievements

in business, community service, and the professional advancement of women.



Bridget Martin with her daughter Shannon, husband Todd, and son Shawn.



In early 2019, Bridget Martin '88 was named a finalist for the ATHENA Award by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and Women's

Council. The award is given each year to a deserving female for her demonstration of significant achievements in business, community service, and the professional advancement of women.

Martin was humbled and honored to be considered a finalist. "We work with a lot of short term commercial real estate lending [at Monroe Capital]," she explained. "Being a female in finance, I am a minority. I have taken great pride in mentoring young women in that field. One of the reasons I was chosen as a finalist for the ATHENA Award was a result of my efforts in mentoring young women I worked with and creating female centered programs for the Turn Around Management Association. My goal was to increase female participation and understanding in a male dominated field."

Previously, Martin provided on-site travel services for Bausch and Lomb. "We were one of the first agencies to have a home office inside an organization," she says. She traveled extensively for the company, but resigned when her children were born. "My former boss came to me and said, 'Could you come back, part time?'" She returned as his executive assistant, which included facilitating the travel advisory committee. "We'd get the key clients together monthly in a collaborative group to brainstorm different ideas with the purpose of learning from each other and helping all parties to be more productive."

Martin was a travel and tourism major at Herkimer. "There were so many good times; so much that was instilled in me there, I still carry with me; so many friendships – I still keep up with the people I met there."

On her first college visit, Martin met Jean Stapleton, a professor in the Travel and Tourism program. "She said, 'Why do you want this degree?' And I

didn't really know, but you know the era, so I replied, 'Well, I like *Love Boat*.' She said, 'If you want to be Julie McCoy, you've come to the wrong place.' But she explained what I could do with the degree, how it worked. We really hit it off. Professor Stapleton became a mentor and strong female role model to me."

Her memories include the fun and the unusual. "I was in typing class, and my ring fell off and fell into the typewriter. The teacher couldn't believe it; they had to take it apart to get my ring out."



Bridget Martin recently got together with her "HCCC friends." From left: Kara Carr Fitzsimmons, Bridget Mahoney Martin, Amy Rosier Bernard, Chris Risi, Cindy Vanderlee and Julie Woodley.

One of her fondest memories was of Professor Emeritus Ray Lenarcic. "He encouraged us to participate in a fundraiser in the form of a walk for local veterans, which took place on a Saturday. It was incredibly interesting to interact with the veterans and understand their perspective. He was very good at opening our eyes to more than the subject matter of the class he taught."

In her spare time, Martin volunteers for not-for-profit organizations, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Spencerport Education Foundation, Turn Around Management Association, and the Ronald McDonald House. "My parents were very active in the community," she says. "I guess by now, it's pretty much second nature to be giving back to the community."

Herkimer College is

common ground

for the Francisco Brothers . . .



Curt Francisco, CFP, AIF '72

Glen Francisco '73

Dean Francisco '76

AND ALL THREE AGREE THAT THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY ENJOY TODAY WITHOUT THEIR START AT HERKIMER.

"I'm a firm believer in giving every family a chance," says Curt Francisco '72. "Herkimer College did that for my family." Curt – with brothers Glen Francisco '73 and Dean Francisco '76 – agree that they would never have had the opportunities they enjoy today without their start at Herkimer.

But each took his own direction, in school and in life. The one piece of common ground in their educational pursuits, Dean recalls, is their parents' maroon 1964 Pontiac Catalina. "We all drove that car to school," says Curt.

"You know that hill to get up to the campus," Dean says. "On snowy days, I'd load up as many people as

possible in the back seat and just go for it. It always got us up there. Sometimes we were the only car in the lot!"

Curt, as the oldest, was the first to attend Herkimer College. "I was in the last year that the college was in the Remington plant. I was there for my first year, and then the second year we moved to the new campus. So I was in the first graduating class 'up on the hill.'" His decision to enroll at Herkimer was simple. "It was a financial reason. I would never have had the wherewithal to go to a four-

Curt in his 1964 Pontiac 2+2 Catalina (not the original which was maroon, but the same year.)



year school at that point. It was a real blessing for me, and a real blessing for my parents.”

Curt worked at the paper mill during the summers and was able to transfer to SUNY Oswego after graduating with his associate degree in social science from Herkimer. He worked in Syracuse briefly, then followed his parents to Florida. As one of the first certified financial planners in Florida, he founded Asset Advisory Services in Jupiter, Florida, offering asset management, insurance, tax, business, and retirement planning services. “I’ve done quite well,” he admits, humbly, while his brother boasts of Curt’s work in helping one of the major finance networks become Investment

Advisor Magazine’s Broker/Dealer of the Year. “He has a passion to serve people,” Glen says.

Curt also has a passion to help other families have a chance, like Herkimer College gave him and his brothers. This has led him to financially support students at Herkimer College. “I thoroughly appreciate the efforts that HCCC does for its students,” he explains. “Every once in a while, I’ll receive a letter from a student saying ‘thank you.’ The young men and young women there are the ones who will be shaping the future. I’m very positive about that future.”

Glen, as described by his older brother, is the “brainiac” of the family. After studying math and

science at Herkimer, Glen applied to only one school—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He was accepted with a full scholarship. “A guidance counselor at HCCC helped me apply to RPI and helped me with financial aid; actually helped me fill out the application. People like that at HCCC laid the foundation for me to be successful. I used what I learned from that guidance counselor when I applied to MIT. I worked through graduate school, but I graduated with my master’s degree debt free—thanks to the HCCC guidance counselor. All I needed was a chance—and HCCC gave me that chance.”

Even before college, aviation was Glen’s passion. As a teen, he would drive his parent’s car down



to the airport, then wash planes to earn an hour of flight instruction. Right out of college, he jumped into a career designing fighter jet systems, including for the F15 Eagle and the F18 Hornet. “I was designing the digital flight control system,” he says, explaining that this is the computer relationship between the pilot and the plane.

Glen moved on to work for Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Then he became a certified firefighter. “I needed to understand what the fire market wanted in a hand-held thermal imaging device,” he recalls. “Thermal imaging devices were used by the military; they can see through smoke. Now every firefighter, inside and outside the building, or even fighting a grass fire, will have a thermal imaging device. It’s saved thousands of lives—both firefighters and others.”

Glen’s favorite memories of Herkimer College revolve around the people he met and studied under. “We had no idea the impact that math and science would have on the world, but we knew we were on to something special. There’s something about being around greatness. It oozes. The college was new; we were still working out the kinks. But we were a family—and we knew we were going to do great things.”

Dean followed his brothers to Herkimer College. “My parents were basically like, ‘Ok gang, you’re all going to get a degree,’ because of course they didn’t have degrees.” He studied business administration and management, but he struggled within the corporate environment. “My dad said, ‘You’re not happy. You need to do something you like. What do you like to do?’ I liked working with my hands. I was always rebuilding motors and cars. My dad had gone into carpentry in the military, so he

said, ‘Why don’t you join the military and see if you can do something like I did?’”

Dean entered the Coast Guard. “I was there for four years; I worked my way up to E5 2nd Class Petty Officer.” In the Coast Guard, he found his true passion—refrigeration and air conditioning.

Dean worked in construction and maintenance and finally landed at the Kennedy Space Center. He worked on the Shuttle Transport System (STS), as well as HV/AC at the hangar and offices where the space shuttles were refurbished and out on Launch Pad A. He also helped test one of the Saturn V emergency escape slidewire baskets. More recently,

Dean has been employed by the Canaveral Port Authority working on air conditioning for the terminals.

Dean also owned his own air conditioning business for many years. “The business degree from HCCC was so important. I know a lot of contractors who were really good and loved what they did, but they couldn’t handle the business side of things, so their businesses failed. The knowledge of business from HCCC helped me so much.”

Despite their personal and career differences, there’s no question that the three brothers are still extremely close. They boast about each other’s strengths and humility. “Dean

loves people,” Glen says. “The room just lights up when he walks in.” Curt calls his brothers his “best buddies” and brags of what he calls Glen’s “brainiac” accomplishments. Dean says, “My brothers have always been good to me. We never stopped loving each other.”

“HCCC had an incredible ability to find teachers for the students – they weren’t necessarily Einsteins, but they were the right professors for the right students. When you can do that, magic happens.”

Glen Francisco

In Memoriam

Herkimer College extends its sincere sympathy to the families of deceased alumni and members of the Herkimer College family.

Thomas W. Lenahan Professor Emeritus Thomas W. Lenahan passed away on July 21, 2019. Mr. Lenahan received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State and his master's and ABD from SUNY Albany. He served honorably with the United States Air force from 1960-1982, retiring as a Captain. Mr. Lenahan developed Herkimer College's Criminal Justice program into one of the flagship programs and made significant and lasting contributions to the growth and sophistication of the program. Following his retirement, Professor Lenahan served as an adjunct instructor and continued to support the College by participating in many events and programs. He was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2000. Memorial contributions may be made to the Thomas W. Lenahan Scholarship C/O and payable to Herkimer County College Foundation 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

Lorraine Lasher '71 joined the Herkimer County Community College staff as a stenographer in 1971, and was promoted to office assistant II in 2003. She worked in the offices of Institutional Resources, Math/Science and Institutional Research. After 33 years of dedicated service, Lorraine retired from the College in 2005.

Mary K. Barton '72
Dennis C. Smith '76
John Joseph Jadowski '77
Lauren Ruth Preston '78
Elaine M. Battista McShane '80
Ann L. Wormer '80
Eleanor M. Kaminski '84

Christine M. Chocki '85
Susan Waterbury '86
Maria D. Maynard '90
Jeffrey G. Vallese '91
Charlene S. Pomichter '94
Judi Mae Yerdon Ginder '95
LaTisha Chanel German '17

Alumni Update

MILNALIS DIESE '17 MAKES HER MARK IN NEW YORK CITY.

Milnalis Diese '17 (Fashion Buying and Merchandising A.A.S.) is following her passion as she completes her degree this fall at Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (LIM) in New York City. Diese is interning at Tommy Hilfiger in the handbag design department, while also working on social media for a custom flower design shop, M & S Schmalberg. Since graduating from Herkimer College, her journey has been an eventful one, crossing paths with Tyra Banks while working on an installation exhibit in a New York City mall.



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Graduates First Class

The program at Herkimer College prepares students for a career as a police officer prior to being hired by a law enforcement agency. Although the program does not guarantee admission into a police department, every standard required by a full-time basic police academy applies including academics, attendance, and physical fitness. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive a transcript and a certificate indicating completion of Phase 1 of Pre-Employment Police Basic Training. This certificate gives students two years to secure employment in a police department and complete the Phase II portion of the training before being awarded a full Basic School Certificate from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Phase II training is presented only to sworn police officers and contains the remainder of police training units which civilian students are prohibited by state law from participating in.

www.herkimer.edu/police

Sixteen cadets recently graduated from Herkimer College's Pre-Employment Police Academy. It was the first class to graduate from the new program, formed as a partnership between Little Falls Police Department and Herkimer College.

Tom Carinci was chosen unanimously by his peers to speak on their behalf at the ceremony. Carinci always wanted to be a police officer, but until this program started, he did not see any opportunity to get into the profession. At 50 years old, he was unable to take the civil service test to get hired by a police department due to his age. After entering the program, he was hired as a part-time officer by both the City of Little Falls and Village of Frankfort police departments, and he has since become a full-time campus safety officer at Herkimer College.

In his graduation remarks, Carinci said, "To become a police officer is an honor and a privilege. Many of us have dreamed about this moment growing up. We now have the opportunity of going forward realizing our dreams and putting our training into use."

"This program has provided opportunities for people that they may never have had. By putting themselves through 85 percent of the New York State required basic course for police, they have not only demonstrated their abilities and commitment to the profession, but they also have made themselves marketable to communities at a significant cost savings." Michael Masi, Retired Little Falls Police Chief and Program Director



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(FONDA, NY)

ANTHONY YOUNG
(JOHNSTOWN, NY)

Pictured from left: Assistant Director Tim Rogers, Meagan Bedell, John Klimacek, Marvin Maldonado, Liam Rockwell, Anthony Young, Ryan Wilmot, Jesse Cheney, Andrew Sheppard, David Budzitowski, Justin Case, Jarrett Brown, Terrell Silvera, Eric Fernandez, Colton Lucas, Thomas Carinci, Nicolas Burak, and Drill Instructor Marty Luppino.



Internet Academy Celebrates 20 Years!

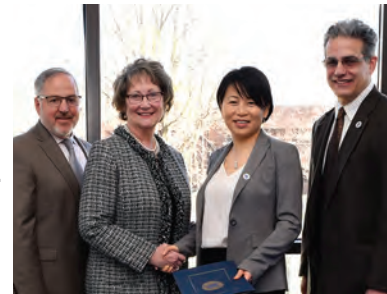
On April 1, 2019, the Internet Academy marked its 20th anniversary. While Herkimer started offering online courses in 1997, it was on April 1, 1999, that the “Internet Academy” was announced, with six full degree programs offered entirely online. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Linda Lamb said, “We began the process of adapting all of the support services that students on campus enjoyed to accommodate students studying from a distance. By 2001, we had 12 online degree programs, and today we have 20 degree programs and three certificates.”



Pictured from left is the Internet Academy staff: Linda Lamb, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Internet Academy and Continuing Education; Tabitha Carter, Coordinator, Internet Academy; Bill Pelz, Instructional Designer for Online Learning; and Cara Boepple, Technical Assistant for the Internet Academy.

Partnership with SUNY Poly Expands with New Pathways for Students

Representatives from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and Herkimer College recently signed an agreement creating eight new transfer paths for four different baccalaureate programs at SUNY Poly for graduates of Herkimer College.



Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin said, “With the signing of the agreements today, Herkimer now has more than 200 transfer agreements with 37 institutions throughout the region, state and nation. We value our partnership with SUNY Poly, and look forward to continuing to provide new and enhanced opportunities for our students and community.”

Herkimer College Explores Tobacco-Free Campus

Herkimer College was one of 48 colleges and universities to be awarded a grant from Truth Initiative® to explore adoption of a 100 percent tobacco or smoke-free campus policy. The effort is part of a national movement among students, faculty and administrators to address smoking and tobacco use at college campuses throughout the U.S.

“We are truly excited to make Herkimer College a healthier environment,” said Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin. “The health benefits of reducing secondhand smoke exposure are invaluable and could also help students prepare for the workforce where smoke-free policies are already the norm.”

Ninety-nine percent of all smokers start smoking before the age of 26, making college campuses a critical part in the fight against youth tobacco use. Since 2015, the Truth Initiative Tobacco-Free College Program, in partnership with CVS Health, has awarded more than \$1.8 million in funding to 154 colleges and universities to prevent young adults from starting tobacco use, help tobacco smokers quit and reduce everyone’s exposure to secondhand smoke.

Herkimer College has formed a campus task force, including student leaders, to assess tobacco use behaviors and attitudes, identify a treatment plan for current smokers and develop a tobacco-free policy.

2019 TORCHBEARER AWARDS

Four individuals honored *with the institution's highest honor*

Donald J. Snyder has been involved in Herkimer College's development since its founding. As a new attorney over 50 years ago, Snyder reviewed building site proposals and was assigned the task of checking the title on the property where the College is now located.

His contributions include 22 years of service as a member of the College's Board of Trustees (1991 through 2013), during which he served as chairman for 10 years (2003 to 2013). Projects completed during his tenure include the construction of the Technology Center, Wehrum Stadium, Reservoir Run housing complex, and the renovation and expansion of the College Center and the Library building.

Snyder also has served as a member of the College's Housing Corporation Board and is an emeritus member of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board of Directors. After semi-retirement from his law practice, Snyder enrolled at the College and graduated, with highest honors, in 2004 with an associate degree in Fine Arts. In 2016, he was inducted into the Herkimer College Alumni Wall of Honor.

Dr. Ronald F. Williams served as president of Herkimer County Community College from 1986 to 2008, and provided the College with strong, visionary leadership during a time of significant growth and success. Under Williams' leadership, the College experienced growth in enrollment, academic programs and campus facilities.

Williams provided leadership for developing some of the College's flagship academic programs and seeing that they had the facilities and equipment they needed in order to be as cutting-edge as possible. He was a great supporter of international recruitment, which now constitutes a significant portion of the College's enrollment. Under his leadership, the Internet Academy was established in 1999 with six programs completely online. The Internet Academy now offers 150 courses, 20 degree programs, and three certificate programs, and online students consistently represent over 20 percent of the College's enrollment.

Williams provided critical foresight and leadership for the construction of the Technology Center, which houses classrooms and laboratories. The construction of Wehrum Stadium has allowed Herkimer to host national level NJCAA championship tournaments and further its reputation as an athletic powerhouse. The Hummel Corporate and Professional Education Center has proved to be a valuable resource for community organizations and businesses. The renovation and expansion of the library building, which now bears his name, also included larger, more modern bookstore and Academic Support Center spaces. Williams also established Herkimer as a leader in developing residential campuses for community colleges.

DONALD J. SNYDER



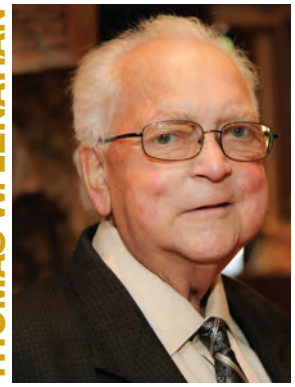
RONALD F. WILLIAMS



JEANNE GALVIN



THOMAS W. LENAHAN



Jeanne Galvin taught physical education and coached field hockey from 1971 until her retirement in 1995. As the first woman in the Physical Education department, the history of women's athletics at Herkimer began with Galvin. Starting in 1971, she organized the field hockey, volleyball, women's basketball, and softball teams, coaching all four sports for four years. During Galvin's early years at Herkimer, women competed under the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). Later, when the NJCAA expanded to include women, Galvin became regional director for women's athletics and served as chair of the National Field Hockey Committee for many years. She also served as president of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Under Galvin, Herkimer's field hockey program won national titles in 1987 (the first in the history of the College) and 1991, and Galvin was named NJCAA Field Hockey Coach of the Year both years. She coached the women's basketball team for 17 years, winning regional championships in 1979 and 1980, and was named Regional Coach of the Year both times. Galvin was awarded Emeritus status by the College Board of Trustees in 1995.

Galvin's leadership, her belief in the competitive spirit and talent of young women, and her commitment to developing opportunities for female student-athletes was a significant and lasting contribution to the growth and success of Herkimer County Community College and, more specifically, its well-earned reputation for outstanding athletic programming.

Thomas W. Lenahan began his tenure as a faculty member at Herkimer County Community College in 1984. He worked tirelessly to develop the criminal justice program into one of the flagship programs, making it one of the most respected curriculums of its kind in the state. He made significant and lasting contributions to the growth and sophistication of the program.

Lenahan received the Richard B. Lewis Service Award for service to the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State in 1998 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2000. He was recognized with Emeritus status in 2007.

The Torchbearer's Award will be awarded posthumously to Professor Emeritus Lenahan.

THE TORCHBEARER AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS START

Generals F1rst



Generals F1rst is a student club established last spring. As the name suggests, the club is made up of “first-generation” students – students whose parents or guardians have not earned a college degree.

Per the National Center for Education Statistics, 30 percent of all entering freshmen are first-generation college students, while an estimated 50 percent of the entire college population is made up of first-generation students. In the fall 2018 semester, approximately 25 percent of the freshmen class at Herkimer College were considered first-generation. Representing one-fourth of the student population, first-generation students have a prominent presence on campus and have a growing need to be supported.

Club founder and inaugural president, Alyson Williams never imagined that what started as an Honors Program project would manifest into a club with the ability to inform and guide first generation students, like herself, through the college experience.

When tasked with a community-based project as her last stage of involvement in the Honor’s Program, Alyson recalled several conversations she had with students and staff in the Academic Support Center. These conversations led to the realization that there was a need in the college community to assist first-generation college students, many of whom struggled with the knowledge of resources available on campus.

In a short time, the club accomplished much of what it set out to do. It drew in an impressive number of students, around 16, who showed up consistently to meetings and got involved. As a group, they attended a workshop titled “Engaging and Celebrating First-Generation Students and Faculty on your Campus.” During the workshop, they realized that first-generation students were being recognized at graduation, and from there, they successfully developed a plan to get themselves recognized at Herkimer’s Commencement this past May.

According to Williams, meeting with President McColgin left a lasting impression on her. “When we met with her and she explained to us that she was a first-generation student who went to a two-year college and then transferred, our mouths instantly dropped,” she said.

Williams plans to keep in touch with club members, and hopes to assist in creating a first-generation workshop to help students make connections, as well as work on building a scholarship fund in the future.

“During my last days at Herkimer, I started to wish that it was actually a four-year school,” Williams said. “My last semester was spent working on this club, and I can say hard work does pay off. The recognition, participation, and support from students, staff and faculty members it received was wonderful, fun, refreshing and positive.”

Creating New Opportunities

HERKIMER COLLEGE HAS ADDED THREE NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS THIS FALL.



The **SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (A.A.S.)** program will prepare students for a variety of supervisory roles in logistics. Successful graduates will be prepared to perform business functions required to successfully maintain an effective supply chain management process; create and maintain effective and updated regulatory standards necessary; and follow standard operational procedures. "The demand for professionals in Supply Chain Management is rapidly growing. The fact that this program can be completed entirely online creates a great opportunity for people who are already working in the field and are interested in advancing in their careers," said Associate Dean of Academic Affairs William McDonald.

For more information, visit www.herkimer.edu/scm.

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA (A.S.) will prepare students for transfer into a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs in media and communications and meets requirements for three SUNY transfer paths: Communication: Media; Communication: Non-Media; and Media Production. Core areas of study include media production, visual communication, journalism, social media and human communication. "This program has been carefully crafted to prepare students for transfer while maintaining hands-on experience," said Blake Pitcher, associate professor of digital graphics. "We are very excited about the new program, as it was built on the long history and strong foundation of media excellence at Herkimer College."

For more information, visit www.herkimer.edu/communication.

The **HEALTH PROFESSIONS (A.S.)** program is designed to prepare students for successful transfer into a variety of bachelor's degree programs in health-related fields. The curriculum provides students with multiple pathways to attain the skills, knowledge, and experience required for patient-based or technology-based healthcare occupations. Students can choose from the following tracks: Pre-Medical (Medical Technology and Medical Biotechnology), Pre-Nursing (Medical Imaging Sciences, Radiation Therapy and Respiratory Therapy), and Pre-Physical Therapy.

For more information, visit www.herkimer.edu/healthprofessions.

Herkimer Ranked #1 Online Community College

Herkimer College was ranked #1 online community college by SR Education Group on its 2019 list of best online community colleges in New York. New York is home to 22 community colleges that provide online associate degrees or certificates. Rankings were based on retention and graduation rates, online enrollment percentage, and the number of online associate degrees offered.



COMMENCEMENT 2019



“Regardless of your goals coming to Herkimer, there is no doubt you leave Herkimer with valuable new skills and a greater awareness of the world. You have learned to overcome challenges, be independent, manage your time and be self-disciplined. Many of you have developed and honed your leadership skills and you have grown personally through participation in cultural, civic and social activities. Most importantly, you have met your academic goals, and prepared yourselves for the future.” *President Cathleen McColgin*

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Isabella Crandall recognized Professor Emeritus Jean Stapeton, a longtime member of the Foundation Board who, to date, has participated in 49 of the 51 Commencements.

“Thank you, Jean, for your continued support of Herkimer College and the students we serve,” said Crandall.



Herkimer County Community College held its 51st annual Commencement on Friday, May 17, 2019. A total of 453 students earned degrees and certificates, including 63 who completed their studies entirely online through the College’s Internet Academy.

Student speaker Elaha Noori, of New York Mills, NY, addressed fellow graduates and guests with her speech titled “Women in

Cybersecurity.” Originally from Afghanistan, Noori’s message reflected on themes of facing fears and overcoming challenges.

Additionally, on Monday, May 20, 2019, a special ceremony was held for 26 student-athletes who were not able to attend Commencement due to post-season competition.



“Whether this is the last stop on the road to education or is a stepping stone as you continue on, you have completed this part of your journey. With the experience and lessons that you have taken from your time here at Herkimer I am sure it will lead you all to great success.” *Justin Jones, Student Government President*



“Today, I would like to call on everyone, especially to other women, to face our fears and embrace the challenges we encounter. This is what makes us and future generations stronger. If we run away from them, we run away from the opportunities for leadership that life brings to us.” *Elahe Noori, Cybersecurity A.S.*





MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wins National Championship



The men's basketball team won the 2019 NJCAA Division III national championship, the program's first national title since 1991. The team paved their way to the national tournament with a 28-1 regular season record and a third consecutive Region III championship. Herkimer ended the season with a win in the national championship game against Rock Valley (IL).

Derrick Felder, standout player during the season, was named 2019 NJCAA Division III Player of the Year and selected as a First Team All-American. Felder was also selected to play in the 2019 NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches all-star game in Las Vegas. Felder is now attending the University of Tampa to play NCAA Division II basketball for the Spartans. Along with Felder, Musa Pough also made the All-Tournament team for his performance during the national tournament.

Head Coach Matt Lee completed his 16th season with the program this year. Lee's outstanding coaching success this season saw the team boast a 31-1 record. Lee was named the 2019

Spalding® NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Coach of the Year and was selected to coach in the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches all-star game.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Earn Trips to the NJCAA World Series

With another regional championship, the baseball team advanced to the NJCAA Division III World Series in Greeneville, Tennessee. They fell short in the second round, but there were many positive takeaways from the season. Matt Parkinson earned a Division I baseball scholarship to the College of Charleston, and Brian Forbes was named an NJCAA Division III First Team All-American. The team finished with an impressive record of 35-6-2. This year marked Head Coach Jason Rathbun's seventh time in 15 seasons leading the Generals to the Division III World Series.

PJ Anadio's softball team earned a trip to the national championship tournament in Rochester, Minnesota. They won second place falling to

#1 ranked Rock Valley College (IL). Four players received National Championship All-Tournament team honors, while Aubrey Ketcham was named the Defensive Player of the Tournament. While they may feel they fell short on their big goal for the season, the team set a new Herkimer Generals record with 48 wins on the year, while playing in their sixth national championship game in seven seasons. Additionally, Kali Puppolo, Vani Patel, and Jennah Hogan were named First Team All-Americans, and Talyor Zaino received Second Team All-American honors. Puppolo was named Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year, and Anadio was named Co-Coach of the Year.



GOLFER NICK VISCONTI CAPS OFF IMPRESSIVE FRESHMAN SEASON

Nick Visconti (Little Falls, NY) qualified for and competed in the 2019 Division III NJCAA National Golf Championships. Visconti carded a four-day total of 329 to finish 47th among 85 golfers.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM Third in the Nation in Daktronics Cup

Herkimer College placed third in the nation among two-year non-scholarship athletic programs in the Daktronics Cup. Formerly the NATYCAA Cup award, this program recognizes excellence in two-year colleges, based on athletic success in championship competition. Suffolk County Community College claimed top honors with 152 points to win the award, defending champs Rowan College finished second with 131 points, while Herkimer College came in third with 109.5 points.

- Herkimer teams that contributed points are:
- Women's Soccer** 5th place national finish
 - Men's Cross Country** 16th place national finish
 - Women's Cross Country** 14th place national finish
 - Men's Basketball** 1st place national finish
 - Women's Swimming & Diving** 11th place national finish
 - Men's Bowling** 18th place national finish
 - Women's Bowling** 12th place national finish
 - Softball** 2nd place national finish
 - Baseball** 7th place national finish
 - Men's Track & Field** 15th place national finish
 - Women's Track & Field** 12th place national finish

Herkimer has won first place in the NATYCAA Cup three times, and has placed in the top three every year since the award's inception, except 2009 when the program finished in fourth place.

Four Employees Honored with SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence



DEBORA BRUNNER, OFFICE ASSISTANT, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Brunner joined the staff in 2005 and has earned a reputation for delivering excellent service to her colleagues. President Cathleen McColgin said, "Deb adjusted to a change in her scope of duties without allowing any of her responsibilities to go unmet, thereby making the transition easier for everyone involved."



PROFESSOR LISA ELWOOD-FARBER received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Creative Activities. Elwood-Farber has been a member of the English faculty for 15 years. She has created developmental writing courses as part of an Alternative Learning Program and has written two successful grant applications to fund development of the program. In connection with this program, she is exploring ideas for developing a writing center that would be run primarily by students. McColgin said, "Several students have credited Professor Elwood-Farber with helping them make the decision to continue their studies and pursue research programs in their chosen fields. This legacy of encouraging new, young scholars demonstrates the fullness and extent of Lisa's commitment to outstanding scholarship."



TIMOTHY ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SAFETY, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Rogers joined the College in 2008, bringing 22 years of experience as a police officer and police investigator. He has provided critical leadership in preparing the campus for potential worst case scenarios and has created a community policing model, added a bike patrol, and organized activities that encourage students to interact positively with officers, including Coffee with Campo, Cookies with Rookies, and Casino Night. "Students respect Tim because he is able to make them understand that his compassionate personality is backed by an equally passionate commitment to maintaining a safe campus environment," said McColgin.



KATHLEEN STABLES, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CORRECTIONS, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Stables was appointed to the faculty in 2006 and has taught numerous criminal justice courses and maintains her membership and active participation in professional associations, allowing her to stay current in her field. In addition to being the advisor for the Criminal Justice Club, Stables serves as an academic advisor for approximately 50 students each semester and has mentored over 20 student honors projects. McColgin said, "Katie has a teaching style and a rapport with students that draws them in and makes them want to participate."

The SUNY Chancellor's Award program was created to publicly recognize and honor superior professional achievement by faculty and professional staff, and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. The award is designated for faculty and staff members who personify professional excellence and serve as role models not only for the State University of New York community, but for Herkimer County Community College as well.



Dutcher Appointed Dean of Students/ Director of Athletics

Donald Dutcher '90 has been appointed to the position of Dean of Students/Director of Athletics at Herkimer College. Dutcher will have general oversight of student affairs, including athletics, personal counseling, judicial affairs, student leadership and involvement, and residence life and housing.

Dutcher has served as director of athletics since 2004, leading one of the most successful two-year college athletic programs in the nation. He has served on numerous college committees, including the Faculty/ Student Association Board of Directors, the Institutional Effectiveness Steering Team, Staff Development Working Group, and Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee.

In 2018, Dutcher was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. He is a proud Herkimer College alum, and holds bachelor's degrees from SUNY Oswego and SUNYIT, and a master's degree from SUNY Cortland.



Mary Ann Carroll Granted Emeritus Status



MARY ANN CARROLL has retired after 33 years of dedicated service to her students and the College. In recognition of her demonstration of excellence and commitment to Herkimer College, the Board of Trustees has granted her emeritus status.

Carroll joined the faculty in 1986 as a junior instructor in the Applied Science and Technology division and was promoted to assistant professor in 2003. A year later, she became an associate dean in the Humanities division, and in 2006, she was appointed associate professor for the Radio-TV Broadcasting program. In 2012, she again joined the administration as assessment coordinator, and in 2014, she was appointed to assistant dean

of academic affairs for assessment and institutional effectiveness. She was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2014.

Carroll was respected and admired by her students and colleagues alike. For many years, Carroll planned and executed the Commencement telecast on HCTV. She was also involved in many innovative student broadcasts over the years. She shared her talents and passion with students by serving as advisor to the General's Theater Club, a student performance group. She also served on numerous college committees and provided leadership and assistance with institutional accreditation reports. Most recently, Carroll served as co-chair of the Middle States Self Study Steering Committee, providing valuable leadership to ensure a successful outcome.

Carroll said, "It has been a wonderful 33 years as a faculty member and administrator at Herkimer. My students and colleagues have enriched my life, and I am forever grateful! Best of all, I met my husband of 35 years right here, as students in the Radio-TV program! Two of our adult children are also Herkimer grads. So proud to tell our Herkimer College story. It's a blessing!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREES

MARY ANN CARROLL, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs for Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment

ELLEN CURRY, Academic Support Center Specialist - Writing

JOY EDMUNDS, Staff Accountant - Payroll

PAMELA MAZZORANA, Director of Child Care Center

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According to a report by the Government Accountability Office, college students across the country struggle with food insecurity. The GAO reviewed 31 studies on the topic, showing that most concluded that over a third of college students don't always have enough to eat. In 2018, Governor Cuomo announced that 100 percent of all New York State public colleges would have a food pantry or stigma-free food access for students in need. Herkimer College assisted students in need with food and personal items on an informal basis, while working toward a more systematic and sustainable approach. Earlier this month, we officially opened The General's Cupboard. Stocked with free non-perishable food and personal care items, The General's Cupboard is open to ALL Herkimer College students. To help keep the shelves stocked, in-kind and monetary donations are welcome. Pictured is Director of Student Activities Vicki Brown helping to stock shelves. For more info, visit www.herkimer.edu/pantry.

Coming Events | www.herkimer.edu/events

Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend
Saturday, September 28, 2019
www.herkimer.edu/fallfest

Fall Open House
Saturday, October 19, 2019
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Robert McLaughlin College Center
www.herkimer.edu/openhouse

2019 Region III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships
Saturday, October 26, 2019

2019 Region III Women's Soccer Championships
Sunday, November 3, 2019 | Wehrum Stadium

2019 NJCAA Division III Men's Soccer National Championships
Thursday–Sunday, November 14–17 | Wehrum Stadium

43rd Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday & Sunday, November 9–10
www.herkimer.edu/ac

Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series
Friday, October 18, 2019: The Modernistics
Friday, December 13, 2019: String Orchestra of NYC
Friday, April 24, 2020: ETHEL *with special guest Robert Mirabel*
7 p.m. | Sarkus-Busch Theater
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