



Herkimer
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Connections

FALL 2017



Local Grad
Grows a Culture,
a Community,
and a Business

5

Join Us!

Herkimer

FALL FEST & ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 29 & 30,
Rain or Shine

Join us for music, games, food, art show, wagon rides, car show, tours & much more. Students, parents, families, alumni and the community are invited!

Visit www.herkimer.edu/fallfest or email alumni@herkimer.edu for more information.

Table of Contents

President's Message	3
Alumni Stories	5
Athletic Hall of Fame	12
Athletics	14
Campus News	20
Retirements	24
In Memoriam	26

Connections is a publication of Herkimer College and the Herkimer County College Foundation. It is published twice per year and distributed to alumni and friends of the College. Send feedback to: Rebecca Ruffing, Director of PR, Herkimer College, 100 Reservoir Rd, Herkimer, NY 13350 or rebecca.ruffing@herkimer.edu.

Editor

Rebecca J. Ruffing
Director of Public Relations
ruffingrj@herkimer.edu

Contributors

Erin Bailey '98
Maria Hughes
Anne Whiting '10

Art Direction and Design

Cynthia Courtney

College President

Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Foundation

Robert Fowler

Foundation President

Frank J. Kapusta '83

41 YEARS OF ART FOR EDUCATION

ADMISSION \$4; CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE

HERKIMER COUNTY
arts & crafts
HERKIMER COLLEGE fair HERKIMER, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017

The Mohawk Valley's premier arts and crafts event features fine artisan creations including pottery, woodworking, mixed media, jewelry, gourmet foods, textiles & fibers, wines and much more...

HERKIMER.EDU/AC

A MESSAGE FROM THE President

DR. CATHLEEN C. McCOLGIN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This past year, our campus community delighted in celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Herkimer County Community College. It was also an exciting year due to the many awards and recognitions received by individuals, departments and the institution as a whole.

Though Herkimer is one of the smallest community colleges in New York State (in terms of enrollment) and serves one of the smallest counties (in terms of population), we continue to be ranked among the best community colleges in the state, based on metrics such as student-to-faculty ratio, distance education participation, cost of attendance, flexibility, graduation rates, retention rates and transfer rates. Additionally, the Herkimer Generals athletic program is once again ranked first in the nation among two-year college, non-scholarship athletic programs!

We are very proud of these accomplishments, and they are a testament to the dedication, support and student-centered philosophy of our faculty and staff, and to the hard work and persistence of our students. These achievements translate into successful alumni, many of whom have gone on to earn advanced degrees and become leaders in their respective careers and communities.

Our alumni represent both the fulfillment and the continuation of an educational mission that has been half a century in the making. As bearers and stewards of this tradition of excellence, I am proud to be associated with you and with this outstanding institution of which you are an integral part of the fabric. I look forward to seeing many of you at Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend. My best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Sincerely,



Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.
President



A MESSAGE FROM THE Foundation Director

ROBERT FOWLER



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Herkimer County College Foundation continues to connect with alumni, establish new partnerships and support the needs of Herkimer College. Much of this would not be possible without your continued dedication, kindness and support. For all of this, I say thank you!

Herkimer College's 50th anniversary year brought many alumni back to the College, either through campus visits or just by inspiring them to reach out and say hello. As I've said many times in the past, the fondness you hold for this institution is remarkable, and meeting and speaking with you remains one of the more rewarding aspects of the job.

Our scholarship fund experienced tremendous growth yet again this past year, and special thanks is given to Jeff and Cindy Casale, whose generous contribution to the Thomas J. and Joann L. Casale Family Scholarship played a major role.

Additionally, the Foundation honored the Bull Family with a rededication of the Nature Trail, in the name of Lloyd and Carol Bull. The Bull family plays a significant role in not only the history of the College and Foundation, but its future as well. It was a real treat to have the family on campus for the dedication.

A new academic year is filled with optimism and the Foundation is looking forward to what the 2017-18 year will bring. New ideas, initiatives and opportunities will all come into play and we will continue to provide avenues to connect with our alumni. I look forward to the opportunity to meet and speak with you during the coming months, and I thank you for your continued support of the Herkimer County College Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rob Fowler
Executive Director
Herkimer County College Foundation



CREATING *Change* Through Coffee

FRANK ELIAS '88 PUT HIS DEGREE AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE TO GOOD USE WHEN HE STARTED THE UTICA COFFEE ROASTING CO. IN UTICA, NEW YORK, 12 YEARS AGO. "IT WAS A SOCIAL MISSION AS WELL AS A BUSINESS," HE EXPLAINS. "IT'S A FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS, BUT WE WANTED TO HELP REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN UTICA. AND WE'VE SUCCEEDED AT THAT?"

The company began in 2005, "with a roaster and a couple skids of beans – green coffee beans" in an abandoned store front in downtown Utica. "We saw potential, we saw that nobody else was going to invest, and we saw a lack of opportunity for young people to obtain meaningful jobs. If nobody else was going to do it – we were."

Elias roasts the beans in small batches to create a signature premium coffee, careful to bring out each type of bean's unique characteristics. He then distributes the beans to shops and stores, or brews coffee to sell at his two locations in Utica and Clinton.



"It's fresh, and it shows," Elias says. "It doesn't have a bitter flavor – it's sweet, and almost juice-like."

His two locations are popular with locals and visitors alike, ranking in the top 15 of more than 160 restaurants in Utica on TripAdvisor with a Certificate of Excellence. Visitors comment on the friendly staff and personal atmosphere. As part of the company's desire to help revitalize local societies, Elias

opened a second shop in Clinton in 2015, hoping to draw visitors to the village for day trips.

Keeping a local atmosphere, he has experimented with brewing methods developed at local colleges and universities, although all of the coffee roasting occurs at the Utica location. "We've created a niche-type of business that takes advantage of global opportunities and brings it home locally." Even when branding and promoting the business, including creating a logo, slogan, packaging and artwork, Elias has used local organizations.

Elias purchases the green, unroasted beans from across the globe. After roasting, the beans are packaged or ground and sold. He also creates unique blends, which he enjoys giving titles that reflect his home state as well as the blends' characteristics: Adirondack Blueberry, Cannoli, Gingerbread Biscotti, New York Empire, and Jamaican Me Crazy.

The company has expanded its offerings to include sandwiches, bread and pastries from a local bakery (Utica Bread), as well as smoothies and branded gear with the company's slogan, "Wake the Hell Up."

In 1988, Elias graduated from Herkimer College with an associate degree in marketing. "The culture of the school was small, personal," he says. "The personal relationships, the personal aspect, really makes Herkimer stand out." The professors were also helpful to him; even now he notes that they remain as personal and helpful as 30 years ago.

After graduation, Elias went on to Clarkson University for a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He landed a job in manufacturing at a medical supply company, then worked in distribution at Coca-Cola Company. He returned to Herkimer College in 1999 to aid in training, workforce development and community relations. Before starting up Utica Coffee Roasting Co., he also worked for the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce and as himself on the morning talk show "Talk of the Town with Mark Piersma and Frank Elias," as well as earning an MBA in international business from Clarkson.

"I used all that background when starting [Utica Coffee Roasting Co.]," he explains, "and a lot of the stuff I learned while earning the marketing degree." Using his marketing degree fundamentals, Elias created a brand that said it all in one picture – quality, innovation, and hometown pride. Experience and theoretical learning became increasingly

necessary as he took his new product to grocery stores in the greater Utica area. “You’ve got to have a good product – but you also have to design packaging that protects the beans and is presentable. It’s got to be priced well, and promoted, and delivered. Beyond all that, it’s got to be fresh and properly labeled with the right UPC and so on.”

The personal aspect Elias noted at Herkimer College also influences his company. Recently, he hired a Herkimer College graduate. “She started as an intern – she’s fantastic. I can’t begin to say how important it has been to work with a group who really believe in the brand, the image, and what we wanted to become.” Visitors often comment on the personal atmosphere that pervades his shops.

“The personal is a part of the culture,” Elias says. And in premium coffee, personal is part of being exceptional.”



THE HERKIMER COLLEGE
BOOKSTORE PROUDLY
SERVES **UTICA COFFEE.**



“We’ve created a niche-type of business that takes advantage of global opportunities and brings it home locally.”



UPSTATE NEW YORK NATIVE

THERESA LAZARUS

SPENDS HER DAYS DOING
WHAT MANY GIRLS ONLY DREAM OF—
DESIGNING WEDDING GOWNS.

Theresa graduated from high school in 2007 and enrolled at Herkimer College. Having had both a brother and sister who attended Herkimer College, she knew she wanted to as well. As a freshman, Theresa played both basketball and track while pursuing her degree in general studies. In 2008 she was part of Herkimer's first track team to win Nationals and was soon recruited by SUNY Cortland.

After only one year at Herkimer, Theresa found herself studying business economics at Cortland, but had fashion on the mind. Having always had a love for fashion, she was quick to realize that Herkimer had a fashion program, and that her credits from Cortland would transfer back with ease.



HERKIMER COLLEGE GRAD THERESA LAZARUS '10

DESIGNING HER DREAM IN NYC

Soon enough, Theresa found herself returning to a place she called home to finally study something she had a passion for.

“I’ve always loved fashion,” Theresa said, “Mrs. Jenny was awesome. With her, you had to show up on time, and Herkimer really taught me discipline. Herkimer helped me to realize that I was falling in love with what I wanted to do.”

After receiving her associate degree from Herkimer College in 2010, Theresa went on to FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology) in New York City and graduated with her bachelor’s degree in direct and interactive marketing two years later.

While she enjoyed her time at FIT, she credits Herkimer as being the place where she really flourished.

“I needed [FIT] on paper, but Herkimer’s program helped me to understand that not only do you need to be creative, but you need to know the business side as well, to be successful in the fashion industry. Herkimer’s program was very well rounded.”

Flash forward to 2014, and Theresa begins to embark on the journey to the beginning of her dream career, one that she continues to prosper in today. She is the assistant designer/production

manager at Lazaro Bridal in New York City, where she does everything from designing dresses, to handling social media to traveling for sales. She works with Lazaro himself in picking out fabric and plays an increasing role in the company’s design efforts.

It wasn’t right away that Theresa landed her dream job. She had several different internships with boutiques, an evening wear store and even a denim company. When a friend notified her of an opening at Lazaro, she knew it was for her.

“I realized that I loved bridal. There is a great meaning behind it. You are designing something that women only buy once in their life.”

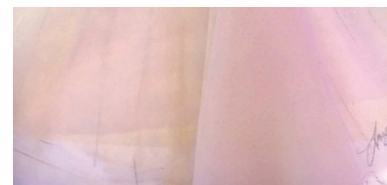
At Lazaro, wedding veils are made on site in New York, and all dresses are manufactured in the city. Lazaro is one of the last companies around to produce their designs within the country. Their dresses are sold to 98 U.S. stores and more than 100 international stores. The brand has been featured on *Say Yes to the Dress* many times, and Theresa herself has appeared on the show.

Theresa hopes to continue doing what she loves for years to come, and although she’s living her life in the big city, she will always call upstate and Herkimer College home.



THERESA RECALLS ONE VERY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE THAT SHE HAD AT HERKIMER COLLEGE, ONE THAT SHE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANYWHERE ELSE.

“IN 2010, OUR FASHION SHOW SOLD OUT. THERE WERE 500 PEOPLE THERE. I’VE SPOKEN ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE AT EVERY JOB INTERVIEW THAT I’VE GONE ON.”



20 YEARS *of* Service to His Hometown

CAPTAIN JEFFREY CRIM '92

HERKIMER BORN AND BRED, CAPTAIN JEFFREY CRIM HAS LONG SERVED HIS HOMETOWN, KEEPING IT A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND RAISE FAMILIES.

Beginning as a police officer in 1996, he joined the Herkimer Police Force the next year. From there, he “worked his way up the ladder” to investigator in 2009, a position he held until becoming captain of the Herkimer Police Department (HPD) in 2014.

“It’s mostly been day to day dealing with the people in my community,” Crim says. “That’s the best part of my job.”

returning to Herkimer, where he worked for the Sheriff’s Department for five years. “While I was there, I became a certified police officer. I became a full-time police officer in 1997.”

From officer, Crim became an investigator in 2009, after Tim Rogers retired from the position. Rogers is now the College’s Director of Campus Safety and remembers Crim well. When Crim

“I wish I had a big story, something exciting. But it’s been one long, solid experience.”

Crim graduated from Herkimer High School in 1989. His teachers recommended he apply to Herkimer County Community College in the Criminal Justice program. “The college staff laid the groundwork for my career. They inspired me, that I could help the public.” This preparation went deep into the impressionable young man, an underpinning that would shape his life, focus and career.

After graduation in 1992, Crim attended SUNY Brockport before

was promoted to the job, Rogers continued to work part time, and the two occasionally worked together. “We met while working at the HPD. I was a sergeant, and he was a rookie cop. He jumped right into the investigator job. Usually an officer will become a sergeant, then an investigator. But he moved right from officer to investigator,” said Rogers. “I helped with his drug work,” Rogers recalls, “like when he was hitting an apartment or house. I was the driver of the bus a few times for SRT.”



As an investigator, Crim dealt with a variety of cases, though much of his work centered around drug issues within Herkimer. "He did a great job. There have been a lot of good outcomes," Rogers says of Crim. "He grew tremendously in each position. It's been nice to watch him progress, even today."

Crim was promoted to captain in 2014, trading the more rigorous investigator position for a more administrative role. "It's the day to day dealing with the people in my community that has kept me here," he says. "I've been offered other jobs in other places, but that's what keeps me here." His duties as captain have included setting up training for new police officers, which he has enjoyed.

"I wish I had a big story, something exciting. But it's been one long, solid experience," said Crim about his career. With plans to retire at the end of this year, he said "I'm walking out with no regrets."

BARNES & NOBLE | Herkimer

YOUR NEW CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

Now Operated by Barnes & Noble College



We are excited to be your new campus partner & look forward to meeting you!

HERKIMER.BNCOLLEGE.COM

Alum Named Oneida County "Living Legend"



Carmen Sonia Martinez '80 has been selected as a 2017 Living Legend by the Oneida County Historical Society. She will be honored at the Oneida County History Center's annual Historical Hall of Fame/Living Legends Awards Banquet on October 4, 2017. A Latino community advocate, Sonia is founder of the Mohawk Valley Latino Association. She is a 1980 graduate with an associate degree in Travel and Tourism, and now serves as a member of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board of Directors. Martinez said, "It's truly an honor to be selected for the Hall with this group of inductees. I'm beyond words that someone took the time to nominate me. I am blessed by God who has given me a gift to advocate for people in need." For more info, visit www.oneidacountyhistory.org.

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017

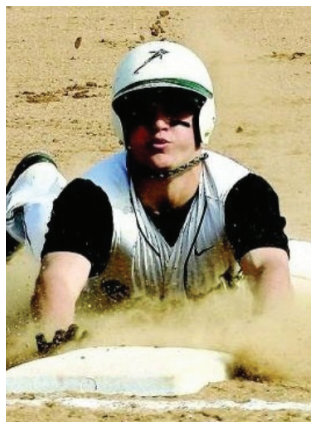
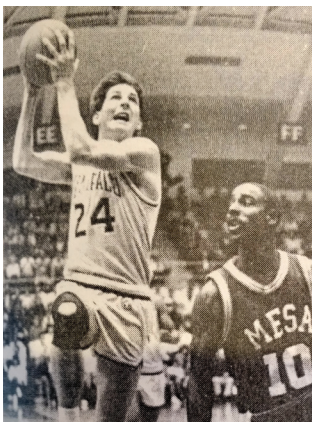


Cindy Kemler '80, Newport, NY, led the Herkimer Generals to their first two regional championships in women's basketball in 1979 and 1980. Kemler was the first woman from New York State to be named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) basketball All-American (1980). She averaged 18.3 points per game and 15 rebounds per game at the national tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team. She is a former West Canada Valley high school standout and is employed by Herkimer Elementary School. Kemler is also a well-respected basketball and soccer official for Section III.

Five individuals and one team will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 29.

The inductees selected for the Class of 2017 have made outstanding contributions to the institution through intercollegiate athletics.

Chris Wittman, Utica, NY, was a member of the 1985 and 1986 men's basketball teams. In his first year, he averaged 12 points per game and 10 assists, followed by 10 points per game and 10.2 assists in his sophomore year. In both years, Wittman and his team were Mid-East Regional Champions. In 1986, Wittman set a single game school record with 19 assists and was named First Team Region III All Zone All Star along with First Team Region III All-Tournament Team recognition. The team ended the 1986 season ranked fourth nationally and with a 30-0 record in New York State and a Region III championship. Wittman then accepted a full athletic scholarship to Rutgers University in New Jersey. Wittman is currently employed with Aldridge Electric in Illinois where he is a project engineer for the drilling division.



Brandon Jones '10, Sacramento, CA, was a baseball star at Herkimer College in 2009 and 2010. He was team captain in 2010, and was named 2010 Region III Player of the Year, Region III All-Tournament Team, First Team All-American, First Team All-Region and All Conference Team. Jones holds single season records for homeruns (9), runs batted in (55) and hits (76). He earned his associate degree in sports and recreation management. Jones continued his education at the College of Saint Rose, and is a sales and service technician at Zap Termite and Pest Control.

to be Inducted

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Friday, September 29 at 5 p.m. with a strolling dinner and cocktails, induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m. followed by a social hour with dessert. The fee is \$45 per person. For reservations, contact the Foundation Office at (315) 574-4015 or visit www.herkimer.edu/ahof

Richard Law '78, Canastota, NY, was a successful lacrosse player at Herkimer College in 1978. Law was the first lacrosse All-American at Herkimer and led the country in scoring 40 goals, 27 assists and 67 points in 13 games. He was the team captain for two years and received the Herkimer College MVP Lacrosse Award in 1978. Law was recognized with First Team All-Region honors for two years and was named First Team All-American in 1978. After graduating with a degree in construction technology, Law was recruited by several major universities to play lacrosse. He instead chose to enter in his father's business, Robert H. Law, Inc., and eventually took the company over in 1992.

Perry Nizzi, Frankfort, NY, served as head men's soccer coach from 1981-1998, with a record of 291-56-11. He guided the Generals to three NJCAA Division III championships in 1994, 1995 and 1996. Herkimer established a national collegiate record for the longest winning streak in any sport with 97 consecutive victories. As a result of those accomplishments, Nizzi was inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame in 2006. Nizzi received the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association award for outstanding contributions in the field of intercollegiate soccer in 1999. He was inducted into the Rome Sports

Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. Nizzi graduated from Rome Free Academy where he earned high school all-America honors. He enjoyed an all-America playing career at Mohawk Valley Community College and continued his education at SUNY Cortland. He was one of eight inducted into Cortland's C-Club Hall of Fame in 2009. Nizzi is in his 19th year as head soccer coach at Hamilton College.

The 1994 Men's Soccer Team, coached by Perry Nizzi, will be inducted for winning the men's soccer program's first-ever national championship in 1994. Team members included: Juan Arboleda, Emilio Biello, Matt Carey, Matt Convertino, Marcello Correa, Bruno DeBellis, Brian Dutcher, Matt Earl, Paul Fekete, Mike Fornino, Andy Gifford, Matt Green, Nate Horton, Rich Lysik, Matt Malowski, Dan McCall, Frank McKenzie, John Murray, Morgan Scott, Rich Mussi, Brian Myers, Adetoye Oshoniyi, Jeff Rauber, Mike Rochette, Chris Saggese, Dave Seipp, John Shafer, Peter Sisera, Bryan Thomas, Josh Thomas, Tami Thomas, Jonathon Williams, Enrique Wissar and Rich Zysik.

More information about the **Athletic Hall of Fame** is available at www.herkimergenerals.com/hof.



Generals Win NATYCAA Cup... *Again!*

The Herkimer Generals have once again won the NATYCAA Cup (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators), ranking them first in the nation among two-year college, non-scholarship athletic programs. This is the third time in four years that Herkimer College has won this impressive award.

Herkimer also finished sixth in the standings for the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup which recognizes the top overall two-year colleges in all divisions combined. Both programs recognize excellence in two-year colleges, based on athletic success in championship competition.

With 126.5 points, Herkimer topped Rowan College at Gloucester County of New Jersey who placed second with 125 points. A third place national finish in men's basketball, fourth place finish in men's soccer, fifth place finish in women's cross country, third place finish in softball, and three individual national championships in track and field helped lead the Generals to the top spot.

Athletic Director Donald Dutcher said, "I am extremely proud of our student-athletes and coaches for winning this award. Our coaches put a lot of time and effort into recruiting the right student-athletes to play for the Generals. When students come to Herkimer, they buy into our philosophy and the mission of the athletic department. This award is the ultimate goal of our program since it recognizes the excellence of our program as a whole. To be the best, you have to surround yourself with the best, and I feel we truly have that at Herkimer with our coaches, student-athletes, professors, administration and staff. It is a total institutional effort."

College President Cathleen McColgin said, "I commend Don Dutcher and the entire athletic department for their commitment and efforts to sustain an outstanding nationally-recognized athletic program. I am also very proud of our student-athletes who dedicate so much time and effort to excel in their respective sports, as well their academic programs of study."

NATYCAA is the professional organization of two year college athletic administrators dedicated to the continuing growth and development of two-year college athletics and the individuals involved through an exchange of information, monitoring of legislation, promotion of academic excellence, increasing communication between organizations, and encouraging a high degree of integrity in all endeavors.



“I am extremely proud of our student-athletes and coaches for winning this award. Our coaches put a lot of time and effort into recruiting the right student-athletes to play for the Generals!”

Donald Dutcher, Athletic Director

Pictured from left: Albert Gasparian, NATYCAA President; Donald Dutcher; and Mark Krug, NJCAA Assistant Executive Director.

SOFTBALL Places Third in the Nation

The softball team placed third in the NJCAA national championship tournament with an overall record of 33-8. Seeded #2 in the national tournament, Herkimer won their first two games 11-0 over #7 seed Itasca and 9-0 over #3 Rowan Gloucester. However, Herkimer was scheduled to play the #1 seeded Rock Valley in the semifinals for the chance to move on to the National Championship game. The Generals fell to Rock Valley in five innings 8-0 sending Rock Valley to the championship game and Herkimer to the consolation bracket where they again fell to #8 seeded Suffolk with a score of 7-5.



Earning a well-deserved spot on the national All-Tournament team were freshman pitcher Keeanna Wolcik who pitched in three games earning a total of 16 strikeouts, zero earned runs, giving up only 9 hits and 2 walks. The second Herkimer General on the 2017 national all-tournament team was sophomore center fielder Paige Crittela. Crittela hit .455 in the tournament with five runners batted in, three runs and two stolen bases. She also led the outfield playing center and made three amazing catches.



MEN'S SOCCER Regional Run Continues

The Herkimer Generals men's soccer program continued their dominance in Region III with an undefeated 2016 regular season and an NJCAA Region III District A championship. It was the program's 27th consecutive regional title (28th overall) with their undefeated run starting in 1990. The 2016 team placed fourth in the NJCAA Division III national tournament. Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon was named 2016 Region III Coach of the Year, for the fifth time in his career. Aragon has served as head coach for 19 seasons, and previously received this award in 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2013.

Coaching Milestones

Men's Basketball Coach **Matt Lee won his 300th career game** on Sunday, November 22, 2016 bringing his record, as of that date, to 300-98. Coach Lee completed his 13th season as head coach and has accumulated five regional championships. This year, Coach Lee was named NJCAA District 1 Coach of the Year, and his team placed first in Region III and third in the national championship tournament.

Baseball Coach **Jason Rathbun earned his 400th win** on Monday, April 24, 2017. Coach Rathbun has led the Herkimer baseball program since 2005 and has achieved an average of 30 wins per season. Under his leadership, the program has earned nine Mountain Valley Conference championships, five Region III championships, and five trips to the NJCAA Division III Junior College World Series.



Hits 4 Hope Raises Money for 4-Year Old Cancer Survivor



Softball coach PJ Anadio and his team raised \$5,266 through their Hits 4 Hope fundraiser to support four-year-old, Amelia Spencer, who has battled brain cancer.

“Amelia has been a brave trooper through this entire experience and her ruthless courage is an inspiration to all. We would like to do our part to help support Amelia and her family in this trying time working jointly with the Hugs for Amelia organization through the Hits 4 Hope initiative,” said Anadio.

The Hits 4 Hope program was designed to raise money based on the number of hits the Generals produced in a particular game. For the inaugural

event, Herkimer selected the Clinton Community College doubleheader. In two five-inning games, the Generals earned an impressive 63 hits. Pledges based on hits and general donations were accepted.

Anadio stated, “I couldn’t be prouder of my team and the community for rallying around this project. This is what makes the Mohawk Valley such a great place to live. Being able to raise this much money for the Spencer family is just as rewarding, and just as important, as winning any championship.”

Two Herkimer Alumni Inducted to NJCAA Lacrosse Hall of Fame

Herkimer College alumni Rich Barnes '87 (Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science) and Scott Ditzell '04 (Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies) were inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Lacrosse Hall of Fame at a ceremony held at Onondaga Community College on Friday, May 12, 2017. Barnes was captain and All American at Herkimer and a two-time All American at SUNY Cortland. After graduation from Herkimer College he earned a bachelor's degree in PE from Cortland in 1989 and master's degree in 1991. He served as an assistant coach at Cortland in 1990 and 1996, and rejoined the Red Dragons as an assistant coach and defensive coordinator in 2005. Barnes also served as an assistant coach at Ithaca College from 1991-92 and 1998-2004. Barnes is a physical education teacher in the Homer Central School District and a freelance photographer.

While at Herkimer, Scott Ditzell received Academic All-American and 1st-team All American Honors in 2003. That year he led Herkimer to an 18-0 season and a national championship. He earned tournament

best defensive players honors and was named the NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year. Ditzell earned a scholarship to Syracuse University and started on defense during the 2004 and 2005 seasons. In 2004, Syracuse won the NCAA Division National Championship by defeating Navy 14-13. In 2005, Ditzell was chosen as one of the team's tri-captains and earned All American honors. He played indoor lacrosse in Canada with great success, helping the Canadian Six Nations Junior A (2004) and Onondaga Redhawk (2005) teams to championships. After college, he was drafted by Rochester in the indoor and outdoor franchises. He played for the 2007 National Lacrosse League champion Knighthawks and earned a bronze medal as a member of Team USA at the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Ditzell is a financial advisor for MassMutual.

Pictured from left is Barnes, former Herkimer College lacrosse coach Paul Wehrum and Ditzell at the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductions.



Herkimer Earns 2 of 77 SUNY Scholar Athlete Awards

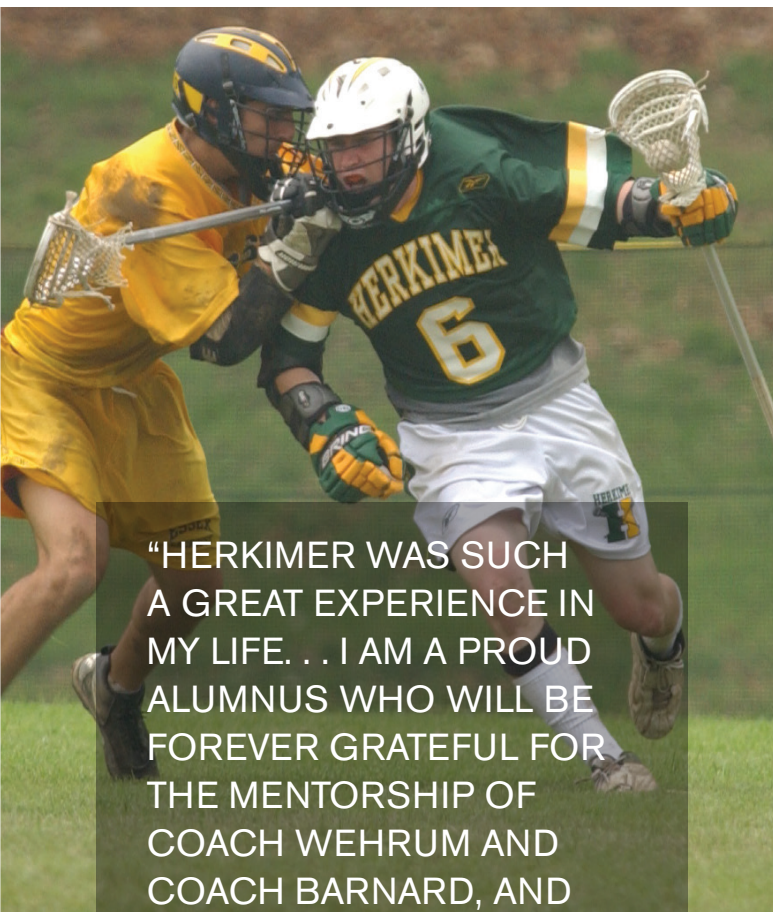
Two Herkimer College student-athletes received the 2017 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. They were among only 77 recipients from the 64 SUNY campuses statewide to receive the award this year.

Justin Harley '17, Business Administration major from Central Islip, NY, consistently achieved academic honors. As a freshman on the basketball team, Harley was selected team captain and served as captain for two years. He helped lead his team this year to a third place finish in the nation. He was named to the 2017 first team all Mountain Valley Conference and 2017 second team All-Region III and received Herkimer College's Pop Walsh Award. Harley is also a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. He plans to transfer to Graceland University on a full scholarship.

Chyanna Bernier, a Criminal Justice major from Ilion, NY, received this prestigious award as a freshman. Herkimer College's 2016-17 Female Athlete of the Year, Bernier is a three-sport athlete on the cross country, swimming and diving, and track and field teams. She is a standout runner, and helped the 2016 cross country team win the program's first ever Region III and Mountain Valley Conference titles and was named 2016 Runner of the Year, Northeast Region. Bernier also recently won three Track and Field individual national championships in the 10K run, 5K run and 3000m steeplechase events. In addition to placing first in the 10K, she set a new school record with a time of 39:40.95.

MEN'S BASKETBALL Places Third in the Nation

The 2016-17 men's basketball team defeated the Region III number one seed Onondaga on the Lazars' home court to win the program's fourth Region III championship in five years. Herkimer advanced to the National Championship tournament in Rochester, Minnesota where their run for a national championship ended in the semifinals. The Generals finished third place in the nation.



"HERKIMER WAS SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE IN MY LIFE. . . I AM A PROUD ALUMNUS WHO WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE MENTORSHIP OF COACH WEHRUM AND COACH BARNARD, AND THE FRIENDSHIPS OF MY TEAMMATES."

DAN CAREY '04

MEN'S LACROSSE Alum to Lead Colorado Mammoth



Dan Carey '04 was recently appointed general manager for the Colorado Mammoth. Carey was promoted from his role as the team's director of player personnel, and will be only the second general manager in the history of the team.

At Herkimer, Carey helped the 2003 lacrosse team to an undefeated season and was named All-American and Herkimer College Male Athlete of the Year in 2004.

A left-handed forward, Carey was drafted #7 overall by the Colorado Mammoth in the first round of the 2005 National Lacrosse League entry draft. He played six seasons with Colorado and the Toronto Rock.

Carey holds an associate in arts degree from Herkimer College and two bachelor's degrees from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.



President McColgin Gifts Hand-Crafted Ceremonial Mace

A hand-crafted ceremonial mace was gifted to the College by President Cathleen C. McColgin and her husband Robert McColgin, in recognition of Herkimer County Community College's 50th anniversary. One of the oldest symbols of authority, a university's mace is carried before the president or chancellor and platform-party dignitaries during commencement and other academic ceremonial processions. The mace serves its vital role as the object vested with the power of the institution.

Crafted from American black cherry wood harvested from campus property, and designed and crafted by George and Theresa Olsen, of Richmondville, NY, the mace features the official college seal, cast in bronze on each of the four sides. A cage-type finial showcases a beautiful Herkimer Diamond, a double-terminated quartz crystal found in Herkimer, New York and donated by Gems Along the Mohawk. The College's 49th Commencement on May 19, 2017 marked the first academic ceremony at which the mace was carried. Professor William Pelz was selected by his peers to be the College's first ever macebearer. The longest tenured faculty member in the history of Herkimer College, Professor Pelz was appointed to the faculty in 1968 and also serves as instructional designer for online learning.

Herkimer College Ranked as a Top Great Value College for Online Programs

Herkimer College has been ranked as a top 10 great value in three categories by Great Value Colleges. The Top 10 Great Value Colleges list ranks Herkimer College #1 for an online associate degree in accounting, #2 for an online associate degree in business administration and #5 for an online associate degree in human resource management. The rankings are based on tuition value, student-to-faculty ratio, flexibility in online degree track, online student advisement, job placement, and curriculum relevancy in the current job market. Herkimer College offers 20 degree and three certificate programs entirely online through the Internet Academy.

Herkimer College Ranks among Best Community Colleges in New York State

Herkimer College ranked eighth by Schools.com on their 2017 list of best community colleges in New York State. Schools.com ranked 35 community colleges, all of which were affiliated with either the City University of New York (CUNY) or the State University of New York (SUNY) systems. Each school was scored on a 10-point scale based on metrics such as student-to-faculty ratio, distance education participation, cost of attendance, flexibility, graduation rates, retention rates and transfer rates.

Herkimer College Ranked 2nd by OnlineColleges.com

Herkimer College has been ranked second among two-year colleges in New York State by OnlineColleges.com*. More than 2,500 colleges throughout the country were evaluated on a 10-point scale based on metrics such as number of programs offered via distance education, percentage of students participating in distance education classes, average in-state tuition for undergraduate students, average out-of-state tuition for undergraduate students, total electronic library collections, availability of academic/career counseling services, and availability of job placement services for graduates.

*Data sources included The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and The United States Census Bureau.

EMPLOYEES

Recognized *for Excellence*

Four Herkimer County Community College employees were recently honored with the 2017 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The award recipients were recognized at the College's annual employee recognition ceremony, and at Commencement where each was presented with a bronze medallion.

Lisa Lamanna-Johnson '80, office assistant in the Business, Health, Science and Technology Division, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Lamanna-Johnson joined the Herkimer College staff 36 years ago as a stenographer. Her role has evolved over the years to reflect a long list of duties including assisting the associate dean, faculty and staff in her division and helping students with a wide range of needs. President Cathleen McColgin said, "Lisa is a role model for customer service and employee excellence, and her colleagues depend on her knowledge, patience, creativity, professionalism and friendship on a daily basis."

Wendy Marchese received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. As a counselor, Marchese's responsibilities include providing personal counseling to students, developing and coordinating programs for students regarding alcohol and substance abuse, sexual assault prevention, and mental health awareness. She provides assistance to individuals in crisis and assists in planning crisis intervention management strategies. President McColgin said, "Wendy is admired and respected by colleagues and students alike. Her tireless efforts in going above and beyond in addressing issues such as suicide, domestic violence, sexual assault and mental health truly make a difference in the lives of our students."

Dr. Mark Polkosnik, Associate Professor, Paralegal, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. President McColgin said, "Dr. Polkosnik demonstrates, in all aspects of his work, the qualities this award is meant to recognize. His skill and impact as a teacher are rooted in his broad background of professional expertise and in his genuine desire to see his students succeed." Professor Polkosnik also serves as an academic advisor, Phi Beta Lambda advisor, and Honors Program mentor.

Associate Professor of History/Social Science, **Jeffrey Steele '90**, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Professor Steele developed a local history course and a museum internship, and has organized and planned conferences, published articles and given numerous presentations. He has served on the Curriculum and Institutional Effectiveness Committees, and as chair of the Academic Senate Planning Committee and Chancellor's Awards Committee. He currently serves as president of the Academic Senate, faculty co-advisor to the History Club, and is a member of the Campus Advisory Council and the Applied Learning Task Force. Steele also is a member of the SUNY Council on Assessment and a delegate to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.



From left: Jeffrey Steele, Lisa Lamanna Johnson and Wendy Marchese

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.

A total of 66 Herkimer College faculty and staff have been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. A complete list is available at www.herkimer.edu/chancellor-awards.



Student address: Deshawn McCrea, Fort Plain, NY
Communication Arts: Digital Filmmaking



SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence: Justin Harley, Central Islip, NY, and Milnalis Diesse, Bronx, NY.



“... you have met your academic goals and prepared yourselves for the future. You and your families have much to be proud of.”

President McColgin

“... spread your wings and fly... and don't ever let anyone tell you what you can't achieve.”

Deshawn McCrea



COLLEGE HOLDS 49th Commencement

Herkimer County Community College's 49th Commencement was held on Friday, May 19. Among the 446 candidates for degrees and certificates were 73 graduates who completed their programs entirely online through the College's Internet Academy. The National Anthem was be sung by Brittany J. Gallt, a Communication Arts: Music Industry graduate from St. Johnsville, NY. The invocation and benediction was given by Pastor Dwayne A. Durant '98, of Kuyahoorra Community Church.

The student address, *I am a Scholar*, was given by Deshawn McCrea, a Communication Arts: Digital Filmmaking major from Fort Plain, NY. McCrea said, "Believe in yourself and know that anything you put your mind to can only become reality. Fight for your right to be heard. If you believe you can make a change, then change it! If you believe that you can educate the next soul to become

something great, then teach it. If you believe that you can soar the world and change the lives of millions, then spread your wings and fly... and don't ever let anyone tell you what you can't achieve."

In her remarks, President McColgin said, "Regardless of your goals coming to Herkimer, there is no doubt you leave 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 through participation in student government, athletics, clubs and causes. And you have grown personally through participation in community, cultural, civic, and social activities. Most importantly, you have met your academic goals and prepared yourselves for the future. You and your families have much to be proud of!"

To view a video of the ceremony on demand, go to www.herkimer.edu/commencement.

Ways to **give** to Herkimer College

Donations to the Herkimer County College Foundation help us provide scholarships for deserving students and advance the College's most important goals. We depend on the generosity of our alumni and friends to improve the quality of the Herkimer College experience.

There are many ways you can support Herkimer College.



Contact Us

For more information or to suggest another way you'd like to support the Foundation, please contact Rob Fowler, Executive Director, Herkimer County College Foundation, at 315-574-4015.

Contribute to the Annual Fund

Unrestricted gifts to the annual fund are allocated at the discretion of the Foundation. Funds are used to award scholarships to deserving students in need, advances in technology, and professional development for students, faculty, and staff.

Donors may also give a gift to the annual fund for a specific department or program of choice. A restricted gift allows you to specify exactly what part of the Herkimer College community you want your donation to impact.

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are a fitting way to honor the life of a deeply loved or respected individual. Donors can contribute to more than 90 established scholarship programs. Contributors gifting eligible amounts may also have the opportunity to start and name a new scholarship.

In-Kind Gifts

Donating items or equipment helps enrich our learning environment and enhance the student experience. In-kind gifts such as equipment, artistic or cultural items, educational tools, or anything else you feel would benefit the College are always appreciated as they contribute to the student experience.

Planned Giving

Gift planning allows you to create a legacy and ensure your donations have a lasting impact on our institution and the lives of students and their families. We will work with your financial planner, consultant or accountant to develop a plan that favorably utilizes tax regulations to maximize your gift's impact on the College while minimizing its effect on your estate.

Become a Partner in Education

The Partners in Education program recognizes businesses, groups and private individuals who donate \$2,000 or more to the Herkimer County College Foundation. Our partners, through their annual support, receive special recognition throughout the year for their charitable donation.

Sponsor an Event

The Foundation seeks corporate sponsors for fundraising events such as the Generals Open Golf Tournament and the Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair. Sponsorships are a great way for companies and organizations to connect with the community, and they provide valuable public relations opportunities. Sponsorships greater than \$2,000 qualify for recognition through our Partners in Education program.

Volunteer

By giving your time and talent, you help to advance the mission of the College and provide opportunities for local students. The Foundation welcomes volunteers to assist with fundraising events.

Congratulations *to our* Recent Retirees

In total, these eleven individuals provided almost 325 years of service to our students, our college, and our community! We thank them for their commitment and helping to make Herkimer College an outstanding institution. Best wishes to all!

Robert Schultz '75, Coordinator-Radio/TV, retired with more than 40 years of service. Mr. Schultz received merit awards in 1990 and 2006, and was honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1995.

Michael Giudice, Technical Assistant, began his service to Herkimer College in 1982. He earned merit awards in 1993 and 2012, and received an Award of Distinction in the cable TV/documentary category for "Little Falls, NY: A Living Legacy."

Della Smith '98, Account Clerk-Typist in the Financial Aid office, retired in December 2016 with 31 years of service. Ms. Smith served as a member of the Foundation Scholarship Committee for more than a decade. She was known for her commitment to excellent service to our students.



Michelle List '85, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood retired in December 2016. Ms. List was initially appointed in September 2005 as a lecturer in the Humanities Division, appointed to Instructor in 2006, and promoted to assistant professor and granted tenure in 2011. She served on the Assessment, Curriculum, Promotion and Merit Recommending, and Academic/Student Services committees, and she was also active with the Alumni Committee.

Rebecca Ward, Assistant Professor, Biology retired in December 2016 with 22 years of service. Ms. Ward began as a part-time Learning Center Specialist in 1991, and was appointed to part-time instructor in January 1992, to lecturer in August 1992, and to instructor in the Mathematics/Science division in January 1995. She was promoted to assistant professor and granted tenure in 1999. Mrs. Ward served on the Assessment, Promotion and Merit Recommending, Academic Computer Services, and Faculty Development committees, as well as the Student Judicial Review Board. She was recognized with a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004.

Mary Jo Restante Office Assistant II in the Academic Support Center, retired in July 2017 with 25 years of service. Ms. Restante was hired as a part-time clerk/typist in the College Learning Center in 1990. She was appointed to full-time stenographer two years later, and her title was changed to office assistant II in 2003. Ms. Restante served for many years on the Campus Accessibility Committee.

* **Alan Cronauer**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Business, Health, Science & Technology division, retired in June 2017 after 33 years of service. Mr. Cronauer was appointed in 1984 as instructor, and granted tenure in 1991. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1995 and associate professor in 2003. In 2014, Mr. Cronauer was appointed interim assistant to the associate dean of Academic Affairs, and then was appointed associate dean for the BHST division. He served on the Perkins Grant Committee, the Student Judicial Review Board, the Strategic Planning/Institutional Effectiveness Committee, and the Orientation and Assessment committees. Mr. Cronauer was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003, was named a Sam Walton Fellow in 1997, and he also received recognition for serving as advisor to the SIFE Team on our campus.

* **Debra Sutton**, Associate Professor, Travel & Events Management, retired in July 2017 after 26 years of service. Ms. Sutton began as a part-time instructor in 1989 and was appointed to full-time instructor in 1991. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1994 and associate professor in 1998, and was granted tenure in 1996. Ms. Sutton served on the Scholarship and Fall Fest committees, and was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2014.

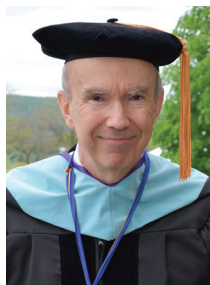




★ **Dr. Catherine Delorme**, Professor of Physical Therapy, retired in August 2017 with 22 years of service. Professor Delorme began as an assistant professor in 1995, was promoted to associate professor in 2008 and professor in 2013. She was granted tenure in 2000. Dr. Delorme served on the Assessment Committee, and also chaired the Curriculum and the Academic Policies committees. She was recognized in 2012 by the Genesis Group for our students' achievement of a 100% pass rate on the PTA licensing exam. Dr. Delorme played a lead role in preparing the College's most recent reaccreditation for the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).



★ **Guy Devitt** Associate Professor, Business, retired in August 2017 after completing 40 years of service. Mr. Devitt began as an instructor of business in 1977, was promoted to assistant professor in 1981 and associate professor in 1993. He served on the Faculty Development and Commencement committees, and also served as a program specialist on behalf of the College at the Herkimer Working Solutions Career Center, advising job seekers on opportunities to further their education and realize their career goals. Professor Devitt was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2007.



★ **Dr. Timothy McLean**, Professor of Social Science, retired in August 2017 with 40 years of service. Dr. McLean was appointed as an instructor of social sciences in 1977, was promoted to assistant professor in 1981, associate professor in 1988, and professor in 1997. Professor McLean served as chair of the Student Judicial Review Board, and was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006.

★ **Emeritus Status Granted**

Emeritus status is an honor granted by the Board of Trustees to retired professional academic and administrative staff members who have demonstrated excellence and commitment to making Herkimer College the exceptional institution it is today. Consideration is given for years of service, professional rank achieved, and outstanding contributions to the institution.

ROBERT H WOOD
Great Artists
SERIES



Danú

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017
7:00 PM | SARKUS-BUSCH THEATER

A Christmas Gathering: Féile Na Nollag

Christmas in Ireland is one of the most important holidays for families and friends and Danú's Christmas Gathering offers a taste of their celebration. Celtic music lovers around the world have been thrilled by their virtuoso players on fiddle, flutes, button accordion, percussion and the gorgeous voice of Nell Ní Chróinín along with top notch guest dancers. Danú returns to the US, and Herkimer College, this holiday season to celebrate Christmas in Irish tradition.

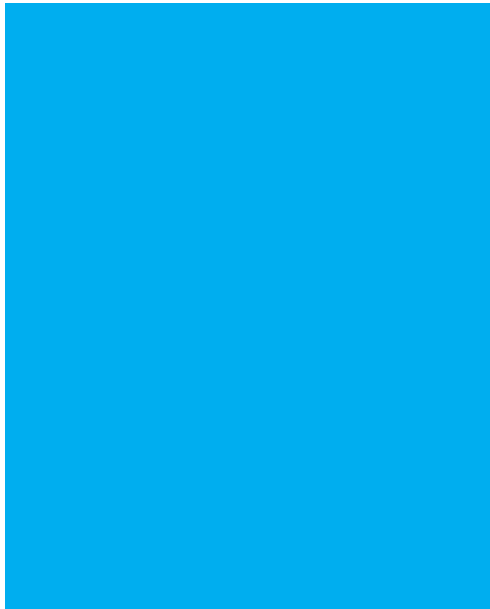
Herkimer | FOUNDATION
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

“...impressive, immersive and uniquely and unmistakably Irish”
~ Strings Magazine

Free to the public. www.herkimer.edu/greatartists
Contact the Foundation Office for tickets.
315-574-4015

In Memoriam

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



Mr. Champoux is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Maureen (Mo) Champoux; sons, John David Champoux and Michael Patrick Champoux (wife Lois). Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Champoux's memory to the Herkimer County College Foundation's general scholarship fund.

Sarah, a son Philip Anderson and his wife Joni of Nevada City, CA and their children Teresa and Sean, and a daughter, Christine Anderson and her husband Michael Grady of Fort Bragg, CA. Gifts may be made in Dr. Anderson's memory to the Herkimer County College Foundation's general scholarship fund.

David Champoux passed away on February 23, 2017 in Bluffton, South Carolina, at the age of 68. Mr. Champoux was an innovative leader, teacher and mentor at Herkimer College for over 30 years. He served as an associate dean of academic affairs and division chair for several academic divisions and departments. He started the Radio-Television Broadcasting program in 1972, shepherded it through its first 30 years and continues to be an influence on those colleagues who carry on in his path.



"Mr C," as he was known by his students, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1976 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1994. He retired as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in 2003 and was later awarded emeritus status. In 2014, he was awarded the Torchbearer Award which recognizes those who have given of themselves through their vision and commitment to light the way for future generations.

James Samuel Anderson, DDS,

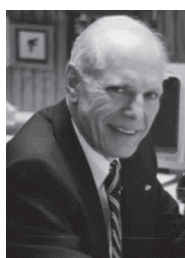


age 99, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2017 at his daughter's home in Winchester, MA. A dentist from Ilion, NY, Dr. Anderson was a founding member of the Board of Trustees (appointed 1966), and served 12 years as chairman (1970 to 1982) retiring from the Board in 2000. Dr. Anderson was instrumental in making significant contributions to all phases of the development of the College. He recommended and supported many positive changes to the facilities and curricula and insisted on campus beautification and the maintenance of an outstanding library. During his tenure on the Board and beyond, Dr. Anderson was remarkably committed to maintaining a quality and affordable educational opportunity at Herkimer College.

Dr. Anderson also was a founding director of the Herkimer County College Foundation and served on the board for 50 years. Along with his wife Phyllis, Dr. Anderson enjoyed attending college events such as the Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series concerts, and he regularly exercised at the Fitness Center, where he kept up on the happenings of the college and maintained friendships with many faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Phyllis, a daughter Laura Henry and her husband Douglas of Winchester, MA and their children James and

Robert W. Dorrance Jr., Ed.D.,



age 82, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in Homelife at Folts, Herkimer, with the comfort and support of his loving family by his side. Dr. Dorrance was among the College's founding faculty members in 1967. He served as chair of the Mathematics and Science Division and developed many of the first degree programs offered.

Dr. Dorrance was Herkimer's first faculty member to be honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1973. Dr. Dorrance also served as coach of the Nordic Ski team for many years. In addition to being known for his excellence in teaching and coaching, Dr. Dorrance was also a proponent of outdoor education. He designed and built the nature trail and cross-country ski trails, developed and directed a summer youth conservation program, and established the natural history museum.

Upon his retirement in 1999, Dr. Dorrance was awarded emeritus status. He was honored with the Torchbearer Award in 2009 for setting an early standard of quality for Herkimer College's programming and campus setting.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Catherine, three daughters and their husbands, Anne Dorrance and Thomas Tierney of Wooster, OH, Laurie Warshofsky and Mark

HireHerkimer *is your* Career Connection

Herkimer College Career Services announces a new career development tool, **HireHerkimer**, powered by Purple Briefcase.

ALUMNI AND STUDENTS: Search for job and internship opportunities, register for career events, watch career prep videos and set up a professional profile to grab recruiters' attention. Access HireHerkimer 24/7 by setting up your free account. Visit www.herkimer.edu/jobs to get started, then download the free Purple Briefcase app through Google Play or the Apple App Store and manage your career right from the palm of your hand.

RECRUITERS: Connect with Herkimer College students and alumni, post job and internship opportunities, search resumes of students and alumni who have public profiles, learn about upcoming career events or request an on-campus recruitment visit. If your company is already using Purple Briefcase, simply e-mail Suzanne.Paddock@herkimer.edu to request our school code to connect with Herkimer College and post opportunities for free. Not a Purple Briefcase user? Visit www.herkimer.edu/jobs to get started.

of Chappaqua, Jean Verkerle and Matt of Pearl River, and eight grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made for a scholarship to be established in Dr. Dorrance's name.

Mr. John L. "Jay" Holcomb of



Greenfield Center, a great friend of Herkimer College, died on March 18, 2017 at Saratoga Hospital. Jay served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from a 30-year career specializing in computerized testing.

From 2005 to 2012, he devoted much of his time to providing sports photography, videography, writing and website content management for the Herkimer Generals, an experience he said was the "most gratifying job of his life." In addition to his gift of time and talent to Herkimer College, Jay and his wife Edna donated funds for a scoreboard for the softball field in memory of his father, Edward L. Holcomb.

Jay is survived by his loving wife and life partner, Edna Marie (Laub) Holcomb, and children: daughter Jennifer (Holcomb) Hall and her husband Rich, son Edward ("EJ"), his wife, Joy, and granddaughter, Miyoko. Memorial contributions may be made to the Herkimer County College Foundation general scholarship fund.

Memorial gifts may be made online at www.herkimer.edu/donate or mailed to the Herkimer County College Foundation, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

Partners in Education



Mr. & Mrs. Steven J. Altieri
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Casale
James P. Cobb
Cogar Foundation
Courtney & Co. Design
Scott & Kathleen Cristman
D'Arcangelo & Co. LLP

Gems Along the Mohawk
Habitat for Humanity of Herkimer County
Herkimer College Professional Association
IBEW Union Local #43
Dr. Cathleen McColgin & Mr. Robert McColgin
Slocum Dickson Foundation

Herkimer FOUNDATION
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



Herkimer

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

100 Reservoir Road | Herkimer, New York 13350

www.herkimer.edu

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 75
UTICA, NY



www.herkimer.edu/social



Herkimer College was named a 2017 Gem of Distinction by the Genesis Group at the 2017 Gems of Distinction Six County Regional Showcase held at Gems Along the Mohawk on June 19, 2017. Criteria for the honor includes being future oriented, creating unique sustainable efforts, developing team creativity and collaboration, displaying unusual leadership modeling, advancing regional commitment and serving as an economic generator. Gems of Distinction Class of 2017 included Herkimer College, Observer Dispatch, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, Erie Canal, New York State Police and Remington Arms. Pictured from left: Raymond J. Durso, Jr., Executive Director of the Genesis Group; Isabella Crandall, Chairwoman, Herkimer College; Dr. Cathleen McColgin, President, Herkimer College; Brian Stratton, Director, NYS Canal Corporation; Kyle Luke, Plant Manager, Remington Arms; Matthew Hazzard, President, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce; Ron Johns, Executive Editor, Observer-Dispatch; Dave Dudajek, Opinion Page Editor, Observer-Dispatch; Terry Cascioli, President & Publisher, Observer-Dispatch; Captain Mary Clark, NY State Police; Sergeant Luigi Pedulla, NY State Police; and Dr. Renee Scialdo Shevat, Owner, Gems Along the Mohawk.

Coming Events | www.herkimer.edu/events

Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend

Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30

www.herkimer.edu/fallfest

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

Friday, September 29 | Robert McLaughlin College Center

www.herkimer.edu/ahof

College Open House

Saturday, October 14 and Friday, November 3

www.herkimer.edu/openhouse

2017 NJCAA Division III

Men's Soccer National Championships

Thursday, November 9 – Sunday, November 12 | Wehrum Stadium

www.herkimergenerals.com

Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12

www.herkimer.edu/ac

Robert H. Wood Great Artist Series presents Danú A Christmas Gathering: Féile Na Nollag

Friday, December 15, 7 p.m. | Sarkus-Busch Theater

www.herkimer.edu/greatartists