

## HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## CHAMPIONS:

A  
Campaign  
for  
Wehrum  
Stadium

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## A CASE FOR SUPPORT

- **8 National Championships**
- **20 Consecutive Region III Titles**
- **Undefeated in Region III since 1984**

**Herkimer County Community College Lacrosse** has long been established as a program of Champions.

It is our belief that a program of this caliber deserves the support and resources that rival its championship reputation.

Equally, it seems fitting to honor the individual who for the last 25 years has been responsible for much of this success.

***Champions: A Campaign for Wehrum Stadium*** has been created to name our new stadium for former men's lacrosse coach Paul Wehrum, and establish an endowment for the HCCC Lacrosse program.

In addition to recognizing the exemplary career of Coach Paul Wehrum, the funds raised will help supplement rising team expenses for uniforms, equipment and travel, among other operational expenses.

The success of our campaign will depend on the many people who have shared in the success of HCCC Lacrosse and whose lives have been forever touched by Coach Wehrum. Since Paul's arrival at HCCC in 1980 he has not only been a successful coach, but a mentor and friend to over 1,500 athletes who have come through his program – always believing in their potential, challenging them to be their best and helping mold them into who they are today. While everyone shares the love for the sport of lacrosse, Paul Wehrum's dedication to educating players and developing a strong academic background is the hallmark of his tenure at HCCC.

Every year, Coach Wehrum turns players into more than teams, they become family. With the help of Paul Wehrum's extended lacrosse family, we will not only put his name in a place of honor, but establish this endowment.

***Wehrum Stadium** will forever pay tribute to Paul's legacy and it will recall the many tales of **Champions** — on and off the field.*

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### A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RONALD WILLIAMS



It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce the formation of the **Champions Campaign**. For more than 20 years, Paul Wehrum has been a colleague and a friend. I cannot think of a better way to honor his commitment and leadership to this College than by placing his name on our new athletic stadium.

Through the Champions Campaign, you will be given the opportunity to show your support for Coach Wehrum and put your resources behind this effort. Gifts made to this campaign will go toward our goal of \$250,000 for the naming of the stadium. Twenty percent of the final campaign total will be placed in an endowment fund that will help off-set the rising cost of operating the HCCC lacrosse program. The remaining 80% of the funds raised will be invested and used for student scholarships and other work of the HCC Foundation. This will help HCCC continue to provide many students with the opportunity to build on a solid foundation for their lives.

Gifts to the Champions Campaign may be pledged over a four-year period. A gift or pledge of \$1,000 or more will qualify a brick to be displayed as part of the stadium complex. All gifts to the campaign are tax deductible and members of the College's Foundation staff are available to discuss gift options with you.

The Champions Campaign has my full support and endorsement. I am pleased to invite you, as those whose lives have been touched by Coach, to join in this most worthy endeavor and recognize the life-long commitment of Paul Werhum.

For generations to come at HCCC, people will refer to Wehrum Stadium and recall, not only Herkimer's success in lacrosse, but Paul's dedication to his players on and off the field.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN



Andy Kaiser '83  
Chairman  
Champions Campaign

Herkimer County Community College will break ground shortly on a state-of-the-art athletic stadium. This brand new, lighted artificial turf facility, with seating for over 1,200, will be the home field for Herkimer's Lacrosse and Soccer programs. The project is scheduled for completion in September of 2004. There is nothing like it at the community college level!

After a National Hall of Fame coaching career, including eight National Championships and 20 consecutive region III titles, Paul Wehrum has stepped down as the head men's Lacrosse coach at Herkimer. Through the years, Coach Wehrum helped boys become men. He taught us the importance of schoolwork and instilled in us responsibility, pride and values both on and off the Lacrosse field. *In a lasting tribute to all that he has given to both the school and his players, the College will be dedicating this new stadium in Wehrum's name.*

The President of the College, Dr. Ronald Williams has asked me to take the lead role in the fund raising effort for this project. As Chairman of the "Champions Campaign" I cannot think of a better way to spend my time and money.

As I look back on my life, both Herkimer and Coach Wehrum have had a huge impact in motivating me. In fact, I owe a great deal to Coach Wehrum for getting me into Herkimer and on to secondary education. With this in mind, I have made my contribution to the Herkimer County College Foundation, to name the new **Wehrum Stadium**.

I am asking you to join me in this one-time fund raising effort. The Lacrosse Alumni are the building blocks for the future of Herkimer Lacrosse. Please consider a donation. It will not only commemorate a great coach, but also provide a fantastic stadium for generations of Herkimer athletes to come. Feel free to pass this message on to friends, family and other alumni. Our goal is to complete the fund raising as quickly as possible. We are only asking for one pledge, so please be as generous to this project as you can, and come back and enjoy the dedication of the stadium that you helped build.

I invite you to contact me at any time regarding the campaign. I may be reached at (212) 821-2188.

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### COACH PAUL WEHRUM

Paul Wehrum began his lacrosse career as a crease attackman at Freeport High School on Long Island, winning the Long Island South Shore Championships in 1967 and earning First-Team All-South Shore honors in 1968. At State University of New York College at Cortland, Wehrum was a three-time All-American attackman. He played for and captained the North squad in the 1972 North/South Collegiate All-Star game. He also received first-team SUNY Conference honors in 1970-72.

Wehrum became an assistant coach at SUC at Cortland in 1973, the year the team won the Division III NCAA Championship. He was also an assistant coach at Lynbrook High School and Nassau Community College from 1974-79. In 1979, he became the head coach at Herkimer County Community College. Wehrum has coached the Generals to 20 consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Championships and eight NJCAA National Championships (1988-89, '92-96, 2003). He holds the collegiate record of 59 straight wins. He has been selected as the NJCAA Coach of the Year six times.

Currently president of the NJCAA Lacrosse Coaches Association, Wehrum was the assistant coach for the victorious U.S. Team in the 1998 World Lacrosse Championships. He is a full professor and was recipient of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997. Wehrum currently resides in Little Falls, N.Y. with his wife, Christine, and their children, Brett and Lindsay. Paul Wehrum was inducted in the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999, the only junior college coach to have ever received this honor.

### MAKING A GIFT

In an effort to reach our goal and name the new Herkimer athletic stadium for Coach Paul Wehrum, donors will have the opportunity to purchase commemorative bricks. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 20 characters each.

The engraved bricks will be placed together in HCCC's new stadium complex. These bricks will forever pay tribute to Paul Wehrum and serve as a constant reminder of the many lives he has touched throughout his career.

Bricks may be purchased for \$1,000 each. The amount may be paid in full or pledged over a four-year period. Checks and credit card payments can be made to the Herkimer County College Foundation. Your gift is completely tax deductible.

Any size gift will be greatly appreciated and significant in our effort to reach our \$250,000 goal. These gifts can also be pledged over a four-year period and are tax deductible. Gifts and pledges under \$1,000, however, do not qualify an individual for a brick.

### *Commemorative Bricks for any Occasion!*

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