Reflecting on Forty Years of Excellence

Shortly after the College’s year-long celebration began this summer to commemorate 40 years of excellence in education, I reached a personal milestone—my 20th anniversary as the College’s second president. These milestones present great opportunities to pause and reflect. I would like to share these reflections with you in this inaugural issue of Connections. In the pages that follow, you will read history that details the College’s beginnings—its people and its progress over the past 40 years. I hope you enjoy the viewpoints we received from alumni and friends, some of whom are currently or have been members of our faculty and staff. It is the personal touch of these individuals, along with so many others, who have made a permanent mark on the College.

In 20 years, I have witnessed a student body that has grown from slightly more than 1,100 students in 1986 to over 3,400 learners today. Students now have the opportunity to study on campus, online through the Internet Academy and as high school students through College Now. With so many innovative ways to earn a degree, we are proud to welcome a diverse student population that spans many geographies, time zones, languages, ethnicities, age groups and life experiences. Technology has transformed the way we do business and the way students learn. Twenty years ago, the only computers on campus were the result of generous donations to the College. Today, computer labs, classrooms and offices on campus are outfitted with the latest technology. Some of our academic programs, like Radio-TV Broadcasting, utilize equipment that is more sophisticated than some professionals have access to in their workplace.

The common thread I’ve witnessed in 20 years and one I know has existed for 40 years, thanks to the stewardship of the College’s first president, Robert McLaughlin, is the focus on students. Both academic and operational decisions continue to be made only after answering one question: does this impact student learning and the college experience positively?

It is my hope that all of you reading this new magazine, especially our alumni, know how important you are to the College. We hope you will think about the ways you can continue to be involved in our growth. Whether it is through your support of our fundraising efforts, mentoring current students with career advice or supporting internship opportunities in the places you work, we need you! In looking ahead to the next decade, I know HCCC has a bright future.

Ronald F. Williams, Ed.D.
President

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On July 3, 2006, more than 5,000 Herkimer County residents, and families and friends from neighboring communities, joined together at Herkimer County Community College for the annual Community Independence Day Celebration—the largest attendance to date in the history of this 14-year event. The community also joined in celebrating another special event—the College’s 40th anniversary! >>>
It was in the early 1960s that the State University of New York (SUNY) Master Plan identified Herkimer County as a potential community college site, a location and a community that showed great promise to support such an important endeavor. It was the commitment and location and a community that showed great promise to support such an important endeavor. It was the commitment and vision of a small upstate New York community that began a unique and very special story.

On January 13, 1966, the SUNY Trustees selected the County of Herkimer to sponsor and establish a community college. On June 29, less than fifteen months before classes began, the HCCC Board of Trustees held its first meeting. These details, and many others related to the College’s early history can be studied in the book, *A History of Herkimer County Community College: The First Twenty Years 1966-1986*, by H. David Trautlein, Ph.D., Dean of the College, Emeritus.

Highlighted in this issue are events and activities key to the College’s 40-year history. Space was limited in this edition to share all of the interesting and informative details of the College’s history, but we invite you to read more at www.herkimer.edu. In celebration of the 40-year anniversary, and in honor of the many people who made the College what it is today, magazine staff solicited feedback from current faculty and staff, as well as emeritus faculty members, to learn what they enjoyed most about HCCC, what were some of the significant changes noticed over the past four decades of the College’s existence, and their fondest memories of an association with HCCC.

“The years I spent as a student at Herkimer were some of the most important years of my life. The quality of the education I received created a foundation that has carried me through the completion of my graduate degree and through a fascinating career in higher education that I could never have imagined before attending HCCC.”

John D. Bullis ’73
Dean of Institutional Advancement

“First and selfishly, working with young adults helped to keep me young—at least mentally. It helped me keep an open mind on issues where generations may have differences. Next I’d have to say it was gratifying to see the maturation that took place before my eyes, especially between the first and third semesters. I am referring to the growth of the individual in several ways—leadership, communication skills and academics. When I see the TIAA-CREF television commercial and the quote regarding human centered jobs ("for the greater good") I am so proud to have been employed at HCCC.”

Jean E. Stapleton, Professor, Emeritus
Travel & Tourism

“Teaching students at HCCC was an interesting and challenging endeavor as a result of the close bonding which existed between students and faculty. Students often came to my office to share their problems, seek extra help with assignments, or just to talk.”

David H. Champoux
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Emeritus

“I loved my experience at Herkimer so much that when I graduated with my bachelor’s degree, I called HCCC for a teaching position. Dr. Joe DeLorenzo told me to call back when I had my master’s. I diligently worked toward that for three years. I taught as an adjunct from 1993 until my full-time position opened in 1996. I left public school teaching after nine years for the college experience. I wanted to give back all that HCCC had given me. I absolutely love teaching at HCCC, and hope my enthusiasm and love for my alma mater come through to my students.”

Cynthia Gabriel ’87
Assistant Professor, English
President, HCCC Alumni Association

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Gary W. Ruff, Professor, Emeritus
Sociology

“Because HCCC was a small college for many years, I had the opportunity to engage in many significant endeavors on campus. I was the first NJCAA men’s basketball coach (1969-71), Social Issues Club founder and advisor, president of the HCCC Athletic Booster Club, Chairperson of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Scholarship Committee, Professors Council and served on many search committees. I was privileged to have mentored many students in my Social Issues Club that ran over 160 programs both on and off campus.”

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“If you look at the number of HCCC staff/faculty, many are alumni of HCCC. That says a lot about what they think of HCCC, and the impact the College had on them as a student.”

Donald Dutcher ’80
Director of Athletics and Physical Education
Celebrating the Class of 2006

At the College’s 38th annual commencement, over 1,300 individuals gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2006 and welcome them as our newest alumni.

On Friday, May 19, 2006, President Ronald F. Williams, Dean of Academic Affairs Jennifer Boulanger and Dean of Students Matthew Havens conferred 576 degrees and 16 certificates upon the Class of 2006. For the first time, the ceremony was available online via streaming video.

The evening featured a jazz trio performance with musicians including Christopher Earley, music instructor at HCCC, as well as the traditional participation by the Mohawk Valley Frasers. The program also included a musical selection sung by the Mohawk Valley Chorale Society, under the direction of Randy Davis, with participation by the College’s controller Jackie Woudenberg as well as members of the Class of 2006. Graduating students Kayleigh Ready and Ashley Race were featured vocal soloists during the program, presided by Donald J. Snyder ’04, Chairperson of the College’s Board of Trustees. Greetings were delivered by James L. Seward, NYS Senator, 51st District; Marc W. Butler, NYS Assembliaman, 117th District and Leonard Hendris, Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature.

The student address, ‘Farewell to Herkimer’ was given by Ousman Nguye Lamin Njie (Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies, ’06). His message to fellow classmates reminded them that they must continue their learning through a lifetime and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to call HCCC ‘home’ for the past several years. Student Government President and member of the Class of 2006 Andrew Bronson spoke on behalf of the graduates, leaving them with words from a professor he had at HCCC who said, ‘in life, it’s not about the destination—but the journey that matters.’

President Ronald F. Williams presented three SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence to HCCC faculty and staff, including: Dr. Timothy McLean, Professor, Social Science (Excellence in Teaching); William Pelo, Professor, Social Science (Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities), and; Thomas Stock, Director of Facilities Operations (Excellence in Professional Service). The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association selected Officer Joseph D. Corr ’95 as the 2006 Alumnus of the Year posthumously, after his death in the line of duty earlier this year. Officer Corr was chosen for this honor because of his professionalism, heroism and commitment to his profession and community. At HCCC, Corr was a criminal justice major. Highlights of Corr’s career at HCCC included: being named the Most Valuable Player on the baseball team in 1995; tying the record for the second-highest number of home runs in a season in 1995; and possessing the sixth-highest career batting average in HCCC history. Lynton Clark, Instructor, Forensic Investigations, described Corr during a video tribute with the following reflection: “I just cannot think of anything else to better describe the character of a person than their commitment to not just a family at home, but a community. Joe’s philosophy was giving.” During the tribute, Henry Testa, Assistant Professor of Business and former HCCC baseball coach, encouraged graduates to go out and do the best job they could. The award was accepted by Officer Corr’s family. The Alumnus of the Year recognition has been made annually for the past 20 years to honor an alumnus who exemplifies the community college philosophy that combines personal integrity and service to the community. If you would like to nominate an individual to be considered for the 2007 Alumnus of the Year Award, please contact Vince Casale at casaleva@herkimer.edu.

2006 became a milestone for Herkimer County Community College when, for the first time, the graduation ceremony was available online via streaming video.

Before the 2006 Alumnus of the Year presentation was made to the family of Joseph D. Corr (’95 Criminal Justice A.S.) posthumously, family members met with graduate A.J. Servello, the recipient of a scholarship they established in Joe’s honor. Pictured are: Joe’s parents, David and Kathy Corr (far left, far right); Joe’s wife, Tracie (second from right) and their daughter, Katie (with her grandfather), and; A.J. Servello, Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations, A.A.S.
Laurie DeVaul-LaVine ('85, A.A.S., Criminal Justice), Captain of the Ilion (NY) Police Department, is proud to give back to the community she grew up in. DeVaul-LaVine has been on the Ilion police force for nearly 20 years, starting out as a police officer in 1987. One of 17 police officers on the Ilion Police Department force, DeVaul-LaVine is the only female officer.

“I knew what I wanted to do, and I had a great foundation from studying at Herkimer County Community College,” she said. As soon as she turned 20 and became of age to take the civil service test for a police officer, she did, then had to wait until age 21 to accept a position.

“In the early days I worked rotating shifts on the squad under the supervision of a sergeant,” DeVaul-LaVine said. She handled calls/complaints, traffic enforcement, entry-level work and residential foot patrol in the village of Ilion. DeVaul-LaVine also taught DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, at Remington Elementary for seven years. Promoted to sergeant in 1999, she then supervised four officers and a dispatcher. DeVaul-LaVine continued to move up the ranks, with a promotion to captain in 2005.

“As captain, I supervise all road patrols and review all investigations, and am responsible for reviewing case and arrest paperwork,” she said. “I serve as the liaison between the patrol squads and the Chief of Police.” She also serves as a police instructor, teaching at the Police Academy on various topics including basic crash management/accident investigation. DeVaul-LaVine said her main involvement is dealing with sexual violence crimes against adults and children. “These cases are being reported more now. The kids get more information in school, and they come forward. Children need to be safe and know they should tell if someone tries to hurt them,” she said.

In her nearly 20 years on the job, DeVaul-LaVine said the level of violence has skyrocketed. “It’s totally different from when I was first hired,” she said. “The age of the offenders is so young now.”

Reminiscing on her years at Herkimer, DeVaul-LaVine said she began her college career by taking one criminal justice class after graduating from Ilion High School, and she was hooked. “HCCC really prepared me for how the legal system works,” she said. Her favorite memory of HCCC was the “open door” policy of the teachers. “I had a very positive overall experience. The teachers and staff were wonderful, they really wanted you to succeed and they took time to help you. I found them very warm, open and approachable. The setting was perfect,” DeVaul-LaVine said. Professor of Criminal Justice Tom Lenahan was one of her favorite teachers, and she said, “I think the world of Guy Corriero (Associate Professor of Art, Emeritus). If I wasn’t going to be a cop, I wanted to be an art teacher.” DeVaul-LaVine said she has taken classes in forensic investigations through the Police Academy, and thinks it’s great HCCC now offers them as part of the criminal justice program.

“It’s been a very rewarding career,” she said. “I don’t count down to my retirement. I can’t see myself doing anything else. The best part of my job is my interaction with the community. I live here, I’m not an anonymous person.” DeVaul-LaVine said. At one point in her career, she was accepted into the New York State Police Academy, but opted to remain on the Ilion force. “I fell in love with the Ilion Police Department and knew this was right for me. Everyone has a role, performs a task, and as a team you get the job accomplished. I’m glad I chose to stay here. This is my home,” she added.
Legendary Lacrosse Coach, Professor Paul Wehrum Retires from HCCC

A few days before retiring from HCCC, Coach Paul Wehrum was walking across campus when he spotted a gentleman in a suit who looked like he was trying to find his way to a meeting. As he was often quick to do, Wehrum introduced himself and offered to help. Almost as quickly, he followed up his warm welcome with the sense of humor many know him for. “You’re in a suit…you must be important,” Wehrum said.

Following 27 years of outstanding service and friendship to the Herkimer County Community College family (and 33 years of service to the State University of New York system), legendary lacrosse coach and professor Paul Wehrum announced his retirement from the College. Wehrum’s legacy at HCCC includes a storied head coaching career for the past 27 years with consistent student-athlete success stories in the classroom and on the athletic fields—including 22 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Championships and eight NJCAA National Championships (1988-89, ’92-96, 2003).

Wehrum has made a significant impact on HCCC and the community as a coach, teacher, and friend. HCCC President Ronald Williams said, “Coach Wehrum has brought national recognition to the College and our men’s and women’s lacrosse program. He has instilled values and life skills in student-athletes on and off the field that remain with them long after they’ve left HCCC. But most importantly, he has been a mentor, and in some cases, a lifetime friend and advisor to his players and students.”

Wehrum coached HCCC’s men’s lacrosse program from 1979 to 2003. He started HCCC’s women’s lacrosse program in 2004. The 2005 and 2006 women’s teams won the Region III Championship, and the team was named NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for the past three consecutive years.

“I’ve spent more than half of my life teaching and coaching at HCCC, and consider myself incredibly blessed to have worked closely with so many talented individuals for nearly three decades. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the opportunity I’ve had to teach and coach the most amazing and inspiring young people I’ve met. I will miss the students tremendously because they have not only touched my life, but have made a lasting impression on my family over the years. HCCC and its students will always be in the hearts of the Wehrum family. On a personal level, I want to thank all of the faculty and staff I have worked with over the past 27 years. In particular, Dr. Ron Williams has been a tremendous mentor. His leadership to the College and to me— with a students-first philosophy in the classroom and a commitment to the community— has been inspirational and certainly one of many reasons that make HCCC unique and special.”

Wehrum holds the collegiate record of 39 straight wins, and has been named NJCAA Coach of the Year eight times. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999, the only junior college coach ever to receive this honor. In addition to being inducted into the State University College at Cortland Hall of Fame, the Long Island Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and the Upstate New York Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Wehrum is past president of the NJCAA Lacrosse Coaches Association.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Wehrum served as professor of health and physical education at Herkimer. In 1996, he was recognized with the prestigious SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Let us know if you’ve recently changed jobs, been promoted, married, or other accomplishments you’d like to share with fellow alumni. If your address has changed, please send us an update (see form below) so we can keep in touch. Thank you.

Class of 1969
FRANK RUSSO, New Hartford, NY retired from the Utica City School District after teaching English for 33 years. He is now traveling the world.

ROSEMARY SCADUTO D’AGOSTINO
Sound Beach, NY recently retired after 33 years of teaching (25 years, secondary English; and six years, 6th grade) with the Middle Country Schools in Long Island.

Class of 1977
KATHLEEN BICE, Coblitz, NY is vice principal at the Center for Disability Services in Albany. Her son, Landon Pierce, is currently studying at HCCC and was a member of the 2005 regional and national championship men’s soccer team. He has returned to play on this year’s team.

ELIZABETH FECIDERO SOKERKA, New Smyrna Beach, FL graduated from Stetson University in May 2004 with a bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She returned to play on this year’s team.

Class of 1981
SARI MABBEATT, Sauk Rapids, MN created-designed a new line of jewelry called “Caen-Ware.” She and her husband, Jeff Overmyer, have two children, Isaac, 10 years old, and Ellery Mae, 8 years old.

PAUL PARATORE, Frankfort, NY has been an auditor for Best Western for 23 years, and a U.S. Air Force reservist for 10 years, Desert Shield/Storm veteran. Paratore is landlord of a four-family home, enjoys home renovations, water skiing and scuba diving.

Class of 1985
DANIEL RITZ, Dubuq, IA received a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in business from West Virginia University, where he was a member of the wrestling team. Ritz has been a national accounts manager for McGraw-Hill Publishing’s Construction Information Division for 17 years. He married the former Laura Helen Larks in 2005 and the couple has a daughter, Rosalie Helene, born in July 2005. They also have a yellow lab, MAXX.


DIANE PUKY VARGO, Raleigh, NC married on June 12, 1999.

Class of 1990
AMY KOTLARSK BRAUTLACH, Colden, NY married Jim Brautlach in 1994. They have two children, Kale (98) and Ryan (02). Brautlach is a stay-at-home mom with a part-time job at the local elementary school.

MICHAEL COOL, West Chester, PA married Mardee Abessinio on March 10, 2000. They have two children, Lauren (7/14/02) and Anna (5/25/04) and are expecting another child due at the end of this year.

Class of 1992
HEATHER HOUCQ PASQUALE, Dublin, OH was appointed to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Taft on June 30, 2006. She is a district manager for CVS Pharmacy in Columbus, Ohio and has been employed by CVS Pharmacy for 10 years.

Class of 1993
HEATHER HAZZARD, Amsterdam, NY is working at Liberty ARC as an IRA manager of six homes and volunteers for Special Olympics of New York.

Class of 1994

Class of 1995
ANDREA ROSENBLATT, Albany, NY is working at Capital Bayer Insurance as a scanning operator and provides office support services.


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Class of 1996
MATT ALHEIM, Falls Church, VA recently completed his M.B.A. at George Washington University and joined Vitec Broadcast Services as manager of business development and strategic partnerships. Following graduation from HCCC, Alheim earned a B.S. degree from Ithaca College in 1998. He then moved to Los Angeles, CA and worked on such projects as “Boy Meets World,” VH1’s “Behind the Music,” MTV Movie Awards, The Discovery Channel and “ABC World News Tonight.”

In 2001, Alheim relocated to the Washington, DC area, accepting a business development position with Atlantic Video, Inc., a production management company best known for producing shows such as Animal Planet’s “The Pet Psychic” series, ESPN’s “Pardon the Interruption,” “Around the Horn” and “Cold Pizza.” He worked on such projects as “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” MTV’s “To Be Heard: A Global Discussion with Colin Powell” and “Controversy: The Reagan’s”, the first ever non-sports live special for Showtime Networks.

VALERIE VALENT PIETRAS, Herkimer, NY married EVERETT PIETRAS (95) on October 1, 2005.

Class of 1997

Class of 2000
HEATHER WOOLLABER BROWN, Mohawk, NY employed by RCL, Herkimer.

GLENN WALDRON, Jr., Mohawk, NY is engaged to Kristen Carpenter Phillips (06).

Class of 2002
REBECCA RAUSCHER MROZ, New Hartford, NY married Jeremy Mroz on September 14, 2002. She is employed by Mohawk Valley Community Action as a teacher assistant in the Head Start program.

Class of 2003
PAMELA ELLER, Utica, NY, a member of the Class of 1977.

GLADYS MORRIS, Utica, NY, Class of 1985.

Class of 2004
STEPHANIE CALCARA, Whitesboro, NY recently graduated from Utica College with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and childhood education. She is currently studying in UC’s graduate program for inclusion.

KAYLA HERNER, Akwesasne, NY is attending SUNY at Brockport, majoring in physical education–sports management and minoring in coaching.

Class of 2005
BRITTANY FIORINI, Rome, NY is a student at SUNY at Brockport, playing field hockey and lacrosse. She then recently traveled to Europe with Team USA to play field hockey in the World Youth Games.

HCC Alumni Association Benefits

By joining the Alumni Association you can take advantage of these Great Benefits!

• 10% discount on any clothing or souvenir item that is not on sale at the HCCC Bookstore!
• Discounts up to 10% available on car rentals through AVIS Rent-A-Car
• 15% Discount on room rates at participating Comfort, Quality, Sleep, Econo Lodge, Clarion, Rodeway and Mainstay hotels worldwide.
• 50% reduction in the cost of an HCCC Fitness Center membership
• Lifetime job placement services available to you at no cost
• Assistance with resume and cover letter preparation
• Invitations to local/regional alumni events and on-campus events

If you require further information please feel free to contact the Alumni Office directly at (315) 866-0300 or toll free in New York State at 1-888-604-HCCC, Ext. 8259 or email: casaleva@herkimer.edu

In Memoriam
The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni and members of the HCCC family:

CURTIS GLOVER, O6, Manhattan, NY died unexpectedly on September 8, 2006 in the Bronx. One of 14 children, Glover graduated from HCCC in May with a degree in Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations. At HCCC, he was a resident assistant, member of the Judicial Board, gatekeeper for Campus Safety and very active student leader. He is survived by two daughters. Expressions of sympathy and donations can be sent to his mother, Mrs. Rochelle Glover, 240 West 65th Street, Apt. 27A, New York, NY 10023.
FACULTY FOCUS

Remembering HCCC Supporter and Friend Richard S. Jorrey

Richard S. Jorrey, 78, a former Herkimer County Legislator and retired Business Manager for the Dolgeville Central School District, died August 25, 2006. A life-long resident of the town of Salisbury, he and his wife, Clara, had recently celebrated 56 years of marriage. Dick was first employed by the H.F. Snyder Manufacturing Company of Little Falls as an accountant and office manager from 1950 until 1969. He then became the Dolgeville Central School account clerk and treasurer in 1971, where he was appointed as Business Manager until his retirement in 1987. After his retirement, he continued on in an interim basis as the business manager for the Herkimer Central School and the Oppenheim Central School. His political career began in 1957 when he was elected as the Town of Salisbury Supervisor. He then began serving on the Herkimer County Board of Supervisors. He was currently the Secretary of the Salisbury Center Grange #624 and a past Master for many years. Dick was also the writer/creator of Pulp Stories Quarterly. Dick was also the writer/creator of the independent comics Monk, Mortal Coyle, Doug & Punk’s Pulp Adventures, and The Custodian. He collaborated with artist Brandon Dawley online for Inseminative Romance’s Angry Guy Stories (www.brandondawley.com), and will once again team up with Dawley for the comic book series Channels, to be published by FE Comics. He is currently at work on a second novel, the first of an action/adventure series for young adults.

Jorrey was instrumental in the building of Herkimer County Community College and served as a member of its Board of Trustees for a number of years.

A Look Back at the History of Herkimer County Community College

MARCH 1, 1972
HCCC is granted full accreditation by the Middle States Association (MSA).

1980s

1981
The Computer Laboratory in Johnson Hall opens with 10 Apple IIe, three PET, one NCR 8150, a TRS-80 and a 1505 C computer system. Soon after, 24 MDTs systems 2010 terminals and 19 Apple IIe computers are added.

1982
The Child Care Center opens, enabling many parents to pursue career or retraining interests.

JULY 1986
President Robert McLaughlin retires, and Dr Ronald F. Williams is appointed President.

1990s

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FEBRUARY 18, 1991

JULY 2006
The College celebrates its 40th anniversary at the Community Independence Day Celebration.

JULY 2006
Dr Ronald F. Williams celebrates his 20th anniversary as president of Herkimer County Community College.
Upcoming Events

MEN’S BASKETBALL REGIONALS
March 2 & 3, 2007
Gymnasium, Physical Education Building

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE
March 31, 2007  9am-2pm
Robert McLaughlin College Center

6TH ANNUAL WORLD CUISINE FESTIVAL
April 17, 2007  6-9 p.m.
Robert McLaughlin College Center

WOMEN’S LACROSSE REGIONALS
May 5 & 6, 2007
Wehrum Stadium

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE NATIONALS
May 12 & 13, 2007
Wehrum Stadium

39TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
May 18, 2007
Gymnasium, Physical Education Building

The sun sets on the entrance to HCCC’s Wehrum Stadium.