

# CONNECTIONS

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## A New Era Begins with Arrival of HCCC's Third President



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## Message from Alumni Association President

We are honored to work with our new president, Dr. Ann Marie Murray, and are looking forward to many future alumni, campus and community events. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Murray in attendance at our last board meeting, as it further exemplifies her collaborative efforts to listen on all levels.

As we are always working on our board membership as well as alumni events, I continue to encourage you to get involved with our Alumni Association's Board of Directors. If you are unable to serve on our board, please consider contacting us to host an alumni event or reunion. We are open to your suggestions, and welcome the opportunity to better serve our alumni, campus and community.

As Dr. Murray has made a commitment to increase the collaborative efforts of the college and the community, so too, has the alumni board. We are working on increasing our visibility at events, revisiting donations to our campus and community, and putting forth an effort to allow all of our on-campus students to experience a return on their investment in the Alumni Association. We have all of the right ingredients for a successful future: collaboration, communication, commitment, and a sense of our community's needs. Let us all take ownership in continuing to make Herkimer County Community College the best that it can be!

Cynthia Gabriel '87  
*President, HCCC Alumni Association*

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# Greetings from the President

I recently had the distinct pleasure of returning to my undergraduate institution for the inauguration of their new president. It was quite an experience having graduated so many years ago and returning as the new president of Herkimer County Community College. For me, it was a time to revisit the impact their commitment, through scholarships and other support structures, had on my life, allowing me to obtain my first degree. Without such support, my life would have taken an alternate direction.

As alumni, I ask each of you to recognize how Herkimer County Community College has transformed your life. Where would you be and what would you be without the support and influence of HCCC as you obtained your first degree? How important it is to stay connected to the College, to remind you of its impact on your life? Hence we present to you our publication: *Connections*.

I hope you enjoy the stories about HCCC and your fellow alumni in this edition of *Connections*. I look forward to working with the Alumni Association to keep you informed about the College and expand your influence on our students, our community and beyond. Please take the opportunity to visit our campus and participate in our many activities. We look forward to seeing you, again and again.

Dr. Ann Marie Murray  
*President, Herkimer County Community College*



“I look forward to working with the Alumni Association, keeping you informed about the College and expanding your influence on our students, our community and beyond.”

Dr. Ann Marie Murray serves as the third president of Herkimer County Community College, a position she has held since August 11, 2008. President Murray has an extensive background in higher education and mathematics education, both as an administrator and as a faculty member. She comes to HCCC from Broome Community College where she served as vice president for academic affairs since 2005 and was responsible for the oversight of all academic programs and academic functions of the college, including the schools of business and public services, liberal arts, health sciences and science, technology, engineering and mathematics; continuing education; international education; learning resource center; teaching resource center; and online learning.

Dr. Murray also spent many years at Hudson Valley Community College where she held the positions of dean of business and engineering and industrial technologies, associate dean of academic services and department

chair for mathematics and science and engineering science. She also taught mathematics at Hudson Valley for 19 years, having moved up in rank from an adjunct to full professor. While at Hudson Valley, she received the Excellence in Teaching Award, the President's Award for Service, and the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Murray holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY and several degrees from the University of Albany including Master of Arts in Advanced Classroom Teaching, Master of Science in Instructional Technology, Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Theory and Practice, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Murray is originally from Poughkeepsie, NY. She and her husband John share five grown children and reside in the village of Herkimer.

# College's Third President is Optimistic for the Future of HCCC



**Herkimer County Community College President Ann Marie Murray describes her arrival and first few months on the job with one word— exciting.** Dr. Murray officially began her tenure as the College's third president on August 11. "I have never felt so welcomed. It was amazing," she said. Murray said she has been most impressed by the sincerity and competence of the faculty and staff. "There's a very real, honest, genuine, quiet competence around every corner I turn. The people here are focused on doing the job that needs to be done."

Murray's career in higher education began as a part-time mathematics teacher at Hudson Valley Community College, from which she moved into a full-time tenured track position and continued to be promoted through the ranks, ultimately to professor. After 19 years of teaching, Murray moved into administration and served in various academic leadership posts at Hudson Valley. In 2005, she became vice president for academic affairs at Broome Community College where she was responsible for the oversight of all academic programs and academic functions of the college.

For Murray, the biggest adjustment in becoming a college president was not the enormous workload or the extremely demanding schedule, but rather the constant exposure and visibility. "I've always been a high producer and have worked at this pace, but most of my work previously was behind the scenes."

Murray took on the top position at Herkimer during a challenging time for the institution. On her plate were several issues including dealing with decreases in state funding and the effects of a troubled economy, as well as addressing and settling some of the issues that resulted from a rather tumultuous transition in administration. Murray admits she does not have all the answers, but she is confident she can bring the right people together to focus on solutions.

The first few months on the job have been a whirlwind of meetings with faculty, staff, trustees, Foundation and alumni



**Save the Date**  
for Dr. Murray's inauguration  
as HCCC's third president.

**Friday, April 17, 2009**



boards, community members and government officials. She is in the process of meeting individually with each faculty member, and takes every opportunity to meet with various constituents including students, alumni and community members. "I want to find out what we are doing right and what we need to change," she said. "As the new leader here, it is my job to find out what the College and community need." Murray's short-term goal is to identify the direction or vision in which to lead the College, after which a strategic plan will be developed with benchmarks and assessment built in.

The College is currently undergoing an intensive Middle States Association reaccreditation review process. Social Science Professor Mary Jo Kelley is the committee chair for the Middle States review, and she credits Murray with being "very tuned into the institution in a short time." Kelley said "She is very supportive and encouraging and seems very focused on improving student learning outcomes and assessment."

HCCC Student Government Association President Alysia Fernandes, Herkimer, has had several opportunities to interact with Murray and says she has been inspired. "As a female student, I personally like that she is a woman," said Fernandes. Referring to some of the issues addressed by Murray, Fernandes said "It is amazing what she has done in just a few months. People really respect her." As a student leader, Fernandes is especially pleased with Murray's involvement with students and her interest in the Student Government and Faculty-Student Associations. "I think she will provide student leaders with many opportunities."

President Murray made her commitment to the College and community very clear when she and her husband, John, a retired

mathematics professor, purchased the former "Putnam Manor" in the Village of Herkimer. "It is important to me to be a part of the community." She has become actively involved in a variety of community organizations including the United Way and the Genesis Group. She takes advantage of all opportunities to meet and work with community and business leaders, as well as government officials. In an effort to help the local community meet her, she has accepted numerous media interview requests including 'The Joe Kelly Show' and 'Community Forum,' a public interest show produced by SUNYIT.

The Murrays have been married 18 years and share five grown children and three grandchildren. A product of a traditional Italian family, Murray has a special flair for cooking, particularly homemade pasta. When her children were young, she enjoyed making her own baby food, making homemade pizza (starting with yeast) and knitting children's clothing. This creative and back-to-basics approach is really no surprise, as Murray says she is intrigued by how things evolve. "I am fascinated with form and function, how things work and how they are made, and the human element involved."

Throughout its 42-year history, HCCC has been a leader in many areas including online learning, athletics and academic programs such as Radio-Television Broadcasting and Travel and Tourism. President Murray's hopes and plans for the future of HCCC include creating and supporting new and existing areas of excellence and finding niches that help define the institution. "I am looking for the faculty to identify or create programs that have the potential to define us or to bring us to another level of prominence," said Murray. "For me, it is important that everything we do is as high quality as possible, has integrity and really reflects who we are."

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~ HCCC Student Government Association President Alysia Fernandes

# Recent Grad Finds Career Field Rewarding

## Beau Babcock, Physical Therapist Assistant

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When Beau Babcock graduated from Herkimer County Community College in May 2008, he knew he wanted to use his Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S. degree to improve the quality of life for others. “After serving four years in the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan, I wanted to get an education in a field that would allow me to help others. In the military, I started lifting weights and became intrigued by how you could work your body. That led me to pursue a career in physical therapy.”

Babcock, who resides in Earlville, NY with his wife Claudia and four-year-old daughter Brooklyn, works as a traveling physical therapist assistant in Pennsylvania. “After graduation from Herkimer, I passed my New York state boards and began looking for employment. I found better opportunities out-of-state, so I applied for a Pennsylvania license.” He is employed by MDI Medical, a recruiting agency for health professionals. Known as a leader in allied travel staffing, MDI provides national opportunities for allied healthcare professionals, specializing in physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and imaging/radiology professionals. They assist healthcare facilities in providing quality patient care when they require additional staff. Babcock’s current 13-week assignment is with Allied Services Rehabilitation Center in Scotrun, PA. Upon completion, his current contract will either be renewed or he will be reassigned to another facility.

Babcock provides physical therapy to patients suffering from injuries, chronic pain or illness. “I provide therapy that will hopefully improve quality of life, and make patients more comfortable in the tasks involved in their daily lives,” he said. His patients range from children who have survived cancer to elderly stroke patients and amputees. “When I see patients are on the road to recovery, it is very rewarding,” Babcock said.

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Besides the specific physical therapy instruction he received at HCCC, Babcock said the “warmth and caring” he felt while attending Herkimer is something he hopes he passes on to his patients. “Everyone was very caring, from the office staff to the professors. When I passed my professors in the hall, they recognized me and would ask how I was doing. When I had problems with my GI Bill benefits, Registrar Craig Dewan was a big help,” he said.

“The faculty at Herkimer really work with the students, and because of that I feel I received a better education,” Babcock said. “The PTA program itself can’t get much better. Going from the classroom to the working world, my experience at HCCC prepared me well. I’m glad I was in a program with high values and quality control,” he added. He credits his PTA program faculty, Catherine DeLorme and Karen Jones, with providing excellent preparation for entering the profession as a physical therapist assistant.

Assistant Professor and PTA Program Director Catherine DeLorme said “Beau is a remarkable individual and was a pleasure to have in class. He was always prepared and strove to comprehend and master the material. This mastery showed when he excelled in the board exams after graduation. His bearing and demeanor inspired his classmates. He went above and beyond to promote the program including driving over an hour on his day off to be on campus to participate in ‘photo day,’” she added.

Babcock also enjoyed classes with Professor of English Dick Friedrich. “He’s very down-to-earth, and reminds me of my father,” Babcock said. “He helped me learn to analyze and become a better writer.” Friedrich said “In just about every class, Beau would hear one idea that really struck him; he’d wait patiently after class and then come to me to pursue it further than we could in class. He definitely is one of those

students who craves learning—my class had nothing to do with his vocational plans; he simply learns because that’s who he is.”

While Babcock’s current travel job puts a strain on his family life, it doesn’t compare to when he was overseas in the Army. “Our wedding almost didn’t take place as planned in 2002. I had to drive home on a Friday from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, get married on Saturday, and return on Sunday as we were about to be deployed to Afghanistan,” he said. “With the current state of the economy, I felt I had to take my best employment offer. My wife has a stable job teaching at Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School, so we didn’t want

to move,” Babcock, a self-proclaimed “country boy” said. The couple has known each other since childhood. In addition to his coming home each weekend, they meet each other part way in Binghamton, NY once a week to spend time as a family with their daughter.

Babcock said “I plan to keep traveling for the time being, then once we have more children I’ll look for a permanent job closer to home.” The couple plans to purchase land where they can raise their children and teach them morals and ethics that will set them up for future success. “I set my goal three and a half years ago to graduate from college as a physical therapist assistant and get a job in the outpatient setting. I have now reached that goal and my wife and I are in the works of setting new goals,” he added.

His professors at HCCC feel he will accomplish his future goals as well. Dr. Karen Jones, PTA Instructor said “I truly enjoyed having Beau in class as he is a very determined individual who is caring and compassionate to others. I am confident his personality and knowledge base will take him far in the Physical Therapy profession,” she added.

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# Men's Soccer Team Wins 20th Regional and 7th National Championship Titles



*Senior midfielder Joeski Williams was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament.*

HCCC's men's soccer team again won the Region III championship this fall for a total of 20 regional titles in 21 years. They went on to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championships in Richland, Texas where they came from behind in consecutive games to capture the national championship. It was the seventh national

title for the Generals and the fourth for head coach Pepe Aragon. In the championship game, the Generals defeated Triton College by a score of 2-1. Making the All-Tournament team from Herkimer was Corey Phillips, Harry Appiah and Sean Trinidad.

## Coach Aragon Inducted into Soccer Hall of Fame



Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon '91 was inducted, as a player, into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Soccer Hall of Fame on Friday, November 7 at the NJCAA Division III National Soccer Final Four banquet in Richland, Texas.

As a student athlete at Herkimer, Aragon was a two-time All-American (1989 & 1990) and led his team to a national third place finish in his senior year.

Aragon received an athletic scholarship to NCAA Division I Bowling Green State

University where he was a two-time All-Mid-American Conference selection and helped lead the Falcons to their first NCAA tournament appearance in more than 20 years. After graduating from Bowling Green, he played one season for the Canton Invaders of the National Professional Soccer League. He then signed a contract with the Cleveland Caps of the United States Inter-Regional Soccer League (U.S.I.S.L.) before accepting the head coaching position at HCCC in 1998. In 2000, Aragon was named to the NJCAA All-Century

Team along with former U.S. National Team coach Bruce Arena and MLS goal keeper Zach Thornton.

HCCC Director of Athletics Donald Dutcher said, "I cannot think of a better selection for the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame. Pepe has always conducted himself in a first class manner and what he has done for the sport of soccer is immeasurable. We are very fortunate to have him as our soccer coach at HCCC."



# Dutcher Named Region III Athletic Director of the Year

Athletic Director Donald Dutcher '90 was recently named National Junior College Athletic Association Region III Athletic Director of the Year. Dutcher was recognized for his commit-

ment to Region III athletics at the fall meeting of the Region III Athletic Directors in Cooperstown, NY. Dutcher serves on several regional committees and has hosted several national and regional athletic events at HCCC.

Dutcher was appointed athletic director at HCCC in 2004. Under his leadership, Herkimer has won nine national and 11 regional championships, and six teams have been named NJCAA Academic Team of the Year. Herkimer placed second nationally among non-scholarship Division III community college athletic programs in the NATYCAA Cup Award in 2008, and earned third place in 2006 and 2007. As a member of the Mountain Valley Conference, Herkimer also finished third in the Region III Directors Cup in 2007-2008. Both awards are given annually to recognize overall athletic program excellence at the national and regional levels.

HCCC President Ann Marie Murray said "This award is a testament to Don's hard work and commitment to his profession. He is a strong leader and is committed to the success of students on the field and in the classroom."

Dutcher serves as president of the Mountain Valley Conference and chair of the Region III softball committee. He is a member of the Region III standards and ethics, women's basketball, women's soccer, swimming, track and field, and men's lacrosse committees. He also chairs the Herkimer County Community College Intercollegiate Athletic Council. He is currently participating in the Leadership Mohawk Valley program.

Dutcher previously was a teacher, coach and athletic director at Poland Central School. Prior to that, he taught at Herkimer High School and coached men's and women's soccer, basketball, track and tennis. He was named Mohawk Valley Coach of the Year in 2004 for leading Poland Central's basketball team to the State Final Four. In 2003, he was inducted into the SUNYIT Wildcat Hall of Fame.

A 1990 graduate of HCCC, Dutcher was the all-time leading scorer for the men's soccer team, an honor which he held for six years. He was a member of the first-ever team to make the national tournament, and received All-Region honors both years. He earned bachelor's degrees from SUNYIT, where he was also the all-time leading scorer for the soccer team, and SUC at Oswego. He also holds a master's degree and Certificate of Advanced Study from SUC at Cortland. A native of Poland, NY, Dutcher is a 1988 graduate of Poland Central School. He and his family reside in Deerfield.



## Women's Tennis Player Wins Regional Title

Freshman Robyn Hesse won a Region III championship this fall and was named First Team All-Region. She knocked out the #1 seeded Broome Community College player, Katie Keesler, in the semi-final and then defeated Patti Franczak of Hudson Valley Community College in the final by scores of 6-1, 6-3 to win the sixth flight championship. Hesse won three of HCCC's six points in the tournament.

# HCCC Coaches Reach Career Milestones



*HCCC Athletic Director Donald Dutcher '90, Men's Basketball coach Matt Lee '01, senior Kevin Kucel of Gloversville, Jordan Lee and Matthew Lee.*

Three HCCC coaches recently reached milestones in their careers. During the fall season, men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon '91 won his 200th game and women's soccer coach Amy Brelinsky won her 100th game. Aragon has been head coach since 1998 and has led his teams to 12 regional and four national championships. Brelinsky has served as head coach for the women's team since 2002 and led the 2005 team to a Region III championship title. Both were presented with plaques by President Ann Marie Murray and Athletic Director Donald Dutcher '90. Men's basketball coach Matt Lee '01 earned his 100th career victory on November 7 in a 72-67 win over Adirondack Community College. Lee has served as head coach since 2003 and has led his teams to the Region III finals three times.



*Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon '91*



*Women's soccer coach Amy Brelinsky*

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# 2009 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS WELCOME

The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association invites alumni to submit nominations for the 2009 Alumnus of the Year Award. The award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic or personal accomplishments that best reflect the commitment to excellence and community service which define the community college.

All nominations will be reviewed by representatives of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and awards will be presented at the College's commencement ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2009 at HCCC.

## Nominations are due by Friday, February 6, 2009

For additional information, call the HCCC Alumni Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8459.

### 2009 Alumnus of the Year Award Nomination Form

Each year the Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities.

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You may attach additional pages, clippings, etc. which you feel are pertinent for nomination consideration. Submit your completed nomination form by Friday, **February 6, 2009** to: HCCC Alumni Office, Attention: Teresa Shepard, Foundation/Alumni Administrative Assistant, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS OF 1973**

**Barbara Rennert Roszko**, Reston, VA is a private school teacher and would love to hear from old friends from Herkimer.

**CLASS OF 1978**

**Paul Besig**, Silver Springs, FL is a songwriter, recording in Nashville.

**CLASS OF 1980**

**Janice Colerick Rolling**, Soddy Daisy, TN is retired and enjoying her family and grandchildren. She is active in her church and volunteer activities.

**CLASS OF 1981**

**Joseph Mead**, Oneida, NY graduated in 1983 from SUNYIT with a B.S. degree.

**CLASS OF 1983**

**Brenda Friedel**, Mount Upton, NY has been employed by the New York State Unified Court System as a senior court reporter in the Sixth Judicial District for 20 years. She has two young children and said she is enjoying life.

**CLASS OF 1986**

**Lisa Bailey Goodberlet**, Churchville, NY married Jack Goodberlet. They have two chocolate labs (Muddy & Genny). She works as an operations manager at M&T Bank in Buffalo. Goodberlet would like to get the 1985 women's soccer team together for a reunion. She writes "Tom LaPuma was the best coach ever."

**CLASS OF 1990**

**Karen Sholtz Dolge**, Valatie, NY is a senior media planner /buyer at Eric Mower and Associates.

**CLASS OF 1995**

**Laurie Baum Clark**, Dolgeville, NY gave birth to her second child, a son, Alexander Sterling Clark on August 4, 2008.

**CLASS OF 1998**

**Wendy R. Russell Norman**, Moira, NY graduated in December 2001 with a Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) in science from Clarkson University and graduated in May 2004 with a Master of Physical Therapy degree (M.P.T.), also from Clarkson University. She is a licensed physical therapist and provides physical therapy services to children throughout northern New York. She is employed by Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES.

**CLASS OF 1999**

**Melissa Wisbeski Giova**, Herkimer, NY was married on October 26, 2005. The couple has a daughter, Elana, born March 13, 2007. Wisbeski holds a bachelor's degree from Wilmington University and served eight years in the Air Force. She is pursuing a nursing degree from Utica College.

**CLASS OF 2000**

**Kylie Sullivan**, West Winfield, NY earned an M.S. in literary education in May 2008. She is the owner/operator of Kylie's Diner in West Winfield.

**CLASS OF 2004**

**Molli McCarty**, East Springfield, NY is employed by Opportunities for Otsego.

**Kimberly Dunne**, Utica, NY is a reporter for Regent Broadcasting, NewsRadio 950 WIBX in Marcy, NY. She co-anchors the 5 p.m. news. Dunne is also an overnight and weekend DJ on WLZW, Lite 98.7.

**Katharine (Katie) J. Batson**, Astoria, Queens, NY graduated from Ithaca College. Following graduation she was employed by CNN as a freelancer, and is now set director for FOX Business News.

**CLASS OF 2008**

**Brandon Specht**, Zionsville, IN is a first year student at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Adam Kutinsky**, Sharon Springs, NY returned home this October from nearly one year of active duty in Afghanistan with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the New York National Guard. Kutinsky was about to transfer to SUNY Oneonta when his unit was called up last summer. He said after taking some time to unwind, he may consider enrolling at Oneonta this spring.



**ALUMNI UPDATE**

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**ALUMNI DUES**

I would like to join the Alumni Association. My \$25 check (payable to HCCC Alumni Association) is enclosed for a one-year membership; \$250 for a lifetime membership.

# R-TV Grad Participated in National Debate

Robbin C. Frederick, Herkimer, a Hofstra University senior pursuing a B.S. degree in video/television, was selected as a production assistant in the video and televised production of the third and final presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain. Frederick, the son of Robb and Deni Frederick, is a 2006 honors graduate of HCCC, with an A.A.S. degree in Radio-TV Broadcasting.

The debate was held at Hofstra University on October 15, and was moderated by Bob Schieffer, CBS News chief Washington correspondent and "Face the Nation" host.

Hofstra students, including Frederick, gained valuable experience staffing the Media Center and various locations across the Hofstra campus. Thousands of journalists from across the country and around the world covered the debate.

## 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:

**John M. Casey**, 79, Cedarville, NY died August 6, 2008 in Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. Casey was an associate professor emeritus of business at HCCC.

**Stanley Francis Krauza**, 58, Las Vegas, NV, Class of '72, died unexpectedly on July 15, 2008. Krauza was a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and worked as Vice President for US Home and then at the Mt. Charleston Ski Lounge and Restaurant in Las Vegas.

**Kassandra "Kassie" Miller**, 36, Schenectady, NY, Class of '98, passed away unexpectedly on October 4, 2008. Miller earned a bachelor's degree in social work from the College of Saint Rose in Albany. She worked as a social worker in various agencies in the Albany area and for Eddy Senior Care in Schenectady.

**Daniel Patrick Witt**, 29, West Winfield, NY, Class of '02, passed away in an untimely accident on August 3, 2008. Witt was a supervisor at Arizona Tile in Gilbert, Arizona, and an avid outdoorsman.

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# TURTLE ISLAND QUARTET

Please join us on  
March 27, 2009 at 8:00 pm  
for the next concert in the Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series.

Call (315) 866-0300, ext. 8700 for reserved seating

# Give Back or Pay It Forward

(Which ever way you choose to look at it, giving to Herkimer is a sound investment for the future.)

The value of a gift to Herkimer is immeasurable. For many students, Herkimer County Community College presents the only affordable option to begin their college careers. Last year, over \$120,000 was awarded in scholarships to HCCC students. Your gift will provide the means to award more scholarships addressing the College's mission of offering access to quality, affordable lifelong learning opportunities.

When making the important decision of how and when to make your gift, there are many choices available to you for structuring a donation in a manner that will allow for the maximum impact both for your benefit and for the College. Gifts can be made to address important issues that are a priority to the College today or can be arranged to have a lasting impact in years to come.

Give **Today** through:

- Cash Gifts
  - Gifts of Property
  - Gifts of Personal Property
- or

Give **Tomorrow** through:

- Your Will
- Gifts of Insurance
- Deferred Gifts

For more information regarding planned giving, please contact the Foundation Office at 315-866-0300 ext. 8459.

**Our students thank you.**



# Upcoming HCCC Events

**Robert H. Wood  
Great Artist Series Concert  
Turtle Island Quartet**  
March 27, 2009 8pm  
Robert McLaughlin College Center

**College Open House**  
March 28, 2009 9am-2pm  
Robert McLaughlin College Center

**7th Annual World Cuisine Festival**  
April 4, 2009 6-9pm  
Robert McLaughlin College Center

**Inauguration of  
President Ann Marie Murray**  
April 17, 2009  
Robert McLaughlin College Center

**Men's & Women's  
Lacrosse Regionals**  
May 2 & 3, 2009  
Wehrum Stadium

**Men's Baseball Regionals**  
May 8-10, 2009  
Veterans Memorial Park, Little Falls, NY

**Men's and Women's  
Lacrosse Nationals**  
May 9 & 10, 2009  
Wehrum Stadium

**41st Annual Commencement**  
May 15, 2009 5pm  
Gymnasium, Physical Education Building

Alumni Association  
Herkimer County College Foundation  
100 Reservoir Road  
Herkimer, NY 13350

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