

ALUMNI NEWS

HCCC Alumni Association Holds Hall of Honor Induction

The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association held its third Hall of Honor Induction ceremony Saturday, April 3 in the Alumni Hall on the HCCC campus. The two new inductees are Margaret E. (Mootz) Beck ('69) and William (Bill) L. Plante ('71).

The graduates honored have distinguished themselves among their peers in the pursuit of excellence in areas of personal achievement, professional accomplishment or community service. Each exemplifies the best qualities of the community college spirit, serving as models for others to follow.

For their lifelong efforts, each has earned the undying respect and regard of their alma mater and all those who value commitment, hard work and integrity.



Alumni Hall of Honor Induction—Alumni Association President Laurie Duguay Jones (left) with Alumni Hall of Honor Inductees Margaret Beck and Bill Plante. At right is HCCC President Ronald F. Williams.

Margaret E. (Mootz) Beck Class of 1969—Humanities

One of 10 children born to Paul and Kathleen O'Shea Mootz, Utica native Margaret (Mootz) Beck is a member of the first graduating class at HCCC.

As a student leader she helped compose the College's alma mater. Following completion of the associate in arts degree, she earned a B.S. at Fredonia; and an M.S. and C.A.S. at Cortland. Since 1972, Beck has forged an exceptional career in education as a teacher and an administrator. She currently serves as principal of the Jefferson Magnet School in Utica.

Beck has taught at Utica College, served as the education program coordinator for Utica Community Action, and is considered to be one of the top school principals in the nation. She has been widely recognized for outstanding service and has won a Fulbright Memorial Scholarship Award, the YWCA Outstanding Women in

Education Award, the NYS Meritorious Magnet School Award, the Magnet Schools of America Award of Merit and Distinction, and the New York State Education Department Recognition Award. A much sought after speaker, her work has also appeared in **Family Circle** and **Thursday's Child** magazines.

Beck is a member of the Executive Board of the Cosmopolitan Center, president of the Utica Administrator's Association, and has volunteered for the United Way Leadership Group, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Advisory Board, and the Utica Boilermaker Race.

She is married to Robert Beck and they have a daughter, Alexis.

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Hall of Honor cont.

William (Bill) L. Plante
Class of 1971—Social Science

A native of Utica, New York, Bill Plante has devoted his life to teaching and coaching. He has earned a statewide reputation as a noted physical education teacher and administrator.

After graduating from HCCC, he transferred to SUNY Cortland, where he completed his bachelor's degree while playing in goal for the Red Dragons ice hockey team. Plante is regarded as one of the most successful high school ice hockey coaches in New York State history, leading the Salmon River Central School Shamrocks to six New York State championships since 1979. Still active, his teams have amassed over 475 wins, winning 17 sectional titles. Known for their spirit of cooperation and strong character, the Salmon River Hockey Team, over half of whom are Native Americans, has earned the highest national ranking ever achieved by a New York State team.

Plante founded the N.Y.S. High School Hockey Coaches Association and, prior to serving as its president, was named the first-ever N.Y.S. Coach of the Year. He has initiated athletic and academic scholarships for students in the North Country.

Plante works year-round developing student athletes, directing several hockey and all sport schools throughout the Northeast each summer. While at Herkimer, he participated in baseball and hockey, and is a past inductee of the New York State Coaches Association Honors Club, the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, and the SUNYIT Wildcats Hall of Fame.

He is married to Susan Plante and they have two children, Marc and Raquel.

Alumni Association President/Board

President: Laurie Duguay Jones '87

Directors: Timothy Dunn '01
Cynthia Gabriel '87
Jean Garrow '88
Sharon Howell '79
Harold Hutton '73
Andrew Kaiser '83
Sevim Morawski '91
Cosimo Tangorra '90

WANTED:

Interested, energetic HCCC alumni to serve on our Board of Directors.

Help move our organization forward! Call 866-0300, Ext. 8259 for more information, or visit the new alumni website at www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni

Foundation Development Events

June 21, 2004 **Generals Open Golf Tournament**

The Generals Open Golf Tournament features a captain and crew scramble with a 1pm shotgun start. On-course refreshments, an awards dinner and door prizes are included. Contact the Foundation Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8259 or www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni to sign-up.

NOW-July 1, 2004 **Annual Harley-Davidson Raffle**

In its 11th year, this event has raised over \$90,000 to benefit the works of the Foundation. This year's grand prize is a 2004 Harley Davidson FLHR Road King or \$10,000 cash. Drawing will be held at the Independence Day Celebration reception on July 1.

Oct. 2, 2004 **4th Annual Cuisine Festival**

An evening of exquisite dining in a tradition of superb food and drink. The Foundation has hosted several gourmet dinner events, which are held in high esteem for their culinary excellence and friendly atmosphere. This year's Festival will showcase ethnic fare provided by area restaurants, lively entertainment and a live auction with an international flare!

Nov. 13 & 14, 2004 **28th Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair**

Kick off your holiday shopping at the Foundation's single most profitable fundraiser of the year. Dollars raised during this event are used in support of all Foundation programs, especially scholarships. Admission is \$4. Contact the Foundation Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8259 or www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni for vendor applications and information.

Reunion Policy

If you would like to have a reunion and need information please contact the Alumni Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8259. The requirements below must be met before any information is provided.

1. Must be a graduate of HCCC
2. Preferably be an active paid alum
3. Must submit your request in writing
4. Must outline in your letter what your intentions are
5. Must affiliate the Alumni Association with the reunion



Architectural rendering of the new athletic stadium

New Athletic Complex to Break Ground in Spring

Alumni Initiative Launched to Name New Stadium for Coach Paul Wehrum

The HCCC Board of Trustees recently approved construction of a new \$4 million athletic complex. The complex will include a state-of-the-art synthetic grass playing surface similar to the fields used by the Buffalo Bills and New York Giants. A fully lit playing surface will allow for evening competitions and the ability to host NJCAA national championships.

Included in the project are plans for new team facilities, an athletic training room and concession stand along with a press box to accommodate coaches, media, scorekeepers and the HCCC Radio/TV students and staff to ensure the highest quality broadcast of sporting events.

HCCC President Ronald F. Williams said "Herkimer athletics has built a strong reputation of success and excellence. We will now build a stadium that rivals that reputation." News of the construction project prompted a group of lacrosse alums, led by Andrew Kaiser ('83), to approach the Herkimer County College Foundation and begin a campaign to name the new stadium for long-time men's lacrosse coach Paul Wehrum. From their efforts surfaced "Champions: A Campaign for Wehrum Stadium."

Kaiser, who will act as Campaign Chairman said, "The Champions Campaign is designed for lacrosse alums and others to show their support and admiration for Coach Wehrum. 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."

The campaign goal is \$250,000 and donors have an option of purchasing a personalized brick that will be placed within the new complex. Information regarding the campaign is available from the Foundation Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8259 or on the alumni website at www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni

The Athletic Complex will see its first use in Fall of 2004 with an official opening ceremony and naming to be held in Spring of 2005. Herkimer will be the first community college in New York State with a stadium of this kind.

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Website at:
[www.hccc.suny.edu/
alumni](http://www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni)

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alumni site has to offer!

www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni

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- *Update your Alumni Contact Info
- *Read current and past issues of Alumni Newsletter
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HCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Take Advantage of These Membership Benefits--*JOIN NOW!*

(See dues information on p. 6)

The HCCC Alumni Association invites current students and graduates to become members of the Association. You will receive a certified membership card upon payment of your dues. This card must be used in order to receive the following benefits:

HCCC Bookstore: You will receive a 10% discount on any souvenir item that is not on sale.*

HCCC Fitness Center: 50% reduction on the cost of an HCCC Fitness Center membership*

HCCC Library: Any circulating, non-reserved books may be borrowed from the library at no charge.

Athletic Events: You will receive free admittance to all regular season athletic events.

Athletic Facilities

Outdoor:

All outdoor facilities such as the track, tennis courts, golf course, nature trail, etc. may be used free of charge, while classes are not in session on that facility.

Pool: You may swim free of charge during the community swims.

Auditing Courses: Any HCCC credit course that has space available can be audited tuition-free with approval from the College. (Does not include books or other class materials.)*

Faculty/Student Association

Cultural Events: Admission for all films, concerts, etc. will be half of the general admission price.

Job Referral/ You have lifetime job placement services available to you at no cost.

Resume Service: Assistance with preparation of resume and cover letters

Newsletter: All members receive the Alumni Newsletter, keeping them up-to-date on campus news, activities, and fellow alums

Special Events: Throughout the year the Alumni Association plans special programs, trips and other events. You will receive invitations to all of these events at a discount rate.

Student Events: The Association sponsors events, such as trips to special athletic contests, for student members. Anyone belonging to the Association will pay a discounted fee for these events.

**Benefits not available to currently enrolled students.*

Members of the Alumni Association are always welcome to attend the Association's Board of Directors meetings. Your input is always appreciated. Once a year, the Board holds an annual meeting to nominate and vote on a slate of officers for the coming year. You are also eligible for election to the Board as a Director. This list of benefits is constantly under review and new benefits are added as often as possible.

If you have questions about the HCCC Alumni Association please call our office at (315) 866-0300 ext. 8259 or toll-free in NYS: 1-888-GO 4-HCCC, ext. 8259 or visit us online at www.hccc.suny.edu/alumni

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1977

Steve Newvine, Fresno, CA recently accepted a new position as chief executive officer of the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. He was formerly president of the Livingston (NY) County Chamber of Commerce. Newvine was hired in 1994 as the first executive director of the Livingston County Chamber, and was named president in 1998. He is married to Vaune Trautlein Newvine ('76).

Class of 1980

Patrick Tubiolo, Scotia, NY is a broadcast technician at WRGB in Schenectady, NY. He is treasurer of NABBET-CWA Local 21, the broadcast union representing employees at WRGB, WMHT and WNYT. You can reach him at TvTech@aol.com.

Class of 1981

Sherry Sweeney, Winston-Salem, NC graduated from SUC at Potsdam in 1986 with a B.A. in economics. She has been employed as a sales associate for Pepsi Bottling Group for the past seven years.

Class of 1983

Michele Sebring, Lockport, NY received her master's in social work from the University of Buffalo in May 2003. She plans to move to Florida.

Theresa Churchill Reese, Stanley, NC is employed by SeaGate Travel in Charlotte as a corporate travel consultant. She and her husband Terry have a nine-year-old daughter, Holly.

Walter Czuryla, Ocala, FL is Vice-President of corporate lending for SouthTrust Bank in Ocala. He is also an instructor at Florida Southern College.

Class of 1984

Michele Scherneck, Ridgefield, CT has accepted a new job with Fulcrum Analytica in Fairfield, CT.

Class of 1987

Ronald Werner, Cicero, NY married in 1991 and he and his wife have a daughter Amber, 12. He was recently promoted to manager at Integrated Technologies, Inc. in Syracuse, a non-destructive testing company.

Class of 1988

Kimberly Haak Chase, Webster, NY earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Keuka College in 1991. She became a certified hand therapist in 1998. She married Timothy Chase in 1993, and they have two sons, Nathan—born 9/97 and Adam—born 5/2000.

Class of 1989

Kimberly Owen, Berkeley, CA married in 2000, and the couple has a son, Domenic, born in 2002. She earned a master's degree from San Jose State University in 2001 and is employed as a geriatric social worker in CA.

Margaret (Peg) Rankins Pinkham, Whitesboro, NY has retired and moved back "home" to New York State where her family resides.

Russel Watson, Newark, NY earned a B.S. in physical education and an M.S. in adapted physical education from SUC at Brockport. He is a physical education teacher for handicapped children at a preschool, Roosevelt Children's Center. Watson married Karen Bryant in June 1995.

Class of 1991

Amber Witchley Robinson, Arlington, TX is currently working at a long-term acute care hospital. She is married.

Sarah Stemmer Schmidt, Albany, NY is working at National Trade Publications in Latham as market research editor. She married Michael Schmidt on June 28, 2003 in Utica. They moved to Albany in August 2003.

Class of 1993

Jennifer Nichols Neff, Waterville, NY married Don Neff on June 3, 1995

and they have one daughter Paige, born June 30, 1999; and a son, Jacob born November 7, 2002. Neff works part-time at Woodman & Getman Law Office in Waterville.

Class of 1995

Kathy Macrina, New Hartford, NY received dual certificates in elementary education and special education from SUNY Geneseo. She is currently a faculty member at West Canada Valley Central School, her alma mater.

Class of 2000

Kylie Marie Sullivan, West Winfield, NY recently graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in communication arts and a minor in childhood education. She is currently pursuing a master's degree and seeking employment as an elementary teacher.

Ann Carroll, Mahopac, NY graduated from SUNY Old Westbury with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and American studies in December 2003.

Class of 2001

Joshua Hewitt, Albany, NY earned a B.A. degree in public policy from the University of Albany, and is currently working on a master's in public administration from the University of Albany. He is employed full-time as a resident director within the Department of Residential Life at the University of Albany.

Thomas Bryson, Caroga Lake, NY earned a B.S. degree in criminal justice from SUC at Brockport in August 2003. He is currently pursuing a master of criminology degree from Bond University, Queensland, Australia.

Tracey Slater, Palmyra, NY is studying massage therapy. She married in January 2004.

Seth Levellie, Little Falls, NY earned a bachelor's degree in technology education from SUC at Oswego in 2003. He is currently a faculty

member at West Canada Valley Central School, his alma mater.

In Memoriam

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

Joseph P. Zinicola ('71) Frankfort, NY died December 9, 2003 at Bassett Healthcare. He taught most recently at James H. Donovan Middle School in Utica prior to his retirement.

George Shank Green Jr. ('82) Frankfort, NY died January 26, 2004 in his home. He was a rural carrier for the Frankfort Post Office for many years, and a former Frankfort Police Officer.

Joy Biando ('89) Herkimer, NY died September 23, 2003 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She

was employed for 11 years as a family advocate for Head Start in Ilion, until her health complications forced her retirement in 2001.

David Palmieri ('92) Herkimer, NY died November 30, 2003.

Rebecca Lynn Lawton ('92) Moravia, NY died peacefully in her home on February 12, 2004. She was employed at one time by Marcy Health and Rehab and Cortland Memorial Hospital. She then became a stay-at-home mother. She also owned her own country gift shop "Cow Pattie Corner" in Cortland.

Adrienne Nicole Williams ('04) Woodgate, NY died October 26, 2003 as a result of injuries sustained in a one-car accident that occurred while traveling north on Rt. 28 just south of Kenmore Road in the town of Webb. She was in her senior year at HCCC.

Join the Business Wall

The HCCC Alumni Association would like to gather business cards from all of our alums. The cards will be displayed in Alumni Hall to demonstrate a range of career options to our students and other visitors to campus.

Simply send your business card to the Alumni Office along with your graduation year on the back. When you're in the area, stop by and visit the Business Wall.

Reminder

Check the expiration date on your HCCC Alumni Association Membership Card. If it has expired, remember to send your dues to the HCCC Alumni Office.

The Association bills on a fiscal year from September 1-August 31. Membership fees are \$25/year for Annual Member, \$250 one-time fee for Lifetime Member.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Proceeds to benefit the works of the Herkimer County College Foundation, Inc. including student scholarships

Tickets: \$10 Only 5,000 tickets sold
Drawing: July 1, 2004 9 p.m.
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(You do not have to be present to win)

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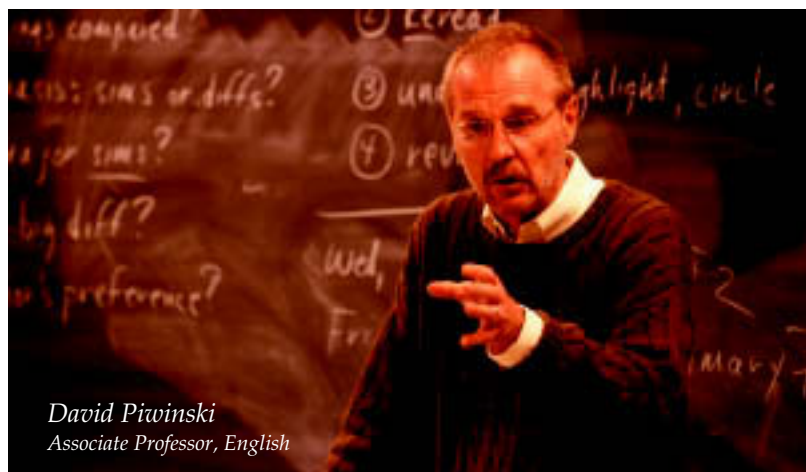
Building on our Solid Foundation

College Kicks Off Annual Fund

The Herkimer County College Foundation has officially kicked off its Annual Fund for 2004. The Annual Fund makes it possible for the Foundation to award student scholarships and assist with the College's most important priorities.

Last year, more than \$100,000 was awarded in scholarships to students attending HCCC. It is the goal of the Foundation to increase this amount over time and afford even more students the opportunity of a quality lifelong learning experience.

Currently, the annual fund has the support of 100% of the members of the Foundation and Alumni



David Piwinski
Associate Professor, English

Boards and the majority of our faculty and staff. Already, the Annual Fund has raised over 200% more dollars than in 2003. This will give us a great jump on achieving our goal.

Gifts from our alumni are immeasurable as they will help the Foundation to give another student the same opportunity that you had at HCCC. By giving back to your alma mater, you will be making an impact in the lives of many for years to come.

To become part of this worthy and successful endeavor, please fill out and return the information card on this page. You may also contact the Foundation Office directly by calling 315-866-0300, ext. 8259 or make a gift on our website at: www.hccc.suny.edu



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The HCCC Annual Fund is conducted by the Herkimer County College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization; all gifts may be tax deductible under Federal and State guidelines.

Graduate Survey Winners Announced

Herkimer County Community College is pleased to announce the winners of the 2002 Graduate Follow-Up Survey drawing. Alicia Hryb, Clayville, NY and Nichole DeMarco, Holland Patent, NY were randomly selected from all 2002 graduates who completed this survey, and each was awarded a Pioneer DVD player.

The Graduate Follow-Up Survey is jointly administered by the HCCC Counseling Center and the Office of Institutional Research. This survey is distributed to HCCC alumni within one

year of their graduation, to obtain valuable information regarding our graduates' career placement or transfer experience. Survey results are used to make changes at the College that will positively impact future students.

The Class of 2002 had a fantastic turnout with 70% of the graduates taking the time to complete this short survey.

Graduates of the Class of 2003 should be checking their mailboxes this May-June for the chance to complete this survey and be entered in our next drawing.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

5/04

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 so we can keep in touch. Thank you.

RETURN FORM TO: Alumni Association, HCCF, Reservoir Road, Herkimer, NY 13350

Name _____ Class of ' _____
Last First Maiden

Address _____
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email _____

New job, advanced degree, marriage, births, etc. _____

ALUMNI DUES

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