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Message from Alumni Association President

As the new president of the Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association, I am proud to represent almost 19,000 alumni including 583 men and women who graduated this spring. As alums of Herkimer we have much to be proud of. In this issue, you'll be impressed with how Herkimer continues to grow, attracting students from around the world.

Our alumni achieve success in foreign lands as well. This year's Alumnus of the Year, Christopher Barkley, has made a difference with the young children of South Africa through his employment as a manager with Grass Roots Soccer. The program reaches large numbers of youth through HIV education.

The Alumni Association honored two alums this spring. Robert Baber '74 and James Walczak '72 were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor recognizes HCCC alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities.

A recent highlight for the Alumni Association was our involvement and sponsorship of the Community Independence Day Celebration. An annual event held at the College for the past 15 years, the Community Independence Day Celebration brings together college employees, students, alumni, board members, supporters and community members for an evening of entertainment and fireworks. We are happy to have helped make this event possible.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I invite you to visit the campus and encourage you to be an active member of the Association. Share your ideas and enthusiasm with fellow alums as we strive to maintain the success of Herkimer County Community College.

Timothy Dunn '00
President, HCCC Alumni Association

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Greetings from the President



Dr. Ann Marie Murray
President, Herkimer County Community College

The College has had a banner year in many ways. The national spotlight has been on the value and benefit of community colleges to provide students with access to higher education and employment. Here at Herkimer County Community College we continue our tradition of excellence by offering students the full college experience with exciting academic programs supplemented with a rich offering of student services for our residential and commuter students.

This year we had record enrollment, an increased emphasis on academic performance, the creation of a five-year strategic plan, and exceptional performance from our athletic teams.

The College's new strategic plan, "Mapping our Future," provides us with a roadmap to maintain relevancy in our academic programs, increase efficiency in our campus operations, recognize our outreach to community partners, enhance our campus culture and create a vibrant living-learning environment for our students. Many of the plans are already in motion such as our Center for Global Learning to be located in the former bookstore space. The "Globe," as it has been nicknamed, will allow us to bring together our international recruitment efforts with our English as a Second Language training and provide a space for community forums on global awareness and learning.

It was a proud moment to confer the College's first honorary degree on founding President Robert McLaughlin at the 2010 commencement ceremony. McLaughlin was granted the State University of New York Doctor of Humane Letters. Many of our long-time alums recall the College's early years in the factory in Ilion, and the opening of the permanent Herkimer campus in 1971. President Emeritus McLaughlin was instrumental in the College's development and growth over two decades. We hope you enjoy reminiscing about those early years as you read about his contributions to HCCC.

Please take the opportunity to return to Herkimer often. We look forward to showing you what we've become and where we are going.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie Murray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Engaging in a Global Society

HCCC's International Program Continues to Grow

HCCC's international student enrollment grew from 40 students in 2003 to 78 students from 23 different countries in 2010. The program is supported by a strong English as a Second Language program at the College.

Director of International Programs Tze Teck Sim travels twice a year, presenting information on HCCC to international high school students and parents about the SUNY system, explaining the community college concept and how credits transfer to four-year universities. While in foreign countries, he visits the U.S. Embassy and talks with visa counselors about granting visas to international students. When international students send an inquiry to HCCC or apply, Sim said they can expect a reply within 24 hours. "Students apply to several American colleges at once. Our prompt, personal attention helps us attract more students," Sim said. "We pride ourselves on quality service to students. Listening to them is very important. They are happy with the attention and tell their friends to come here," he added.

Herkimer attracts students from Japan, Venezuela, Indonesia, Vietnam, UK, France, South Korea, India, Columbia, Panama, Mali, Hong Kong and more. HCCC provides airport pick-up for incoming students, and helps them assimilate into American culture with housing, grocery shopping, banking, purchasing cell phones and obtaining a driver's license. They also take group field trips to area attractions such as the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

Students are encouraged to join student clubs, organizations and athletic teams to meet and interact with American students as well as those from foreign countries other than their own. This year, the College held its first Multicultural Expo in April. The Expo was organized by the Diversity Committee and was open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants sampled food from around the world with cuisine from Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Jamaica, etc. A tea stand featured international teas, and a library stand displayed books from around the world.

Sim said the most rewarding part of HCCC's International Program is getting to know the students and watching them mature as they learn about America. "My first contact with them may be through email, then I meet them on their arrival. Two years later I am proud to see them graduate as young men and women. That is the reward," he added.

"International students bring a global perspective to the campus for the benefit of our student body, faculty and community at large."

*~HCCC President
Ann Marie Murray, Ph.D.*



"Both local and international students discover that, while they come from different places and speak different languages, they are all college students with similar problems, similar goals, and similar joys and sorrows. All benefit from the experience."

Angela Harris, Professor, English as a Second Language





“We landed in Beijing and traveled to Laizhou No. 1 High School with an enrollment of 9,000. Students attend school six days a week from 8am-9pm. Many reside on campus,” Dean of Students Matthew Hawes said. “We spoke to over 200 Chinese students about the SUNY system, Herkimer and American higher education,” Hawes added. He found the Chinese to be very friendly and inquisitive. “They were intrigued that in America you have freedom of choice, as to what major to take, which university to attend, etc. They had a difficult time understanding that concept.”



Overseas Visit Results in Teaching Opportunities

Several HCCC faculty will introduce Chinese high school students to American higher education and culture through a teaching opportunity in China this summer. Dean of Students Matthew Hawes and Director of International Programs Tze Teck Sim traveled to China from April 25-May 3 on a site visit for the College sponsored by Bright Vision Education Group. They met with Charles Haijun Zhao, president/owner of Bright Vision. The company is interested in student placement programs, and in having HCCC faculty teach in China.

Hawes and Sim followed a challenging schedule, visiting six cities in seven days looking for sites where HCCC faculty might teach. “Tze Teck speaks Mandarin, which proved a huge benefit for the College,” Hawes said. “He was able to increase our opportunities with the Chinese and close the gaps on the proposals. I did a lot of speaking as the Chinese were impressed that we sent a dean to meet with them, and they translated for me.”

When the two returned home, they presented the proposal to President Ann Marie Murray. As a result, six Herkimer faculty will travel to China this July to teach Chinese high school students. Bright Vision is funding the majority of the initiative which is set for July 5-28. The faculty will be housed in a hotel during their stay, and will teach for two weeks. Those participating are: adjunct faculty Kathleen Dunsavage and Instructor Michelle List, who will teach English as a Second Language; retired Professor Dr. Lynn Martin (psychology); Associate Professor Guy Devitt (business); Associate Professor Sally Durkee (public speaking) and adjunct faculty Paul Hawe (travel and tourism). The program will introduce the Chinese high school students to American professors and culture. “We hope to make this a successful venture that we can continue throughout the years,” Hawes said.

“The country has an incredibly growing economy. Every city is building new high rises,” Hawes said. He would like to return to China, as he feels there is tremendous market potential for HCCC, both for the Chinese to attend Herkimer and for our students to study abroad.

Engaging in a Global Society

China Welcomes Herkimer as Part of SUNY Delegation

Associate Dean of Student Services Janet Tamburrino was a member of a SUNY delegation who spent two weeks visiting the Sichuan Province in China. "The trip was a thank you from the Chinese government to SUNY for taking in their students following the devastating earthquake in 2008," Tamburrino said. Tens of thousands were killed in the May 2008 earthquake and many universities were destroyed or damaged. Herkimer was one of 22 SUNY campuses hosting a total of 150 students through the SUNY China 150 Program in the 2008-2009 academic year. Eleven students from the Sichuan Province attended HCCC for two semesters, gaining knowledge they could take back home to help the rebuilding effort.

The delegation of over 200 SUNY administrators, faculty, staff and students traveled to numerous universities in China where the program participants are enrolled. "We landed in Beijing where we did some sightseeing, then traveled to Chengdu where we visited universities," Tamburrino said. "At some we gave presentations on HCCC, at others they discussed how their University was organized. The group from Leshan Teachers College in Leshan City met our bus in colorful ceremonial costume and escorted us while singing. They had a translator at each table, and provided entertainment while hosting an outdoor tea party," she added.

"On arrival, I focused on how things were so different from home," Tamburrino said. "Then the longer I was there, and got to know people, I recognized how friendly and similar people are. They really made me feel at home."

While in China, Tamburrino represented HCCC in the signing of a joint international articulation agreement with HCCC, SUNY Institute of Technology and China West Normal University (CWNU) in Sichuan. The agreement allows for a two-year pilot program beginning this August. It will allow CWNU students, after completing their first year of study in China, to transfer to HCCC for the second year in one of several business programs. Students will earn an associate degree from both Herkimer and CWNU.

Upon completion of the associate degree, students will be able to transfer to SUNYIT to complete the bachelor's degree in designated majors. They will also be able to apply for admission into graduate study at SUNYIT to complete the master's of business administration in technology management. This is the first international articulation agreement HCCC has entered into.

HCCC Grad Travels Abroad

Hannah Stublely, Ilion, NY completed her HCCC associate degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science in December 2009, then embraced the opportunity to travel abroad to China before beginning the spring semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY.



"HCCC's Honors Program presented me with the opportunity to apply to the 'Discovering China' program being offered through SUNY," Stublely said. The Chinese government invited SUNY students to visit their country for two weeks as a thank you for SUNY hosting their students following the 2008 earthquake, through the China 150 program.

Stublely was among 200 students selected for participation. The group spent a week together in Beijing where they saw the Forbidden City, Great Wall and Olympic Park. They traveled to Chengdu where they broke into smaller groups and went to Mianyang City where they commuted to the Southwest University of Science and Technology.

"We were introduced to the Chinese culture, and came to realize how the 2008 earthquake still affects the people," Stublely said. "You learn a lot about your own country by traveling and you learn to adapt. Although I was unable to communicate verbally with the Chinese, we could communicate through nonverbal expressions," she added.



One of the Leshan students, Qinghua Hoang, had been part of the China 150 students at Herkimer. "She was very gracious during my visit to her college," Janet Tamburrino, Associate Dean of Student Services said. "It was exciting to see her again at her home."

Students Recognized with SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Bayla Akulin, Oneonta, NY, and Brittany Varin, Ellenburg Depot, NY, were among 288 students from 63 SUNY campuses who received the 2010 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Akulin graduated in May with a degree in Criminal Justice. Varin graduated in December 2009 with a degree in Business: Fashion Buying and Merchandising.

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher said "These students are proven leaders, athletes, artists, community servants and much more. Congratulations to all of the students receiving today's award and thank you all for your genuine dedication to student excellence."

Akulin was a resident assistant and a student ambassador for HCCC's new student orientation.

She was also a member of the Generals All Starz dance team and captain of the women's swimming and diving team, which was named NJCAA Academic Team of the Year in 2008-2009.

Varin served as president of the Fashion Club and vice president of leadership for HCCC's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. She was a resident assistant, student ambassador and student speaker for the 2009 new student orientation. She received the Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges award and was on the Dean's List for one semester and the President's List for two semesters. Upon completing her graduation requirements in December, Varin transferred to Cazenovia College where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree.



Pictured from left Dr. Matthew Hawes, Bayla Akulin, Brittany Varin and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created 13 years ago to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. The average Grade Point Average (GPA) for all recipients this year was 3.8.

Akulin and Varin were recognized at a ceremony in Albany, where they each received a framed certificate and a medalion, which is traditionally worn at commencement.

HCC Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Herkimer County College Foundation awarded \$99,799 in scholarships to 127 Herkimer County Community College students at the 18th annual Scholarship Recognition Reception held recently at HCCC.

HCC Foundation Board Vice President Bruce Ward made remarks, while scholarship committee member Jennifer Herzog recognized the student winners. Jan Squadrito, senior program officer with The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, was keynote speaker, and spoke of the "power of an endowment" and its ability to grow and continue giving beyond the original donation.

HCCC President Ann Marie Murray recognized the donors who made the scholarships possible and said, "Our campus is a vibrant place where students can thrive and transform their lives. Without your generosity these students might not have been able to come to HCCC and reach their goals." Murray said that receiving a scholarship is a powerful incentive for students, both financially and personally. "College is hard, tiring and difficult work, and often students become weary and wonder if they can do it or if it is worth it. It makes it hard for a student to question their ability when they have a supporter saying to them with their donation, 'we believe in you and we want you to succeed,'" Murray said.



Dr. Murray Recipient of U of Albany Excellence Award

HCCC President Ann Marie Murray was honored at the 2010 University of Albany Alumni Association's annual Excellence Awards Gala.

The UAlbany Alumni Association Awards recognize UAlbany graduates for careers of excellence, honoring alumni making a difference in the University, local and international communities. Dr. Murray received the Excellence in Education Award and was the only recipient selected from the School of Education. She holds M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from UAlbany, and a B.A. from Mount Saint Mary College.

"Ann Marie is a true devotee to community colleges," said Robert Bangert-Drowns, dean of the University of Albany's School of Education. "She recognizes the importance of access to post-secondary education for all, as evidenced, for example, by her work in increasing distance learning opportunities. She works to ensure that the community college will remain accessible and cutting-edge, better preparing students for employment."

James LaGatta, Hudson Valley Community College's vice president for administration, attributes Dr. Murray's leadership to "outstanding achievement and dedication in the field of education. She enriches the lives of those she works with and serves."



Faculty Retirements

Several faculty are retiring after numerous years of service to the College.

Dr. Lynn Martin, Professor of Social Science, retired in January of this year. He had 33 years of service to the College.

Retired at the conclusion of this spring semester were: **Jerry Angelichio**, Assistant Professor of Math-Science, 18 years of service; **Lynton Clark**, Instructor of Forensic Investigations, 10 years of service; **Dr. Peter Clarke**, Professor of English, 38 years of service; and **Peter Turner**, Assistant Professor of Social Science, 30 years of service.

Best wishes and thank you for your many years of service to HCCC.



Students and faculty recently attended BODIES... The Exhibition at the South Street Seaport in New York City. Both captivating and edifying, BODIES... The Exhibition unveils the many complex systems of organs and tissues that drive every aspect of daily lives and unite us all as humans. The exhibit features over 200 specimens consisting of whole-bodies and individual organs that have been meticulously dissected and preserved through an innovative process. Approximately 40 allied health students including physical therapist assistant, pre-radiologic technology, pre-nursing, and science students were in attendance along with their instructors, Dr. Karen Jones, Rebecca Ward, Dr. Catherine Delorme, and Terri Dunning, PT, a member of the PTA Advisory Committee.

Board Chairman Honored



Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder of West Winfield received the Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service. Given by the New York Community College Trustees, Inc. (NYCCT), the award recognizes community college trustees with dedicated and effective service over an extended period of time. Snyder was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in 1991, and has served as Chairman since 2000. His contributions to the College community include assisting during the growth of the campus and the construction of the Technology Building, Wehrum Stadium, Reservoir Run, and the renovation of the Robert McLaughlin College Center and the Ronald F. Williams Library. He was also instrumental in organizing, implementing and successfully completing the search process for the third president of the College.

Students Attend Advocacy Day

Students attended the New York Community College Trustee Advocacy Day in Albany. Students met with Assemblyman Marc Butler, Assemblyman David Townsend, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and Senator James Seward to discuss the importance of state aid to community colleges and maintaining funding for the NYS Tuition Assistance Program.



Pictured (from left) are Jordanna Dodge, Schuyler (Communication Arts: New Media); Assemblyman Daniel J. Burling ('80); Michelle Phillips, Dryden (Travel & Tourism); and Student Government President Kevin Ziesenitz, Clinton (Physical Therapist Assistant).



HCCC recently inducted new members in the College's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society whose purpose is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. Membership is limited to students who achieve a 3.50 cumulative average and accumulate 12 or more credit hours. *Pictured (from left): Thomas Baker, President; Alicia Sargeant, Historian; Briaunna McKinley, Vice President of Leadership; Breanna Ostrander, Secretary/Recording Officer; Brandie Lacey, Vice President of Fellowship; Faith Rickard, Vice President of Scholarship; and Hilary Lesniak, Vice President of Service.*

Sutliff Honored by On Point

Debra Sutliff, HCCC Bursar, has been named a "Campus Angel" by On Point for College, a non-profit organization based in Syracuse, NY, whose mission is to open the door to higher education for inner city youth. The "Campus Angel" distinction recognizes college staff who show great compassion and service to low-income and first generation college students.



Sutliff is one of only three recipients from a network of 190 colleges and universities attended by On Point students. Virginia Donohue, On Point's Executive Director, says of Sutliff, "As a 'Campus Angel' she has served as a consistent and dedicated liaison to our counseling staff, helping us to resolve issues of our students that impede their success."

Professor Published in Women's Studies Journal

Assistant Professor of English Lisa Elwood-Farber has had a paper accepted for publication in *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Her submission is entitled "Harriet Wilson's *Our Nig*: A Look at the Historical Significance of a Novel that Exposes a Century's Worth of Hypocritical Ideology."

Women's Track & Field Wins Nationals



The track & field team won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Track & Field Championship in Columbia, MD.

The women's team ended the three-day competition in first place, capturing their second national title in three years. The fourth-ranked women earned a total of 112.5 points to edge out second place Mohawk Valley Community College (110 points).

Head Coach Sharon Howell was named Coach of the Meet and Assistant Coach Julie DeMedico was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

Tundo Named SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete

Melissa Tundo (Watertown, NY) was selected for the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award, the highest



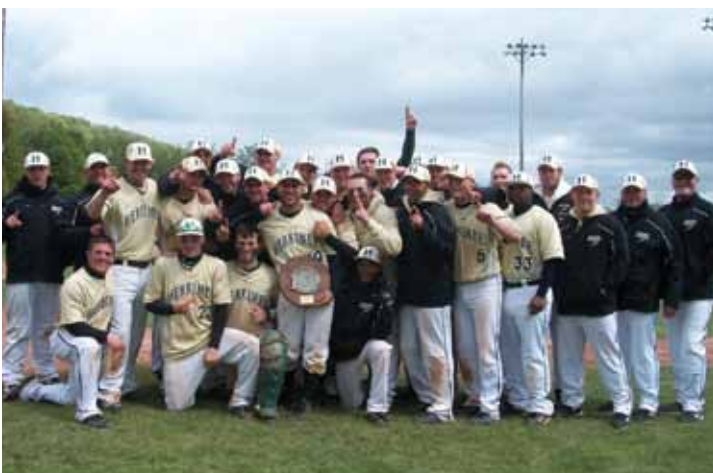
award given to a student-athlete in the State University. The award recognizes a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. Women's lacrosse coach Dianna Ste-Marie said, "Melissa is truly one of the hardest working athletes I have had the privilege to coach. She led the team this year by example both on the field and off by encouraging her teammates to always work hard to achieve their highest goals." Tundo also was named HCCC's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. She graduated in May with an associate in arts degree in art studies.

Swimmers Compete in Nationals

Members of the men's and women's swimming and diving team competed in the 2010 NJCAA National Championship meet at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, FL. The six athletes received a College Swimming Coach's Association of America Honorable Mention All-American certificate for finishing in the top 16 of an event.



Baseball Team Wins Regionals, Places 3rd at World Series



The baseball team ended the 2010 season with a Region III championship and a trip to Tyler, Texas to compete in the NJCAA Division III World Series.

Jeff Sergott and Al Ferenti were named to the All-Tournament team and Herkimer finished their season 35-14. This ties the College's win record and ties the 2007 team record of best finish in the World Series with a 3rd place finish. Head Coach Jason Rathbun was also named District A Coach of the Year for the third time in six seasons.

NATYCAA Cup Winner

HCCC placed second this year in the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup competition. This was HCCC's sixth consecutive year placing in the top five.

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004. It recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Men's Basketball Regional Champs

The Herkimer County Community College men's basketball team won the Region III championship in March. The Generals beat Mohawk Valley Community College in double overtime by a score of 82-72. Senior **Akeem Ellis** (Brooklyn, NY/John Jay) was named tournament MVP as he led the Generals with 21 points and 9 rebounds. Senior **Clifford Brown** (Hempstead, NY/Uniondale) chipped in 18 points and was named to the all-tournament team. The win advanced the Generals to the NJCAA Division III National Championship tournament. The Generals lost their first game at Nationals to the eventual National Champion but came back strong winning the next two games and finishing in fourth place. Herkimer finished the season with an impressive 33-3 overall record breaking the school's previous record of 32-4 set in 1986-87.



Herkimer Generals Supporter Donates Funds for New Scoreboard

The Herkimer County College Foundation received a donation from Jay and Edna Holcomb of Greenfield, NY for the purchase of a scoreboard for HCCC's softball field.

A talented, amateur photographer with a passion for sports, Jay Holcomb has taken thousands of photos while attending Herkimer athletic events during the past five years. Holcomb said, "I've observed the Herkimer coaches and players closely and have been most favorably impressed with the quality of the Herkimer program. Those observations of staff, players and facilities have been so positive that I wanted to make some lasting contribution to the program. I believe that some of my photography has helped the program, but I wanted to also make a more concrete contribution."

Holcomb is funding the scoreboard in honor of his father, Edward L. Holcomb, a fast pitch softball player who believed in the value of sportsmanship. Holcomb said "I am delighted to be part of the Herkimer community because it's a big promotion for me.

When I was in the Air Force, I was first a Lieutenant and then a Captain. But now, hey, I'm a General!" The Holcombs hope other Herkimer fans and alumni will consider giving back to the College in honor of one of their loved ones.

Donald Dutcher, Director of Athletics, said "We are extremely grateful to Jay for his support and generous contributions to the athletic program and for all he does for our student-athletes and coaches. His dedication, heart and passion for Herkimer's athletic program are priceless."



Pictured (from left): Edna Holcomb, Jay Holcomb and Women's Softball Coach PJ Anadio.

Local Efforts Support Haiti

A “Back from Haiti” program was held on campus in February. Panelists included Reverend Chris Wintermute of the First Baptist Church, Little Falls, and HCCC students Melissa Keiper, Little Falls and Nolan Little, Dolgeville. The three were on a missionary trip to Haiti when the earthquake struck. They made the trip with the Christian ministry group Double Harvest. They left Haiti a week after the quake to make room for medical personnel staying in the Double Harvest facility. Dan Enea, who had just returned from a three week disaster management trip to Haiti, also joined the panel. Enea, of Enea Family Funeral Homes and the Herkimer County Coroner, received a call from the Kenyon International Disaster Management Team after the quake to help identify the dead and notify the families.

The panel was moderated by WKTU’s Don Shipman, a 2000 graduate of HCCC. The panelists discussed their trip to Haiti, the work they were able to do and how blessed they felt from their experiences. The panelists also answered questions from the audience.

Student efforts to support the people of Haiti have included: Radio-TV Club “Video Shout Outs,” Amnesty International Club “Messages from the Heart for Haiti” and canisters for Have a Heart for Haiti, Criminal Justice Club sale of Haitian Flags and Campus Christian Fellowship bake sale.

Most recently, the Campus Christian Fellowship student club hosted a musical program, “Together We Stand – Haiti.” The event featured praise bands and gospel choirs from local churches along with students performing music and skits. Donations were collected to benefit a Haiti fund to be used toward Haiti relief efforts or to help assist a student from Haiti to attend HCCC.



HCCC Students Take on Earth Day Projects

Students enrolled in Professor Ronald Carvin’s biology class participated in an Earth Day project. They planted more than 100 trees in the balsam fir plantation located in the HCCC Nature Trail. President Ann Marie Murray also joined the group to help with the planting. This is the fourth year that Professor Carvin and his students have planted trees to commemorate Earth Day. Other Earth Day activities by HCCC students included flower planting at the Veterans Memorial Park located at the entrance to Wehrum Stadium, a trash pick-up along Main Street in the Village of Herkimer, and park clean-ups at Brookwood Park and the Herkimer Mini-Park located on the corner of William and Smith Streets.



Kneeling in the front is Nate Riley, technical assistant in Math/Science. Standing from left: Jeanette Reinhardt (Little Falls), Hillary Biechy (St. Johnsville), Evan Cobb (Frankfort), Heather Sickler (Galway), HCCC President Ann Marie Murray, Mike Saxe (Richfield Springs), Felicia Esterly (Herkimer) and Jacob Raner (Parish).

Students and staff participated in a Walk for Human Rights on campus. Several Buddhist monks who escaped from Burma also joined the walk to bring attention to human rights abuse. Walkers carried signs for Amnesty International and signed petitions on behalf of human rights victims. The one-mile walk was organized by HCCC’s student Amnesty International Club. The club offers the HCCC community the opportunity to learn about and act upon important human rights issues of the day.



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Christopher Barkley: 2010 Alumnus of the Year

The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association selected Christopher Barkley, Cape Town, South Africa, as the 2010 Alumnus of the Year. Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Barkley was raised in Ithaca, NY and is a graduate of Ithaca High School. He graduated from HCCC with honors in 2000. The award was presented at HCCC's commencement on Friday, May 21.

Annually, the Alumni Association Board of Directors selects an alumnus who has demonstrated the highest level of excellence in their professional field. Barkley holds an associate in arts degree in liberal arts and sciences: general studies from HCCC, and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Iona College. He received a full athletic and academic scholarship to Iona to play soccer.

Barkley is employed by Grass Roots Soccer, as a manager overseeing programs across South Africa. He also worked for them in Namibia, Zambia and Sudan. The program reaches large numbers of young people through HIV education. It focuses on building basic life skills that help youth adopt healthy behaviors and live risk free.

Barkley recently developed "Skillz Street," a program that encourages young girls from Khayelitsha to play soccer and

engages them in community outreach activities. Over 100 seventh graders are participating in the league. Their activities include working in a soup kitchen and visiting drug and alcohol centers.



HCCC soccer coach Pepe Aragon said "The work Chris is doing in South Africa is truly amazing. I am so proud of what he does for Grass Roots Soccer for HIV prevention." As an HCCC student, Barkley was captain of the 1999 national championship team. "Chris was a leader both on and off the field," Aragon said. "He is one of the classiest student-athletes I have coached. Chris continues to make Herkimer proud by doing great things in this world. I am proud to say I had the privilege to coach him."

Alumni Hall of Honor Inductions [Visit www.herkimer.edu/alumni/hall_of_honor to view all honorees.](http://www.herkimer.edu/alumni/hall_of_honor)

The Alumni Association honored two alumni at the 2010 Alumni Hall of Honor Induction ceremony on Friday, April 9. The 2010 honorees are Robert E. Baber '74 of Utica and James N. Walczak '72 of Herkimer.

Robert E. Baber joined Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute (MWPAI) in 1999 and has served as Dean of the School of Art since 2003. Baber earned an associate degree in business administration from HCCC, a bachelor's degree in public relations and journalism from Utica College, and a master's degree in news/editorial journalism from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

James N. Walczak is a physical therapist and certified wound specialist and is Director of the Outpatient Physical Therapy Department at Folts Homes in Herkimer. Walczak earned an associate degree from HCCC and continued his education at Upstate Medical Center, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1975.

The Alumni Hall of Honor recognizes HCCC alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities. The Alumni Association selects honorees to be inducted into the Hall of Honor bi-annually.



Radio-TV Alums Celebrate!

Graduates of the Radio-TV Broadcasting program attended a reunion on April 18 at Francesca's in Ilion. Over 70 people attended, with grads from the late 1970's through 2008. They enjoyed catching up with each other during dinner and dancing.



"I wouldn't have started off any other way. It was great. I began my college studies in Radio-TV Broadcasting--the new facilities, equipment, the great state of the art stuff--that's why I went to Herkimer to begin with, and I'm very, very happy I got the training I did where I did."

- Lucas Howard '07, Radio-Television Broadcasting
Production Assistant on The Maury Show, New York City



Online Databases of Journal Articles Available for Alumni Association Members

There are several online databases of journal articles listed in the Membership Info & Benefits section on the Alumni page of the College's website (www.herkimer.edu/alumni). These databases are licensed to HCCC alumni only; the necessary username and password can be obtained by calling the Alumni Office at 315-866-0300, ext. 8459. Many other periodical and reference databases are also available to alumni in the HCCC Library.

The Academic Search Alumni Edition is designed to meet the research needs of the post-college professional. It is a multidisciplinary database that provides full text for more than 3,190 journals, as well as indexing and abstracting for more than 8,000 journals.

The Business Source Alumni Edition is designed for the research needs of the post-college professional. It provides access to 1,540 full-text business magazines and journals. This database includes publications in nearly every area of business, including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance, econometrics, economics and more.

For assistance, you may call the HCCC Library Reference Desk at 315-866-0300, ext. 8394, chat with HCCCLibrarian on AOL's Instant Messenger (AIM) service or email library@herkimer.edu.

President Emeritus Robert McLaughlin Receives Honorary Degree

Herkimer County Community College's President Emeritus Robert McLaughlin received an honorary State University of New York Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 42nd annual commencement held May 21 on campus. This is the first time in the College's history that an honorary degree was awarded.

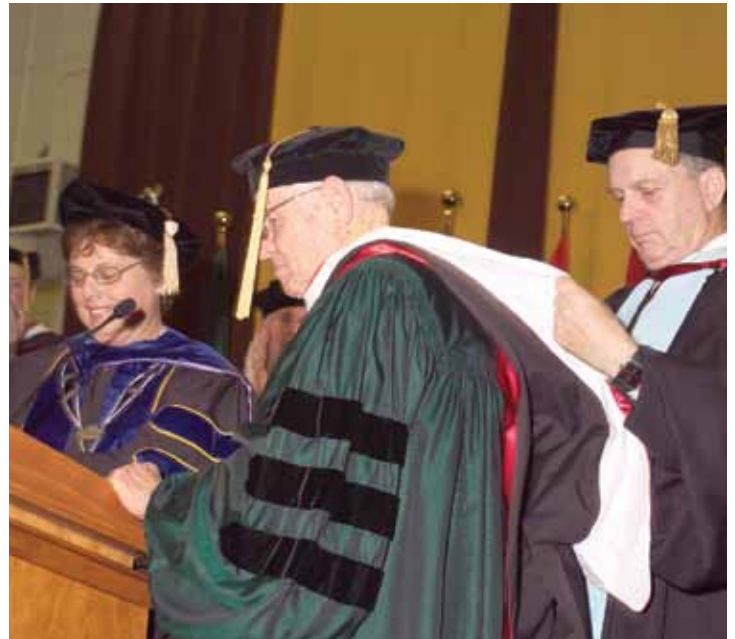
McLaughlin was founding president of Herkimer County Community College, serving from 1966-1986. He came to HCCC from SUNY Farmingdale, where he held numerous positions including Vice President, Dean of the College and Dean of the Evening and Extension College. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941-1946, and remained in the reserves until 1959.

During his 20-year tenure, McLaughlin led the College in the move from its original location on the second floor of an active factory in Ilion to its permanent campus in Herkimer. He hired the faculty, chose the administration, managed curriculum development, fought for acceptance by SUNY and applied for and received accreditation by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education.

Areas of the College that flourished under McLaughlin's leadership included newly developed academic programs, the College's own cable TV and FM radio stations, and the birth of a national championship NJCAA athletic program. His commitment to the community was evidenced by his long-term service to the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority. He was active in the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and SUNY President's Association.

McLaughlin holds a bachelor of arts degree and master of science in education from Cornell University and completed additional study at Hofstra University, Michigan State University and New York University. Professor Emeritus Gary Ruff said, "President McLaughlin was an intelligent, fair and pragmatic leader at HCCC. His drive for success for a college in a rural community was tempered by his humanistic values concerning life in general."

Professor William Pelz said, "Robert McLaughlin has earned the respect of his colleagues, the admiration of his community, and the lasting gratitude of generations of HCCC graduates. His positive impact on the educational and economic growth of upstate New York cannot be overstated."



President Ann Marie Murray confers the Doctor of Humane Letters degree on founding President Robert McLaughlin while President Emeritus Ronald F. Williams assists with presenting the hood.



Herkimer's three presidents participated in the 42nd annual commencement. From left—President Emeritus Ronald F. Williams, President Emeritus Robert McLaughlin and President Ann Marie Murray.

Commencement 2010

“Think of today as the beginning of your life in whatever you choose to do with your future. And because of HCCC, we can begin that future with the knowledge and understanding that we need to succeed and go places.”

~ Nicole McLean, 2010 commencement student speaker



ALUMNI UPDATE

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



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ALUMNI DUES

I would like to join the Alumni Association. My \$40 check (payable to HCCC Alumni Association) is enclosed for a lifetime membership.

CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1980

Sonia Martinez, Utica, NY has been employed by Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield for over 23 years. She has two children, Cristina and Michael, and two grandchildren, Cristian and Gabriel. Martinez is a founder of the Mohawk Valley Latino Association, a non-profit with the mission to help Latino communities in the Mohawk Valley.

CLASS OF 1985

Gail Moore, South New Berlin, NY is a four-year breast cancer survivor, following a February 2006 diagnosis. She has been employed by New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company for over 22 years, holding various titles. Her current position involves creating regulatory forms.

CLASS OF 1991

Robert Martin, Ballston Spa, NY earned a B.S. in biology from St. Bonaventure University in 1993. He married Loretta Liuzzo on September 12, 1999. The couple has two children, Kimberly Lynne (1/13/2001) and Stephanie Dawn (12/9/2004). Martin coaches soccer at Galway High School in Galway, NY.

CLASS OF 1999

Thomas Lake, Atlanta, Georgia graduated summa cum laude from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts in 2001. He spent seven years writing for newspapers, most recently the St. Petersburg Times in Florida, where his awards included first place in 2008 from the American Association of Sunday and Features Editors. Since then he's been a magazine writer, publishing four long feature stories in Sports Illustrated. One of them, "2 on 5," won

the Henry Luce Award for most outstanding story of 2008 in all of Time Inc., the largest publisher of magazines in America. Two of his stories have been selected for re-publication in the annual book Best American Sports Writing. Lake writes full-time for *Atlanta Magazine*, in addition to freelancing for *Sports Illustrated*, and at this year's National City and Regional Magazine Awards, he was a finalist in three categories, more than any other writer.

Lake said he's very grateful to HCCC for giving him a wonderful start on his career. His favorite professors included Fred Lieber, Dr. Faye Eichholzer, Ray Osborne and Dr. Robert Pring.

Lake and his wife Sara have a baby daughter, Juniper.

CLASS OF 2007

Lindsay Gayhart, Alfred, NY earned a B.S. in art with a concentration in photography and minor in business administration from SUNY Oneonta.

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:

Ann E. (Palmer) Vivacqua, 70, Ilion, NY, Class of 1972 passed away April 17, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her most recent employment was with Annunciation Catholic School as a second grade teacher. Formerly, she was the first female foreman for Remington Arms, Ilion.

Barry F. Hunter, 58, Clinton, NY, Class of 1976 passed away March 4, 2010 after a lifelong battle with neuromuscular problems, at the Katherine Luther Home. Following graduation from HCCC, he was employed by BNN Communication in Boston until his health prevented him from working. He enjoyed camping at the West Canada Creek.

Nancy Clark, 62, Ilion, NY, Class of 1978 passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2010 at St. Luke's Healthcare. She was employed for many years by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Subsequently, she operated a medical transcription service from her home.

Janice Rolling, 81, Soddy Daisy, TN, Class of 1980 passed away March 24, 2010. A native of Utica, NY, she moved to Tennessee to be near her daughter's family.

Kenneth "Ken" Humphrey, 74, Ilion, NY, Class of 1984 died May 14, 2010 at Folts Home, Herkimer. He was an engineer in the Aerospace Division of General Electric Company for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. He and his wife Barb enjoyed spending time in Myrtle Beach.

Andrea Marie Carpenter, 41, Glenmont, NY, Class of 1988 died January 23, 2010 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

Patrick J. Doyle II, 40, Huntersville, NC, Class of 1990 died May 5, 2010 at home. Born in West Winfield, NY, he was a reading teacher at Statesville Road Elementary for the last two years. Prior to moving to North Carolina, he was a reading teacher at Mount Markham (NY) Central School. He also coached youth soccer.

Shirley J. Bicknell, 66, Little Falls, NY, Class of 1991 passed away February 1, 2010 at Little Falls Hospital. She won several ribbons for her crafts at the Herkimer County Fair. She was employed at one time by the Salvation Army, the Herkimer County Tax Assessor's Office, Cook's Taxi and Big Jim's Sub Shop.

Elizabeth "Betty" Harrod, 78, Little Falls, NY passed away October 27, 2009. She retired from HCCC in 1989, after being employed as Secretary to the President for 22 years. Following retirement, she enjoyed touring national parks and historic sites in the U.S. and Canada.

Rose Mary "Rosie" Rockwell, 66, Herkimer, NY passed away April 30, 2010 after an extended illness. For 27 years she was employed as a purchaser and cashier at the HCCC Bookstore until her retirement in 2002. Her greatest joy was being a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Ronald J. Fuhrer, 49, Ilion, NY passed away on December 11, 2009 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, MA after a courageous battle with cardiac sarcoidosis. Ron was the groundskeeper for Wehrum Stadium at HCCC.



The 2nd annual President's Gala was held April 10 on campus. Over 190 guests enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, dinner and a silent auction.

Proceeds benefitted the Herkimer County College Foundation to support student scholarships and special programming at HCCC.





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Upcoming HCCC Events

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 2, 2010
On the HCCC Campus

Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series Concert The Talich Quartet

Friday, October 22, 2010 at 8 p.m.
Sarkus-Busch Theater

College Open House

Saturday, October 30, 2010
Robert McLaughlin College Center

Men's Soccer Regionals

October 30-31, 2010
Wehrum Stadium

Men's Soccer Nationals

November 11-14, 2010
Wehrum Stadium

34th Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair

November 13-14, 2010
Robert McLaughlin College Center