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including donor identification and research, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship, grant management and other fundraising initiatives. Fowler brings more than 20 years of experience in communications, sales, marketing and sports management. He was most recently employed at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY, where he developed and implemented a wide variety of sporting events for the Sports Management Department and was tournament sales manager for the PGA Tour's Turning Stone Resort Championship. Fowler was previously employed as associate general manager at ISP Sports, Syracuse, and was general manager of the Utica Blue Sox Baseball Club, in Utica, NY. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida and received the Forty under Forty Award –Mohawk Valley Business Journal and the Executive of the Year Award, New York-Penn League.

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# Emmy Winning Producer Reflects on His Time at Herkimer

Growing up in Wayland, New York, a small town in the southern tier of New York State, Jim Hughes had a dream to be a radio disc jockey.



**Jim Hughes, Class of 1982,  
Radio-Television Broadcasting**

His father, who served as a guidance counselor, suggested he consider a two-plus-two program, a fairly new option at the time. He'd be able to maximize his courses and benefit from the affordable tuition of only \$350 per semester. Most community colleges at the time catered to local students and did not offer housing, but Herkimer County Community College was different. While Jim was accepted to several four-year colleges, he chose Herkimer as it offered the best of both worlds – he could get hands-on learning, and still experience college life away from home.

And that he did. Hughes took advantage of every opportunity that came his way. In a news production class, Professor David Champoux asked students to volunteer for the various roles to produce a weekly news program. Hughes and another student, Tim Fressie '82, readily volunteered for the producer job. It was the most stressful job, but that decision set the stage for Hughes' career, and their friendship, as Hughes and Fressie became lifelong friends and colleagues.

“It was hands-on from day one. We were encouraged and expected to experience all of the positions in a typical production scenario, from grip to producer. We were also required to write, which I consider the cornerstone of my profession,” Hughes said of the Radio-Television Broadcasting program. It wasn't long before Hughes realized there were so many more lucrative options in the industry and he forgot all about being a disc jockey. He said, “The faculty expanded my mind to be a producer, director or writer, and to reach a little bit. They taught me that there's this great big world out there, and I should never be afraid.”



Professor Joe DeLorenzo was a great influence and mentor to Hughes. He was in all of DeLorenzo's theater productions from 1980 to 1982 including "The King and I" in which he played the part of the King. "Dr. DeLorenzo had a fearless creative mind that made every lecture memorable!" said Hughes.

In addition to Champoux and DeLorenzo, other favorite faculty included Kal Socolof, Dr. Bob Pring and Sally Durkee. "My professors at Herkimer taught me how to be confident in myself, and not be afraid to make mistakes. Students were allowed to make and learn from their mistakes -

that is the most enduring aspect of my Herkimer education. Nothing was out of bounds; we were urged by our Radio/TV professors to explore all the technical resources and a wide variety of creative techniques, and this was thirty years ago! With the amazing proliferation in technology, I can only imagine what the program offers today. I would love to come back and do it all over again!"

Upon earning his associate in applied science degree from Herkimer in 1982, Hughes continued his education at SUNY Fredonia where he earned a bachelor's of science in Communications/Media. He spent some time in Florida working for a record

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Jim Hughes, speaking of the Radio-Television Broadcasting program.

company before settling in the Rochester, NY area and working for an advertising agency. He worked as a copywriter, then as a senior producer for regional and national TV commercials, then corporate videos for large companies like Kodak and Bausch & Lomb.

In 1994, Hughes became an independent producer and has been on his own since. Among the films and documentaries he has produced is the award-winning historical documentary “The White Cockade, the Final Cry for Freedom,” which he also directed. The film portrays the anguish of the final violent days of 18th century Scotland’s struggle for independence, and was shown on PBS and in independent theaters across the country. “It was a fun movie to work on with several hundred actors, period costumes, horses and muskets. I realized that was what I really wanted to do.”

In 2006, Hughes was approached by Crystal Pix, a film production company to write and produce a movie exploring the seemingly simple question of ‘who invented umpire hand signals?’ In April 2013, “Signs of the Time”, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Richard Dreyfuss, earned Hughes an Emmy for Best Documentary and a nomination for outstanding writing. “It’s almost indescribable, unexplainable,” said Hughes of the experience. “You never expect it to happen to you. You always strive for that, and when it happens it takes your breath away.” In addition to the Emmy, the film also won “Best Documentary” at five film festivals including the SoCal Film Festival in Huntington Beach, CA, Secret City Film Festival in Oak Ridge, TN, High Falls International Film Festival in

Rochester, NY, Rincon International Film Festival in Puerto Rico and Utopian Film Festival in Greenbelt, MD.

“Winning an Emmy has really changed my professional life. It opened a lot of doors,” said Hughes. Soon after winning, he was contacted by a producer from New York, and is currently co-producing a feature romantic comedy called Vows & Rites which is due for theatrical release in spring of 2015.

Hughes offers the following advice to students wanting to work in the industry: “Don’t be afraid and try everything. Explore things you think will make you most uncomfortable, and you will be amazed how comfortable you will become.”

Hughes attributes a great deal of his professional success to the educational groundwork received at Herkimer. “The foundation that I gleaned from Herkimer gave me the confidence I’ve taken with me throughout my career,” said Hughes. “Of the many awards I’ve received over the years, only two share a space on my mantle. They are the two I’m most proud of – the Emmy and the 1982 HCCC Radio and TV “Best Script” award that I shared with Tim Fressie.”

For a glimpse of Jim Hughes’ work, view the special features section of the DVD, “O, Brother Where Art Thou?” Hughes co-produced and directed the film demonstration scenes that Oscar winning DP Roger Deakins uses to illustrate the film transfer and colorization technique utilized in the movie.

# Sharing the Cornell Experience

**Shane Crandall '13** recently returned to campus to share his Ivy League experience with Mary Kathryn Connolly, who is joining him at Cornell University School of Industrial Labor Relations (ILR).



“I really want you to understand you do not need to be overwhelmed,” stressed Crandall as he offered Connolly information about the college campus, classes, residential life, career services, internships, clubs and activities.

In regard to the academic rigors of Cornell, Crandall says it is very competitive. “It’s one of the most difficult things I’ve done in my life.” The opportunities, however, are endless. “It’s been unreal,” he said about the resources and contacts he has made. “My network has grown tremendously.” He has had several paid internship offers and currently is working for Pymetrics as a marketing ambassador. Crandall explained that the retention rate of ILR internships is very high, so most internships lead to full-time opportunities upon graduation. Internship and job opportunities are available all over the world. “Anywhere in the world you want to go, you can go,” he said.

A Little Falls native, Connolly came to Herkimer College with the intention of transferring to Cornell after completing one year. Her acceptance into Cornell was contingent on earning a B

average and completing specific courses. Having taken many College Now courses while in high school, Connolly was able to nearly complete her associate degree in General Studies in only one year at Herkimer.

Connolly found the School of ILR while browsing colleges online and then went for a campus visit. “I didn’t realize the school was there. I started exploring and was amazed,” she said. The route to get to Cornell was quite different for Crandall. He attempted college a couple of times and then decided to work for awhile. Eventually, he enrolled in an online course and had a much different experience. Knowing he could be successful in

“My experience [at Herkimer] opened up more doors than I could have imagined.” Shane Crandall

college, he enrolled full-time and retook classes in which he previously was unsuccessful and ultimately earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Though it was still a long shot to get accepted into Cornell ILR, he sold himself with his essay and interviews. He transferred to Cornell as a junior, made the Dean’s List, and is now working on his Honors thesis.

In conclusion, Crandall said “I didn’t know Cornell was even an option as a transfer. So I wanted to come back and let people know there’s endless opportunity after Herkimer.”

## Bryon Lynch, Ilion, NY Criminal Justice (2013) & EMT-Paramedic (2014)

When Bryon Lynch completed his degree in Criminal Justice last year, he was not yet old enough to qualify for the NY State Police. So while he had a job as a corrections officer, he also wanted to diversify his options and make himself more valuable. With a basic EMT certification already under his belt, Lynch decided to continue his education and earn an associate degree in Paramedic-EMT. He said, "Herkimer was a perfect fit for what I wanted

to do. Everybody here wanted me to succeed." Lynch certainly has done that. He has achieved a nearly perfect GPA while working as a corrections officer at the Herkimer County Jail and as a tutor in the College's Academic Support Center, as well as working as an EMT for MOVAC. Lynch's advice to future students, "Just dive in. Do not limit yourself. If you want to do it, and if you're interested in it, it's not hard. College is like a tool, use it to the best of your ability."



## Lane Casadonte, Richmond, VA Radio-TV Broadcasting (1987)

### Winner of the National Edward R. Murrow Award

Lane Casadonte, Sports Director for WTVR CBS 6 in Richmond, Virginia, has won a national Edward R. Murrow award. A 1987 graduate of Herkimer County Community College, he won the award for "Sports Reporting: Out in the Field." His photojournalist was Brad Wilson.

Kalman Socolof, Professor of Radio-TV Broadcasting at Herkimer, said "This award is quite prestigious, and I'm very proud of Lane." He is a three-time Virginia Sportscaster of the year who joined WTVR as a news photographer in 1994. He became sports director in 1998. Since then, the CBS 6 Sports

Department has been honored by the AP, VAB, and NSSA 15 different times.

"What we did at Herkimer College 25+ years ago was already superior to anything any of my peers were able to do at the time," Casadonte said. "I liked the fact we could work with real equipment at Herkimer." Lane enjoys running and golf and is married to former CBS anchor Deborah Cox. They have two children, Connor and Mary Catherine.

CBS 6 News is the only station in the country to receive three national honors. They also won

for Feature Reporting and News Director Sheryl Barnhouse said.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in New York on October 6.

#### How has Herkimer helped you to succeed?

"I have worked with people who have graduated from some of the best broadcasting schools in the country – Columbia at Missouri, Newhouse at Syracuse, you name them . . . What we did at Herkimer College 25+ years ago was already superior to anything that any of my peers were able to do at that time. And what I was able to do at Herkimer College prepared me for my Bachelor's degree studies at Plattsburgh State."

Lane Casadonte

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The cafeteria (RMCC) and the College Bookstore (Library Building), will be open from 12 noon – 3 pm.

**Friday, October 3rd**

8:00 p.m.

**Movie: "Hocus Pocus"**  
 (RMCC 288)

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**Alumni Gathering**  
 Great food, music, dancing and cash bar! Francesca's Banquet Hall; Ilion, NY *Alumni only. RSVP required, 315-866-0300 x8459\**

**Saturday, October 4th**

12:00 p.m.

**Zombie Run**  
 Registration at 11:15 a.m. (Wehrum Stadium)

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Admissions Office open**  
**Tours available** (RMCC 262)

**Alumni Art Show**  
 (Cogar Gallery)

**Car Show**  
 (RMCC Parking Lot)

**Farmer's Market**  
 (RMCC Parking Lot)

**Music by DJ Red Hot 'n Wild**  
 (RMCC Parking Lot)

**Geocaching** (RMCC Entrance)

**Caricatures by W.C. Pope**  
 (RMCC Lobby)

**MVAS Solar Star Gazing**  
 (RMCC Lawn)

**Inflatable Bounce House, Obstacle Course, 9 Hole Mini-Golf, Skee Ball, Sign Shop, Air Brush Tattoos & Photo Booth**  
 (RMCC Lobby and Lawn)

**Cristman Pool open for Recreational Swimming**  
 (PE Building)

**Explore the Herkimer Jail**  
 (Meet outside RMCC)

**Pumpkin Painting**  
 (RMCC Lobby)

**Horse Drawn Wagon Rides**  
 (Parking Lot)

**Strolling Magician Joey D**

12:00 p.m.  
**Alumni Baseball Game**  
 (Baseball Field)

1:00 p.m.  
**Alumni Softball Game**  
 (Softball Field)

2:00 p.m.  
**Alumni Art Show Reception** (Cogar Gallery)

3:00 p.m.  
**Car Show Awards**  
 (RMCC Parking Lot)

5:00 p.m.  
**Alumni Hall of Honor Ceremony & Reception**  
*Invitation only.*

6:00 p.m.  
**Alumni Women's Lacrosse Game** (Wehrum Stadium)

Please check the website for updates, schedule subject to change.

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# Award for Excellence Honorees

Five Herkimer College employees were recently honored with the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence at the College's Commencement.



**MARY ANN CARROLL**, Associate Professor of Radio-TV Broadcasting, is recipient of the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service. Carroll has been an outstanding member of our College faculty for over 28 years. She has also served as an associate dean and assessment coordinator. Her work to develop a new assessment plan and process from the ground up led to a successful and full 10-year Middle States reaccreditation for the College.

**KAREN CONGDON** is the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. She currently is an Office Assistant II for the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs for Adjunct Instruction. In her more than 12 years of services, Congdon has earned a reputation for always striving to meet the needs of our students and their families. Among her colleagues, she is known for always being willing to lend a hand and for her patience, warmth and kindness.

Appointed to the Herkimer College faculty in 2001, Assistant Professor of Biology **JENNIFER HERZOG** is recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Whether addressing a classroom full of college students or a group

of colleagues at a professional conference, Herzog takes an innovative and creative approach to her teaching and possesses the ability to transfer her enthusiasm for learning and her subject to others. She has authored several text books and is a highly sought after presenter for professional conferences and workshops.

**PAMELA MAZZORANA**, Director of the Child Care Center, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. For over 20 years, she has supervised the Center, benefitting students & staff, the local community and the College's academic programs. Under her leadership, the Child Care Center has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Associate Professor of Travel & Tourism **DEBRA SUTTON** is recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Sutton teaches nearly all classes for the program, both on campus and online. She has earned the respect and admiration of her students through her engaging manner and skillful use of a variety of classroom technology. From her broad range of professional contacts, she is able to bring guest presenters who

“These employees exemplify the excellence that this award is meant to recognize.”

enrich the course content and raise student awareness of the breadth of career opportunities in the field. Sutton joined the faculty in 1991.

Interim President Nicholas Laino said, “These employees exemplify the excellence that this award is meant to recognize. I am pleased they have been recognized at such a high level for commitment to their professions and service to Herkimer College and the students we serve.”

Fifty-four members of Herkimer's faculty and staff have earned the Chancellor's Award for Excellence over the years.

# Class of 2014— the Largest Class to Date



Herkimer College graduated its largest ever class, with 697 candidates for degrees and certificates, in a traditional on-campus ceremony on Friday, May 16. One hundred and twenty graduates completed their degrees completely online through the Internet Academy. Radio-TV Broadcasting major Melissa Krull, Cold Brook, NY, delivered the Commencement address and said “We committed ourselves to this school, its faculty, its principles, and its success. In doing so, together we experienced joys, laughs, and maybe a few tears along the way...but most importantly, we all have experienced, and celebrate today, our accomplishments and successes.”

Special guest and recently retired president Ann Marie Murray said, “Embrace the gifts you have been given by Herkimer County Community College. Take those gifts with you wherever you go and use them to define how you will handle whatever life brings you. We are all so proud to have been a part of your transformation and we can’t wait to hear what you will do next.”

Special awards presented included the SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence received by Kathryn Dolly of Herkimer, NY; Kayla Guidi of Herkimer, NY; and Avery McLemore of Poughkeepsie, NY. They were among only 274 students from 64 SUNY campuses with an average GPA of 3.8 to receive this prestigious award. Also recognized was Delaney Buckley of Utica, NY for receiving the Chancellor’s Scholar Athlete Award, one of only 83 students from throughout New York State to receive the honor in recognition of a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement.

A solemn and moving moment was when the family and friends of recently deceased soccer standout Peter McAvoy, having traveled from Scotland, together with coach Pepe Aragon, accepted Peter’s diploma. Instantaneously, the graduating class, faculty and guests stood in honor of McAvoy and many raised four fingers in recognition of the #4 he wore on his jersey.





### Avery McLemore, Physical Therapist Assistant

Avery McLemore served as president of the Student Government Association and as student trustee on the Board of Trustees. She served as president of the Physical Therapist Assistant Club and is a recipient of an Outstanding Leadership Award for Herkimer College and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. While at Herkimer, she volunteered for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at the Masonic Care Community and for the Herkimer Mini-Park cleanup. McLemore plans to work as a physical therapist assistant after graduation in order to get solid hands-on experience in a variety of areas before continuing her education.

McLemore addressed the graduates at Commencement and said, "It is such an honor to have had the opportunity to play such an important role to a student body as

amazing as ours... Our next step is not the next chapter, it's the beginning to a whole new book."



### Nafissatou Ba

Nafissatou Ba came to Herkimer from Mali, in West Africa to complete an associate degree in Science. She said "These two years have been full of joy, new experiences and learning. I met lots of different people with various cultures and this was a true honor for me."

Ba said when she came here she didn't speak English very well, but the College faculty, students and Herkimer citizens helped her with her English and other things. "First they helped me become a better person. I truly thank them for that.

During her two years here, Ba took ESL (English as a Second Language) and also, she took science classes such as biology, chemistry, microbiology, etc. In her third semester, "I did an Honors Program in which you have to create a project, and mine was "How to recycle plastic bags into fashionable items." Assistant Professor Nicole L. McDaniels, Ph.D. said Ba made two dresses, a purse, necklace, bracelet and two sets of earrings. In addition to that, she used YouTube to teach herself how to crochet to make the purse, necklace and bracelet. "It was difficult, but worth it," she said.

Ba said "I have had many opportunities thanks to my Honors Program and Herkimer College. I am proud to say today that I am part of the Herkimer family."



### Awilda Wade, Early Childhood Major

Awilda Wade, originally from Puerto Rico, has worked as an assistant teacher at the Head Start program in Utica for 18 years. According to federal law, students need a two-year degree to be an assistant teacher, so in September 2008 she enrolled at Herkimer College to begin working toward her A.A.S. degree.

Michelle List, Assistant Professor of Childhood Education, said "many of the Head Start employees enrolled in one or two classes each semester. The first two graduated last year, and Awilda graduated this past spring."

Wade was terrified, but learned to study online. Wade said "Michelle List was a big inspiration to me to get my degree, and I want to thank my family and three children, who provided a lot of help. With my degree, I'll be able to apply for a head teaching position at Head Start." In her early 50's, Awilda enjoys her grandchildren and loves to dance.



# Torchbearer Honorees Selected

This fall, Herkimer College will honor three former employees with the coveted Torchbearer Award.

**The recipients of the 2014 Herkimer College Torchbearer Awards are: Dr. Robert Campo of Ilion, NY; David Champoux of Bluffton, SC; and Thomas LaPuma of Frankfort, NY.**

Nineteen Torchbearer Awards have been presented since 1999, honoring those who contributed significantly to the growth and success of the College.

Award recipients are honored with individual plaques on the Torchbearer's Wall in the Robert McLaughlin College Center lobby. The plaque bears the following text: "We recognize those who have given themselves to light the way for future generations. Through their vision and commitment, our Torchbearers have built this community college and maintained its tradition of opportunity and excellence." The 2014 Torchbearer Awards will be unveiled at an evening ceremony and reception to be held at the College on Friday, October 10, 2014.

[www.herkimer.edu/torchbearers](http://www.herkimer.edu/torchbearers)

DEAN EMERITUS ROBERT CAMPO



Dean Emeritus Robert Campo was the dean of students at Herkimer College from 1969 to 1990. He was responsible for developing and overseeing all student services, including personal, career and transfer counseling, admissions, financial aid, the office of the registrar, student activities, veterans' services, and testing/orientation. Campo was modeling the "student centered" approach to student services in higher education before it became popular in strategic plans, and he built Herkimer College's services with the focus always on the students' needs. Campo also played a critical role in the accreditation of the College in 1978, taking the lead in preparing an institutional self-study report on which the accreditation was based.

ASSOCIATE DEAN EMERITUS DAVID CHAMPOUX



Associate Dean Emeritus David Champoux was an innovative leader, teacher and mentor at Herkimer College for over 30 years. He served as an associate dean of academic affairs and division chair for several academic divisions and departments. He is responsible for developing the College's Radio/TV Broadcasting program, one of the College's early "flagship" programs. Champoux established WVHC as an FCC licensed radio station, and the station was subsequently named in his honor. He was responsible for establishing HCTV, the first community access cable TV outlet in Herkimer County. The station is based on the College's campus and has produced and broadcast hundreds of live TV programs. Champoux was also responsible for ushering the College's radio and TV broadcasting into the digital age, and for guiding the development of the College's first distance learning program. Under his leadership, several other key academic programs at the College were developed, including the Physical Therapist Assistant program. Champoux played a key role in designing the College's Technology Center, and he was a founder and the first president of the College's Professional Association, the bargaining unit for faculty and professional staff. He is a recipient of two SUNY Chancellor's Awards: Excellence in Teaching (1976) and Excellence in Professional Service (1994).

PROFESSOR EMERITUS THOMAS LAPUMA



Professor Emeritus Thomas LaPuma was employed at Herkimer College from 1970 to 2003, during which time he served as director of Athletics for 16 years (1974 – 1990). During his tenure, LaPuma was instrumental in establishing the intercollegiate and intramural athletics programs and developing the Physical Education curriculum. He also coached no fewer than nine team sports and played a key role in the creation of the Fitness Center. LaPuma was awarded a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2001, and he was among the inaugural class inducted to the Herkimer College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. He was also recently inducted to the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame.

Given every five years, the Torchbearer Award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the College's development. Particular attention is given to those whose contributions were made in the first 20 years of the College's history (1966–1986).

## Photograph from College Foundation Collection to be Sold at Auction



**Cindy Sherman (B. 1954)**

*Untitled Film Still #39, 1979*

Gelatin silver print

Image: 9½ x 6 inches

Sheet: 10 x 8 inches

Edition 1/10

Signed and dated in pencil on verso with "1/10"

The Herkimer County College Foundation will benefit from the sale of an exclusive Cindy Sherman photograph this fall. The print, named "Untitled Film Still #39" is part of a series of 60 photographs taken by Sherman of herself in the 1970's. The Museum of Modern Art had the complete series on display in 2012. The print is one of only 10 in existence, and its worth is estimated between \$80,000 and \$120,000, though it could sell for much higher. The print will be auctioned by Keno Auctions on Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Founded in 2009 by Leigh Keno '77, Keno Auctions is a premier full-service auction house located on Manhattan's Upper East Side, offering fine



art, furniture, decorative arts, Asian works of art, jewelry and a variety of specialty categories for sale. Keno is donating his services to prepare the print for auction and is also reducing his commission on the sale in order to further benefit the Foundation. Originally from Mohawk, NY, Keno and his twin brother Leslie, as well as a third brother Mitchell, are Herkimer College graduates. Leigh and Leslie were inducted to the Herkimer College Alumni Hall of Honor in

**NYC Alumni Gathering  
Tuesday, September 30 at 6 p.m.  
Keno Auctions, 127 East 69th Street, New York City  
Reservations required by calling 315-866-0300 x8459**

# ALUMNI RECOGNITION

2000. The brothers are more widely known as furniture appraisers on the PBS series *Antiques Roadshow* and hosts of the WGBH series *Find!* and the reality show, *Buried Treasure*, on the Fox network.

Recently retired art professor Bruce Schwabach discovered the print in the College Foundation art collection about 10 years ago. At the time, the print was worth a modest amount, but in recent years, its value has increased substantially. Cindy Sherman is widely recognized as one of the most important influential artists in contemporary art. Working as her own model for more than 30 years, Sherman has captured herself in a range of guises and personas.

"This print was a great find in our collection, and its sale will allow the Foundation to increase its endowment and to ultimately help fund more student scholarships. We are grateful to Leigh Keno for his assistance and generosity," said Robert Fowler, executive director of the Herkimer County College Foundation. More information about the auction is available here::

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## Herkimer Alumna Named Advisor Emeritus by Phi Theta Kappa Foundation

Herkimer College Professor Emeritus and alumna Leanne Jardine '84 was recently named an Advisor Emeritus by the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation at Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention in Orlando, Florida. The Advisor Emeritus program is a select group of retired advisors who, after providing extraordinary leadership and achieving success, are invited to continue their engagement and support of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society based on their interests and expertise in the Society's programs. Jardine was named along with 32 other former Phi Theta Kappa advisors. She is a former New York Regional Coordinator and former advisor of the Upsilon Epsilon Chapter at Herkimer College. Jardine began teaching at Herkimer in 1984, and in 1999 earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

## Herkimer College Faculty Member/Alum Wins Poetry Contest

Instructor of English Matthew Powers '03 recently won the first New York State Poetry Unites Contest for an essay he wrote regarding one of his favorite poems. His essay, along with those of three other winners, will be published on the Academy of American Poets website.

Powers heard about the contest through the host website at [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org), a website he regularly visits. His essay covers his routine with his premature twin boys, how he first encountered Mark Strand's "Line of Winters" and thoughts on the poem and how it fits in his life. He grew up in East Herkimer and graduated from Herkimer High School in 2001. He holds an associate's degree in Humanities from Herkimer College, bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Geneseo and master's degree from the University of Rochester.

Powers was hired at Herkimer College in 2007 and has taught English for the

past six years, and he also advises the College's theater group.

## Two Alumni to be Inducted to Alumni Hall of Honor

Carolyn H. Bergeron '03 and Jeffrey S. Carpenter '87 will be honored this fall as the newest inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place during Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend on Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Carrie Bergeron earned a Teacher's Assistant certificate from Herkimer College in 2003 and works with toddlers with special needs at Upstate Cerebral Palsy, is a former board member of the National Down Syndrome Congress, and currently serves on the Self-Advocacy Council. She loves to share her experience as a person with Down Syndrome, hoping to give insights and encouragement. She is a motivational speaker, advocate and volunteer for several organizations. She has received numerous awards including the Accent on Excellence Award (2008) and the "Voices" award from the National Down Syndrome Society. Bergeron is a graduate of Dolgeville Central School Class of 1997 and currently resides in Rome, NY.

Jeffrey Carpenter has served as district attorney for Herkimer County since January 2013, and previously was assistant district attorney. He also was an assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Herkimer College for 19 years and at one time served as town justice for the Town of Herkimer and village attorney for the Village of Mohawk. Carpenter generously donated funds for the law library on the second floor of the Ronald F. Williams Library. A 1985 graduate of Herkimer High School, Carpenter earned his associate degree in Criminal Justice from Herkimer College in 1987; bachelor's degree in Law and Society from The American University in 1989; and Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1992.

# Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nation Among Two Year Athletic Programs



**For the first time in the history of the College, the Herkimer Generals have won first place in the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup award.**

## Points Earned Toward the NATYCAA Cup:

MEN'S SOCCER	20 PTS.
SOFTBALL	19 PTS.
BASEBALL	19 PTS.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD	16 PTS.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD	15 PTS.
MEN'S BASKETBALL	14 PTS.
WOMEN'S BOWLING	13 PTS.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	13 PTS.
WOMEN'S SWIMMING	12 PTS.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	11 PTS.

Ranked consistently in the top five since 2004, the Generals took the top spot for 2013-14, ranking Herkimer first in the nation among two-year non-scholarship athletic programs. Herkimer also won third place in the NCAA Learfield Sports Directors Cup. Both programs recognize excellence in two-year colleges, based on athletic success in national championship competition.

Herkimer's success ended a three-year stint by Gloucester County College (NJ). The Generals amassed 151 points to the Roadrunners' 139.5, with nearly every team contributing points toward the award.

Athletic Director Donald Dutcher said, "I am extremely proud of our program. This award has been a goal of ours since 2004. To be the best, you have to surround yourself with the best, and I feel we truly have that here at Herkimer—our coaches, student athletes, professors, administration and staff. It is a total institutional effort. There is no better feeling than to be the #1 junior college athletic program in the country."

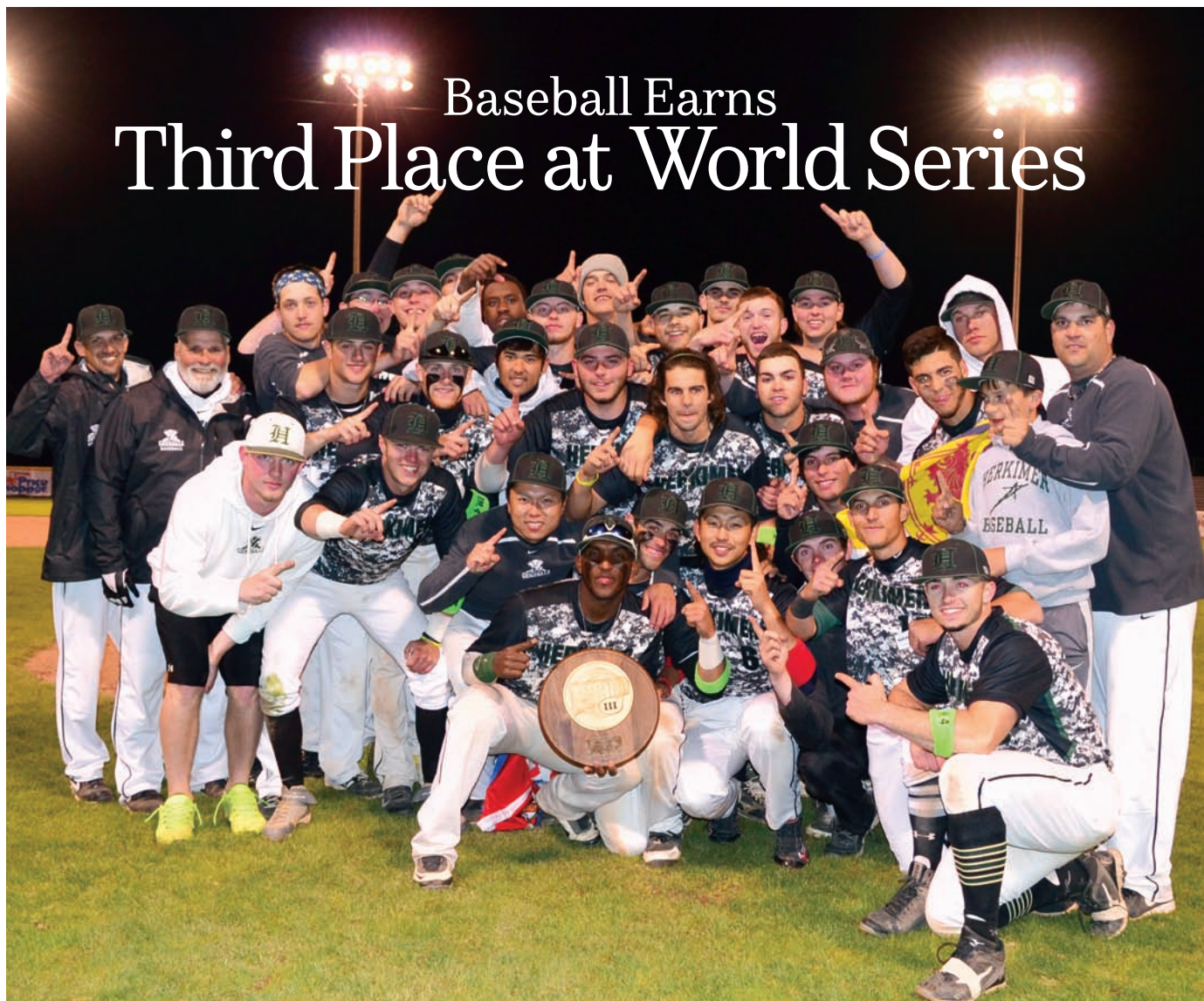
The NATYCAA is the professional organization of two year college athletic administrators dedicated to the continuing growth and development of two-year college athletics and the individuals involved through an exchange of information, monitoring of legislation, promotion of academic excellence, increasing communication between organizations, and encouraging a high degree of integrity in all endeavors.





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# Baseball Earns Third Place at World Series



The Generals' baseball team broke a record for wins in 2014, finishing with a 41-11 overall record. It helped the team make their 10th consecutive appearance in the Region III tournament, defeating Niagara County, Erie and Onondaga at Veterans Memorial Park in Little Falls, NY for the program's fourth Region III championship. In the NJCAA DIII World Series in Tyler, Texas, the Generals finished in third place, losing to Cumberland County Community College in the semifinals 7-5. Herkimer finished the tournament 4-2, giving the program its third third-place finish in the World Series.

Due to the team's success, one student-athlete earned a spot on the 2014 All-American team, five earned spots on the All-Region team and five earned spots on the All-Conference team. Freshman Tyler Phillips (Hancock, NY) was a second team All-American selection and first team All-Region selection. Sophomore A.J. Fabrizio (Palm City,

FL), freshman John Boland (Rhinebeck, NY) and sophomore Michael DeCarlo (Wynantskill, NY) were all first team All-Region selections. Sophomore Christopher Burns III (Endicott, NY) was a second team selection.

DeCarlo was also named conference Player of the Year, going 8-0 during the regular season. DeCarlo, also known as 'Big Mike', was top 10 in the nation in wins and shutouts, only allowing six earned runs during the regular season, good enough for a 1.20 ERA which was seventh best in the nation.

"This group had a record breaking year and got this program back to the national tournament," said Head Baseball Coach Jason Rathbun. "Forty one wins is a great mark for the program and something they worked very hard to accomplish. This was a great group to work with, and I will miss my players moving on and wish them the best of luck!"

## Basketball Captures Third Regional Title in Five Years

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The men's basketball team finished the 2013-2014 season with another Region III championship and seventh place in the national tournament. Under Head Coach Matt Lee, who finished his 11th season, Herkimer has won back-to-back regional championships and three in the last five years, as well as a third place, fourth place and seventh place finish in national tournament appearances.

Leading the 2013-14 season was Region III Player of the Year and first team All-American Jonathan Feiler (St. James, NY), who became the Generals' second 1,000 point scorer in the history of the program. He did it on February 1st against Clinton Community College within the first seven minutes of play. Feiler completed an 'and one' play, sinking the basket and free throw en route at a 97-76 win at home. Feiler also scored the most points in the nation (734), shooting 59 percent from the field and 78 percent from the foul line. He averaged a double double for the Generals in every game, scoring 40 points once and 30 three times.

Joining Feiler on the All-Region team was sophomore Enson Garcia (Bronx, NY). Garcia made it to the second team, but also was Region III Tournament MVP, averaging 18 points, six rebounds and three assists. His best game came in the regional championship, scoring a season-high 27 points.



## Bowling Finishes Strong

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The bowling team captured top 10 finishes in both regionals and nationals this year. At regionals, the combination of Trevor Marston (Georgetown, NY) and Christopher LaJuett (Troy, NY) helped Herkimer combine for 7,169 for the men, with consistent play throughout singles and doubles. As for the women, they placed fifth in regionals and eighth in nationals with strong efforts coming from Selena Barber (Mayfield, NY) and Destiny LeRoy (Sodus, NY).

"I am extremely proud of these athletes," said Head Bowling Coach P.J. Anadio. "Jumping from the high school level to the college level is a completely different game, and they made the adjustment nicely. Different oil patterns and better competition are always expected, but it's a whole different format than that of which they are used to competing at. Ultimately, both teams scored a few important NATYCCA Cup points which proved to be vital in the college's first ever first place ranking!"

## Swimming & Diving Team Reaches Goals

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The Generals' women had three student-athletes earn All-Region selections during the 2013-2014 season. Sophomore Kristina Reynolds (Sherburne-Earlville, NY) had first and second team selections for winning the 200 yard Butterfly and coming in second in the 400 yard Individual Medley. She broke her own school records in both events, posting a 2:30.89 in the butterfly and 5:23.64 in the medley. Joining Reynolds on the All-Region team was Kaitlin Winnie (Accord, NY) and Erin Hutchison (Macedon, NY). Both made

it to the second team with Winnie placing second in the 50 yd. Freestyle (26.90) and Hutchison placing third in the 1650 yd. Freestyle. Hutchison's 22:41.21 broke another school record for Herkimer in February at Monroe Community College.

Additionally, with the inclusion of sophomore Alexandra Whalen (New Hartford, NY), the women earned CSCAA honorable mentions in eight different events at nationals, hosted by Indian River State College in Florida. The group had one seventh place

finish in the 800 yd. Freestyle Relay, one eighth in the 400 yd. Medley and two ninth place finishes in the 200 yd. Freestyle Relay and 200 yd. Medley. Individually, Winnie had a ninth and 11th place finish in the 100 and 50 yd. Freestyle, while Reynolds finished seventh in the 200 yd. Butterfly.

Head Coach Vicki Brown said, "We faced a lot of adversity this year, but came together as a team to reach our goals. Both men and women were an incredible group of people in and out of the pool. I could not be more proud!"



## No. 1 Ranked Softball Team Has Stellar Season

Herkimer's softball team was ranked number one in the nation for most of the season, ending with a 34-7 overall record and 10-1 in the Mountain Valley Conference. The program's third consecutive regional championship was claimed against Region III rival Onondaga Community College, defeating the Lazars twice in one day at Niemand-Robinson Field on Cornell University's campus 7-1 and 12-2. It gave the Generals their third consecutive trip to the NJCAA DIII national championship tournament, looking to go back-to-back after winning the program's first national championship in 2013. The team came one game short, finishing in second place with a 4-2 record in the tournament, losing to Rock Valley twice 2-0 and 2-1.

With another great season under Head Coach P.J. Anadio, Herkimer had four All-Americans, five All-Region members, seven Mountain Valley Conference team nominees, and Anadio earned his third Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year award. Sophomore Sammy Smaldone (Delmar,

NY) was the lone first team All-American this past spring, while sophomore Ashley Sterritt (Accord, NY), sophomore Toni Secreti (Syracuse, NY) and freshman Sarah Heimback (Greenwich, NY) were named to the second team.

"Obviously we hope to end the season on a victory, but that's the game," said Anadio. "We lost to a great team who had a great pitcher and was very well coached. I tip my cap to Darin Monroe and the entire Rock Valley organization. Our kids fought, scratched and clawed their way back to put themselves into the National Championship game just to have another shot at them. The character, heart and determination they showed during that run will be something they can pull from down the road when they find themselves between that metaphorical rock and hard place again. Often times, there is nothing to learn in victory, but everything in defeat. We lost on the field that day, but I have a great feeling that these young ladies will rise up again and win when it counts most, in life!"

# Eight National Championships for Track & Field

## Women

The women's track and field team had quite the season earning two individual national championships. Capturing both was freshman Victoria Campanian (Glenfield, NY). Campanian posted an 11:22.94 in the 3,000-meter Steeplechase and a 40:30.69 in the 10,000-meter Run, finishing first in both events. The steeplechase time was her best of the season by over 20 seconds, earning Campanian first team All-American awards as well.

Natasha Woods (Syracuse, NY) was the only other General to earn recognition as an All-American, throwing 31.65 meters with the javelin. It gave her second team consideration, joining Campanian who placed second in the 5,000-meter Run (20:19.23).

At regionals, the women had six first team All-Region selections and one second team. Nadia Nowak (Albany, NY) was first team in the 400 (14.16), Brittany West (Phoenix, NY) was first team in pole vault (1.86m), Campanian was first team in the 5,000 (18:39.49), 10,000 (40:25.89) and 3,000 Steeplechase (11:45.15) and Woods was first team in the javelin (31.86m). Second team honors came from Campanian in the 1,500-meter run, finishing second with a time of 5:13.04.

## Men

From the men's track and field team, six individual national championships were awarded. Leading the group was sophomore Wendall Williams (Syracuse, NY) who received 'Male Track Athlete of the Meet' for winning four championships in the 100-meter dash (10.57), 200-meter dash (21.33), long jump (7.66m) and 4x100-meter relay (42.35). It doubled his output from a year ago, winning a national championship in the 100 and long jump. Combining with Williams in the 4x100 was Mich Brutus (Irvington, NJ), Thomas Gibbs IV (Brooklyn, NY) and Joseph Shinn (New Rochelle, NY).

Shinn, just like Williams, repeated as a national champion, but this time in the 110-meter hurdles. He finished in third-place in the event one year ago. His 14.52 in 2014 gave him first-place, stumbling across the finish line to make it more dramatic, defeating Howard's Ian Miles by .05 hundredths.

Winning the final individual national championship for the men was Jack Minasi (Newport, NY). Minasi jumped his farthest distance of the season, leaping 14.11 meters. It was only the third time Minasi competed in the event.

As for regionals, All-Region honors came in 10 events. Williams was first team in the 100-meter, 200-meter, High Jump and Long Jump. Other All-Region members for the men were Joseph Shinn (New Rochelle, NY), Mich Brutus (Irvington, NJ), Sam Morrett (Cohoes, NY) and Thomas Gibb IV (Brooklyn, NY). Shinn repeated as a first teamer in the 110-hurdles (16.02), Pole Vault (3.40m), 4x100-meter Relay (42.44) and second teamer in the Decathlon. Brutus was a first teamer in the 4x100 relay and second teamer in the 100-meter (11.30). Morrett was a first teamer in the 3000-meter Steeplechase. Gibbs IV was a first teamer in the 4x100 relay.



# In Memoriam

Herkimer College extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni and members of the Herkimer College family:

**Holly B. Snyder**, 56, Dairy Hill Road, Town of Norway, died Friday, June 13, 2014 at the Masonic Care Community, following a 1½ year battle with Lung Cancer. The Coordinator of Admissions at Herkimer College, she retired earlier this year after more than 20 years of hard work and dedication to the College. Born November 8, 1957 in Cooperstown, she graduated from Poland Central School in 1975. Snyder studied music at Onondaga Community College where she graduated in 1977, and furthered her education at SUNY Fredonia. After her 1979 marriage to Daniel C. Snyder, she raised their sons, then took courses at Herkimer County Community College and shortly after was hired in Admissions. She was an accomplished musician and touched many people's lives through music. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Newport.

**Dr. Theodore D. Wind**, age 56, a lifelong Little Falls resident, passed away Wednesday July 2, 2014. He began his career in optometry in 1986 and was the owner of Dr. Theodore Wind Optometry. Appointed to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees from September 2012 until March 2014, until he resigned due to health reasons. He was a man who loved and appreciated his family. Condolences may be sent to his family at Mrs. Nancy Wind and family, 30 Argonne Place, Little Falls, NY 13365.

## Class of 1969

**Thomas W. O'Day**, 66, of Canastota passed away July 4, 2014 at Upstate University Hospital. Born in Iliion on March 31, 1948, he was a graduate of Herkimer County Community College in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics/ Science and attended Fredonia College. Prior to his retirement, he was a switching technician for 37 years with Verizon, where he supervised over 100,000 lines in the greater Massena area. Tom was a veteran in the United States Army National Guard from 1970-74, where he served in the Military Police Force.

## CLASS OF 1971

**David P. Mody**, 64, Oneonta, NY died May 20, 2014 at Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. He was born in Utica on January 5, 1950, He was educated in local schools and a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Herkimer College and later a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University in business. He found success wherever he went. Beginning in 1970 with St. Johnsbury Trucking. Mody rose to become the Vice-President of Binghamton/Utica operations. Dave Mody lived life to the fullest, whatever he chose to do, he gave 110%. He will be missed by everyone who was close to him.

## CLASS OF 1974

**Phyllis M. Anna**, 60, Newport, NY died on March 31, 2014 at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare, New Hartford, NY. She was born on February 18, 1954 in Baltimore, MD. and graduated from West Canada Valley Central School with the class of 1972. She furthered her education at Herkimer County Community College where she received an associate's degree. On May 6, 1978 she was united in marriage with Leon E. Anna at St. John's Church, Newport. Memorials may be made to the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Foundation for the Regional Cancer Center.

## CLASS OF 1977

**Gary Francis Marrone**, OD, 56, North Syracuse, NY, formerly of Frankfort, died Friday, December 6, 2013 in St. Joseph's Hospital, following a brief illness. He graduated from Herkimer County Community College in 1977 and continued his education at Cornell University and graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1982. He married his wife, the former Christine Marrone in 1980, and shared 33 years together. He was a wonderful father to two children, enjoyed spending time with family and friends, loved playing guitar, and practiced optometry in East Syracuse.

**Patricia E. "Pat" (Dypa) Rickard**, 79, Herkimer, NY, a lifelong resident, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 4, 2014. She was born March 21, 1934 in Herkimer, was a graduate of Herkimer High School and received her Associate's Degree in General Studies from Herkimer County Community College in 1977. Pat spent over 30 years working at various OTB locations. At one time, she owned and operated her own hairdressing salon. She was a member of the Herkimer Polish Club, did volunteer work for Catholic Charities and others. In her spare time, she enjoyed the casino and spending time with her canine companion, Pumpkin.

## CLASS OF 1983

**Ivan F. Rankins Jr.**, 50, Poland, NY, went to rest peacefully on March 3, 2014 at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare, New Hartford, NY. He was born February 12, 1964 in Iliion, graduated from Richfield Springs Central School and graduated in Liberal Arts and Science: General Studies from Herkimer County Community College in 1983. He was previously employed at Partlow Corp., New Hartford. He was currently working for New Hartford Central School District, where he served as a Network Administrator for the past 14 years. He enjoyed all outdoor activities with his wife and sons. Please consider memorials to the American Heart Association or the Boy Scouts of America Troop 20 for the benefit of summer camp sponsorships.

## CLASS OF 1986

**Louis J. Vulcano**, 71, S. Frankfort St., Frankfort, NY passed away suddenly on Thursday evening, March 6, 2014 at Little Falls Hospital, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Syracuse on September 26, 1942, and graduated from Herkimer County Community College. The Vulcano family would like to acknowledge the professional public servants of Frankfort fire and police departments for their timely response and compassionate care.

## CLASS OF 1988

**Stephen J. Roach**, 74, New Hartford, NY passed away on Friday, February 7, 2014 in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center with his loving family by his side. He was born in Utica on April 1, 1939. He was raised in Utica and graduated from Utica Free Academy. He earned an A.A.S. degree in Mortuary Science. He was employed as a photographer with the O.D.

## CLASS OF 1990

**JoAnn M. Hammon**, 43, of Soule Rd., Floyd, N.Y. passed away on Friday, January 31, 2014 at her home with her loving family at her side. She was born July 6, 1970 in Rome, NY. She was a graduate of Holland Patent Central School and Class of 1990 of Herkimer County Community College. She was an accountant Technician. You are welcome to give to the American Cancer Society in memory of JoAnn M. Hammon.

## CLASS OF 1992

**Mary Elizabeth Morton**, 68, of Reston, Virginia passed away peacefully on June 4, 2014 at her home, after a short battle with cancer. She was the fourth of five children, born May 13, 1946. She graduated from Ilion High School. After raising her family in Mohawk, she returned to college to earn degrees in psychology. She spent her professional career working with children in a vocation she loved.

**Otto C. Thuener**, 83, passed away February 12, 2014 in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, with his loving family at his side. He was born on June 18, 1930. He attended Scotia High School, and entered into an apprenticeship with G.E. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict until his Honorable Discharge. In 1992, he earned the Certificate program and CAD/Drafting, Natural/Social Science degrees at Herkimer County Community College.

## CLASS OF 2012

**Paula I. Bernier**, 54, of Herkimer, NY passed away Monday, February 17, 2014 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, N.Y. She was born March 21, 1959, in Little Falls, N.Y. and attended Mohawk Schools. She took Medical Coding/Transcriptionist and Business/Computer at Herkimer County Community College. She last worked as an Administrative Assistant with Community Action of Utica, and The Head Start Program. For many years, she attended the Paines Hollow United Methodist Church.

## Best Wishes to Our Newest Retirees

**Three long-time employees recently retired: Professor of Biology Ronald Carvin, Associate Professor of Fine Arts James Bruce Schwabach and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry (Hank) Testa.**

**Ronald Carvin** was hired as an instructor in 1980, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1985, associate professor in 1991 and professor in 1999. He was active in maintaining the Nature Trail on campus, and the Archeology Museum and Natural History Museum. He also authored an article about Herkimer's Natural History Museum in the December 2013 issue of Conservationist Magazine. "Indoor Nature Walk" begins with Professor Carvin telling how he taught biology at Herkimer College for 33 years.

**Bruce Schwabach** was appointed instructor of Fine Arts in 1978, promoted to assistant professor in 1984 and to associate professor in 1991. When asked about his 35 year career at Herkimer, Schwabach said, "Meeting my wife Katie and raising our three wonderful children in the valley is certainly at the top. Of course there is the job and the students, the countless semesters behind me," he said.

Schwabach was granted a sabbatical leave in the fall of 1998 to increase his knowledge and experience in the field of ceramic arts and again in the summer of 2007 when he traveled to Yosemite National Park for research, study and production of scholarly work. Schwabach said "There is the great beauty in the Mohawk Valley. For an artist to live in such an inspirational place is a gift. A few minutes from home, I can set up my easel, and be inspired by the changes of the seasons along the river through the Mohawk Valley." He is looking forward to focusing some of his retirement on his art. Schwabach has participated as a member of the Cogar Gallery committee and served as Gallery coordinator for several years. He also exhibited his own work in the Cogar Gallery.

**Hank Testa** was hired as lecturer in Business in 1979 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1986, at which time he also became chair of the Business Division until 1995. Active in athletics, Hank served as the men's baseball coach from 1995 to 2005, and assistant men's basketball coach since 1996. Testa has been Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the Business, Health, Science & Technology Division since 2011.

Testa said, "I am really going to miss the students, but I'm looking forward to spending time with my beautiful wife Donna, who retired two years ago from Herkimer. I can't thank my friends and colleagues Lisa Lamanna-Johnson, Patti Pickett, Robin Voetterl-Riecker, Linda Lamb and Michael Oriolo enough for their unyielding support. I wish the faculty in the BHST Division the best of luck—it was a pleasure to work for them."





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## #4Pete Goes Viral

At the July 10th 'Saranac Thursday' event at the Matt Brewing Company in Utica, NY, Herkimer College had a captive crowd of more than 4,000 people hold up four fingers for their #4Pete Twitter campaign in honor of fallen soccer star Peter McAvoy. The photo, which has gone viral on social media, was easily the largest showing of support since #4Pete began in the spring. A Herkimer College senior from Dundee, Scotland and captain of the men's soccer team, McAvoy passed away on Saturday, April 19 due to undetected heart disease. McAvoy led the Herkimer Generals soccer team to two National Championships in 2012 and 2013 and was named 2013 NSCAA National Junior College Player of the Year and 2013 National Tournament MVP.



## Coming Events | [www.herkimer.edu/events](http://www.herkimer.edu/events)

### NYC Alumni Gathering

Tuesday, September 30, 6 p.m.

### Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend

Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4

### Alumni Hall of Honor Inductions

Saturday, October 4

### Torchbearer Awards Ceremony and Reception

Friday, October 10

### Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series Concert Pasquier Trio

Friday, October 24  
Free and open to the public.

### College Open House

Saturday, October 25

### 38th Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 8 &  
Sunday, November 9

Seeking artists and crafts persons to exhibit in this year's show. Please visit [herkimer.edu/ac](http://herkimer.edu/ac) for further information and an application.