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Herkimer County Community College is committed to four core values, the basic principles that define the institution and will guide our plans for the future.

Community: To foster a collaborative campus environment that promotes civility, creativity, diversity, open communication, social responsibility and mutual respect among students, faculty, staff and the public.

Excellence: To encourage all constituencies of the college community to pursue the highest standards of performance in their academic and professional work.

Integrity: To embrace the values of honesty, respect, consistency, diversity and responsibility, in order to provide fair and equal treatment for all.

Opportunity: To provide access to quality, affordable lifelong learning opportunities and to maintain an environment that fosters individual growth and development for all.

More than 18,500 students have graduated from Herkimer County Community College during its 43-year history. HCCC alumni success stories abound, with proud alumni who are now business leaders, small business owners, non-profit and community leaders, elected officials, educators, clergymen, newscasters, programmers, scientists, police officers, first responders and more. The list of HCCC alumni who are successful in their careers and communities is vast.

HCCC offers a wide range of opportunities with over 40 degree programs, more than half of which are available entirely online. Students can study for careers in specialized programs such as forensics, cybersecurity, digital filmmaking, music industry, accounting, business, radio-tv broadcasting, hospitality management and physical therapist assistant, to name a few. Also offered are general studies and liberal arts and sciences programs with concentrations in various subjects. Personal attention, small classes, a rich offering of student activities, programs and athletics, and quality student services including personal, career and transfer counseling and academic advisement and support are all reasons that Herkimer has one of the highest graduation rates among community colleges in New York State.





Dr. Ann Marie Murray

I am proud to present our annual report for 2008-2009, my first year as President of Herkimer County Community College. There were many unique events during the year, such as the Middle States reaccreditation visit, Torchbearer award inductions and the Presidential Inauguration and Gala that brought many old and new friends to the campus. It was also a year of growth and progress, despite a struggling economy. It is the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff, volunteers and Board members that make HCCC a special place to be.

This past year we embarked on the development of a new strategic plan that will provide direction and guidance for the College through the next decade. We began with the campus identifying and committing to four core values: Community, Excellence, Integrity and Opportunity. Based on these core values, our focus will continue to be on creating a community that promotes excellence in teaching, learning, student support and co-curricular programming while maintaining integrity in all we do. As we use our human resources to the fullest extent, we will keep the needs of our campus and local community in the forefront and continue to provide opportunity for all.

We are proud to continue providing local citizens with access to a rich student learning environment and accessible community resources. As we look back on all that was achieved this past year, we also look forward to all that can be accomplished. Through the support of our Board of Trustees, our local sponsor, Herkimer County, and our generous donors, we embrace the opportunity to exceed expectations and continue to learn, serve and grow in knowledge and expertise.

We hope you enjoy reading about Herkimer County Community College and make every attempt to join us on campus this coming year.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Murray, Ph.D.

President, Herkimer County Community College

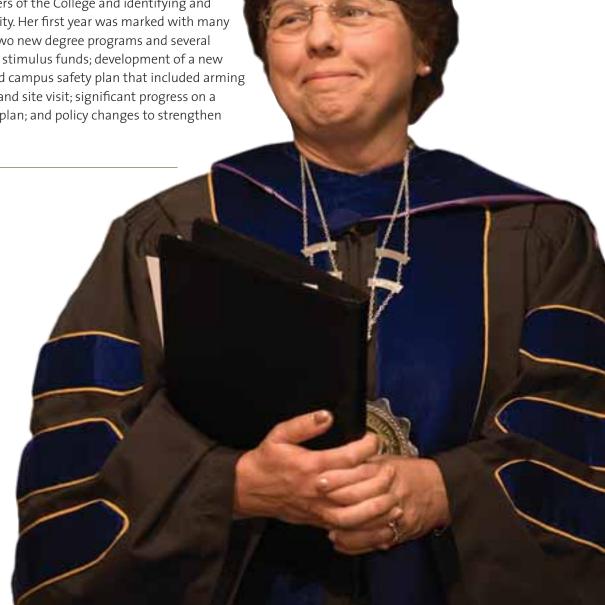
Highlights

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Beginning her tenure in August 2008, Dr. Ann Marie Murray, the College's third president, spent the 2008-09 year getting to know the various stakeholders of the College and identifying and responding to the needs of the College and the community. Her first year was marked with many events and accomplishments including the approval of two new degree programs and several workforce development programs capitalizing on federal stimulus funds; development of a new local scholarship program; implementation of an updated campus safety plan that included arming peace officers; completion of an accreditation self-study and site visit; significant progress on a new College strategic plan and institutional assessment plan; and policy changes to strengthen academic standards.

President Murray is Inaugurated

A truly special and historic event for the College was Dr. Murray's official inauguration in April followed by the first annual President's Gala to benefit the Herkimer County College Foundation. An inaugural procession of faculty, administrators, emeriti, guests, trustees and delegates from other colleges and universities took place through the Robert McLaughlin College Center to the Sarkus-Busch Theater, where the ceremony was held. President Murray said "It is an honor to be entrusted with this institution, and I thank you for this opportunity that brings us all together today to celebrate Herkimer County Community College. I accept the mantle to lead this institution with enthusiasm and great joy." Dr. Murray's inaugural speech focused on themes of excellence, leadership, hope and optimism.







HCCC experienced record growth in enrollment with admissions applications for fall 2008 at a record high of 3,854 resulting in the largest freshman class in the 42-year history of the College. HCCC's **12.5% increase** in full-time students was the largest increase of all 30 SUNY community colleges.

Internet Academy Celebrates 10 Years of Success

On April 1, 2009, the Internet Academy celebrated 10 years of offering degree programs entirely online. The Internet Academy is a critical component of the College's enrollment with 19 degrees and four certificates, as well as a number of support services, available completely online. In the spring of 2009, almost 800 students were studying entirely online with an additional 700 taking at least one online course. "Offering complete programs and support services has been the secret to our success," said William Pelz, Professor of Social Science. Online services include admissions, registration, academic advisement, tutoring, ordering books and transfer counseling. "We wanted students to have a way to get support services online just like students on campus," said Linda Lamb, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. There have been countless unique situations where students have found that online learning is the only way they could obtain their college education. "It's about access," said Pelz. The Internet Academy provides a means to higher education for those who would not otherwise be able to attend college.

"If it wasn't for online courses, I could not have been as successful. It is difficult to maintain a household and a job, so the flexibility, doing your work when it's convenient for you, is what I liked best." ~ Danielle Fargas, '09 A.A.S., Human Services

Highlights

Campus Safety Upgrades

An amended campus safety and security plan was announced at a press conference in November 2008. The plan included the training, testing and authorization of campus peace officers to carry firearms, as well as updated crisis response procedures, safety and crisis response training for students, front line customer service personnel and classroom faculty, and campus safety and security upgrades. President Murray's decision to authorize arming of peace officers came after a very thorough collection of data and input from a variety of sources including several open forums, surveys, personal interviews with numerous faculty, community leaders, trustees, SUNY officials and colleagues from throughout the state, meetings with local law enforcement agencies, a review of campus safety policies from similarly situated campuses and campus crime statistics, and an analysis of the cost of arming and funding streams. "I am grateful to the Board of Trustees, the Foundation Board, the Housing Corporation and the Alumni Association for expressing their trust in my ability to make a decision regarding this critically important issue," said Dr. Murray.

HCCC also implemented several campus safety upgrades and new campus communication tools such as a campus-wide emergency alert siren, additional surveillance cameras, lap top computers and cameras for patrol cars, additional lighting and safety phones and participation in the NY-Alert emergency notification system.

Reaccreditation Process Underway

The College completed a Middle States Commission on Higher Education self-study, with leadership and input from a steering committee made up of 10 faculty and staff chaired by Accreditation Liaison Officer and Professor MaryJo Kelley. The study was the first step in the reaccreditation process, which occurs every 10 years. As part of the self-study review by Middle States, an evaluation team visited campus in the spring, and submitted a report to the Commission commending HCCC on its committed and dedicated faculty, staff and administration, strong and appropriately focused board participation and the appropriate emphasis on collaboration and participatory management brought about under the leadership of Dr. Murray. The Commission found the College in compliance with 11 of the 14 standards, and identified additional work needed on overall institutional effectiveness. This will include a forthcoming strategic plan and expansion of assessment of student learning goals and activities across all units of the campus. Significant progress was made on all three areas, with the revitalization of the assessment committee, the formation of a new institutional effectiveness committee, and ongoing development of a new strategic plan that included all-day workshops for faculty and staff as well as numerous focus groups and surveys of stakeholders.



On-Campus Housing

HCCC is home to more than 600 students during the academic year, making it one of the largest residential community colleges in New York State. Herkimer is unique among community colleges in that approximately 60 percent of the student body comes from outside the county, making the availability of student housing a major factor for enrollment. The opportunity to live in campus housing provides students with a residential experience that helps prepare them for a four-year experience and to live on their own after college. Students living on campus enjoy many co-curricular activities and have a greater opportunity to develop a sense of belonging and make lasting friendships. Some are faced with situations that help them acquire skills to make ethical decisions, deal with conflict and develop a sense of appreciation of differences. Owned by the Herkimer County College Foundation and managed by the HCCC Housing Corporation, the housing operation within the past four years has been successful in increasing revenue, reducing bad debt and damage billing, as well as making significant capital upgrades to the existing facilities. More importantly it has provided students with a supportive, well-maintained living environment where they can learn, develop and succeed.





Chancellor Zimpher Visits HCCC

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, who began her tenure in June 2009, visited HCCC as part of a summer tour of the 64 SUNY campuses, meeting with and learning from students, faculty, administrators, community leaders and other stakeholders about the future of New York's public higher education system. The summer tour was Zimpher's first step in a collaborative process to create a strategic plan for the SUNY system.

While at HCCC, Zimpher met with business and community leaders, as well as College administrators, faculty, staff and students to learn about academic programs and services, the community's needs and current issues and challenges facing community colleges. Zimpher made a stop at the Campus Meadows housing complex to experience first-hand the student move-in process, and visited with members of the HCCC Alumni Association as they distributed refreshments to students and their families. She also visited Wehrum Stadium where the men's soccer team was practicing, and was presented with a signed 2008 national championship game ball.

Referring to how HCCC might fit into the overall plans for the SUNY system, Zimpher said "I think there is great interest in Herkimer taking on a greater role in economic development." HCCC President Ann Marie Murray stressed the importance of the institution to the local economy. "Education is one of the greatest industries in Central New York. Our commitment to economic development is critical, especially in the Mohawk Valley, where the need is great."

Academics

Herkimer County Community College furthering academics

New Programs Offered

A new Music Industry program was implemented in the fall of 2008. The associate in science degree program in Music Industry is designed to give students a broad base of knowledge in the various areas that make up the contemporary music business. These include music in theory and performance, recording, distribution and marketing, promotion, copyright and contract law, royalties and management. Enrollment in the program has been encouraging thus far. New degree programs in **Digital Filmmaking** and **Gender Studies** were approved by the State University of New York and the State Education Department, to be offered starting in spring 2010. Digital Filmmaking is designed to give students a broad background in the skills and techniques needed to be an effective producer of digital content. Career opportunities include traditional motion picture production, digital media production and electronic distribution of images. Gender Studies will prepare students for our changing world by showing how both men's and women's roles have been socially and culturally constructed and how this impacts our daily interactions. The program will teach the skills necessary to compete successfully in a chang-



ing economy, and will enable students to think critically about how their lives are historically, psychologically, culturally and globally shaped in regard to gender and to provide them with different perspectives on more traditional disciplines.

Chinese Students Call Herkimer Home

Eleven students from Sichuan Province, China, an area that suffered a massive earthquake, called HCCC home for two semesters. HCCC was one of 22 campuses within the State University of New York system to host a total of 150 students as part of the SUNY China 150 Program. The goal of the SUNY initiative was to build a team of young leaders that, upon their return to China, would



help rebuild the local economy and infrastructure in the region impacted by the earthquake. The 11 students who attended HCCC excelled academically and added a great deal to the culture of the campus and to the educational experience for other students. In April, the College hosted several delegates from Sichuan Province, China for a luncheon with faculty, administrators and the students in the China 150 program. Before leaving HCCC at the end of the academic year, the students presented a bamboo plant, planted at the entrance to the College Center, to show their gratitude to the College. At commencement, the students were recognized for their academic achievements.

HCCC Ranks Above Average Nationally

HCCC students took part in the 2009 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), a national survey that provides information about effective educational practice in community colleges. HCCC was measured against a national cohort of community colleges and a consortium of SUNY community colleges whose students also participated in the survey. HCCC scored above the survey average in both faculty-staff interaction and support for learners, both of which are important ingredients for a positive academic experience.





Growth of Academic Support Center Helps Meet Student Needs

The new Academic Support Center, located on the second floor of the recently renovated and expanded Library Complex, represents a significant commitment to and investment in student potential. The services of the Center attract all types of students, including those who are academically underprepared, and those who are prepared in some areas but have need for improvement in other areas. Tutoring services are provided for all students motivated to improve their understanding of course content, note-taking, test-taking, study strategies and/or learning technologies regardless of previous educational background or achievement level. The Center also offers access to computers and an assortment of other resources as well as qualified staff; placement testing operations to assess reading, writing and math skills of all first-time, full-time HCCC freshmen, providing critical information to assist advisors in the placement of these students in beginning level coursework; and services for students with disabilities to assure that students with documented disabilities have full access to the college experience.

Improvements included new data reporting systems with the AccuTrack system; installation of testing environment surveillance systems; new universal access computer lab capabilities; expansion of placement testing to include a remote testing option; and the successful launch of a new online tutoring option. As a result of the new facilities and services available, the numbers of students served increased significantly over the previous year. Student requests for technical help increased 187%, independent use of computers by students was up 1,308% and facilitated group sessions increased 1,704%.



Campus Life

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life on Campus

Students were active with **a full schedule of student activities**, campus events and community service projects. A Student Government Association and 35 student clubs and organizations provided opportunities for students to get involved, make friends and gain leadership skills.

Despite a struggling economy, the annual **Career Fair** saw a record number of employers in attendance. Sixty-two employers were represented, up from 45 in the previous year, who met with more than 400 students, alumni and community members. The Career Center successfully completed a three-year effort to strengthen relations with local and regional employers thereby increasing recruitment of HCCC students for employment. Through this effort more than 300 contacts were made with businesses annually, and a record number of job postings were submitted.

The demand for transfer counseling continued to increase. In addition to the successful annual fall **Transfer College Day** program with 55 colleges represented, a spring transfer fair was implemented with 45 colleges participating.

Transfer Agreements Signed

SUNY ESF President Cornelius B. Murphy and HCCC President Ann Marie Murray signed updated transfer articulation agreements between the institutions. The agreements allow HCCC graduates who meet certain criteria to transfer to SUNY ESF in a variety of bachelor's degree programs including Aquatic and Fisheries Science,



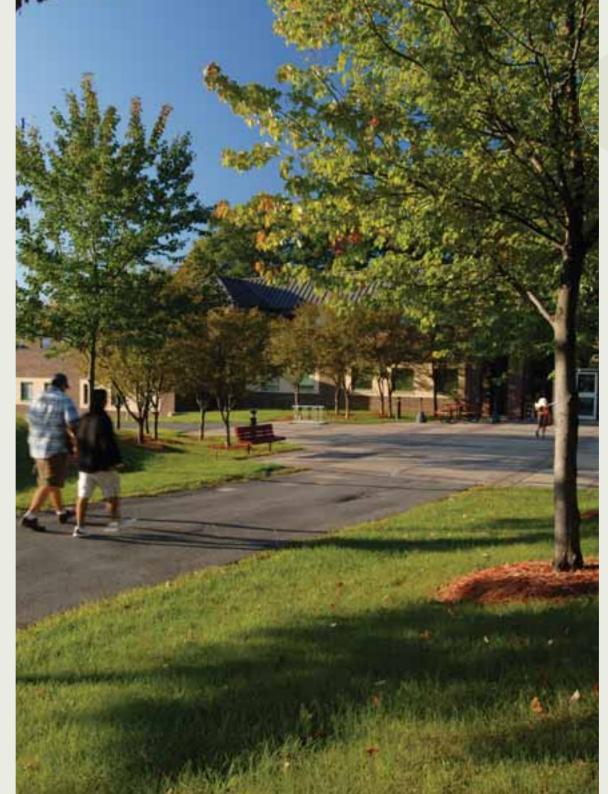
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Chemistry, Conservation Biology, Construction
Management, Environmental Biology,
Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering,
Environmental Science, Forest Resources
Management, Landscape Architecture, Natural
Resources Management, Paper Engineering,
Paper Science, Wildlife Science and Wood
Products Engineering.



HCCC Continues "Green" Efforts

HCCC implemented the first food composting program on a college campus in Herkimer and Oneida Counties. In partnership with the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, the College installed a self-contained, three-cubic yard Earth Tub Food Waste Composting System with the capability of composting 40 to 200 pounds of pre-consumer waste per day. Benefits include reducing waste in landfills, reducing the cost of hauling and disposing of solid waste and lessening the waste of large quantities of recyclable raw materials. "This approach to handling food waste is environmentally sound and good practice. It complements an already impressive waste management program at Herkimer, and it is a practical way to further educate our students and support their interest in environmental issues," said President Ann Marie Murray.

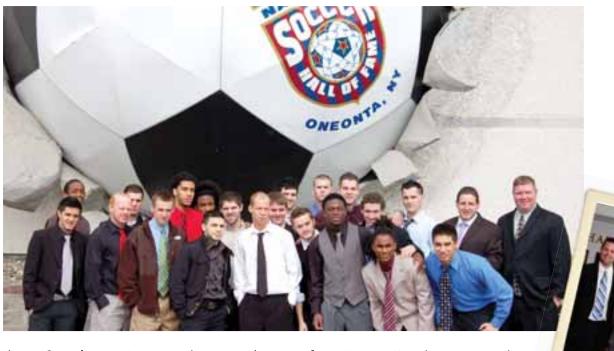
Other initiatives included distribution of reusable shopping bags to faculty, staff and students; battery recycling containers throughout campus; implementation of energy efficient technologies such as motion activated lights, LED lighting, compact fluorescent bulbs; programmable energy set-back thermostats; and use of biodegradable plates, reusable plastic food baskets, paper cups, wrapping, etc. Additionally, students were hired to work in 'green' jobs to improve recycling efforts and overall waste stream reduction in the housing complexes.





Athletics

Herkimer County Community College ATNETICS



The **2008 men's soccer team** won the program's seventh NJCAA National Championship with a 2-1 victory over Triton College, and finished the season with a 20-3-o record. Pictured are members of the national championship soccer team at the National Soccer Hall of Fame and Museum in Oneonta, where they were honored for their success.

Men's soccer player **Lee Martins**, of Bridgeport, CT, was named National Junior College Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Martins also was named Region III Player of the Year, and was selected as a first team All-American.

U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) presented President Murray with copies of the Congressional Record statements honoring the men's soccer and women's track teams on their national championships. The Herkimer Town Board also presented proclamations to the teams to recognize their victories.









2008-2009 Athletic Achievements

7 Academic All-Region Awards (3.5+ GPA)

10 Academic All-Americans (3.6+ GPA)

5 Distinguished Academic All-Americans (3.8+ GPA)

3 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in their respective sports

2 regional titles and 6 school records at the NJCAA Region III/Northeast District Men's and Women's Swim Championships

Women's swim team named National Academic Team of the Year by the NJCAA (3.52 GPA)

Men's Soccer National Championship





Town of Herkimer Honors College with "TitleTown NJCAA" Distinction

In recognition of the College's distinguished record of National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) championship titles, the Town of Herkimer proclaimed itself "TitleTown NJCAA." Town of Herkimer Supervisor Dominic Frank presented a proclamation to President Ann Marie Murray and Athletic Director Donald Dutcher at an event attended by more than 70 government leaders, College staff and former Herkimer Generals coaches and their families. The proclamation recognized the athletic and academic excellence of the program including 31 national championships, 72 regional championship teams and 27 National Academic Team of the Year awards.

Congratulatory remarks and proclamations of support for the TitleTown NJCAA distinction were given by Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Herkimer County Legislator and Education Committee Chair Peter Manno and Village of Herkimer Mayor Mark Ainsworth.

HCCC's first national championship was secured in 1987 by the field hockey team under the leadership of coach Jeanne Galvin. Galvin was in attendance at the event, along with other long-time coaches including Paul Wehrum, Perry Nizzi, Frank Menapace and Robert Dorrance, and former athletic director Tom LaPuma, who spoke about the history of the program.

Herkimer Town Councilman Dan Stalteri, Town Budget Officer Hal Hutton and Town Clerk Nancy Reese helped spearhead the TitleTown naming. Stalteri, a graduate of HCCC, spoke of the pride he has for his hometown of Herkimer and alma mater, Herkimer County Community College.



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Community Education and Workforce Development Efforts

Enrollment in non-credit courses increased by 20% in 2008-09. Community Education programming included increased computer training, a reintroduction of youth programming and an emphasis on health and wellness classes. The College also offered customized training, participated in several grant application collaborations with regional partners and enhanced outreach to the business community.

The College's relationship with the Herkimer Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center has been a vital link to the community. A part-time program specialist met with 174 new and returning clients at the Working Solutions office, resulting in six new students registered for fall 2009, and three former students returning to continue their education.

Several proposals for contract training were written due to the available funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. HCCC was successful in gaining funding to offer an innovative work experience in partnership

with the Herkimer Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center. HCCC hosted a six-week computer forensics program for Herkimer County residents ages 18-24. The program was offered as a result of stimulus funding for summer youth employment. Participants learned about the field of computer forensics and worked on sample case studies and program models.

HCCC has a strong relationship with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located at SUNYIT. SBDC holds office hours in the Community Education office during which community members, by appointment, can meet with an SBDC representative. Last year, 15 community members took advantage of this free service.





Community Involvement

HCCC employees, students and alumni participated in numerous community events. The College held a **9/11 remembrance ceremony** dedicated to all Americans whose lives were touched by the events of September 11, 2001. Faculty, staff, students, first responders, local government officials and community members gathered on campus to pause and remember the tragic day. Student ambassador Christine Brockway spoke of growing up in a post 9/11 world. She encouraged college students to be more active in their community and nation.

Stars" tribute, a project headed by Professor Emeritus Raymond Lenarcic. The College held 30 activities in memory of men and women from New York State killed in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the project. Activities included the American Red Cross blood drive, Rock the Vote program, Alcohol Awareness Fair and several athletic events. A mural with stars representing each veteran killed in Iraq and Afghanistan was on display at the College.

Fall Fest gave HCCC alumni, students, their families and community members an opportunity to enjoy music, games, athletic contests, a car show and much more on campus. Solar stargazing, kite flying and an Alumni Art Exhibit attracted numerous visitors to campus.

The College continued to support the annual United Way campaign and sponsored a team in America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk. Student clubs and organizations sponsored many community service activities including the annual holiday tree lighting in the Herkimer Mini Park, various parks cleanups, food drives and blood drives.

More than 300 off-campus events, meetings and other activities were held on the HCCC campus in 2008-09. Some of the more notable events included the Hospice Foundation Butterfly Release, the Valley Health Services "The Magic of Herkimer" and the American Red Cross Battle of the Bands and Great Heroes Breakfast, to name a few.

Thanks to the generosity of several sponsors, the College once again held its annual **Community Independence Day Celebration**. In addition to a spectacular fireworks display, activities included concessions to benefit local non-profit organizations and live musical entertainment by Showtime. The community celebration has been held annually for the past 15 years. The event was sponsored by the Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association, Polish Community Home Inc. of Herkimer, Herkimer Area Resource Center, WKTV, WXUR/WNRS and the Herkimer Evening Telegram, and supported by many local businesses, organizations and agencies.



Achievements

Honors, Awards

Herkimer County Community College **achievements**

Faculty and Staff accomplishments

Officers Edward Cullen and Mike Treadwell graduated from the Police Academy on January 16, 2009 at Onondaga Community College, qualifying them for Peace Officer status. Officer Treadwell and fellow officer **Tim Leonard** completed a rigorous Police Officer Bike Patrol School at the SUNY Oneonta Law Enforcement Training Center, certifying them to patrol campus by bike, a valuable addition to the community policing initiative. Officer **Shea Manley** received the "Stop DWI Award" at the first annual STOP DWI Recognition Breakfast held at HCCC. Manley was recognized for his work at the College's annual Alcohol Awareness Fair.

Donald Dutcher was named NJCAA Region III Athletic Director of the Year. He also completed the Leadership Mohawk Valley program, a 10-month program designed to develop leaders dedicated to growth and excellence in the community. Men's basketball coach Matt Lee earned his 100th career victory on November 7, 2008 in a win over Adirondack Community College. Lee was also named Division III National Representative to the NJCAA Basketball Coaches Association's Executive Council. Men's Soccer Coach Pepe **Aragon** was named National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Junior

College National Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career. Aragon also reached a career milestone during the 2008 season as he picked up the 200th win of his coaching career. Baseball coach Jason Rathbun was named Region III Coach of the Year and Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year.

Assistant Professor of Biology Jennifer Herzog published two articles, ASMCUE 2009 and Journal Watch, in Focus on Microbiology Education (FOME), the newsmagazine for the American Society for Microbiology's MicrobeLibrary. Herzog's articles are important additions to MicrobeLibrary, an online, searchable collection of more than 2,000 peer-reviewed resources for undergraduate microbiology and biology education. Thomas Barthel, Associate Professor of English, published his fifth book, Baseball's Peerless Semipros: The Brooklyn Bushwicks of Dexter Park. Barthel also published an article about General Abner Doubleday in the September 2009 issue of Memories and Dreams titled "Doubleday's Myth is Cooperstown's Gain." Angela Harris, Professor of ESL, was honored for her work in education by the Little Falls Women's Christian Association Board of Directors as one of its Women of Distinction for 2009.







Faculty Awards

Clare Burth, admissions assistant for the past 23 years and an alum of HCCC, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Burth is known and respected across the state for her knowledge of admissions and her professional commitment. She has served as president of the SUNY College Admissions Professionals organization. Associate Professor of English Cynthia Gabriel received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Gabriel was honored for her commitment to excellence in the classroom. She spends hours of her own time working with students on an individual basis. Gabriel has taught a wide variety of classes in her 10 years at the College and has helped create new and innovative programs. Professor of Social Science MaryJo Kelley was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Kelley served on the 2008 Presidential Search Committee, and was chairperson of the College's Middle States Accreditation Committee. Kelley is the Honors Program advisor and lead marshal for commencement.

Student Awards

Kelcy Newman, of Newport, NY, was among 238 students from 63 SUNY campuses to receive the 2009 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. The award recognizes 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. Three students received the 2008-09 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award— **Courtney Roberts** (West Winfield), women's soccer and women's softball; **Chantal Salamone** (Little Falls), women's track and field; and **Kurt Vowell** (Palmyra), men's track and field. The highest award given to a student-athlete in the State University, the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete award recognizes a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement.



Alumni



2009 Alumna of the Year

Cynthia Gabriel was named 2009 Alumna of the Year by the Alumni Association. The annual award recognizes an alumnus who has demonstrated the highest level of excellence in their professional field. A 1987 graduate of HCCC, Gabriel is an associate professor of English at HCCC, and is actively involved on-campus and in the community. She has served as president of the Alumni Association since 2006 and also was vice president for several years.





Alumni Association members met with SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher during her visit to HCCC. From left: Lori Gabriel Knapp '78, Dan Stalteri '85, Dr. Zimpher, Cynthia Gabriel '87, Sharon Howell '79 and Don Dutcher '90.

HCCC Degree Helps Local Student Start Career

Susan Henrish-Carmen, of Dolgeville, NY, found HCCC was the right fit for her, and with her associate degree, she looks forward to a challenging new career. Susan chose Herkimer for its proximity to her home, affordability and classes that fit into her busy schedule. As a self-professed "old" student and after several attempts at returning to school, Susan enrolled as a part-time student. She was wary of taking online classes, but she tried a few in subjects she was already knowledgeable about and found the online experience was not as "scary" as she feared. With the ability to design a schedule she was comfortable with, Susan was able to be a successful student without neglecting her responsibilities as a mother of three. She was honored to be a member of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society, and graduated as a Business Administration major in May 2009.

Susan said she encountered many wonderful and helpful faculty members during her time at Herkimer, and they all seemed to really want to help their students succeed. She was so impressed with her advisor, Guy Devitt, that she has since encouraged her son, who is currently attending HCCC, to seek out Devitt's guidance.

Initially, Susan planned to continue her education after graduating from Herkimer. However, her plans changed when she was hired as assistant operations manager for Bergeron by Design in Dolgeville. Susan said her degree from HCCC was a contributing factor in her ability to be hired for the position. "I am grateful for the opportunities I have been afforded since graduating," she said. Finding a challenging job close to home was a key to happiness and security for Susan and her family.

Alumni Association Board of Directors 2008-2009

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Five hundred forty-two students graduated from Herkimer County Community College at the 41st annual Commencement held Friday, May 15. This brings the total number of HCCC alumni to 18,582. The student address, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," was given by graduating senior Brittany Tarris '09, a Business: Small Business Management major from Frankfort. "Herkimer has helped me in so many ways: it has helped me to grow personally, academically and professionally. Like the lyrics to the theme song from the television show "Cheers", 'sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came.' Herkimer County Community College has felt like that to me."

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Established in 1967 as a not-for-profit corporation, the Herkimer County College Foundation, Inc. assists HCCC through the acquisition of private funds and real property. The Foundation has developed over 90 scholarship programs that award more than \$140,000 annually to many deserving students. It has been instrumental in the acquisition of land for future campus expansion and the development of student housing adjacent to the campus. In conjunction with the HCCC Alumni Association, grants are awarded each year to faculty and staff for ongoing professional development and independent research. The Foundation also invests in other College programs, such as instructional technology, graduation activities and awards events. The Foundation plays a vital role in the enhancement of campus life, as well as assuring that the College continues its demonstrated commitment to higher education.

Foundation Events

Thanks to the generosity of the late Robert H. Wood, two chamber music concerts were held the Pacifica Quartet in the fall and the Turtle Island Quartet in the spring. The Pacifica Quartet tours extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia, performing in the world's major concert halls in such cities as London, Paris, Amsterdam, Vienna, Tokyo, and Toronto. Grammy®-award winners Turtle Island Quartet performed A Love Supreme: The Legacy of John Coltrane. Aside from creating award-winning recordings, the Turtle Island Quartet has traveled all over the world to play music of multiple styles, genres and cultures. The Robert H. Wood **Great Artists Series** is the result of a generous endowment made by the late Robert H. Wood,

a long-time resident of Ilion, NY. The Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series sponsors at least two annual classical music performances to bring together residents of all ages to enjoy highcaliber classical concerts.

The 32nd Herkimer County Arts and Crafts Fair was held on campus November 8-9, 2008. Sponsored by the Herkimer County College Foundation for the benefit of student scholarships at HCCC, it is one of the largest craft fairs held in Central New York. The juried show featured top artisans showcasing their works including pottery, watercolor, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass, weaving, tole painting, textiles and more.



Robert E. Brenchley

sage from Herkimer County College Foundation President

Dear Friends,

As president of the Herkimer County College Foundation, I am constantly reminded of the extraordinary impact HCCC graduates have in our community, our region and across our country. From leaders of business and industry to doctors and lawyers, educators, scientists and government officials, HCCC graduates are sure to continue shaping our landscape.

Due to the extraordinary support of our alumni, friends and business partners, Herkimer County Community College and the HCC Foundation continue to offer the support needed to enhance the learning environment for our future leaders. Your contributions have provided for scholarships, funding for much needed equipment for classrooms, books and supplies for many students.

Even in the midst of an economic downturn we were able to maintain, and in some cases, even increase, scholarship offerings available to students. In the last year alone, the HCC Foundation provided more than \$140,000 in scholarships to deserving students. We continue to offer significant tuition assistance to the top 15% of Herkimer County graduating high school seniors, and developed the Hope Scholarship program to assist local graduates who show promise for continuing their educational journey.

As Herkimer continues to grow, we are thankful for the continued support of our donors. There's never been a more exciting time to be a partner of this fine institution and we look forward, with your help, to continuing the great work that we do to ensure bright futures for so many.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Brenchley

President, Herkimer County College Foundation





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Rebecca Ward of Herkimer was the winner of a 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic. Ward's ticket was picked randomly during the Community Independence Day Celebration held on campus on July 2. The annual raffle benefits programs sponsored by the College Foundation, including student scholarships. HCC Foundation President Robert E. Brenchley said, "Many volunteers and local businesses helped with this important fundraising initiative to benefit HCCC student scholarships. The Foundation is sincerely grateful for the community's on-going support of this program and the work of the Foundation, which benefits students who want to pursue a college education."

The 17th annual Generals Open Golf Tournament

was held at Cedar Lake Club in June with more than 100 golfers participating. The tournament has raised more than \$140,000 to help hundreds of local students achieve the dream of earning a college degree. The winning team was from Hopson, Luther & Harper Insurance, and the second place team was from Whiter-Hendrix Funeral Home.

The Herkimer County College Foundation held the **8th Annual World Cuisine Festival and Auction** on campus in April. The event featured exceptional international cuisine in a dinearound atmosphere. Live entertainment, a silent auction and traditional auction completed the evening's events. Entertainment featured the band Arethusa performing Renaissance and world music.





Hope Scholarship

The **HCCC Hope Scholarship** is a new scholarship awarded to incoming freshmen who reside in Herkimer County and have a proven record of community service, extracurricular activities and leadership experience. To be eligible, students must graduate from high school with at least an 80 average and have been actively involved in their schools and communities. In the spring of 2009, 20 local students were selected to receive the HCCC Hope Scholarship. President Murray said "We are proud to provide a new opportunity for our Herkimer County high school seniors. The Hope Scholarship will encourage our local students to attend HCCC and will provide them with the hope that they too can study, work and do well in order to reach their goals. It is my hope that this scholarship will continue to grow in number and amount over the years to cover as much as possible for as many of our residents as possible."

PTA Student Benefits from Scholarships and Excels at HCCC

Senior physical therapist assistant student **Alexandria Mika, Ilion,** has excelled as a Foundation Tuition Scholarship recipient. A President's List student, she said "I was very happy when I found out I was going to receive the scholarship. I worked very hard in high school, took difficult classes, and am glad all my hard work paid off."

Alexandria has always loved HCCC and knowing the College would pay part of her tuition made it easy for her to choose Herkimer. "Every little bit counts and adds up," she said. "I appreciate the financial assistance."

At the conclusion of her freshman year in May 2009, Alexandria was awarded the Universalist Society of Herkimer Scholarship, Slocum-Dickson Foundation Grant and the NYS Federation of Home Bureaus—Kathryn Cookinham Scholarship.

Alexandria enjoys the PTA program and learning hands-on. "Having the opportunity to learn with a small group of students and wonderful professors makes the program fun and interesting," she said. Alexandria has become so close to her fellow students and professors that they are like family. "We're always there for each other and we all enjoy learning together," she added. Born and raised in Herkimer County, Alexandria was able to see HCCC grow as a college and a community. Active in campus life, Alexandria was vice president of the Physical Therapist Assistant Club. "This was a great opportunity to showcase my leadership skills, participate in fundraising and be an advocate for physical therapy," she said.

After graduating in May with her associate degree in PTA, Alexandria plans to spend another year at HCCC taking science courses, to earn her A.S. in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science. Her goal is to eventually earn her doctorate in physical therapy.

Scholarship

Herkimer County Community College Creating Opportunities



Thanks to the Herkimer County College Foundation and its generous donors, **more than \$140,000 in scholarships was awarded to students in 2008-09**. Many scholarship opportunities are available specifically to local students including the Foundation Tuition Scholarship and the HCCC Hope Scholarship. The Foundation Tuition Scholarship rewards Herkimer County seniors who graduate in the top 15% of their high school classes with full tuition for the first year and 50% for the second.

Pictured above are Foundation Tuition and Hope Scholarship recipients who attended a scholarship reception.

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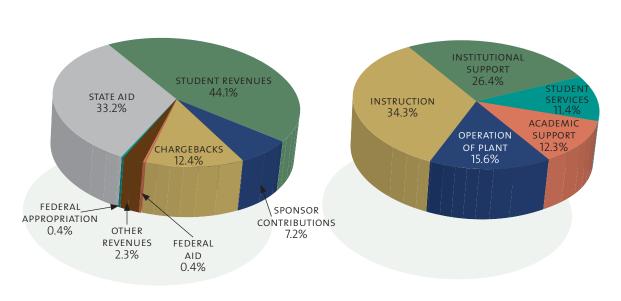
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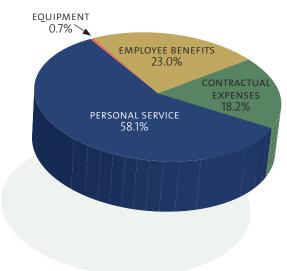
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ACTUAL REVENUES

	TOTAL	\$	21,925,450	
Federal Appropriation			79,649	
Other Revenues			506,655	
Federal Grants and Contracts		\$	82,433	
Local Appropriation \$ 4,299,395 (\$1,580,612 Sponsor / \$2,718,783 Chargebacks)				
State Appropriation		\$	7,273,990	
Tuition and Fees			9,683,328	

EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

	TOTAL	\$21,032,613
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		\$ 3,279,598
Institutional Support		\$ 5,559,000
Student Services		\$ 2,391,717
Academic Support		\$ 2,586,018
Instruction		\$ 7,216,280

EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

Personal Service	\$12,220,650	
Equipment	\$ 155,269	
Contractual Expe	\$ 3,828,457	
Employee Benefi	\$ 4,828,237	
	TOTAL	\$21,032,613



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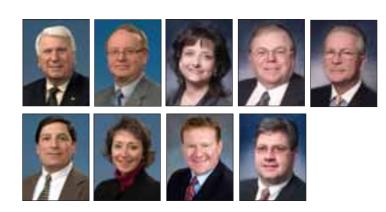
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