

# A Chronological History of Herkimer County Community College

1962-2021



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THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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- April 1962 Ed Vosburgh raises the subject of a county community college at a Dolgeville Civic Club meeting at the Emmonsburg Grill. Harold Luther, Supervisor of Town of Manheim, states he was seriously considering the prospect and has begun to work toward that end.
- July 16, 1962 A special committee to study the community college concept is appointed by George Casler, Chairman of the Herkimer County Board of Supervisors. Harold Luther, Madalyn Juna, Howard Leneker, John Watkins, Edwin Komendarek, Leroy Winsman, Thomas Pratt, Anthony Cosentino, Joseph Horton and William Robinson are on the committee. A proposal for the college is later drafted by the committee, accepted by the Board of Supervisors and forwarded to SUNY in January 1963.
- January 7, 1963 The City of Little Falls, by resolution, favors establishment of a community college to be located in the City of Little Falls.
- January 28, 1963 Herkimer County Board of Supervisors approves Resolution #21 requesting that the State University authorize a community college for Herkimer County.
- 1964 The State University lists Herkimer County as a potential community college location in the 1964 SUNY Master Plan.
- January 15, 1965 A public opinion survey of county residents shows 30 to 1 favoring a community college in Herkimer County.
- June 21, 1965 The State University asks Herkimer County Board of Supervisors for an updated survey of prospective enrollment, curriculum and budget. To prepare a response, the Supervisors appoint an eight-person committee comprised of Messrs: Richard Jorrey, Harold Luther, Douglas Bell, George Anderson, Jim Huxtable, Ed Komendarek, Gabe Reuben and Art Whaley.
- August 16, 1965 The Herkimer County Board of Supervisors approve the Education Committee's proposal and pass Resolution #112 recommending establishment of a community college under article #126 of the Educational Law of the State of New York, subject to a referendum vote at the next general election.
- November 3, 1965 The referendum on a proposed Herkimer County Community College is passed during the November general election (7,158 – Yes; 6,780 – No; and 11,131 Blank).
- December 1965 Governor Rockefeller indicates his belief that SUNY Trustees would approve the proposed HCCC.
- January 13, 1966 SUNY Trustees resolve to sponsor and establish a community college for the County of Herkimer. Approval is given for classes to begin in 1967 with a predicted full-time enrollment of 200-225 students. HCCC becomes the 29<sup>th</sup> community college in the State of New York.
- March 14, 1966 The Board of Supervisors appoints five members to the College's Board of Trustees: Frederick Juer, James Anderson, Anthony Cosentino, Donald Gavagan, and William

Snyder. Governor Rockefeller subsequently appoints four additional trustees: Bess Cristman, Harold Whittemore, Frances Vickers and Vincent Iocovozzi.

- May 1966 Margaret Quackenbush receives appointment to the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- June 29, 1966 HCCC Board of Trustees holds their first meeting. Fred Juer is elected Chairman. James Anderson, Anthony Cosentino and William Snyder are named to the Budget Committee.
- September 7, 1966 The HCCC Budget for the 1966-67 Fiscal Year is approved in the amount of \$241, 938 with the County to contribute a share of \$140, 659.
- October 10, 1966 Robert McLaughlin's appointment as Founding President of HCCC, effective December 1, 1966, is approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- November 29, 1966 Spokespersons for Herkimer, Ilion, and Mohawk argue the use of Univac Plant #3 in Ilion as the temporary site for the college.
- December 27, 1966 The HCCC Committee, comprising thirty prominent citizens from government, business, and the professions, announce that a 100-acre Homyk site adjacent to the Village of Herkimer, along with access roads, water and sewer connections will be made available as the permanent site for the College at no cost to the College. This offer comes about largely as the result of a \$136,000 gift of Mohawk Data Sciences stock (4,000 shares) made available by Edward Johnson, George Cogar, Richard Rifenburgh, and Theodore Robinson.
- January 1967 President McLaughlin announces the appointments of Warren Quets as Business Officer, John Thayer as Admissions Counselor, and David Trautlein as Dean of the College.
- January 19, 1967 On a motion by Messrs Gavagan and Anderson, the HCCC Board of Trustees votes 5 – 3 to accept a gift of 4000 shares of MDS stock. A subsequent resolution approving the Homyk site is approved 8 – 0.
- January 26, 1967 President McLaughlin suggests some alternatives for a temporary campus site. The alternatives include: renting Univac space in Ilion, renting the Burrell property in Little Falls, using Herkimer High School evenings, or Little Falls High School evenings.
- February 2, 1967 The first student is accepted for admission to the College (Keith D. Edwards from Ilion).
- February 10, 1967 SUNY Trustees announce approval of the initial curricula offerings submitted by President McLaughlin.
- February 15, 1967 Mr. Edward Johnson offers the College an additional 5,000 shares of MDS stock to aid the College in their building program.

- February 15, 1967 A petition with 800 signatures in support of the Little Falls Overlook site is presented to the Board of Supervisors.
- February 27, 1967 The Board of Supervisors approves the Homyk site resolution 12 – 9.
- April 20, 1967 The HCCC Board of Trustees designates the firm of Parker and Soper of Watertown, designers of Jefferson Community College, as architects to develop plans for the new campus. The Trustees also designate Univac Plant # 3 in Ilion as the temporary site.
- May 25, 1967 The HCC Foundation is organized and agrees to purchase 200 acres of land as requested by the Trustees.
- June 1967 A contest for an official seal for the College is held among county high school students. The winning design concept, submitted by Marie Johnson of Frankfort, is completed and executed by Bronson Quackenbush.
- September 25, 1967 Registration results show 221 full-time and 101 part-time including 74 evening students and 17 in the Old Forge location. The initial professional staff number 16 and the teaching faculty include Robert Dorrance, William Elenko, Raymond Lenarcic, Arthur Muller, Charles Sadowski, Shirley Samuels, Dorothy Sharo, Jean Stapleton, and Charles Webster. Classes begin.
- November 15, 1967 President Robert McLaughlin is inaugurated.
- December 1, 1967 Two full-tuition scholarships are announced. This first major contribution to the College’s scholarship fund is made by Mohawk Data Sciences Corporation.
- December 21, 1967 HCC Foundation acquires the Homyk site for the new campus.
- January 1968 The Herkimer County Legislature is organized, succeeding the Board of Supervisors as the legislative body of Herkimer County.
- April 1968 The Pacesetter, the College’s first student publication, is underway. Phi Beta Lambda business organization is formed.
- June 1968 As additional space needs become apparent, a former Enjems carpet property on First Street, and 800 more square feet of space from Univac in Ilion are rented.
- September 1968 Fall enrollment is 476 including 167 seniors. Instructional faculty increases to 24 and is organized into four disciplinary divisions. The Trustees approve the By-Laws of the Faculty Student Association. A club basketball team is formed, complete with eight cheerleaders.
- February 1969 The first of many HCCC students (John D’Urso, Miles Levine and Giovanna Marchese) are listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
- March 29, 1969 HCCC is awarded a federal grant of \$ 1,073,613 for campus construction under Title 1 of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963.

- Spring 1969 HCCC softball team wins the Northeastern Collegiate Conference Championship. Phi Theta Kappa holds its Charter Induction.
- June 8, 1969 Eighty eight graduates of HCCC receive their diplomas at the College's first commencement held in the Herkimer Senior High School Auditorium.
- October 12, 1969 Formal ground breaking ceremonies are held for the new permanent campus. The plan calls for five buildings; 280,720 square feet of space; a capacity of 1100 day students – to be ready for occupancy by September 1971. Speaking at the ceremony in addition to President McLaughlin are: Dr. Donald Gavagan, Chairman of the HCCC Board of Trustees; Raymond Korce, Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature; and Arthur Muller representing HCCC faculty.
- January 27, 1970 The roof over office rental space on First Street, Ilion, collapses under the weight of snow. No injuries, but plenty of consternation.
- May 6, 1970 The Kent State University (Ohio) riot is observed at the College with an hour of mourning arranged by President McLaughlin and the students.
- April 30, 1971 State University Trustee approval of a Radio & Television Broadcasting curriculum is announced.
- June 17, 1971 Following the inspection of campus buildings under construction, the SUNY facilities office writes to Mr. Victor Norman: "We were impressed...." (See pg. 50 of The First 20 Years for entire quote).
- August 17, 1971 A three-week postponement in opening the new campus to classes is announced due to delays in the installation of furnishings and equipment.
- September 20, 1971 Classes begin at the new campus. Full-time enrollment increases to 884 and part-time credit students exceed 200. The five-building, 7.7 million dollar complex establishes something of a record in the SUNY system by occupying its permanent campus within five years of the opening of the College.
- October 17, 1971 The new campus is dedicated with ceremonies conducted by HCCC Board Chairman, Dr. James Anderson. Invited guests include: State Senator Ronald Stafford; Assemblyman Donald Mitchell; Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature, David Mahoney; and Vice Chairman of SUNY Board of Trustees, James Warren.
- June 30, 1972 The Herkimer Telegram carries the story of HCCC being granted full accreditation by the Middle States Association (MSA). The evaluation team had completed their on-campus review on March 1, and included in their report the following, "... The faculty is young, enthusiastic, dedicated, loyal and of good caliber. Its publishing propensity is commendable, almost unique.... The College is to be congratulated on the quality of its administrative staff....The President is an able and devoted leader who seems to possess unusual energy and has hurdled many of the initial obstacles that face a new college creditably..."

- May 1973 Robert Dorrance is one of the initial recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Dorrance is the first of several HCCC faculty and administrators so honored in succeeding years.
- October 1973 The HCCC Nature Center is dedicated on 55 acres featuring a 9/10 mile-long interpretative nature trail, a managed artificial pond and a tree plantation.
- May 1974 Joseph P. DeLorenzo receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- August 1974 The first Cogar Scholarships are awarded to six selected HCCC graduates transferring to institutions for advanced study.
- May 13, 1975 The College's Archeology Museum opens.
- November 1975 The Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair sponsored by HCC Foundation is initiated.
- May 1976 David H. Champoux and Anne Greco each receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- October 1976 A 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the College is held on campus in the style of Oktoberfest.
- September 15, 1977 The Natural History Museum opens with exhibits and displays of both plant and animal life found in the Mohawk Valley area.
- March 1978 The College Writing Laboratory is opened to the public providing free service to those seeking assistance.
- June 1978 The Adult Vocational Guidance Center is established to provide assistance for those who are unemployed, underemployed or desire a change in career direction.
- Summer 1978 MSA reaccredits the College for 10 years.
- February 1979 The Faculty Association receives certification as the official bargaining unit. Subsequently the Faculty Association votes to affiliate with NYSUT.
- May 1979 Jean E. Stapleton receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- July 1979 The 1.5 mile 20-station exercise trail is opened.
- 1980 Phaethon, the College's journal of creative expression, is awarded first prize in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Annual community college magazine contest.
- May 1980 Raymond J. Lenarcic receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- 1981 – 1982 The Computer Laboratory in Johnson Hall opens with 10 Apple II, three PET, one NCR 8150, a TRS-80 and a Singer 1501.C computer system. Soon after, 24 MDS System 2100 terminals and 19 Apple IIE computers are added. The laboratory is designed to serve as "open access" for the entire campus community.

Fall 1982	Twenty HCC Foundation full-tuition scholarships are awarded to Herkimer County high school students graduating at the top of their classes.
1982 – 1983	Due largely to the leadership of Professor Faye Lenarcic, a Child Day Care Center is opened. The center begins a regular day care program enabling many parents to pursue career or retraining interests.
October 1, 1984	Dean H. David Trautlein retires. Dr. Theodore Spring is appointed Dean of the College.
1984 – 1985	The College Learning Center is established under Professor William Pelz as project director. The Center's mission is to provide enrichment activities for special interests, remedial assistance, services for handicapped and disadvantaged students, assistance for returning adult students and peer tutoring.
1985 – 1986	The Electronics Laboratory is set up as a shared facility with Computer Aided Design (CAD).
Fall 1985	The HCC Foundation Gallery opens.
Fall 1985	The first "National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week" is observed on campus, later referred to as Alcohol & Drug Awareness week.
May 1985	Faye Lenarcic receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
July 1986	President Robert McLaughlin retires. Dr. Ronald F. Williams is appointed President.
1986 – 1987	The College's own cable TV station becomes a reality as a result of a member item grant of \$30,000 from State Senator James Donovan for the purchase of microwave equipment.
1986 – 1987	Thirteen HCCC Travel & Tourism students are accepted for summer internships at Walt Disney World, the largest group from any single institution.
January 1, 1987	James Hill, Dean of Administration, retires. Subsequently Thomas Schmidt is appointed to the position.
May 1987	John L. Reese receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Summer 1987	Kids' College is established.
September 1987	Inauguration of President Ronald F. Williams is held.
Fall 1987	HCCC wins its first National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championship title in field hockey under Coach Jeanne Galvin.
1988	HCCC wins NJCAA National Championship titles in the men's Nordic 10K under Coach Bob Dorrance and men's lacrosse under Coach Paul Wehrum.

Summer 1988	Herkimer County Community College is reaccredited by Middle States Association (MSA) for a 10-year period.
1988 – 89	The first full year of operation for the College’s cable TV station is completed.
Spring 1989	The men’s lacrosse team wins the NJCAA National Championship.
May 1989	Jack A. Maroun receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Fall 1989	The HCC Foundation purchases two farms adjacent to the campus for the purpose of future college expansion.
September 1989	HCCC offers off-site college classes at Mt. Markham High School under the auspices of the Math/Science Division, to help improve preparation of mathematics and science students coming to the College. These are the first of the classes in the program that will later become known as College Now.
May 1990	Henry P. Testa receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Robert M. Francis receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Valerie H. Prescott receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship.
June 1, 1990	Dr. Robert Campo, Dean of Students, retires.
Fall 1990	“Seniorversity” is established in coordination with Herkimer County Office for the Aging and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).
January 2, 1991	James Hayes is appointed Dean of Student Services.
February 1, 1991	Robert Kane is appointed Dean of Administration.
February 18, 1991	The new 33,000 square foot Technology Center is dedicated, providing classroom and laboratory space for study in Criminal Justice, Radio & Television, Computer Science, Computer Assisted Design, Occupational Therapy and Travel & Tourism.
March 23, 1991	HCCC men’s basketball team wins the NJCAA national championship.
1991	The women’s field hockey team wins the NJCAA national championship.
May 1991	Barbara M. Bouchard receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Guy S. Corriero receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
June 1991	Dr. Faye Lenarcic, Professor of English, is named Utica YWCA’s Woman of the Year in Education.



July 18, 1991	HCCC becomes the latest of New York State's 16 rural services institutes established by the state office of Rural Affairs.
August 1991	A Freshman Seminar is initiated to help all new, full-time students to adjust successfully to the many challenges of college life.
Fall 1991	Construction of Campus Meadows student housing project is finalized.
1991 – 1992	Of New York State's 20 community colleges, HCCC graduates the highest percentage of students after two years of study.
1991 – 1992	A Health Services Office staffed by a registered nurse is established.
May 1992	The men's lacrosse program wins its third NJCAA national championship.
May 1992	Michael A. Oriolo receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Helen A. Pannes receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
September 1992	The off-site program, which already includes Mt. Markham and Dolgeville schools, expands to include Little Falls High School.
October 1993	The first annual Accessibility Awareness Week is held on campus.
February 1993	The FCC approves a station construction permit for the college's new FM station, WVHC, which went 'on the air' in October.
February 1993	Dr. Antoinette Cleveland assumes responsibility as Dean of Academic Affairs. She succeeds Dr. Faye Lenarcic who served as Interim Dean in the fall of 1992.
May 1993	The men's lacrosse team wins its fourth NJCAA national championship in six years.
May 1993	Katherine A. Schwabach receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Laura W. Thompson receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
July 1993	HCCC hosts the first annual Independence Day celebration on campus for the community, offering music, food, and fireworks.
Summer 1993	MSA continues accreditation through 1998, accepting the College's periodic review report.
1992 – 1993	A comprehensive campus strategic plan is developed.
1992 – 1993	Communities 2000 program is launched to assist local communities in identifying and managing solutions to specific community problems.
1992-1993	Ten of fourteen varsity teams qualify for post-season competition this year.

- 1993 – 1994 An Honors Seminar with an interdisciplinary range focusing on student’s career interests is inaugurated.
- 1993 – 1994 Three athletic teams earn “Academic Team of the Year” status, having the highest team grade point averages in the nation.
- 1993 – 1994 An employer assessment survey notes 96 percent of employers consider HCCC graduates equal to or better than graduates from other two-year schools.
- May 1994 K. Bruce Ward receives the Alumnus of the Year award at commencement.
- May 1994 The men’s lacrosse team wins its fifth NJCAA national championship (third consecutive) and its eleventh straight Region III championship.
- May 1994 David H. Champoux receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. William E. Pelz receives the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- June 1994 The College establishes men’s and women’s varsity cross country teams to begin competing in the 1994-95 school year.
- August 1994 HCCC offers an opportunity for students to earn a four-year degree through SUNY Empire State College via television.
- 1994 – 1995 HCCC’s graduation rate ranks highest among reference institutions and is one of the highest among all community colleges in New York State. HCCC also has the highest full-time faculty to student ratio of any SUNY community college.
- September 1994 HCCC opens the Old Forge Education Center to address the educational needs of Town of Webb residents.
- September 1994 Three area high schools, Herkimer County BOCES, and HCCC connect through fiber optic lines for televised educational programs.
- October 1994 The Ilion School District joins HCCC and other local school districts involved in the distance learning network through interactive television.
- October 1994 The HCCC Professional Association urges the College Trustees to keep pay and campus facilities above average. The faculty union has been without a contract since September 1993.
- November 1994 The men’s soccer team wins its first NJCAA national championship (undefeated 25 – 0 – 0).
- November 1994 HCCC receives \$83,180 in state monies to be used for equipping the distance learning classrooms at the College and the Town of Webb schools.

November 1994	Herkimer County begins planning for a 911 system and the College offers space to house the 911 center.
December 1994	The College moves ahead with phase II of an energy-saving project. The preliminary phase of the project has saved 11.8 percent in energy consumption.
January 1995	HCCC's "Communities 2000" program aids the local planning process by helping Herkimer business owners, property owners, local government representatives, and residents to develop a plan to revitalize North Main Street.
February 1995	The Bookstore holds a grand reopening after an expansion and makeover project.
March 1995	Lacrosse Coach Paul Wehrum is inducted into the Lacrosse Foundation Upstate New York Chapter Hall of Fame.
April/May 1995	HCCC establishes a website on the World Wide Web providing visitors with a broad range of information about the College.
May 1995	The men's lacrosse team wins its sixth NJCAA national championship (fourth consecutive).
May 1995	The women's field hockey, men's cross country, and men's lacrosse teams are named NJCAA National Academic Teams of the Year.
May 1995	Robert E. Schultz receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
June 1995	President Williams announces a proposed \$9.1 million construction project for the college campus to address the most critical needs for additional space and facilities. The plan is the first phase of a \$22 million Master Plan which will send HCCC competitively into the 21 <sup>st</sup> century.
June 1995	The College implements a pilot project of a four-day work week during summer months to realize cost savings. The initiative reduces costs by more than \$35,000.
July 1995	The Herkimer County Legislature overwhelmingly approves \$2.25 million for the expansion and renovation of HCCC. The balance of the \$9.1 million project cost will come from sources outside of Herkimer County.
August 1995	The HCC Foundation donates 97.5 acres to HCCC, at no cost to the College or the County. The donation is accepted by the Board of Trustees prior to going to the County Legislature for approval.
October 1995	The men's soccer team defeats SUNY Delhi giving the Generals their 41 <sup>st</sup> consecutive win and breaking the NJCAA record. They end their season by running that string up to 44 consecutive wins, a new national record, and they also hold the national record for consecutive shutouts.

- November 1995 The men's soccer team wins its seventh Region III title and its second consecutive NJCAA national championship (undefeated).
- January 1996 A shuttle bus begins operation to transport students from the community to the College. The transportation services are provided by the Herkimer Area Resources Center.
- February 1996 James Garnsey steps down as chairman of the HCCC Board of Trustees, and Gary Luther is named to the Board in his place. James Marsh is selected to be the next chairman.
- March 1996 HCTV cable channel 10 is Herkimer County's co-op between HCCC and Time Warner Cable, running a variety of programs on weekdays and providing the Herkimer County residents the means to communicate events and information at other times.
- 1995-1996 The men's bowling, women's bowling and men's soccer teams are named NJCAA National Academic Teams of the Year.
- April 1996 College trustees approve a proposal for a four-day work week this summer, one in a series of actions to close a \$394,742 budget gap. The proposal is also approved by the County Legislature.
- 1996 HCCC student Christopher Taylor receives the Distinguished Chapter President award (25 awarded out of 1200 chapter presidents), and Leanne Jardine receives the Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Washington D.C.
- May 1996 Donald Kane Jr. receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- May 1996 Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee, one of the most important dramatists of contemporary world theater, presents a lecture at HCCC's McLaughlin College Center.
- May 1996 The men's lacrosse team wins its seventh NJCAA national championship (fifth consecutive).
- May 1996 Debra M. Sutliff receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Paul Wehrum receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. James R. Cofrancesco receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.
- June 1996 HCCC students are selected to join over 1000 students from various schools throughout the country to participate in the Walt Disney World College Program during their summer vacation.
- August 1996 HCC Foundation Scholarship award winners are announced. Since its inception in 1982, the Foundation Tuition Scholarship Program has given nearly one-half million dollars to Herkimer County's brightest high school students.

- October 1996 A live debate with candidates for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District airs on the College's television station, HCTV.
- October 1996 HCCC students conduct an economic development survey, interviewing business and industry leaders in Herkimer County on behalf of HCCC's Communities 2000 program. Results are analyzed by the College, County officials, and business leaders to determine how to improve the area's business climate and create more jobs.
- November 1996 The cross country team wins the NJCAA national championship title.
- November 1996 A reception is held to honor Alumnus of the Year Rose Marie Battisti.
- November 1996 The men's soccer team wins the NJCAA National Championship title.
- January 1997 Distance learning is demonstrated in Old Forge. The network consists of 11 distance learning classrooms covering a 1500 square mile region in Central New York providing educational opportunities for students in rural communities.
- April 1997 HCCC's television and radio stations, HCTV and WVHC respectively, simulcast a live conversation between HCCC students, alumni journalists and Congressman Sherwood Boehlert. The program originates from HCCC's Ormond Drake Television Studio and is produced by the college's Advanced Video Production class.
- April 1997 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Dallas TX, HCCC's chapter receives the Scholarship Hallmark Award (five awarded out of 1200 chapters) and the Top 100 Chapter Award.
- May 1997 Frank J. Menapace receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Thomas M. Cuneo receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 1997 William J. Evans receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- July 1997 HCCC sponsors an Eastern European trip for area residents and students.
- July 1997 HCCC celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the fifth annual Independence Day Celebration at the College made possible through the generosity of many sponsors from throughout the community.
- July 1997 HCCC President Ronald Williams and Kamei School Owner-President Takeo Kamei sign an agreement allowing Kamei graduates to complete an associate degree at HCCC in one year of study in a variety of programs.
- July 1997 Dr. Williams is elected president of the Association of Presidents of Public Community Colleges.

- September 1997 Enrollment for fall 1997 is 2467, an increase of 3.1% over fall 1996 and 666% above the College's enrollment when it opened in fall 1967 with a total of 322 full and part-time students. International student enrollment has increased from 12 in 1996 to 48 in 1997. Students represent various countries including Ghana, Japan, Dominican Republic, Sweden, Egypt, Russia, Poland, Trinidad & Tobago, El Salvador, India, Kenya, Bosnia, Haiti, Taiwan, Belarus, Vietnam, China, United Kingdom, Honduras and Mexico.
- October 1997 The Board of Trustees approves a resolution allowing HCCC to be a proposed site for the E-911 Building.
- November 1997 Governor Pataki appoints James D. Accattato of Frankfort as a Trustee.
- November 1997 The Women's Field Hockey team wins the NJCAA national championship title.
- March 1998 HCCC's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society wins several awards at the New York Region Annual Convention including the Leadership Hallmark Award, four-star level in the five-star Chapter Development Program, and Most Distinguished Member – Kenneth Gates of Herkimer. Additionally, for the second consecutive year, HCCC's chapter is named Most Distinguished in the New York Region.
- April 1998 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Nashville, TN, HCCC's chapter advisor Leanne Jardine receives the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors, and the chapter receives the Top 100 Chapter Award.
- 1997-1998 The women's field hockey and women's track & field teams are named NJCAA National Academic Teams of the Year.
- May 1998 James I. Marsh is re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- May 1998 The track & field team wins a NJCAA national championship title.
- May 1998 Rosalie N. Scalise receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Suzanne Goodrich receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 1998 Melissa Bennett receives the Alumnus of the Year award at commencement.
- June 1998 Campus Safety adds a bicycle patrol to cover the campus, nature trail, athletic fields, and adjoining property.
- July 1998 The State Education Department approves two new academic programs, jointly registered with SUNY Oneonta, allowing HCCC students opportunities to earn a bachelor's degree on the HCCC campus.

- July 1998 HCCC and Buffalo State College cooperate in a state-of-the-art distance learning program that brings a Master's in Adult Education program to HCCC through a fiber-optic network.
- July 1998 HCCC's Director of Athletics, Sid Fox, is chosen as a representative for the National Alliance for Two-Year College Athletic Directors.
- August 1998 The Board of Trustees meets in Old Forge to introduce Trustees to the College's new office facility and familiarize them with programs being offered by the College in the northern part of Herkimer County.
- September 1998 HCCC's Faculty Student Association pays off a loan from Herkimer County a year early. The \$292,999 loan was used to renovate and expand the Bookstore from 600 to 3,500 square feet.

- October 1998 HCCC is reaccredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The evaluation team completed their visit to the campus in March 1997, and included in their report the following: "The faculty, staff, and administration at HCCC are committed to the students that they serve and are a hard-working, dedicated group. . . we were most impressed with both the success of the teams engaged in athletic competitions as well as the performance of the athletes in the classroom . . .The Colleges facilities are first rate and . . . it seemed obvious to us that the brightness and cleanliness of the entire facility bespeaks a sense of pride by all concerned. . . We are confident that while HCCC can look back at its previous successes it is also capable of looking to the future with an even greater sense of excitement."
- October 1998 HCCC receives a \$20,000 grant to extend its Communities 2000 program throughout the West Central Adirondacks. The grant was made by the Herkimer and Oneida Counties Community Foundation, which said that Communities 2000 is "a true investment in the people of a region ... who are . . . developing ... a clear vision...of . . . future."
- November 1998 Professor Thomas Lenahan is awarded the Richard L. Lewis Service Award at the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State.
- December 1998 E-lacrosse magazine publishes a story on Lacrosse Coach Paul Wehrum. The article reviews his history as a player and coach, noting that he was the assistant coach for Team USA, winner of the 1998 World Championship, and as HCCC's coach won seven national titles, 15 consecutive NJCAA Region III championships, and had three undefeated seasons to date.
- February 1999 Dr. Patricia A. Pietropaolo is appointed Dean of Academic Affairs.
- March 1999 WVHC-FM expands programming to 24 hours a day, 7 days/week. The station continues live student operations 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, and has added automated hardware/software to help provide new programming in jazz and classical music for the remaining hours.
- March 1999 HCCC alumnus Rose Marie Battisti of Little Falls is among seven honorees named 1999 Outstanding Alumni by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).
- March 1999 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence are given to HCCC students Betsy Gekonge, Jan Marie Fuhrer, and Melissa Cobb.
- April 1999 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards are received by HCCC students Jan Marie Fuhrer and Betsy Gekonge.
- April 1999 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Los Angeles CA, student Barbara Roberts received the George Bierkoe Distinguished Member (10 awarded out of membership exceeding 75,000), and the HCCC chapter received the Top 100 Chapter Award.



- April 9, 1999 HCCC students, including lacrosse players, participate in a Habitat for Humanity house painting project in Middleville.
- April 20, 1999 James I. Marsh is re-elected chairman of the HCCC Board of Trustees.
- May 1999 The men's and women's swimming & diving teams are named NJCAA National Academic Teams of the Year (1998-99).
- May 1999 John D. Bullis receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Leanne W. Jardine receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 1999 Daniel J. Burling, Assemblyman, receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- May 1999 HCCC launches its Internet Academy with six complete degrees online (Travel and Tourism (AAS), Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies (AA), Criminal Justice (AA), Criminal Justice (AAS), Business: Business Administration (AA) and Business: Business Administration (AAS).
- May 1999 HCTV wins an award from *The Communicator Awards* in the 1998 Video Competition in the Cable Television/Community Access category for an entry entitled "Adirondack Scenic Railroad Inaugural Run." There were 3,209 entries from 47 states and other countries.
- May 1999 The State University of New York's Chancellor Ryan is the keynote speaker at HCCC's Commencement.
- May 1999 The *Generals Campaign*, a public-private partnership to create educational access and opportunity, is launched. The campaign will establish two endowments comprising more than \$3 million to support student scholarships and instructional technology.
- June 1999 The College holds ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies for the \$9.1 million expansion to the McLaughlin College Center and Physical Education Building. A "sneak peak" of the corporate training facility for local business people is co-sponsored by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce.
- June 1999 Nine people who were instrumental in the development of HCCC are named the first recipients of the Torchbearer Awards. A reception and ceremony take place in the College Center where plaques honoring each of the honorees are unveiled. Recipients of this prestigious honor are Bess Cristman, Virgil E. Johnson, Frederick Jurer, Harold Luther, Dr. James Anderson, Richard Jorrey, Robert McLaughlin, Anthony Cosentino, and Dr. Donald Gavagan.
- July 1999 HCCC freezes tuition for the fourth straight year, keeping its full-time tuition (\$2,250) among the lowest in state for community colleges (comparative average = \$2,404).
- August 1999 New degree programs in Arts Management & Art Studies are approved by the New York State Education Department.

- August 1999 Isabella S. Crandall, Herkimer, is appointed to the Board of Trustees.
- September 1999 The Board of Trustees passes a resolution to acquire and manage previously privately-owned student housing.
- September 1999 West Canada Valley High School becomes the fourth high school to participate in HCCC's off-site program.
- September 1999 The HCC Foundation Generals Campaign receives a \$300,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties. Over 97 percent of the College's faculty and staff have pledged support for the campaign as well.
- October 1999 The College hosts a Year 2000 (Y2K) teleconference to cover Y2K concerns regarding utilities, banking, 911, health care, emergency preparedness, legal issues and community outreach.
- October 1999 The College is awarded more than \$80,000 in grants to provide training for employees of more than 25 Herkimer County companies. Assembly Minority Leader Fasco announced the grants and said that this is a demonstration of "ideal partnership between private industry, education, and government."
- November 1999 The Internet Academy exceeds enrollment projections, and expansion is planned for spring 2000.
- November 1999 Mohawk Valley Community College President Schafer serves lunch to the HCCC soccer team after losing a wager with Dr. Williams on the outcome of a Region III championship game between MVCC and HCCC (HCCC 4 – MVCC 1).
- November 1999 The HCCC men's soccer team wins the NJCAA National Championship.
- December 1999 The Telecommunicator Training program for Emergency 911 centers is established.
- January 2000 Four new transfer agreements are established with SUNY Plattsburgh, bringing HCCC's total number of transfer agreements to 23.
- March 2000 HCCC's Alumni Association holds its Inaugural Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony in Alumni Hall to honor eight alumni who have distinguished themselves among their peers in the pursuit of excellence in areas of personal achievement, professional accomplishment or community service. The first group of alumni honored is: Theodore R. Adams, Rose Marie Battisti-Bruce, Daniel J. Burling, Randolph J. Collins, Harrison J. Hummel III, Leigh Keno, Leslie Keno and James A. W. McLeod.
- April 2000 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence are given to HCCC students Doreen Ashabranner-Perez, Meghan Dillon, and Barbara Roberts.
- April 2000 HCTV begins airing the Herkimer County Legislature meetings for community residents.

- April 2000 James Marsh is re-elected as chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- April 2000 The College holds a high school poetry contest with entries judged by the English and Humanities faculty. The contest, held for the first time in 15 years at HCCC, draws 76 contestants who are later honored at a reception at HCCC.
- April 2000 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards are received by HCCC students Meghan Dillon and Barbara Roberts.
- April 2000 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Orlando, FL, student Amy Flagler receives the George Bierkoe Distinguished Member award (10 awarded out of membership exceeding 75,000). Herkimer also earns the Journey Challenge 2000 Award for a significant increase in the chapter's membership.
- May 2000 The men's and women's swimming & diving teams are named NJCAA National Academic Teams of the Year (1999-00) for the second straight year.
- May 2000 John W. Campagna receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Thomas W. Lenahan received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 2000 Martin Babinec receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- August 2000 Professor William Pelz, a leader in online teaching, publishes three articles on distance learning in the *Journal of Educational Computing Research* and *Online Education*.
- August 2000 Professor David Piwinski has three articles accepted for publication in scholarly journals for literary criticism.
- August 2000 HCCC's Art Gallery is dedicated as Cogar Gallery, in memory of George and Ann Cogar, as a result of the Cogar Foundation's contribution to the Generals Campaign.
- August 2000 The Internet Academy adds six new degree programs (Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities (AA), Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science (AA), Business: Accounting (AAS), Business: Human Resource Management (AAS), Criminal Justice: Security (AAS), Criminal Justice: Economic Crime (AS) and two certificate programs (Small Business Management and Corrections).
- September 2000 The Radio-TV program launches a five-year campaign to transition the technology to a more modern digital format to provide students with a learning atmosphere that is consistent with today's workplace.
- September 2000 HCCC reaches record enrollment of 2,669 full-time students (9.1% increase over 1999) and 710 part-time students (17.2% increase over 1999).
- October 2000 HCCC Trustee Georgette Drake receives the 1999 Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Service at the 47th Annual Fall Conference of the New York Community College Trustees.

November 2000	HCCC hosts the NJCAA national men's soccer tournament; Herkimer wins the championship.
January 2001	HCCC alters the academic calendar to help area businesses with summer manpower needs. Classes will start Sept 5, 2001 (after Labor Day).
April 2001	John D. Bullis is appointed Dean of Institutional Advancement.
April 2001	Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards are distributed in Albany to HCCC students Brent Ruge and Catherine Wilson.
April 2001	At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Denver, CO, Leanne Jardine is recognized with the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors, and student Amy Flagler is named Distinguished Regional Officer (10 awarded out of approximately 125 regional officers).
April 2001	SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence are given to HCCC student Catherine Winston.
May 2001	HCCC wins a NJCAA national championship in track & field – women's pole vault. Track & field coach Sharon Howell is named NJCAA Coach of the Year.
May 2001	The women's swimming & diving team is named NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year (2000-01) for the third consecutive year.
May 2001	Thomas F. LaPuma receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
May 2001	Andrew J. Kaiser receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
June 2001	HCCC and Niagara Mohawk Inc. offer an e-government Digital Towpath training to Herkimer County municipalities.
June 2001	The Empire State Games are held at HCCC, one of several locations in the Central New York area to host the games. In addition to hosting competitions on campus, the College helped organize community involvement and promotion of the area to visitors.
July 2001	The tuition rate for the off-site program decreases from \$80 to \$30 per credit hour. The College officially names this program the College Now program. Enrollment increases 276 percent, from 72 in fall 2000 to 271 in fall 2001.
July 2001	Phi Theta Kappa is named All New York Academic Team.
July 2001	HCCC begins using a new electronic field production vehicle purchased with help from Senators Raymond Meier and James Seward and Assemblyman Marc Butler. It is part of a digital upgrade and will be used to train students in the Radio-Television Broadcasting curriculum.

August 2001	HCCC conducts a continuing education needs assessment of North Country residents.
August 2001	John Ganio is appointed Dean of Academic Affairs.
August 2001	A video project "Little Falls, A Living Legacy," produced by Mike Giudice and Richard Friedrich in 2000, is sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.
August 2001	The Internet Academy adds an additional degree program -- Human Services (AAS).
September 2001	David S. Armstrong is appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees to replace Georgette Drake, whose term expired.
September 2001	The HCC Foundation holds its first World Cuisine Festival, an evening of international cuisine, selected wine, entertainment, auctions.
October 2001	The Village of Ilion and HCCC sponsor a Communities 2000 town meeting to encourage local citizens to actively participate in public life.
November 2001	Fall enrollment is at a record level with 1,994 full-time and 882 part-time students. Total enrollment is up by 10.9 percent over the previous record set in 2000.
December 2001	The Board of Trustees passes a resolution to build additional student housing.
January 2002	Professor Faye Eichholzer receives an award for online teaching by the Learning Resources Network.
March 2002	An Alumni Hall of Honor Ceremony takes place. Inductees are Martin Babinec, Anne Dorrance, John Coveleski and Dr. Mark Sillman.
April 2002	The Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team award is received by HCCC student Amy Flagler.
April 2002	HCCC students Ryan Hallenbeck and Elizabeth Losty receive SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence.
April 2002	At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Nashville TN, Leanne Jardine receives the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of her leadership and contributions to the alumni program, honors program, and special projects. HCCC student Michael Hensel is named George Bierkoe Distinguished Member (10 awarded out of membership exceeding 75,000).
May 2002	HCCC wins the NJCAA national championship in track & field – women's pole vault (second consecutive year).
May 2002	The College's "EdVentures" program offers trips and tours including the Allentown Art Festival, Bicycling in the Finger Lakes, Hyde Park, and the Metropolitan Opera.

May 2002	Annette M. Yauney receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
May 2002	Mark C. Cochi receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
June 2002	Alfred A. Barbato, Schuyler, is appointed to the Board of Trustees.
July 2002	The Internet Academy launches a pilot program with the New York City Fire Department.
August 2002	The College of St. Rose teaches graduate courses to area residents at HCCC.
August 2002	The Internet Academy adds two degree programs, Business: Health Services Management Technology (AAS) and Small Business Management (AAS).
Fall 2002	In 2002, five additional high schools become partners in HCCC's College Now program, bringing the total number of schools to nine.
September 2002	Patrick E. Russell, Old Forge, is appointed by the County Legislature to the HCCC Board of Trustees.
September 2002	The Board of Trustees approves a resolution to purchase and implement new administrative management software (Banner).
September 2002	The Board of Trustees approves a resolution to lease/transfer property to the Herkimer County College Foundation for the purpose of constructing and managing a new student housing complex.
October 2002	The Board of Trustees passes a resolution to replace the Library building's roof.
October 2002	The men's soccer team defeats Alfred State College to win a total of 114 home games in 10 years.
October 2002	The first annual "Take Back the Night" march, rally & speak out against domestic violence is held at HCCC (sponsored by the YMCA of the Mohawk Valley and Catholic Charities of Herkimer).
November 2002	The College's radio station, WVHC 91.5 FM, adds nationally syndicated jazz programming to its weekend lineup.
January 2003	The College announces an articulation agreement with SUNY Albany bringing the number of articulation agreements to 29.
February 2003	HCCC and the Herkimer Police Department sponsor Terrorism Threat Response Seminars for police, emergency management, fire and other public safety officers.
February 2003	Judy L. Hummel, Mohawk, is appointed to the College Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy of Robert Jones.

- April 2003 HCCC opens its state-of-the-art computer technology and high speed internet services to the community in support of students deployed in the military and their families during the Gulf War.
- April 2003 The Board of Trustees approves a resolution to improve the track facilities and add new office space in the College Center.
- April 2003 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards were given in Albany to HCCC students Francesca Magro and Michael Hensel.
- April 2003 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Los Angeles CA, HCCC's chapter advisor Leanne Jardine receives the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors.
- May 2003 The men's lacrosse team wins the NJCAA National Championship, its eighth in the last 15 years. They also have won 20 straight Region III championships.
- May 2003 The College announces that a women's lacrosse program will begin in 2003-2004. Paul Wehrum is appointed women's head coach, and Scott Barnard is named head coach for men's lacrosse.
- May 2003 The women's swimming & diving team is named NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year (2002-03).
- May 2003 Alan B. Cronauer receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 2003 Sean P. O'Brien, LCDR, Ch.C, USNR, receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- July 2003 John J. Quinn is reappointed to the Board of Trustees.
- August 2003 The College unveils the Chancellor's Wall of Honor to recognize recipients of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence since the College's inception (38 years). The Wall of Honor gives recognition and visibility to the excellence in teaching and support services provided by the College.
- August 2003: The Internet Academy adds two degree programs, Business: Marketing and Paralegal. The Criminal Justice: Security program is deactivated.
- August 2003 HCCC hosts a debate between the six candidates for Herkimer County Sheriff.
- August 2003 HCCC cuts the ribbon on Reservoir Run and dedicates the buildings to Dean of Institutional Advancement John Bullis, Dean of Students James Hayes, and Dean of Administration and Vice President Robert Kane. HCCC becomes the largest residential community college in New York State.
- September 2003 HCCC and Franklin University announce a partnership to offer 10 online bachelor's degrees to HCCC students.
- October 2003 Professor William Pelz receives 2003 Sloan-C Award for excellence in online teaching.

- November 2003 A new degree program, Criminal Justice: Cybersecurity (AS) is approved by SUNY and the State Education Department. It is one of the first initiatives resulting from a partnership with other local colleges and the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, NY. The goal is to have a local degree path in Cybersecurity, from associate level through doctoral level of study.
- November 2003 HCCC wins a Telly Award, a national competition honoring outstanding non-network television commercials and programs and non-broadcast video and film productions, for broadcasting of the Empire State Games. The Videographer Award of Distinction was also received for each of two programs.
- December 2003 HCCC is granted MSA Accreditation through 2008.
- December 2003 HCCC soccer player Chris Charles competes for the Olympics in a CONCACAF qualifying game in Granada.
- December 2003 HCCC employees donate \$6,686 with 40 percent of the employees contributing to the Valley United Way, the largest contribution from HCCC to the annual campaign to date.
- January 2004 HCCC hosts the state's community colleges at a groundbreaking Peace Officer Legislation Conference. HCCC has played a key role in making this peace officer legislation a law over the past 10 years.
- January 2004 Phi Theta Kappa announces that HCCC's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter has achieved the Pinnacle Scholarship Chapter level in the 2003 Pinnacle Scholarship Award Program.
- March 2004 Total enrollment for spring 2004 is over 3,000 students with 71 percent from outside Herkimer County, and 120 students representing 45 countries from around the world.
- March 2004 The men's soccer team is named NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year (2003-04) with a 3.01 overall team grade point average.
- April 2004 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards were distributed in Albany to HCCC students Kelsey Schwabach and Denise Finch-Frederick
- April 2004 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence are given to HCCC students Denise Finch-Frederick and Kellie Gervais.
- April 2004 The HCCC Alumni Association holds its third Alumni Hall of Honor Induction ceremony. New inductees are Margaret Beck ('69) and William Plante ('71).
- May 2004 The women's lacrosse team is named NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year (2003-04).
- May 2004 Track & field coach Sharon Howell is named NJCAA Coach of the Year. Howell also received the Coach of the Year award in 2001.



- May 2004 HCCC's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is presented with a Certificate of Outstanding Participation in the PTK International Community Initiative to fight against hunger and illiteracy.
- May 2004 The Board of Trustees approves a resolution for Physical Education Building bleachers and repairs.
- May 2004 Angela Semo receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Rebecca Ward receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- May 2004 James C. Roller receives the Alumnus of the Year award.
- May 2004 The Board of Trustees passes a resolution to convert the Radio-TV studio's infrastructure and equipment from analog to digital technology. Funding will come from the State's allocation for community college campus technology infrastructure projects, and the balance from the College's capital fund.
- June 2004 Dr. Matthew R Hawes is appointed Dean of Students.
- July 2004 HCCC receives the SUNY/CUAD Best of Category Award for Student Recruitment Publications: Individual Viewbooks and Prospectuses, for its viewbook – *Rock Solid Education*.
- July 2004 Due to growth in enrollment, a new admission requirement is implemented. All non-Herkimer County residents are required to have a high school diploma and a cumulative high school GPA of at least 70 to be admitted. Applicants not meeting the criteria are to be placed on a waiting list.
- August 2004 The Board of Trustees passes resolutions to recognize the past, present and future accomplishments of President Ronald F. Williams and the administration, faculty and staff.
- August 2004 Director of Campus Safety Frank Lawrence and Paul LaPuma are the first HCCC Safety Officers to be appointed Peace Officers.
- September 2004 Total enrollment has increased by 36 percent since fall 2000 (from 2,591 in fall 2000 to 3,526 students in fall 2004). Over 28 percent of HCCC's students earn their degrees entirely over the internet. The College Now program accounts for 29 percent of the total part-time enrollment for fall 2004 with 10 high schools participating.
- October 2004 Turf is laid for HCCC's new multi-million dollar athletic facility. HCCC will be the first community college in New York State with a synthetic grass stadium facility. The synthetic grass playing surface is similar to fields used by the Buffalo Bills, New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys.
- October 2004 New institutional and athletic logos are unveiled.

- October 2004 Six individuals receive the 2004 Torchbearer Awards in recognition of time and resources generously given to provide the residents of Herkimer County with an affordable and quality community college. They are: Mr. Robert Boyle, Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo, Colonel James Hill, Mr. Frank Menapace, Miss Jean Stapleton, and Dr. H. David Trautlein. Plaques to honor these individuals are placed in the Robert McLaughlin College Center.
- October 2004 HCCC students participate in "Make a Difference Day" by cleaning the Herkimer Mini Park and distributing information to neighbors on curbing park vandalism.
- November 2004 The Board of Trustees approves a resolution to expand and renovate the Library building.
- November 2004 Community groups make plans for the establishment of a Herkimer County Veteran's Memorial Park to be located at HCCC.
- November 2004 Gary C. Luther, Dolgeville, is reappointed to the Board of Trustees.
- January 2005 HCCC Library receives a grant from the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, with the support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission to purchase audio-visual materials that will introduce HCCC students to Japan and its culture.
- January 2005 The Internet Academy adds two degree programs, Business: Accounting (AS) and Business: Health Services Management Technology (AS).
- February 2005 Community organizations meet a \$36,000 fundraising goal for the establishment of a Veterans Memorial Park at HCCC.
- February 2005 President Williams announces that HCCC's Internet Academy has proven incredibly successful. Since its inception in 1999 it has grown to include 18 two-year degree programs and three one-year certificate programs. Thirty percent of HCCC's courses are offered online and 28% of the student body takes all of their courses through the Internet Academy. HCCC has the largest number of online degree programs of any community college in New York State. The college has also been recognized for providing outstanding online support services.
- March 2005 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team awards are given to HCCC students Hannah Mahoney and Theresa Vogel. Advisor Leanne Jardine is selected Advisor of the Year.
- April 2005 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Grapevine, TX, HCCC student Nathan McDonald is presented with the 2005 Freeman Science Award (only one awarded; last one ever to be given out) and an international Phi Theta Kappa Hallmark Award for his study on embryonic stem cell research.
- April 2005 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence are given to HCCC students Cassandra Estey, Sam Grande, and Theresa Vogel.

- April 2005 HCCC Social Issues Week, open to students and the public, provides a series of activities to heighten awareness of timely social issues important to college students and young adults.
- April 2005 HCCC student athletes Amie Chase, Same Grande, Brandi Ostrander, and Nancy Tremblay are honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student-Athlete Excellence.
- May 2005 The women's lacrosse team finishes the season third in the nation in its second year with an impressive 12-1 record with 10 student athletes named Academic All-Americans. The team is also named NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year (2004-05).
- May 2005 The men's lacrosse team wins their ninth NJCAA National Championship title beating Essex 10-5, despite coming in second in the Region III finals. It was the first championship under second-year head coach Scott Barnard.
- May 2005 HCCC's track & field runner Nancy Tremblay wins a NJCAA national championship in the women's 100 meter.
- May 2005 HCCC holds its 37<sup>th</sup> annual commencement exercises with a class of 559, the largest in school history.
- May 2005 Mary E. House receives the Alumnus of the Year award at commencement.
- June 2005 HCCC Public Relations Office wins the Gold Paragon Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) for its viewbook, which is themed "Rock Solid Education."
- June 2005 The Board of Trustees passes a resolution to name the College's new athletic stadium for Paul Wehrum.
- July 2005 More HCCC student athletes earned Academic All-Region awards than any other community college in New York State. These awards are given to student athletes who have earned at least 45 credit hours and a GPA of 3.5 or better.
- August 2005 HCCC campus safety officers Orzolek, Manley, and Carlesimo receive Peace Officer status following the inaugural class of the CNY Campus Peace Officer Academy after new state Peace Officer legislation for community colleges was passed in 2003. Theirs was the first group to graduate from the Academy.
- August 2005 HCCC's women's lacrosse team is named the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic Team of the Year with a 3.16 GPA (2004-2005).
- August 2005 HCCC celebrates with the Herkimer County Legislature 40 years since the former Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in August 16, 1965 supporting the formation of a community college in Herkimer County.

- August 2005 HCCC's Child Care Center earns accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.
- August 2005 The Herkimer County Legislature approves a \$6.8 million expansion and renovation of the College's Library building. The project will require no funding from the county or local taxpayers.
- August 2005 Dean Nicholas F. Laino is appointed Dean of Administration following the retirement of Robert Kane.
- September 2005 The College's office in Old Forge closes after serving as an administrative and learning center for the College in the Town of Webb and surrounding communities for the past decade. The decision to close the office is primarily based on the College's ability to provide high quality distance learning opportunities through HCCC's very successful Internet Academy. HCCC will continue to offer non-credit courses in the Town of Webb.
- September 2005 The College partners with the Sloan Foundation and other colleges and universities throughout the country to provide free online courses for students enrolled at institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- October 2005 A dedication ceremony is held for the Herkimer County Veterans Memorial Park and Wall of Honor, located on the HCCC campus at the entrance to the new athletic stadium.
- October 2005 The College dedicates its new athletic stadium to lacrosse coach and Professor Paul Wehrum. The dedication is the result of a successful fundraising campaign to name the stadium in recognition of the storied head coach of the HCCC men's lacrosse team from 1979 to 2003. As of this date, Wehrum's impressive record includes 20 consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Championships and eight NJCAA National Championships (1988-89, '92-96, 2003). He holds the collegiate record of 59 straight wins, and has been named NJCAA Coach of the Year six times. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999, the only junior college coach to ever receive this honor. The stadium is the first at a community college in New York State to have a synthetic turf field.
- October 2005 HCCC hosts the NJCAA Division III, Region III men's and women's soccer tournament at HCCC. Herkimer's men's and women's teams both compete in the tournament and win Region III championship titles. Men's head soccer coach, Pepe Aragon, is named Region III Coach of the Year.
- October 2005 HCCC sets a fall enrollment record, welcoming 997 new full-time students. Total enrollment is 3,556 students on campus, online in Internet Academy courses, and in College Now offerings at area high schools.
- November 2005 HCCC hosts the NJCAA Division III men's and women's soccer final four tournaments in the same weekend. HCCC's men's team won their sixth national championship title, and the women's team tied for third place. The new Wehrum Stadium features artificial turf, a new scoreboard, press box area, team locker room/officials building, bleachers for 750 spectators, and a concession stand.

- February 2006 U.S. Rep. Sherwood Boehlert launches the annual Artistic Discovery competition for high school students. Herkimer County students' artwork is submitted to and judged at HCCC.
- March 2006 President Williams is honored with the Great Heroes award from the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for both his and the College's support of the Red Cross. A breakfast and ceremony honoring Dr. Williams and other award recipients is held at the College.
- April 2006 The State legislative budget includes \$3.4 million for the expansion and renovation of the Library building.
- April 2006 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team award is awarded to HCCC student James Luckner.
- April 2006 At the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, Corning, NY, HCCC Science instructor William Lints receives the Horizon Award.
- April 2006 HCCC students Brandon Davis, Kaylynn Iglesias, and James Luckner receive the SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence.
- May 2006 President Williams is the May 2006 commencement speaker at SUNY Institute of Technology.
- May 2006 HCCC holds its 38<sup>th</sup> annual commencement with a record 592 graduates. This year's ceremony was available for the first time online through streaming video on the College's home page.
- May 2006 The Alumni Association honors Officer Joseph D. Corr ('95) as the 2006 Alumnus of the Year posthumously after dying in the line of duty earlier in the year. A video tribute is presented at the commencement exercises.
- May 2006 Dr. Timothy McLean, Professor, Social Science receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. William Pelz, Professor, Social Science receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Creative Activities. Tom Stock, Director of Facilities Operations receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- May 2006 A Memorial Day ceremony is held for the first time at the new Veterans Memorial Park.
- June 2006 HCCC marks its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year through a series of celebrations, including an ice cream social in the Admissions Department to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first student approved for admission to the college, Keith D. Edwards of Ilion, in February 1967.
- July 2006 The annual Community Independence Day Celebration featuring music, food and fireworks is held on the HCCC campus, sponsored by various community

organizations. The 2006 event has the largest estimated attendance to date in the history of the 14-year event.

- July 2006 The College celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the community at the Community Independence Day Celebration.
- July 2006 President Williams celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the College's President.
- August 2006 HCCC launches the Generals Cash Card, a new digital photo ID card issued to all students, faculty and staff which will be used for access to campus facilities and events, and for cashless payments with the Herkimer Cash Card Account at the bookstore, food service locations and off-campus businesses. The service is offered through CardSmith, LLC.
- September 2006 The following HCCC faculty and staff are awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence: Dr. Timothy McLean for Excellence in Teaching; William Pelz for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities; and Tom Stock for Excellence in Professional Service.
- October 2006 Governor George C. Pataki reappoints James D. Accattato, Frankfort, to the HCCC Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2013. He was initially appointed to the Board in October 1997.
- October 2006 HCCC hosts a nine-person delegation, including professors and program directors, from Yamagata University, Japan. The group met with administrators to discuss a possible transfer agreement.
- November 2006 HCCC athletic department received the Pepsi/National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) award for its third place national finish among non-scholarship Division III community college athletic programs for the 2005-06 year.
- November 2006 The General Herkimer mascot, funded by the Alumni Association, makes its debut at the NJCAA Soccer Championship Tournament at Wehrum Stadium.
- December 2006 The College receives approval for a new A.S. degree program in Liberal Arts and Sciences: Communication Arts: New Media and begins recruiting students for the fall 2007 semester.
- January 2007 A renovation and expansion of the Library Building is underway. The \$6.85 million project will provide a state-of-the-art educational facility with expanded and modernized Library, Learning Center and Bookstore. Completion is expected in spring 2008.
- April 2007 Dr. Daniel J. Murphy, Barneveld, is appointed Dean of Academic Affairs.
- April 2007 Three HCCC seniors receive the 2007 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They are Ryan Doyle, Vernon Center, Joelle Holk, Mohawk, and Ashley Saxe, Endicott.

- April 2007 The HCCC Board of Trustees passes a resolution conferring John Bullis with the title of Dean Emeritus (effective June 1, 2007), following his retirement in 2006 after a 26-year career with the college. The Board of Trustees also passes resolutions this month conferring the following emeriti titles: Leanne Jardine as Professor Emeritus; Barbara (Bouchard) Townsend as Registrar Emeritus; and Paul Wehrum as Professor Emeritus.
- May 2007 The Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series is announced. The series is a result of an endowment by the late Robert H. Wood, a long-time Ilion resident, to support classical music in the local community, including special transportation for Ilion High School students. The Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series will sponsor at least two annual classical music performances at the College or other community location.
- May 2007 HCCC Biology Assistant Professor Jennifer Herzog, Verona, publishes two articles titled "Journal Watch—Winter 2007" and "Journal Watch – Spring 2007" available in MicrobeLibrary's spring and winter issues of *Focus on Microbiology Education*.
- May 2007 Associate Professor of Business Guy P. Devitt receives the 2007 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Matthew Lee, Technical Assistant in the Physical Education Department, receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- June 2007 HCCC forms a partnership with SUNY Empire State College to offer an online degree program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching. The agreement allows students to earn an associate degree online at HCCC and transfer to Empire State College for a bachelor's degree. Graduates can then apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program at Empire State College.
- June 2007 The National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) announces that HCCC will receive the Pepsi Cup award for its third place national finish among non-scholarship Division III community college athletic programs for 2006-2007. This is the second consecutive year that Herkimer has achieved a ranking of third place in the nation.
- July 2007 Alfred A. Barbato, Schuyler, is reappointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees by the Herkimer County Legislature. Barbato's appointment continues through June 30, 2014.
- August 2007 HCCC's women's lacrosse and swimming teams are named 2007 Academic Teams of the Year with overall GPA's for team members of 3.22 and 3.4, respectively.
- September 2007 HCCC was recognized nationally for excellence in publications by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, receiving the gold award in the sports brochure category for its athletic viewbook entitled, "Herkimer Athletics—It's About Success."
- September 2007 The HCCC Board of Trustees passes a resolution conferring Thomas Lenahan with the title of Professor Emeritus.

- October 2007 The Kronos Quartet performs the inaugural concert of the Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series at HCCC's Sarkus-Busch Theater.
- October 2007 President Ronald F. Williams announces plans to retire during the spring 2008 semester.
- November 2007 A new Medical Coding/Transcriptionist one-year certificate program to be offered completely online is approved.
- November 2007 The HCCC Board of Trustees passes a resolution approving selection of a screening committee to begin the process of hiring the next president of the college. The screening committee is comprised of 15 faculty and staff members.
- January 2008 A national search for the third president of HCCC is launched.
- January 2008 The Board of Trustees unanimously approves a resolution to name the Library Building in honor of retiring President Ronald F. Williams. The official naming is to take place as part of the planned building dedication ceremony in the spring.
- January 2008 The HCCC Board of Trustees passes a resolution to formally request that the HCC Foundation Executive Board work with the president of the college to develop a major capital fundraising plan to raise \$1.5 million to support the renovation of four science labs in Johnson Hall. A \$1.1 million commitment of matching funds from New York State is secured through the support of Senator James Seward. Congressman Michael Arcuri helps secure \$99,000 in funding through the federal government.
- January 2008 The HCCC Board of Trustees passes a resolution conferring Dr. Ronald F. Williams with the title President Emeritus to be made effective upon his retirement date later in the year.
- February 2008 A new degree program in Music Industry (A.S.) is approved by the State University of New York and New York State Education Department.
- April 2008 Students Beau Babcock, Earlville; Stacey Pagano, Seneca Falls; and Rebecca Sasenbury, Canastota receive the 2008 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence at a ceremony held at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, along with 272 other students from SUNY colleges and universities.
- April 2008 Assistant Professor of Biology Steven Mezik receives one of New York State United Teacher's most prestigious statewide awards, "Higher Education Member of the Year," at the statewide union's annual convention.
- April 2008 The Board of Trustees narrows the search for a new president to three candidates. Open forums are held on campus for each. The candidates are Dr. Ann Marie Murray, Dr. Daniel Murphy and Dr. Taras Herbowy.
- May 2008 Isabella Crandall, Herkimer, and Timothy F. Dunn, Mohawk, are appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Herkimer County Legislature.



- May 2008 A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony are held for the renovated and expanded Library Complex. The dedication includes the naming of the Library after outgoing President Ronald F. Williams.
- May 2008 The Board of Trustees selects Dr. Ann Marie Murray as its nominee for the third president of HCCC. The Board forwards its nomination to the State University of New York Chancellor's Office for appointment by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Dr. Murray is currently the vice president of academic affairs at Broome Community College.
- May 2008 Dr. Karen Jones, instructor in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Pepe Aragon, instructor of Physical Education and men's soccer coach, is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.
- June 2008 The Admissions Office holds the first of a series of Instant Admission Days, a new marketing initiative in which future students can apply and get admitted to the College in the same day.
- June 2008 Dr. Williams officially retires on June 18, 2008 after 22 years as president of Herkimer County Community College. Vice President for Administration and Finance Nicholas F. Laino serves as Office in Charge.
- June 2008 The College announces reductions in staffing due to a difficult budget for 2008-09. Major factors affecting the budget include the following: no increase in support from the state; a minimal increase in enrollment; a state-imposed limit on tuition increases; and an increase in operating costs, particularly in health insurance and retirement health benefits.
- June 2008 The State University of New York Board of Trustees approves a resolution to appoint Dr. Ann Marie Murray of Binghamton as the third president of Herkimer County Community College.
- June 2008 HCCC receives the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup award for its second place national finish among non-scholarship Division III community college athletic programs for 2007-08. It is the third consecutive year that Herkimer has won a NATYCAA Cup, and the first time in college history to finish second.
- June 2008 Two athletic teams earn the distinction of being named National Academic Team of the Year for 2007-08—the women's swim team and the women's bowling team.
- August 2008 HCCC is selected to participate in the SUNY China 150 program. Eleven students from Sichuan Province, China will study for two semesters, beginning in the fall 2008 semester, as full-time students at HCCC.

- August 2008 To improve student academic success, the Enrollment Management Office pilots a retention initiative through the Perkins Grant. This initiative includes the establishment of a Retention Office, development of necessary reports, and initiation of an early warning system.
- August 11, 2008 Dr. Ann Marie Murray officially begins work as the third president of Herkimer County Community College.
- September 2008 The HCCC Child Care Center expands its services to include children ages 18 to 36 months. The Center previously serviced only preschoolers. The expansion is expected to help meet the demand for toddler care in the local area, and to help support recruitment of non-traditional students.
- September 2008 HCCC expands its environmental conservation and waste reduction program to include several new initiatives. One initiative implemented is the first food composting program on a college campus in the two-county region.
- September 2008 HCCC Athletic Director Donald Dutcher is named National Junior College Athletic Association Region III Athletic Director of the Year.
- October 2008 HCCC participates in the “Remember Our Fallen Stars” tribute. A mural with 208 stars, each including the name, rank and hometown of a veteran killed in Iraq or Afghanistan was displayed.
- November 2008 President Murray announces an amended campus safety and security plan at a press conference. The plan includes 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 comes 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 Central 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.
- January 2009 HCCC’s men’s soccer coach Pepe Aragon is named National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas Junior College National Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career.
- February 2009 Assistant Professor of Biology Jennifer Herzog publishes two articles “ASMCUE 2009” and “Journal Watch” in *Focus on Microbiology Education (FOME)*.
- February 2009 In recognition of Herkimer County Community College’s distinguished record of National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) championship titles, the Town of Herkimer is now officially named “TitleTown NJCAA.” Town of Herkimer Supervisor Dominic Frank presents a proclamation to HCCC President Ann Marie Murray and

Athletic Director Donald Dutcher at an event held at the College. The proclamation recognizes 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.

- March 2009 The Middle States Commission on Higher Education conducted a three-day visit to assess a comprehensive self-study completed by the College. In the team's report to the Commission, the MSA team commended the institution on its committed and dedicated faculty, staff and administration, the strong and appropriately focused board participation and the appropriate emphasis on collaboration and participatory management brought about under the leadership of the new president, Dr. Ann Marie Murray. The report found compliance with most of the 14 standards, but cited additional work needed on a forthcoming strategic plan and expansion of its ongoing assessment activities across all units of the campus including student learning outcomes for courses and programs. The College's self-study was completed by a steering committee made up of 10 faculty and staff and chaired by Professor Mary Jo Kelley.
- March 2009 The Board of Trustees approve a resolution requiring all out of county new matriculated applicants, to have a high school GPA of 65 or above, or a GED score of 2400 to gain immediate admission to HCCC. Those out of county students failing to meet this criteria will be placed on a "wait list." This new policy is effective with the Spring 2010 semester. This initiative is expected to improve academic success, retention, and graduation rates of students.
- April 2009 Dr. Ann Marie Murray is inaugurated as the third President of HCCC. An inauguration ceremony, held in the Sarkus-Busch Theater, was attended by hundreds of college and community members. An inaugural gala followed that evening in the RMCC lobby with proceeds to benefit the HCC Foundation.
- May 2009 Associate Professor of English Thomas Barthel publishes Baseball's Peerless Semipro: The Brooklyn Bushwicks of Dexter Park.
- May 2009 Kelcy Newman of Newport, NY is among 238 students from 63 SUNY campuses to receive the 2009 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- May 2009 Associate Professor of English Cynthia Gabriel is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award for Excellence in Faculty Service was presented to Professor of Social Science Mary Jo Kelley. Admissions Assistant Clare Burth received the award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- June 2009 The College receives a Statement of Accreditation Status from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education with a warning citing a lack of evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with Standard 2 (Planning, Resource Allocation, and institutional renewal), Standard 7 (Institutional Effectiveness) and Standard 14 (Assessment of Student Learning).

- June 2009 Timothy F. Dunn of Mohawk is reappointed to a seven year term by the Herkimer County Legislature as a member of the Board of Trustees of Herkimer County Community College.
- July 2009 HCCC's women's swim team is named 2008-2009 National Academic Team of the Year with an overall GPA of 3.52.
- August 2009 SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher visits HCCC as part of a summer tour of the 64 SUNY campuses in which she is meeting with and learning from students, faculty, administrators, community leaders and other stakeholders on the future of New York's public higher education system. The summer tour is Zimpher's first step in a collaborative process to create a strategic plan for the SUNY system.
- August 2009 In year two of the retention initiative, the College reaches its highest fall to spring retention rate in its history of 84.1%. Efforts include the establishment of an emeriti faculty call center, utilization of technology for early alerts and development of specialized interventions.
- September 2009 Associate Professor of English Thomas Barthel publishes an article on General Abner Doubleday in *Memories and Dreams*.
- November 2009 The Torchbearer Award is presented to Dr. Robert Dorrance (Herkimer), Mrs. Grace McLaughlin (Herkimer), Mr. John H. Thayer (Rome) and Mr. Robert E. VanDusen (Frankfort).
- January 2010 HCCC offers two new associate degree programs, Digital Filmmaking (A.S) and Gender Studies (A.A.). Both programs have been approved by the State University of New York and the State Education Department.
- February 2010 HCCC and SUNYIT sign a joint international articulation agreement with China West Normal University (CWNU) in Sichuan, China. The program allows CWNU students, after completing their first year of study in China, to transfer to HCCC for the second year in one of several business programs. Upon completion of the associate degree, students will be able to transfer to SUNYIT to complete the bachelor's degree in designated majors. This is the first international articulation agreement HCCC has entered into.
- March 2010 HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder (West Winfield) is awarded the Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service, given by the New York Community College Trustees, Inc.
- April 2010 HCCC Bursar Debra Sutliff is named a "Campus Angel" by OnPoint for College.
- April 2010 Robert E. Baber '74 (Utica) and James N. Walczak '72 (Herkimer) are inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor.
- April 2010 The Herkimer County College Foundation hosts the second annual President's Gala on-campus with proceeds to benefit the work of the Foundation. Catered by the

Waterfront Grille, the event includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner/dessert stations, silent auction and entertainment by Frankie Michaels.

- April 2010 Brittany Varin (Ellenburg Depot) is named to the All-New York Academic Team for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society as one of 59 students from SUNY and CUNY campuses.
- April 2010 Bayla Akulin (Oneonta) and Brittany Varin (Ellenburg Depot) are among 288 students from 63 SUNY campuses who receive the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- April 2010 HCCC enters into several new online transfer articulation agreements with Charter Oak State College, an online only college located in New Britain, CT.
- May 2010 Melissa Tundo (Watertown) receives the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award.
- May 2010 Women's track & field wins the NJCAA National Championship, their second national title in three years.
- May 2010 Christopher Barkley (Cape Town, South Africa) is selected as the Alumnus of the Year.
- May 2010 HCCC's Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society receives special commendation for fulfilling all requirements to be named a One Star Chapter.
- May 2010 An honorary SUNY Doctor of Humane Letters degree is conferred on President Emeritus Robert McLaughlin at the College's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual commencement ceremony. This is the first honorary degree conferred in the College's history. Another highlight of the 2010 Commencement ceremony is an unexpected visit from U.S. Senator Charles Schumer who delivers an address to the graduates.
- June 2010 HCCC places second in the NATYCAA Cup competition, the sixth consecutive year placing in the top five.
- June 2010 HCCC's Child Care Center earns accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- June 2010 A new scoreboard and decorative walk lights are added to the women's softball field.
- June 2010 The Board of Trustees approves a strategic plan for the College titled "Mapping Our Future: Herkimer County Community College Strategic Plan 2010-2015." The new plan includes a new mission statement, vision statement, core values, strategic goals, objectives and action items.
- June 2010 Herkimer County Community College and the Frankfort Fire Department enter into an agreement to offer a housing option for students enrolled in the EMT/Paramedic program at HCCC. Approved students will stay in housing provided by the Frankfort Fire Department in exchange for 25-duty time or on-call hours of service per week.

- July 2010 Assistant Professor of English Lisa Elwood-Farber publishes an article “Harriet Wilson’s *Our Nig*: A Look at the Historical Significance of a Novel that Exposes a Century’s Worth of Hypocritical Ideology” in *Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.
- July 2010 Six faculty members travel to China to teach high school students through the Bright Vision Education Group.
- July 2010 Herkimer College places second in the 2009-10 National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup competition. Herkimer College has placed in the top five of the competition since its inception in 2004.
- August 2010 Dr. Michael McCaskey, of Richfield Springs, begins his tenure as Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs. McCaskey brings 23 years of experience as an educator and administrator. He has served as dean for the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources at SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill since 2006.
- August 2010 The Academic Support Center is awarded Level Two Advanced Tutor Certification and is recertified for a five-year term at Level One by the College Reading and Learning Association’s International Tutor Certification Program.
- August 2010 Herkimer County Community College partners with Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI), to conduct a study of the economic contributions of the College. According to EMSI, HCCC’s total impact amounts to an estimated \$75 million in added income in Herkimer County each year, equal to approximately 6.3% of the total Herkimer County economy.
- September 2010 The Board of Trustees approves a resolution to increase the required high school GPA for out-of-county new matriculated applicants from 65 to 68 (alternatives to this requirement for 500 or higher SAT score on the English and Math sections, a 21 or higher composite score on the ACT score, six or more credits earned with a 2.0 GPA or higher for transfer students). The change is effective with the spring 2011 semester and is expected to continue to improve the academic success, retention and graduation rates of students.
- September 2010 The Middle States Review team visits the campus to evaluate progress on institutional planning consisting of the Strategic Plan, Mapping our Future 2010-2015, the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and the Assessment Plan. The MSCHE team delivers a very positive report at the conclusion of their visit. A final decision by the Middle States Commission is expected in November.
- September 2010 Alyssa Sanders of Amsterdam was named a recipient of the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarship. Sanders was one of 30 Phi Theta Kappa members from 20 states to receive this award.
- November 2010 The Middle States Commission on Higher Education notifies the College of its reaccreditation for a period of 10 years.

- November 2010 A ribbon cutting is held for the new Center for Global Learning located in the lower level of the Library building. The Center brings the Office of International Programs and the ESL faculty offices and classrooms together in one area. By providing engaging and inviting educational programs, the Center will be an important resource in meeting the College's vision of helping to prepare all students to become productive citizens engaged in a global society.
- November 2010 Michael S. Testa, Frankfort, is appointed by New York State Governor David A. Paterson to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees. Testa's appointment is for a term of seven years to expire in 2017. He replaces David S. Armstrong Jr. of Little Falls, who served on the Board since 2001.
- November 2010 The Office of International Programs is recognized by the Genesis Group as an "Outstanding Program."
- December 2010 Baseball coach Jason Rathbun is named the Diamond Sports ABCA Regional Coach of the Year for NJCAA Division III.
- January 2011 Jean Foster Akin, Schaghticoke, NY a Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities major has a short story published in the 2010 edition of Phi Theta Kappa's *Nota Bene*.
- January 2011 Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon is named vice president of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Soccer Coaches Association.
- February 2011 Herkimer County Community College and State University of New York Empire State sign a Pathways Transfer Program agreement which broadens access and opportunity for HCCC students seeking to earn a bachelor's degree.
- March 2011 The men's baseball team is honored at the American Red Cross Great Heroes Breakfast. The team received the 2011 Youth Leadership Award.
- March 2011 The Board of Trustees approves emeritus status for Associate Professor Thomas Barthel, Professor Peter Clarke and Professor Lynn Martin.
- April 2011 Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Gary Luther is recognized with the Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service.
- April 2011 Mary Katherine Maneen of Frankfort and Gusavo Pereira of West Yarmouth MA are among 249 students from SUNY campuses throughout the State to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- May 2011 A new academic program in Criminal Justice: Crime and Intelligence Analysis (A.A.S.) is approved by the State Education Department and will enroll students starting in the fall of 2011.
- May 2011 The Foundation sponsors a Midnight Breakfast for students during finals week. Approximately 400 students are served by several administrators, faculty and staff.

- May 2011 A new transfer agreement with SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill is announced. Graduates of Herkimer's Business Administration A.S. degree with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average will be guaranteed admission into the Agricultural Business Management Bachelor of Technology degree.
- May 2011 Assistant Professor Steven Thomas Mezik is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Director of Financial Aid Susan K. Tripp is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- May 2011 The College graduates the largest class in the history of the College with 608 students certified with associate degrees and certificates. This brings the total number of alumni to 19,351.
- May 2011 A CyberSecurity Research Center is created to enable students in the discipline to learn from real-world experience.
- June 2011 The Athletic Department wins second place in the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup.
- June 2011 The College announces the new Athletic Hall of Fame with inductions to be held during the Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend.
- August 2011 Robert E. Brenchley, Herkimer, is appointed by the Herkimer County Legislature to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees on July 27, 2011. His term expires June 30, 2016.
- August 2011 A new transfer agreement with Sage College of Albany (SCA) is established. Graduates of Herkimer's Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science A.S. program can transfer into Sage College of Albany's B.S. in Applied Biology-DPT-Physical Therapy preparation program.
- September 2011 Herkimer County Community College holds its first ever Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Five individuals are honored who made extraordinary contributions to the College through intercollegiate athletics. The 2011 inaugural class includes: Thomas LaPuma, professor emeritus and former athletic director; John W. (Jack) Alofs, retired men's basketball coach (posthumously awarded); Dwight Barnett '06, men's soccer; Sharon Gleasman-Howell '79, multi-sport athlete; and Dr. Frederick Douglass Opie '87, men's lacrosse.
- September 2011 The annual Fall Fest is renamed Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend, and special alumni activities, such as an Alumni BBQ, are included in the events schedule.
- November 2011 Herkimer County Community College Professor of Social Science William Pelz is selected as a team leader in the University of South Africa's (UNISA) signature course project. The project goal is to design and implement six signature courses, one for each of the six UNISA colleges, for online distance learning. Pelz is leading the team for the College of Human Sciences.
- November 2011 Herkimer County Community College men's basketball team is ranked number one among Division III teams in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic



Association. This is the first time in the history of the basketball program that Herkimer has ranked first in the national poll.

- November 2011 The men's soccer team wins its eighth NJCAA national championship.
- December 2011 A transfer articulation agreement with SUNY Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) is established. This articulation agreement provides graduates of the Liberal Arts & Sciences: Communication Arts: New Media (A.S.) program with a transfer path to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Communication and Information Design at SUNYIT.
- January 2012 Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon is named National Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). This is the fifth time Aragon has received national honors and Aragon is second only to legendary Indiana University men's coach Jerry Yeagley, who won the award six times. Aragon also was named Regional Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for Division III North.
- February 2012 A transfer articulation agreement is established in numerous programs with Morrisville State College. This agreement facilitates credit transfer and provides a smooth transition for students in Herkimer's Business: Accounting A.S. and Business: Business Administration A.S. into the Bachelor of Business Administration. This agreement also facilitates credit transfer for students in Business: Accounting A.S. and A.A.S., Business: Business Administration A.S. and A.A.S., Business: Human Resource Management A.A.S., Business: International Business A.S., Business: Marketing A.A.S., Computer Network Technician A.A.S., Computer Support Specialist A.A.S., Business: Small Business Management A.A.S. and Travel and Tourism: Hospitality and Events Management A.A.S. into the Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management. It also facilitates transfer for students in the Business: Accounting A.S. and A.A.S., Business: Business Administration A.S. and A.A.S., Business: Human Resource Management A.A.S., Business: International Business A.S., and Business: Marketing A.A.S. into the Bachelor of Technology in Technology Management.
- February 2012 The 2.8 million dollar Elements Campaign, an effort to raise funds for the renovation of the science wing and replacement of the Johnson Hall Roof, is completed. Fifty percent of the campaign's 2.8 million dollar goal was raised through the Herkimer County College Foundation and the other half secured through matching funds from New York State. The science wing will be named the Edward Manning Gaynor and Shirley Augar Gaynor Science Wing in recognition of a gift of \$300,000 from the Gaynor Trust.
- March 2012 The Herkimer Community Museum, located contiguous to the Frank J. Basloe Library in Herkimer, opens for educational groups and the public. The initiative began with the College entering into a two-year agreement with The International Museum Institute of New York (IMINY) for the use of its replicated artifacts and associated paintings and prints. Collaboration between the College, the Village of Herkimer, the Frank J. Basloe Library, Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES, and Herkimer

Now, a local revitalization group, resulted in a home for the artifacts in village-owned space.

- March 2012 Educators from the University of South Africa (UNISA) visit Herkimer County Community College as part of the University's signature course project. A public panel discussion on "South Africa in Transition: The Potential Impact of Higher Education on Cultural and Economic Prosperity" is moderated by Dr. Sabine O'Hara. The discussion provides a forum for the South African team to express their thoughts on the Signature Curriculum Initiative, and allows the HERKIMER COLLEGE community to learn about the UNISA system and South African in general.
- April 2012 Herkimer County Community College honors two alumni at the Alumni Hall of Honor. This year's recipients are Thomas Lake, Class of 1999 and Dr. Ronald Miers, Class of 1980 & 1994 (posthumously awarded). Thomas Lake of Atlanta, Georgia is a senior writer for Sports Illustrated Magazine. Dr. Ronald Miers was a Professor at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.
- April 2012 Matthew Marrotta of Frankfort and Michael Elleman of New Hartford are among 257 students from the SUNY campuses throughout the state to receive the 2012 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- April 2012 A new transfer agreement with Bellevue University for online study has been established. Students successfully completing any associate degree at HERKIMER COLLEGE will receive full recognition of that degree by Bellevue University toward the completion of the B.A., B.F.A., or B.S. degree programs.
- April 2012 Herkimer County Community College announces that graduates and faculty will be wearing caps and gowns made of 100 percent, post-consumer recycled plastic bottles at the College's commencement. The fabric is spun from molten plastic pellets, and on average takes 23 bottles to make each gown. The caps and gowns are made in Virginia.
- May 2012 Andrew Gregg, Homer NY becomes the first-ever Herkimer male athlete to become a track and field national champion. The track team earned seventh place in the 20-team meet giving their best performance at a national meet.
- May 2012 Sara Edenhofer, a freshman from Hilton NY, is one of 279 students from 64 SUNY campuses to be honored with the 2011-2012 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award. The award recognizes outstanding academic excellence and athletic achievement. Earlier in the semester, Sara won an individual national championship for Bowling.
- May 2012 Associate Professor Janemarie Verri receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Senior Account Clerk Diane Palmieri receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.
- May 2012 Renovations begin on the science laboratories and Johnson Hall roof.

- June 2012 Herkimer County Community College pitcher Willie Gabay of Mahopac, NY becomes the first Herkimer player ever selected in the Major League Baseball draft. He is chosen by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 15<sup>th</sup> round of the draft. Hassan Evans of Brooklyn is selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 38<sup>th</sup> round.
- June 2012 CNNMoney reports that Herkimer County Community College is ranked among the top 100 community colleges in the nation for 'student success,' based on federally-reported graduation and transfer rates.
- June 2012 The women's bowling team is named the 2011-2012 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for the highest team GPA (3.47) among all the women's bowling teams. Additionally, five HERKIMER COLLEGE teams were named recipients of 2011-2012 NJCAA All-Academic Team Awards: men's cross country, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, women's volleyball and women's softball.
- June 2012 A Computer Science (AS) degree is approved by SUNY and the State Education Department, and students are being enrolled for Fall 2012.
- July 2012 The National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) announces Herkimer's third place finish among Division III non-scholarship schools in its annual competition for the overall best athletic programs in the nation. HERKIMER COLLEGE has placed in the top five of the competition annually since the award was established in 2004.
- August 2012 Herkimer County Community College enters into a new transfer agreement with SUNY Institute of Technology for graduates of HERKIMER COLLEGE's Associate in Science degree in Computer Science. Students will receive 64 hours of transfer credit toward the 124 hours required for the B.S. degree.
- October 2012 Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder is honored with the Anne M. Bushnell Memorial Award for Special Achievement. Given by the New York Community College Trustees, Inc. (NYCCT). The award recognizes Snyder's extraordinary leadership and achievement throughout his term of service. Additionally, the Board of Trustees approves a resolution, at the recommendation of the Executive Council and HCC Foundation, to name the corridor connecting the Library to Johnson Hall for Mr. Donald Snyder.
- October 2012 A transfer articulation agreement is established with the College of Saint Rose. The agreement will facilitate the transfer of Herkimer graduates with an associate in science degree in Criminal Justice into the College of Saint Rose bachelor's degree program in Criminal Justice, Behavior and Law.
- October 2012 Dr. Theodore Wind, Little Falls is appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to the College Board of Trustees for a term of seven years.
- October 2012 A transfer articulation agreement is established with Burlington College. This articulation agreement is intended to facilitate the transfer of graduates from

Herkimer's associate in arts degree program in Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies into Burlington College's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts programs.

- October 2012 Herkimer County Community College launches a new partnership with Cazenovia College. HERKIMER COLLEGE students, who earn an associate degree in Criminal Justice or 60+ credits with prerequisites, will have transfer status into a Cazenovia College baccalaureate program in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies, to be offered on the HERKIMER COLLEGE campus in Herkimer.
- November 2012 The College holds a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Edward Manning and Shirley Augar Gaynor Science Center. The 2.8 million dollar project includes five new state-of-the-art science laboratories, a greenhouse and preparation room, as well as a new heating and cooling system and roof for Johnson Hall.
- November 2012 The men's soccer team wins its ninth NJCAA national championship.
- November 2012 Herkimer County Community College enters into a new transfer agreement with SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill. Graduates of Herkimer's Associate in Science degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences: Science who achieve a 2.25 minimum cumulative grade point average, will be guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science Biotechnology degree program and SUNY Cobleskill with full junior status.
- November 2012 The College unveils an updated Herkimer County Veteran's Wall of Honor in the lower level of the Robert McLaughlin College Center. The wall now includes campaign ribbons for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- December 2012 Men's soccer midfielder Korab Sylva is named the 2012 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Junior College National Player of the Year. Midfielder Raphael Carvalho has been named to the first ever NSCAA Junior College Men's Soccer Scholar All-America team.
- March 2013 The College establishes a transfer articulation agreement in Business Administration with the College of Saint Rose.
- March 2013 Senior Sarah Foley of Rome wins the All-Events National Champion, earning her Tournament MVP, National Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American in women's bowling.
- April 2013 Seniors Abby Black of Turin and Shane Delameter of Arkville are among 243 students from SUNY campuses to receive the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- April 2013 The Herkimer Community Museum hosts a one-year anniversary. The museum has had over 1,000 visitors.
- May 2013 Senior Stephanie Siriano, Sherrill, a softball player, receives the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award for 2012-2013.

- May 2013 The College Now program is reaccredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).
- May 2013 Sharon Gleasman-Howell, Professor of Physical Education receives the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Associate Dean of Continuing Education Linda Contino Lamb receives the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Bonnie Wezalis, Office Assistant II, receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.
- May 2013 The women's softball team wins the program's first national championship at the World Series in Rochester, Minnesota. Tina Karaqi, Thornwood, is named the National Tournament MVP and Outstanding Offensive Player.
- May 2013 With the Class of 2013, Herkimer County Community College officially has more than 20,000 student graduates since its inception.
- May 2013 The Herkimer County Legislature issues a proclamation declaring Tuesday, May 21, 2013 a "Day of Reflection and Recognition" in Herkimer County to recognize the members of first responder and public safety agencies for their brave service in reacting to the tragic shootings in the Villages of Mohawk and Herkimer on March 13, 2013. To mark the occasion, remember the victims, and honor the members of these agencies, the County, in conjunction with the College, concluded the day with a "Reflection and Recognition" event at the College.
- June 2013 The College announces its second class to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend to be held in October 2013. The selections are: Jeanne Galvin, associate professor emeritus and field hockey coach; Todd Allen '07 baseball; Eileen Coyle '07 women's soccer; Cynthia Wetmore '80 multi-sport athlete; John Fornino, contributor; and the 1987 Field Hockey Team, Herkimer's first ever national championship team.
- July 2013 Chairman of the Board of Trustees Donald Snyder receives the dedication of the Donald J. Snyder Corridor (also known as "Don's Way) connecting the Library to Johnson Hall. The naming of this corridor recognizes Mr. Snyder for his love of the College and his many years of committed service.
- July 2013 In an effort to streamline enrollment services for incoming and continuing students, a new consolidated student service center is established in the College Center. The initiative involves locating the Admission, Financial Aid, and the Registrar's and Student Account's offices together, as well as the Advisement and Counseling offices together.
- July 2013 The cafeteria/kitchen receives a renovation of approximately \$1 million. The renovated facilities will allow the college to accommodate increased usage by students, create easier access to the cafeteria by allowing a better flow of traffic and provide for the installation of air conditioning to the area.

October 2013

Herkimer County Community College holds its second induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2013 class includes: Jeanne Galvin, associate professor emeritus and field hockey, basketball, volleyball and softball coach; Cynthia Wetmore '80, field hockey, basketball and softball; Todd Allen '07 baseball; Eileen Coyle '07 women's soccer; John Fornino, contributor; and the 1987 Field Hockey Team, Herkimer's first ever national championship team.

Herkimer County Community College announces new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) degree programs in Mobile Applications Development (A.A.S.); Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics (A.S.); Quality Assurance-Business (A.S.); and Computer Science (A.S.).

A new transfer articulation agreement in Business: Fashion Buying & Merchandising (A.A.S.) with LIM College of New York is established. Degree graduates of Herkimer will enter LIM College with full junior status and be guaranteed acceptance into the B.B.A. provided they graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

November 2013

For the third consecutive year, the men's soccer team wins the NJCAA national championship. This is the program's tenth national championship.

President Ann Marie Murray announces her retirement after serving as the College's third president for five and a half years.

A new transfer articulation agreement with Sage College of Albany for graduates in Herkimer's Criminal Justice A.S. program is established. Students successfully completing the Herkimer program will be accepted into the Bachelor of Science degree in Law and Society. Sage College agrees to accept and transfer into the B.S. program up to 66 credit hours earned by students who have completed Herkimer's A.S. in Criminal Justice. Courses of C- or better will transfer.

December 2013

Herkimer College appoints Vice President for Administration and Finance Nicholas F. Laino to Officer in Charge upon the departure of retiring President Ann Marie Murray.

January 2014

The Herkimer County Legislature appoints William M. Gregory of Frankfort to the Herkimer County Community Board of Trustees.

Herkimer County Community College receives approval from the State Education Department to offer an Engineering Science program. The associate in science degree will prepare students for transfer to a four-year engineering program in mechanical, civil, electrical or environmental engineering.

Herkimer County Community College unveils results of a brand development initiative. The new college logo includes the words "The State University of New York" and features the traditional college seal. A new Herkimer Generals logo is also revealed. New websites for the college and athletics are launched with optimal user navigation as a priority and the goal of two clicks or less to get to any information.

- February 2014      The Aspen Institute names Herkimer County Community College as one of Top 150 community colleges in the Country. The Aspen Institute identified the top 150 community colleges through an assessment of institutional performance, improvement, and equity on student retention and completion measures.
- March 2014      Herkimer College opens a new Commuter Student Resource Center, located in the Robert McLaughlin College Center, room 223. The purpose of the Commuter Center is to help commuter and off-campus students feel connected to others and to provide relevant information to aid in balancing home, social and academic responsibilities.
- Herkimer County Community College announces three honorees to receive the 2014 Torchbearer Awards: Dean Emeritus Robert Campo (Ilion), Associate Dean Emeritus David Champoux (Bluffton, SC) and Professor Emeritus Thomas LaPuma (Frankfort). A ceremony is planned for fall 2014.
- A new transfer articulation agreement with the University of Albany for graduates of Herkimer's Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics program is established. The maximum number of transfer credits will be applied to the Mathematics degree program at the University at Albany.
- Herkimer College recognizes 23 students selected for the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
- April 2014      Herkimer College seniors Kathryn M. Dolly (Herkimer), Kayla Guidi (Herkimer) and Avery McLemore (Poughkeepsie) are selected for the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- Herkimer College students Jonathan M. Knickerbocker and Lauren E. Robinson are among 68 SUNY & CUNY students named to the Phi Theta Kappa All New York Academic Team.
- New transfer articulation agreements for students in Music Industry with SUNY Oneonta and SUNY College at Oswego are established. Herkimer College students who have or will graduate with an A.S. degree in Communication Arts: Music Industry-Marketing concentration or Performance concentration will be admitted to the B.A. in Music Industry program at SUNY Oneonta with junior status. Herkimer College students who will graduate with an A.S. in Communication Arts: Music Industry-Performance concentration can transfer into SUNY College of Oswego B.A. in Music.
- The Board of Trustees selects search consultants, CollegeCEOs, Inc. to conduct the presidential search.
- May 2014      Short stories, poems, and artwork of Herkimer College students, alumni, emeritus, and staff are shown in the relaunch of the College's literary magazine, *Phaethon*.

Two Herkimer College student athletes receive the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award for 2014. Wendall Williams from Syracuse, majoring in Business: Sports & Recreation Management and a member of the men's track & field and basketball teams and Delaney Buckley of Utica, majoring in Business: Sports & Recreation Management and a member of the softball team.

Two individual national championships are won by track and field freshman Victoria Campanian who posted an 11:22.94 in the 3,000-meter Steeplechase and a 40:30.69 in the 10,000-meter Run. Four national championships are won by sophomore Wendall Williams in the 100-meter dash (10.57), 200-meter dash (21.33), long jump (7.66m) and 4x100-meter relay (42.35). Combining with Williams in the 4x100 was Mich Brutus, Thomas Gibbs IV and Joseph Shinn. Shinn, also won a national championship in the 110-meter hurdles with 14.52. The season's sixth national championship for the men was won by Jack Minasi who jumped his farthest distance of the season in the long jump, leaping 14.11 meters.

Head Baseball Coach Jason Rathbun wins his 300<sup>th</sup> game on May 18, 2014 against Erie Community College in the Region III Final Four.

June 2014

Jeff Roche, of Middleville, NY, is appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to the Board of Trustees, effective June 3, 2014. His term expires June 30, 2020.

Vice President for Administration and Finance and Officer in Charge, Nicholas F. Laino, is appointed Interim President by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Herkimer College places first in the 2013-2014 National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup competition, ranking the college first in the nation among two-year non-scholarship athletic programs. Herkimer has placed in the top five of the competition since the award's inception in 2004.

August 2014

The Herkimer County Legislature approves a \$200,000 appropriation in support of the College Now program. High school students enrolled in participating schools may enroll tuition-free in Herkimer College's concurrent enrollment program, College Now, providing them the opportunity to take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers at no cost.

The Herkimer Community Museum, featuring exhibits of replicated artifacts on Paleozoic fossils, dinosaurs, and ancient Egypt and located in the village of Herkimer, closes upon completion of its grant funding cycle.

September 2014

Herkimer College Head Men's Soccer Coach Pepe Aragon wins his 300<sup>th</sup> game on Thursday, September 4, 2014 in a 5-1 victory over Onondaga Community College at Wehrum Stadium bringing his record to 300-27-14. Aragon is on a short list of Herkimer College coaches to have accomplished this feat. Herkimer has been led by



Aragon for the last 17 seasons, accumulating seven national championships during that time.

Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees Chair Isabella S. Crandall receives the Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service. Given by New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT), the award recognizes community college trustees with dedicated and effective service over an extended period of time.

October 2014

State University of New York Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher announces that two Herkimer College degree programs, Paralegal (A.A.S.) and Quality Assurance-Business (A.S.), have been added to Open SUNY+, the university system's signature online learning initiative. An additional 54 degrees and certificates at 16 other SUNY schools have also been added to Open SUNY+. While all of SUNY's online offerings, including more than 400 degree programs and 12,000 course sections, are a part of Open SUNY, those powered by "Open SUNY+" feature additional support services for students and faculty.

Herkimer College inducts Carolyn Bergeron '03 and Jeffrey S. Carpenter '87 into the Alumni Hall of Honor.

Herkimer College honors Dr. Robert Campo, David Champoux, and Thomas LaPuma with the 2015 Torchbearer Award. All three honorees are emeriti of the College. They join 19 previous Torchbearer Award recipients who have made substantial contributions to the College's development, particularly those made during the first 20 years of the College's history.

Herkimer College enters into a new transfer agreement with SUNY Potsdam. Herkimer graduates with an A.A. or A.S. degree will be provided a seamless transfer into SUNY Potsdam.

Herkimer College enters into a new transfer agreement with Morrisville State College. The agreement will facilitate credit transfer and provide a smooth transition for Herkimer College students in the Mobile Applications Development program into the Bachelor of Technology/Information Technology Degree programs at Morrisville State College.

November 2014

The Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees announces four finalists for the position of president. Campus forums with each of the candidates are to be held in December 2014.

St. John Fisher College and Herkimer College announce a 2+2 partnership agreement, ensuring a seamless transition for Herkimer students looking to complete their baccalaureate degree. The program will require students enrolled at Herkimer to complete two years of prescribed coursework for an associate's degree, and then continue their coursework at Fisher, where they can earn a bachelor's degree from most programs in just two years.

Cross country runner Victoria Campanian (Glenfield) earns an individual NJCAA DIII National Championship at Finger Lakes Community College with a time of 20:05.7 earning the first individual national championship for the program since 1996.

December 2014

Herkimer College Board of Trustees passes a resolution granting emeritus status to four retirees. Ronald Carvin, of Waterville, NY was appointed professor emeritus. Sally Durkee, of Herkimer, NY, was appointed associate professor emeritus. James Bruce Schwabach, of Ilion, NY was appointed associate professor emeritus. Henry Testa, of Ilion, NY, was appointed associate dean emeritus.

Herkimer College enters into a transfer agreement with Upstate Medical University. The agreement will facilitate the transition of qualified students from Herkimer College's Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science program into a Bachelor of Science at Upstate Medical University in one of the following upper division programs: Medical Imaging Radiography (X-ray), Medical Imaging Sciences/Ultrasound, Medical Technology, Medical Biotechnology, Radiation Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy.

January 2015

The State University of New York Board of Trustees approves a resolution to appoint Dr. Cathleen C. McColgin as the fourth president of Herkimer County Community College. Dr. McColgin has served as provost and senior vice president of Onondaga Community College since 2008. She will begin her tenure on or around June 1, 2015.

Herkimer College hosts National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup Night on January 28, 2015 during the men's basketball game vs. Mohawk Valley Community College. A special presentation recognizing the 2013-2014 NATYCAA Cup award takes place during halftime.

February 2015

Herkimer College enters into a new transfer agreement with SUNY Fredonia. The agreement will guarantee Herkimer students who complete an Associate in Science (A.S.) in Communications Arts: Music Industry transfer into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration with a concentration in Music Industry at SUNY Fredonia.

March 2015

"HCTV News" returns to the air after a brief hiatus to install a new studio set donated by local TV station WKTV.

Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Oriolo is named Provost.

April 2015

Herkimer College seniors Korey Bunal (Rome) and Rhiannon Steele (Little Falls) are selected for the 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

May 2015

The Associated Press New York State Broadcasters Awards nominates "HCTV News" for outstanding student produced news coverage. "HCTV News" is nominated in two categories, "Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast" and "Best News Story."

Professor Janice Jenny receives emeritus status. Jenny was instrumental in the development of the College's Fashion Buying and Merchandising program, the

establishment of the vintage clothing collection for the program, and the design of the fashion classroom. She retired in 2014 after more than 26 years of teaching.

Controller Jackie Woudenberg receives the 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Woudenberg is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all details of the finances of the College and for the oversight of the offices of the Bursar, Payroll, Purchasing and Finance.

Herkimer College now offers an associate in applied science degree program in Laboratory Technology. The program is the latest of several new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs introduced at Herkimer College.

The Herkimer County College Foundation holds the Green and Gold Event to raise funds for the recently established athletic endowment. The event features former New York Mets legend Mookie Wilson and former Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner, as well as mentalist and speed painter Robert Channing.

Upon completing a temporary appointment as Interim President, Nicholas F. Laino receives Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance position.

June 2015

Dr. Cathleen McColgin officially begins her tenure as the fourth president of Herkimer College on June 1, 2015.

For the second consecutive year, Herkimer is ranked first in the nation among NJCAA non-scholarship athletic programs by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), based on athletic success in championship competition.

July 2015

Herkimer College ranks second best community college in New York State by the website, [www.schools.com](http://www.schools.com), based on the following 2013-14 metrics: student-to-faculty ratio, distance education participation, affordability of tuition, flexibility, graduation rates, retention rates and transfer rates. Schools.com ranked 39 community colleges in New York State, each of which is administrated by the City University of New York (CUNY) or State University of New York (SUNY) system.

August 2015

Governor Andrew Cuomo appoints Mark M. Ainsworth OD, of Herkimer, NY, to the Board of Trustees with a term to expire June 20, 2022. Governor Cuomo also appoints Joan Prymas, of Ilion, NY, to the Board of Trustees with a term to expire June 30, 2018. Both appointments are effective August 11, 2015.

October 2015

The College inducts its third class into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The selections are: Pepe Aragon '89, P.J. Henriques '88, Charlie LaQuay, Technical Assistant, Athletics, Sarah Lazarus '05; Paul Wehrum, Head Men's Lacrosse Coach 1980-2003; and the 1988 men's lacrosse team.

October 2015

The Community College Humanities Association awards the 'Phaethon' second place among small colleges in the eastern division in its 2015 Literary Magazine Competition. Individually, Zach Vercz (Mohawk, NY) places first in the short stories

category for his work *“Poppy Seeds and Prince Harry”*; Shunyu Yao (Herkimer, NY) places first in the artwork category for his work *“Untitled”*; and Xavier Goins (Lacona, NY) places third in the artwork category for his work *“Untitled”*.

- October 2015 The Herkimer County Legislature reappoints Alfred A. Barbato of Schulyer, NY to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees. His term expires in 2021.
- November 2015 The Middle States Commission on Higher Education accepts Herkimer College’s Periodic Review Report to reaffirm reaccreditation and requests a progress report, due April 1, 2017, documenting further evidence of a systematic and sustained process for institutional assessment and evidence that results are used in planning, resource allocation and renewal and to gain improvements in the total range of programs and services (Standards 2, 3 and 7).
- December 2015 Head Men’s Basketball Coach Matt Lee wins his 300<sup>th</sup> career game.
- December 2015 Herkimer College Associate Professor of English Lisa Elwood Farber publishes an article called *“Mothering, Mothers and the Historical Representations of Black Motherhood in Fiction: Barbara Chase-Riboud’s Sally Hemings”* in the anthology *Black Motherhood: Contours, Contexts, and Considerations* for Demeter Press edited by Karen T. Craddock.
- February 2016 Herkimer College enters into a new transfer agreement with Charter Oak State College. Students completing an associate degree in Criminal Justice: Cybersecurity will be able to transfer up to 87 credits into a bachelor’s degree in Cybersecurity at Charter Oak State College.
- February 2016 The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program names Herkimer County Community College as one of the nation’s top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds.
- February 2016 Herkimer College ranks among the most affordable accredited online colleges in the nation for two associate degree programs and one certificate program by OnlineU. Herkimer was 8<sup>th</sup> for Medical Billing and Coding, 16<sup>th</sup> for Accounting and 17<sup>th</sup> for Criminal Justice. Rankings are based on annual out-of-state tuition rates for 2015-2016 across the most popular online degree subjects.
- March 2016 Herkimer College enters into new transfer agreements with SUNY Canton. The agreements guarantee Herkimer students a smooth transition upon completion of the following degree programs: A.S. in Computer Science into Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology, A.A.S. in Criminal Justice: Crime and Intelligence Analysis into Bachelor of Technology in Criminal Investigation, A.A.S. in Criminal Justice: Crime and Intelligence Analysis into Bachelor of Technology in Homeland Security, A.S. in Engineering Science into Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering Technology, A.A.S. in Human Services into Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology, A.A. in Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies into Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology, A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies into Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management, A.S. in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics into

Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering Technology, A.S. in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science into Bachelor of Technology in Industrial Technology Management.

- March 2016 Students Rhiannon Steele and Jayre Reynoso-Alcantara are two of only 77 students from across New York State to be honored with the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Scholar Award.
- April 2016 Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D., is inaugurated as the fourth president of Herkimer County Community College.
- April 2016 Herkimer County Community College Assistant Professor of Human Services Christina Bobesky publishes an article with Matthew Mulvaney in the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies for the Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, titled *Ukrainian and American identities as predictors of marital and parenting attitudes within the acculturating Ukrainian-American community*.
- April 2016 Herkimer County Community College seniors Timothy McKenzie of Central Islip, NY and Lindsey Parese of Herkimer, NY receive the 2016 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- May 2016 The Internet Academy is the recipient of the 2016 State University of New York Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (SUNY FACTT) Award for Instructional Support.
- May 2016 A new transfer agreement with Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) will guarantee Herkimer College students a smooth transition upon completion of the A.A.S. Business: Fashion Buying and Merchandising degree program with a grade point average of 3.0 into the following degree programs at Fashion Institute of Technology: B.S. Direct and Interactive Marketing, B.S. Entrepreneurship for the Fashion and Design Industries, B. S. Home Products Development, B.S. International Trade and Marketing for the Fashion Industries, B.S. Production Management.
- May 2016 Herkimer County Community College announces a new associate in science degree program in Recreational Leadership. The college is accepting students into the program starting with the fall 2016 semester.
- May 2016 Herkimer College student-athletes Nicole Doolen and Patrick Dorrian receive the 2016 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. They are among only 78 recipients from 42 campuses statewide to receive the award.
- May 2016 Tabitha Carter, Coordinator for the Internet Academy, is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Professional Service, and Assistant Professor of English Andrew Devitt receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. They are recognized at an employee recognition ceremony and during the Commencement ceremony.

- June 2016 The Children’s Center, along with child care staff Kathleen Netti and Toni Montana are awarded the ‘Friend of Children Award’ by the Child Care Council of Cornell Cooperative Extension. The Children’s Center is recognized for its family-friendly services and demonstrated leadership in establishing family-friendly policies which allow Herkimer College employees, students and community parents the ability to balance work, school and family. Netti and Montana were recognized individually for their direct influence in providing excellent care and education to children.
- June 2016 In partnership with four other NYS community colleges, Herkimer College receives an Achieving the Dream (ATD) grant to create new degree programs using high quality open educational resources (OER) in new degree programs. The initiative, which involves 38 community colleges in 13 states, is designed to help remove financial roadblocks that can derail students’ progress and spur improvements that will increase the likelihood of degree and certificate completion. Herkimer College will begin converting two online degree programs, Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies and Business: Health Services Management Technology, to what are called “Z-degrees.” All required and elective courses will move from publisher copyrighted textbooks to Open Educational Resources.
- July 2016 Erin B. Craig is appointed as Dean of Enrollment Management and will be responsible for developing, implementing and managing student recruitment and retention initiatives, supervising the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid, and providing leadership for the College’s Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee.
- July 2016 The Board of Trustees approve emeritus status for two retired faculty members: Associate Professor of Science Lorraine Siniscarco and Professor of Human Services/Social Science Mary Greene.
- July 2016 Professor Maryann Wrinn has a mixed media piece accepted and awarded into the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Cooperstown Art Association National Juried Art Exhibition. Professor Wrinn receives the Elsie M. Burch Memorial Prize for her mixed media collage ‘Liar’. It is one of 116 works of art selected from over 400 entries.
- July 2016 The Herkimer County Community College Athletic Department announces several changes to the intercollegiate sports programs offered. Effective with the fall 2016 semester, Herkimer College will suspend the women’s lacrosse and men’s tennis programs. Additionally, an intercollegiate junior varsity basketball club team will be added in the fall of 2016, and men’s and women’s golf teams will be offered beginning in the fall of 2017.
- August 2016 Alison Eyre Albright, of Old Forge, New York, is appointed by the Herkimer County Legislature to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2023. She will fill the seat formerly held by Robert Brenchley, whose term expired on June 30, 2016 after serving on the Board for five years.
- August 2016 Herkimer County Community College is ranked second best community college in New York State for the 2016-2017 academic year by EDsmart.org.

- August 2016 Herkimer County Community College kicks off its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with an event for employees, board members, dignitaries, at which a time capsule is filled, as well as a student celebration at Wehrum Stadium.
- September 2016 Assistant Professor of English Christian Avis releases his second novel entitled *Upshot: An Inquisitor Damulis Novel* with cover illustration by 2016 alum Xanthian Moon Lincoln.
- September 2016 Herkimer County Community College inducts Donald J. Snyder '04 of West Winfield, NY and Dartray Belk '06 of New York, NY to the Alumni Hall of Honor. The event is attended by 11 former inductees and a new Alumni Wall of Honor is unveiled in the Robert McLaughlin College Center lobby. In recognition of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the event is followed by a fireworks display.
- October 2016 Herkimer County Community College's Internet Academy is the recipient of the 2016 Institutional Achievement Award presented by the National University Technology Network (NUTN). The award recognizes effective use of technology in teaching and learning and/or organizational administration that is exemplary, demonstrating leadership and commitment, but also advancing the field as an institutional model.
- December 2016 Herkimer College men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon is named 2016 Region III Coach of the Year, for the fifth time in his career.
- January 2017 The Herkimer Generals women's soccer team is awarded the 2015-2016 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for exemplary performance in the classroom with an earned team grade point average of 3.16.
- April 2017 The SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence is awarded to Herkimer College students Justin Harley, of Central Islip, NY, and Milnalis Diese, of Bronx, NY.
- April 2017 Herkimer County Community College is ranked eighth by Schools.com on their 2017 list of best community colleges in New York State.
- April 2017 Herkimer College baseball coach Jason Rathbun earns his 400<sup>th</sup> win.
- April 2017 The Herkimer County Board of Trustees passes a resolution conferring the following emeriti: Alan Cronauer, Associate Dean Emeritus; Dr. Catherine Delorme, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Timothy McLean, Professor Emeritus; Guy Devitt, Associate Professor Emeritus and Debra Sutton, Associate Professor Emeritus.
- May 2017 Herkimer College student-athletes Justin Harley, from Central Islip, NY, and Chyanna Bernier, from Ilion, NY, receive the 2017 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement.
- May 2017 Herkimer College enters into new articulation agreements with SUNY Cortland (Recreation Leadership) and SUNY Cobleskill (Accounting, Business Administration, Marketing and Sports and Recreation Management).

- May 2017 A hand-crafted ceremonial mace is gifted to the College by President Cathleen C. McColgin and her husband Robert McColgin, in recognition of Herkimer County Community College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Crafted from American black cherry wood harvested from the campus property near the nature trail and designed and crafted by George and Theresa Olsen of Richmondville, NY, the mace features the official college seal cast in bronze on each of the four sides. A cage-type finial showcases a beautiful Herkimer Diamond donated by Gems Along the Mohawk. The College's 49<sup>th</sup> Commencement on May 19, 2017 marks the first academic ceremony at which the mace is carried. The first macebearer is Mr. William Pelz, professor and instructional designer for online learning. Mr. Pelz was appointed to the faculty in 1968 and is the longest tenured faculty member in the history of Herkimer College.
- May 2017 Lisa Lamanna-Johnson is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service, Wendy Marchese is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Associate Professor of Paralegal Dr. Mark Polkosnik is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Professor of History/Social Science Jeffrey Steele is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. They are recognized at an employee recognition ceremony and at the Commencement ceremony.
- June 2017 Herkimer College wins the 2016-2017 National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup, ranking the Herkimer Generals first in the nation among two-year non-scholarship athletic programs. This is the third time in four years that the Herkimer Generals have achieved this award.
- June 2017 The Middle States Commission on Higher Education grants Herkimer College continued full accreditation, following approval of the Progress Report submitted on April 1, 2017. The College remains accredited without any additional follow up reporting.
- June 2017 Herkimer College is named a 2017 Gem of Distinction by the Genesis Group at the 2017 Gems of Distinction Six County Regional Showcase held at Gems Along the Mohawk. Criteria for the honor includes being future oriented, creating unique sustainable efforts, developing team creativity and collaboration, displaying unusual leadership modeling, advancing regional commitment and serving as an economic generator. Gems of Distinction Class of 2017 includes Herkimer College, Observer Dispatch, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, Erie Canal, New York State Police and Remington Arms.
- August 2017 Financial services website, WalletHub, ranks Herkimer College #61 in the nation and #5 in New York State on their list of best community colleges for 2017.
- August 2017 Due to continued low enrollments, sluggish retention and graduation rates, significant program maintenance costs (equipment, technology, software and facilities), and decreased workforce demands, the Board of Trustees approved the discontinuation of the following programs: Digital Filmmaking (AS), Radio-Television Broadcasting (AAS) and Communication Arts: New Media (AS). This decision was made after a lengthy



program prioritization review process, and a subsequent comprehensive review conducted by program faculty, which included an analysis of enrollment trends, graduation and retention rates, employment outlooks, and other factors.

- October 2017 The Athletic Department is the recipient of the 2017 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Sportsmanship Award. The award recognizes member institutions that exhibit dedication to the honor and integrity of intercollegiate athletics and whose student-athletes and staff display outstanding sportsmanship during competition throughout the year.
- October 2017 Professor and Instructional Designer for Online Learning William Pelz presents on the design and implementation of student-determined learning activities and assessments at the World Conference on Online Learning in Toronto, Canada.
- October 2017 Herkimer County Community College is named one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. Herkimer College is selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize.
- December 2017 Herkimer County Community College and SUNY Cobleskill enter into a partnership agreement to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree on the Herkimer campus, starting in the fall of 2018.
- December 2017 The Physical Therapist Assistant (AAS) degree program is fully reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).
- February 2018 The Board of Trustees approves emeritus status for Professor Kalman Socolof. Professor Socolof was hired in 1979 as an instructor and was promoted to assistant professor in 1983, associate professor in 1993 and professor in 2003.
- March 2018 Senior Emma Vanderwerken is named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic team and is also recognized as a 2018 Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholar.
- April 2018 Patrick E. Russell, of Old Forge, is appointed by the Herkimer County Legislature to the Board of Trustees. Russell has served for 19 years on the Herkimer County Legislature representing the 15<sup>th</sup> district. Russell holds a Juris Doctorate from Regent University and a bachelor's degree in Health Education from Brockport State.
- April 2018 Brendan Murphy, of Whitesboro, NY and Emma Vanderwerken, of Frankfort, NY receive the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- April 2018 Herkimer College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Upsilon Epsilon, is one of 12 colleges in the New York region to receive a five-star designation. Five stars is the highest level of chapter recognition by Phi Theta Kappa.

- May 2018 Herkimer County Community College and the Little Falls Police Department partner to offer the Pre-Employment Police Basic Training certificate program at Herkimer College. The certificate is the first phase of pre-employment training and is equivalent to the Basic Course for Police Officers in New York State.
- May 2018 Three Herkimer College student-athletes receive the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. They are among only 84 recipients from the 64 SUNY campuses to receive the award. They are Chyanna Bernier of Ilion, NY, Mikayla Blumenstock of Poland, NY, and Shannon Moore of Norwich, NY.
- May 2018 Donald Dutcher, Director of Athletics, receives the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Dutcher has served as the Athletic Director for Herkimer College since October 2004. David Higgins, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, is presented with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Higgins joined the faculty 15 years ago and is a lawyer admitted to the NYS Bar Association.
- June 2018 Herkimer County Community College enters into a new articulation agreement with SUNY University at Buffalo. The agreement creates a seamless transfer into Buffalo's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree program for Herkimer College students who complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Science (AS) degree program.
- July 2018 The Herkimer Generals athletic program places second among two-year college non-scholarship athletic programs for the 2017-18 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup award. Herkimer has won first place in the NATYCAA Cup three times, and has placed in the top three every year since the award's inception, except 2009 when the program finished in fourth place.
- July 2018 Herkimer County Community College is ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation by [www.TheBestSchools.org](http://www.TheBestSchools.org) on their 2018 list of top online associate degree programs in Human Services.
- August 2018 The Herkimer County Board of Trustees passes a resolution to grant emeritus status to the following recently retired faculty: Karen Evans, Professor Emeritus; Sharon Howell, Professor Emeritus; MaryJo Kelley, Professor Emeritus and Patricia McDaniel, Professor Emeritus.
- August 2018 Herkimer College adds a JV baseball team for the spring 2019 season. Lane Potter, a two-year assistant coach with the varsity baseball team, is appointed head coach.
- August 2018 Herkimer College enters into a new transfer agreement with SUNY Cobleskill to provide a smooth transition into the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) upon completion of the Business: Fashion Buying and Merchandising A.A.S. degree at Herkimer College.

- August 2018 Herkimer College is nominated for the 2019 Bellwether Award for the Athletic Department. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges.
- September 2018 Herkimer College is ranked seventh by Schools.com on their 2018-2019 list of best community colleges in New York State.
- October 2018 Two Herkimer College students receive recognition from the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) for their contributions to the 2018 issue of the college's arts and literary publication Phaethon. Theodore J. Cook wins first place for his original script, "The Other Side of the Curtain", while GuiHua Gan, an international student from China wins third place for her ceramic sculpture "Longping."
- October 2018 Improvements to the nature trails at Herkimer College are made possible by funding provided by the Herkimer County College Foundation and Herkimer County HealthNet
- November 2018 Herkimer College establishes a new transfer agreement with SUNY Cortland. The agreement creates a seamless transfer into Cortland's Bachelor of Science Early Childhood and Childhood Education (ECD) program for Herkimer College students who complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Childhood Education (A.S.) program.
- November 2018 Career Connections and Herkimer College receive a national award for the Project SEARCH program. The award is given at the Annual Project SEARCH Conference in Savannah, GA recognizing the organizations for their collaboration to secure 100 percent placement for the first class of interns for jobs in the community earning at least minimum wage.
- November 2018 Michael Stalteri of Herkimer, NY, is appointed by the Herkimer County Legislature to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. He will fill the seat formerly held by Dr. Robert DeCarlo.
- December 2018 A graduation ceremony is held on December 19, 2018 at the Mohawk Correctional Facility, with about 70 people in attendance, including six of the eight graduates -- two had previously been released. In collaboration with Hamilton College, Colgate College, the Mohawk Correctional Facility, and a private funding source, Herkimer College offers college courses at Mohawk Correctional for inmates who qualify.
- January 2019 The Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees approves emeritus status for Associate Professor Nora Dusseault, Professor Paul Dusseault, Associate Professor Karen Nagle, Professor Gale Farley, and Professor William Pelz, the longest serving faculty member at Herkimer College, with 50 years of service.
- February 2019 Herkimer County Community College is ranked third by TheBestSchools.org on their 2018 list of best online associate degree programs in Legal Studies.
- March 2019 Herkimer County Community College is one of 48 colleges and universities to be awarded a grant from Truth Initiative® to adopt a 100 percent tobacco or smoke-free campus policy.

- March 2019 Herkimer College is ranked #1 by the SR Education Group on their 2019 list of best online community colleges in New York.
- March 2019 The men's basketball team wins the Region III championship and the NJCAA Division III National Championship. Head Coach Matt Lee is named the 2019 Spalding® NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. Derrick Felder is named 2019 Division III National Player of the Year and a First Team Division III All-American by the NJCAA
- April 2019 Herkimer College celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Internet Academy, which has grown to offer more than 150 courses, 20 degrees, and three certificates online.
- April 2019 Donald Dutcher is appointed Dean of Students/Director of Athletics with oversight of student affairs, including athletics, personal counseling, judicial affairs, student leadership and involvement, and residence life and housing. Dutcher has served as Director of Athletics since 2004, leading one of the most successful two-year college athletic programs in the nation.
- April 2019 Three new academic degree programs are announced: Communication and Media (A.S.), Supply Chain Management (A.A.S.) and Health Professions (A.S.). The three programs begin enrolling students for the fall of 2019.
- April 2019 Men's basketball standout Derrick Felder is selected by the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association to play in the 2019 NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches All-Star game presented by the NABC in Las Vegas. Herkimer's head coach Matt Lee is chosen to coach the Division II/III team for the All-Star game.
- April 2019 Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs for Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness Mary Ann Carroll is granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees, effective September 1, 2019. Carroll joined the faculty in 1986 as a junior instructor in the Applied Science and Technology division, was promoted to assistant professor in 2003, joined the administration in 2004 as an associate dean in the Humanities division, and in 2006, she was appointed associate professor in the Radio-TV Broadcasting department. After serving as assessment coordinator from 2012 to 2014, she was appointed to the position from which she retired in August 2019.
- April 2019 Elizabeth McDonald '19 (Liberal Arts and Sciences: Science) is awarded the 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. McDonald excels academically while being involved in many student clubs and organizations, as well as outside activities including ballet and running her own dog-walking business.
- May 2019 Malerie Belles, Derrick Felder, and Kali Puppolo receive the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing outstanding academic achievement along with extraordinary athletic ability. Only 24 students received this award from among all 30 community colleges, and three were from Herkimer College.
- May 2019 Director of Campus Safety Timothy Rogers, Professor of English Lisa Elwood-Farber, Assistant Professor of Corrections Kathleen Stables, and Office Assistant I Debora Brunner receive 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

- June 2019 The first class of 16 individuals graduates from the Pre-Employment Police Academy, a program offered in partnership with the Little Falls Police Department.
- July 2019 The Herkimer Generals athletic program places third among two-year college non-scholarship athletic programs for the 2018-19 Daktronics Cup, formerly known as the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup award. Herkimer has won first place in the NATYCAA Cup three times, and has placed in the top three every year since the award's inception, except 2009 when the program finished in fourth place.
- August 2019 Jeanne Galvin of Richfield Springs, NY; the late Thomas W. Lenahan (honored posthumously); Donald J. Snyder of West Winfield, NY; and Dr. Ronald F. Williams of Herkimer, NY, are named 2019 Torchbearer Award recipients.
- August 2019 Men's basketball player Derrick Felder is named Male Student-Athlete of the Year by the NJCAA for 2018-19.
- August 2019 The College announces the opening of The General's Cupboard, an on-campus food pantry for students, stocking a variety of free canned and packaged food and other non-perishable items, as well as personal care items.
- August 2019 Herkimer County Community College and the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc., (MHANYS) partner to offer CarePath™ Coach certification within the College's Human Services degree program. This is the first time the not-for-profit has teamed up with a college to offer academic learning opportunities. The certification will give human services students the tools to assist individuals and their families and/or supporters during a transition from hospitals, supportive housing, addiction rehabilitation centers, youth residential settings, correctional facilities, etc.
- September 2019 Herkimer College launches a collegiate recovery program, Students Thriving at Recovery (STAR), to create a culture of empowerment, support, and opportunity for students in recovery to thrive. Building 1 of College Hill is designated a Health and Wellness residence hall, and room 223 of the Robert McLaughlin College Center is made the official Collegiate Recovery Room for group sessions, meetings, quiet space, and more.
- October 2019 The 2019 edition of *Phaethon* is named "best magazine in the small college eastern division" by the Community College Humanities Association. Skyeler Brodkorb wins first place in creative non-fiction with "Mistakes & Mischief," Aubrey Ketcham wins second place in fiction with "Small Talk," and Alyssa Patterson is awarded second place in artwork for her charcoal drawing of Frida Kahlo. This is the magazine's first time being recognized as the best magazine in its division and also places *Phaethon* in the Top 10 publications in the nation, regardless of size.
- November 2019 Men's Soccer Coach Pepe Aragon earns his 400<sup>th</sup> career win.

- December 2019 The Medical Coding / Transcriptionist certificate is named one of the top programs of its kind in the nation by Intelligent.com. It is also the only State University of New York affiliate to make the list.
- December 2019 Daniel B. Reardon, of Little Falls, New York, is appointed to the Board of Trustees. He fills the seat formerly held by Alison Eyre Albright, who vacated the position in September 2019 after serving for three years.
- January 2020 A ribbon cutting ceremony is held for a new \$2 million, state-of-the-art Electrical Technology Smart Grid Lab. The lab was funded in part by the New York Power Authority, the M&T Bank/Partners Trust Bank Charitable Fund, and a match by the SUNY Community College Capital Program. Located in Johnson Hall, the lab and classroom includes the installation of a grid-parallel photovoltaic electrical generation system and an emergency generator that includes grid-integrated controls for parallel operation to enable the College's participation in the New York Independent System Operators' energy demand response programs. The laboratory also includes energy efficiency heating ventilation and air conditioning system upgrades and as well as lighting upgrades.
- January 2020 Herkimer College announces a new Electrical Technology A.A.S. degree program with a focus on smart grid technologies. The degree will prepare students with skills necessary for careers in the design, application, installation, manufacturing and operation and/or maintenance of electrical/electronic(s) systems, with a focus on smart grid technologies. Graduates of the program may choose to pursue a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology or a related field.
- January 2020 The College announces plans to bring collegiate esports to campus as an intercollegiate athletic team and to develop an esports center.
- January 2020 The College announces that Kevin Crosley, president and CEO of the Herkimer County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. (Arc Herkimer) will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) by the State University of New York (SUNY) at Herkimer College's 2020 Commencement. Crosley is only the second recipient of an honorary degree at Herkimer County Community College; the first was founding College President Robert McLaughlin in 2010.
- March 2020 In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Herkimer College announces that students will finish the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester remotely. Courses are transitioned to alternative modes of delivery, and student support services are adapted for online and digital access.
- April 2020 The Herkimer County College Foundation (HCCF) establishes the HCCF Assists initiative, aimed at providing financial assistance to Herkimer County Community College students. The grant program is available to eligible full-time students and capped at \$500, to be applied toward necessities required to continue to pursue and complete their education at Herkimer like technology for academic purposes, shelter, and emergency transportation.

- May 2020 The student-run online news publication, *The General*, is launched at [thegeneral.herkimer.edu](http://thegeneral.herkimer.edu).
- May 2020 Herkimer College holds a virtual Commencement ceremony to comply with social-distance mandates in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are shipped their regalia, and a ceremony composed of pre-recorded statements and live elements is streamed on Facebook and the College website for students and families to watch at home.
- May 2020 Three employees are honored with SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. Jason Brown, assistant professor of English, is awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; Stephanie Conley receives the Award for Excellence in Librarianship; and Pat Miller, senior financial aid assistant, is presented with the Excellence in Professional Services award. With the addition of these three employees, a total of 75 Herkimer College faculty and staff have been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.
- May 2020 Kristen Purcell, of Sauquoit, NY, is awarded the 2020 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.
- May 2020 The College announces a new Paralegal Studies certificate program, to begin in Fall 2020. The 31-credit certificate can be completed in just one year and trains students in the core legal content areas such as torts, property/real estate law, contracts, wills, trusts, estates, legal research and writing, civil procedure and litigation, criminal law, family law, and legal ethics.
- June 2020 The Herkimer Generals win the 2019-20 Daktronics Cup, awarded by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA). Herkimer has now won first place in the NATYCAA Cup four times, and has placed in the top three every year since the award's inception, except 2009 when the program finished in fourth place.
- July 2020 The Forensic Investigations A.A.S. degree program is named to the Best Associate Programs in Crime Scene Investigation for 2020-21 list by [CrimeSceneInvestigatorEdu.org](http://CrimeSceneInvestigatorEdu.org).
- July 2020 Herkimer College and SUNY Empire State College announce a new partnership allowing eligible graduates of Herkimer College's Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics program to transfer seamlessly to SUNY Empire's new online Bachelor of Science in Security Studies program.
- August 2020 Herkimer College is named the No. 2 online community college in New York State. The rankings were released by Optimal, formerly known as the SR Education Group. This is the second year in a row Herkimer College has been recognized by the group.
- September 2020 Herkimer College joins with Hamilton College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Pratt MWP, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, and Utica College to create the

College/Community Partnership for Racial Justice Reform to create a multi-pronged program designed to provide resources for the community and local government in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and Governor Cuomo's law enforcement reform executive order 203.

- September 2020 A new Health Professions transfer agreement is established with SUNY Upstate University, allowing students in the Health Professions A.S. program to seamlessly transfer to either the Medical Imaging Radiography (X-ray), B.S.; Medical Imaging Sciences/Ultrasound, B.S.; Medical Technology, B.S.; Medical Biotechnology, B.S.; Radiation Therapy, B.S.; or Respiratory Therapy, B.S. programs.
- September 2020 Associate Professor Randolph Baker is awarded emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.
- October 2020 Herkimer College partners with the Herkimer County Sherriff's Office to announce a new Pre-Employment Corrections Basic Training certificate, covering the first of the two-phase Basic Course for Correction Officers. Herkimer is the only college in the region to currently offer this program.
- November 2020 A bronze plaque is installed at the Veterans Memorial Park, recognizing the original organizing committee: committee co-chairs Professor Emeritus R.J. Lenarcic and Vince Casale; Kelly Brown of the Herkimer County Hunger Coalition; and Vietnam War veterans Jim Hall, Mike Kraeger, Chick Perry, and John Bullis.
- December 2020 Marietta Altieri becomes the first Herkimer High School senior to graduate with both a high school diploma and a college degree after completing the Quality Assurance - Science A.A.S. degree through Herkimer College's P-TECH program.
- January 2021 Herkimer College establishes a Psychology A.A. program, designed to provide a solid foundation in psychological studies by familiarizing students with the various fields of study, putting them in a more-informed position to focus their interests and career goals when transferring to a four-year college or university.
- March 2021 The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) reaffirms the accreditation of Herkimer County Community College, effective March 4, 2021.
- March 2021 Physical Therapist Assistant student Aiden McFerran (Delmar, NY) receives the Vanguard Student Recognition Award for 2020-21. The Vanguard Award recognizes outstanding post-secondary-level students enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare them for careers that are not traditional for their gender. He is one of only eight students statewide selected to receive the award.
- March 2021 The Small Business Management A.A.S. program ranks among the top programs of its kind in the nation by Intelligent.com for 2021.
- March 2021 In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Herkimer County Community College contracts with Eastern Energy Solutions, Inc. to install ultra-violet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) technology in its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system to destroy airborne pathogens. The \$100,000 investment is funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act fund.
- March 2021 Three Herkimer College students are awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They are: Carynn Bohley, of Salem, NY; Kaitlyn Jenks, of Canajoharie, NY; and Taylor Listovitch, of Ilion, NY.



- April 2021 As the COVID-19 vaccine is distributed and positive cases decline, Herkimer College announces the plan for employees to return to work on campus by July 1, and courses to return to in-person instruction for Fall 2021.
- April 2021 The College implements the Commit 2 Complete program, a pilot program sponsored in part by the Herkimer County College Foundation. Students accepted into the program will receive a \$1,000 award to apply to the cost of on-campus housing, report to a special academic adviser, and participate in a variety of specialized activities and events to encourage a personal growth mindset, assist in goal setting, and help deepen their self-awareness.
- April 2021 Baseball coach Jason Rathbun earns his 500th win with the Generals on April 20, as the team defeats Tompkins-Cortland Community College 16-6.
- April 2021 The inaugural esports Call of Duty: Modern Warfare team wins the NJCAA invitational. The team, composed of freshmen Christian Mandia (Utica, NY) and Jayden Vargas (Bronx, NY), and coached by Joshua Lanza and Frank Drapalaski, went a perfect 9-0 for the year.
- April 2021 The Board of Trustees passes a resolution conferring the following emeriti: John Lasher, Registrar Emeritus; Debra Sutliff, Bursar Emeritus; and Susan Tripp, Director of Financial Aid Emeritus.
- May 2021 Herkimer County Community College is one of only 22 colleges selected to participate in a two-week summer institute hosted by the Community College Research Center. The program is only open to colleges and universities that are considered rural or serve rural populations. In addition to providing census data, the College had to submit an application and undergo a rigorous interview process to gain access to the program.
- May 2021 Three employees are awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. Nicole McDaniels, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Groundskeeper Robert Paul receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Robin Riecker, Ed.D., associate dean of academic affairs – Humanities/Social Science Division, receives the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. With the addition of these three employees, a total of 78 Herkimer College faculty and staff have been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.
- May 2021 Hunter Logan (Fort Plain, NY) wins national championships in the men's shot put and men's discus at the 2021 NJCAA Division III Track and Field Championships. This brings the Herkimer Generals' total number of national championships to date to 63.
- May 2021 Softball Coach PJ Anadio earns his 400<sup>th</sup> win with the Generals. The milestone comes after a 12-4 win over Jefferson Community College in Game 1 of the 2021 Region IIIB Championship Series. Anadio earns his landmark win in just under 11 seasons, averaging over 36 wins per season.
- June 2021 The National Science Foundation approves a proposal for the creation of a new alliance as part of its Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation, or LSAMP program. The Central New York LSAMP Alliance consists of seven colleges, of which

Herkimer College is one of only two community colleges that are participating. The other Alliance partner institutions are Ithaca College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Utica College, SUNY ESF, SUNY Cortland, and Tompkins Cortland Community College. The LSAMP program focuses on increasing the number of students from underrepresented minority populations who enroll in and successfully complete STEM degree programs, and move on to join the workforce in STEM fields. The multi-million dollar, five-year grant project be launched at the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.