

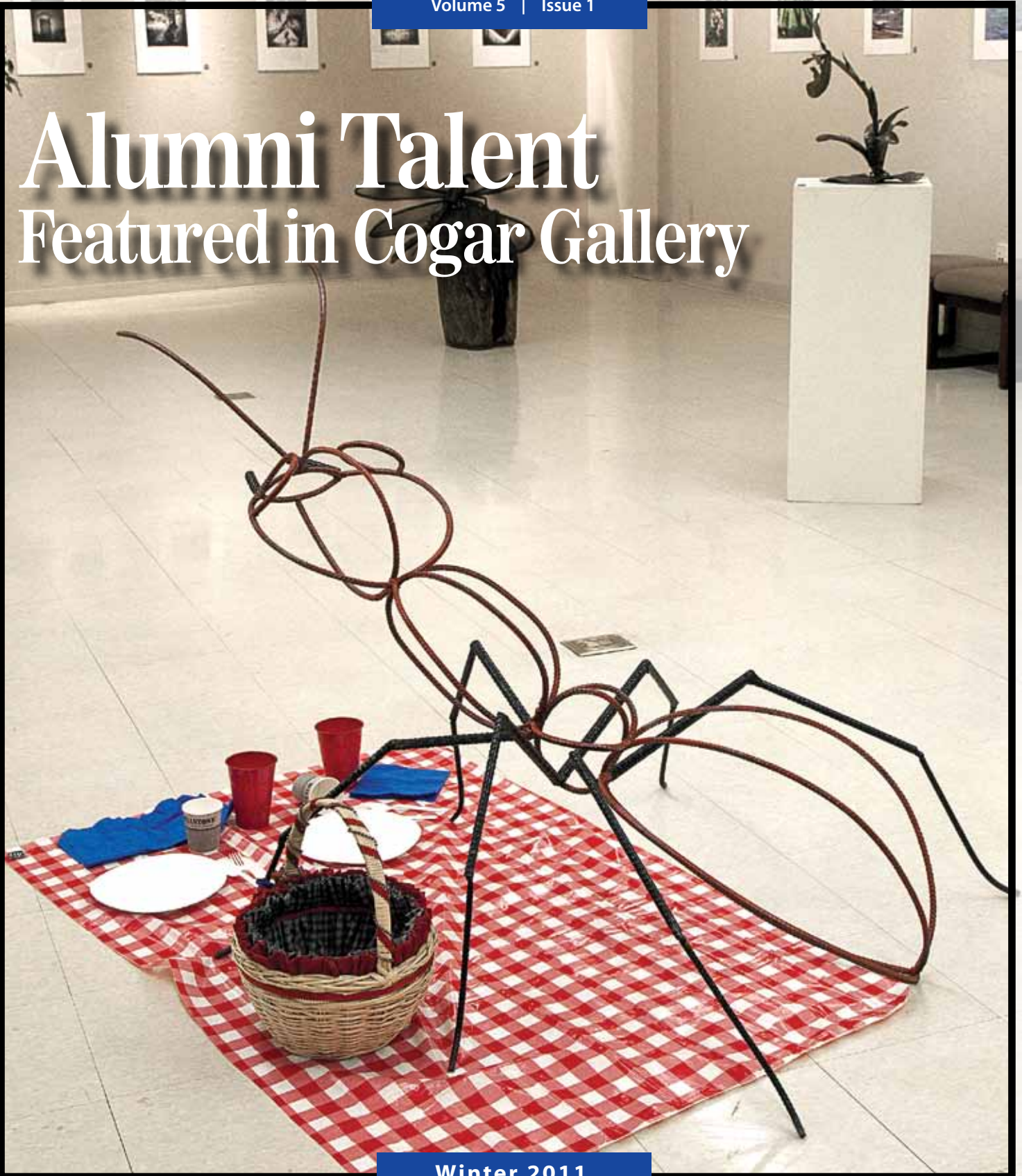
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ALUMNI GREETINGS

As the year comes to an end, life is very busy. Here at the College fall classes are winding down, and students are preparing for finals and getting excited for winter break. The Festival of Lights illuminates our downtown, symbolizing hope for the New Year to come. These images of campus life bring fond memories of time spent here at Herkimer.

We look forward to hearing from you in the coming year. Please share with us your stories, where life has taken you and the joys and passages you have experienced. (Send your alumni stories and updates to shepardta@herkimer.edu).

Your Alumni Board and the staff wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

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Greetings from the President



Dr. Ann Marie Murray
President, Herkimer County Community College

We hope this issue of Connections finds you with continued success and happiness. We have had a successful fall semester reaching a record enrollment. With a 15.5% growth over the last three years, we now have more than 3,800 students. The campus is abuzz with a variety of activities and events making for a campus environment that enhances student development and provides broad social and educational experiences.

This year we updated the College's mission and vision statements. With considerable input from the College's stakeholders, it was decided that HCCC is here to "serve our learners by providing high quality, accessible educational opportunities and services in response to the needs of the local and regional communities." That service is palpable to everyone who steps on this beautiful campus—from warm welcomes, to personal attention and quality student services inside and outside the classrooms.

In addition to continuing to be a "highly respected teaching and learning institution complemented by a rich offering of co-curricular programming, quality student services and distinction in athletics," our vision statement has been expanded to help our students "exceed expectations in programmatic outcomes, educational core competencies and critical thinking skills in order to become productive citizens engaged in a global society."

As you read through this issue, you will see many ways in which we meet our mission and strive to achieve our vision for the future. To learn more about our strategic plan, visit www.herkimer.edu/plan.

We know that you value the start you received at Herkimer County Community College and recognize the importance of sustaining such opportunities for all students in these particularly challenging economic times. We hope you consider helping us continue the tradition of excellence here at HCCC.

On behalf of our HCCC family, I extend warmest wishes for the holiday season, and a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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



Alumni Showcase Artwork in Cogar Gallery Exhibit

Herkimer County Community College's Cogar Gallery recently featured the work of eight alumni at the 2nd annual HCCC Alumni Art Exhibit. Alumni exhibited their works in various media including painting, drawing, photography and sculpture. Artists included: Roxanne Amico '83, Larry Arnal '81, Jacquelyn Duprey Diederichsen '05, Ben Haynes '03, Norihito Ogata '01, Donald Snyder '04, Ted Stalec '99 and Kevin Volo '90.



Oil painting by Board of Trustees chairman Donald Snyder '04, titled "Irish Cottage."

ROXANNE AMICO'S (BUFFALO, NY) work included multi-media installations using sound, scent and collage paintings, drawings and photos. Her images in this exhibit were from walks near a human-made city lake and creek; a walk seeking an intimate relationship with the natural world and her place in it; and a walk intended to cultivate deeper access to experiences of wildlife.

PHOTOGRAPHER LARRY ARNAL (TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA) owner of Arnal Photography, creates award-winning photography for ad agencies, magazines, architects and designers worldwide. "In addition to photography being a career path, it is also an avocation," Arnal said. "When not photographing buildings and products, my focus becomes nature and art photography particularly looking for juxtapositions, textures and finding the beauty in the world," he added.

JACQUELYN DUPREY DIEDERICHSEN'S (RIO TAVAREZ, FLORIANOPOLIS, BRASIL) photos are personal images taken while exploring Guayaquil, Ecuador where she lived for two years. "The equipment, an old, used manual film camera and hand rolled black and white film, were chosen to convey the Guayaquil I was trying to understand. My images show the beauty, hostility and struggle of life in my favorite city," Diederichsen said.



BEN HAYNES (WARRENSBURG, NY) exhibited several of his photographs. “A persistent search for beauty in the most unlikely of places has always been at the center of my work,” Haynes said. “I am fascinated by the effects of time on various organic matter and the diverse compositions that are birthed from this relationship. Much of the subject matter I choose to photograph varies greatly, but nature’s entropic qualities can be found in almost all of my work. I feel that my photographs serve as a physical manifestation of things that could not be expressed in any other way. Most of what I photograph are objects that have been discarded and overlooked but, when placed on film, they seem to exude a life all their own,” he added.

NORIHITO OGATA (TOKYO, JAPAN) creates photographic work of architectural images using digital manipulation and computer graphics. Ogata expands the horizons of photography by recognizing architecture with a new point of view.

DONALD SNYDER (WEST WINFIELD, NY) uses watercolors, pastel and oils in his painting. “I paint because I enjoy it. When I was a young man I asked my father if I should pursue a degree in art or law, and he told me to go to law school. After a career as an attorney, I was happy to pursue my fine arts degree at Herkimer in recent years,” Snyder said. His pieces in the alumni show include a painting of a cherry pie he did for his daughter’s kitchen. “The cherries are spilling over and you can almost taste it,” he said. Also in the show is a portrait he painted of his late law partner, Anthony Cosentino. Snyder also enjoys painting landscapes. He is Chairman of the HCCC Board of Trustees.

TED STALEC (HERKIMER, NY) exhibited paintings, drawings and sculpture at HCCC. “My work often reflects my love of nature and the gardens where I spend so much of my time. My paintings and drawings are often done on location in the beautiful places I try to capture,” Stalec said. Many of his sculptures are designed to blend with the flowers and plants in his backyard. “They are made to be rained on, snowed on, and twist and turn in the wind,” Stalec said. “They are small moments of nature, just a bit more durable than their surroundings.” Stalec is an adjunct faculty member at HCCC.

KEVIN VOLO (LITTLE FALLS, NY) is a working graphic designer and web developer who teaches at the college and K-12 levels. He is an adjunct faculty member at SUNYIT in Utica, NY. A photographer, Volo is also a comic book colorist, author and publisher of the popular website pixelstrips.com. “I’ve always been drawn to photography as a medium for self-expression,” Volo said. “Part of the allure is the feeling that when I’m holding a camera, I have total control over my environment. I stand behind the lens, and using the camera as my tool, I can record and even alter the world around me,” he said.



A Flair for Fashion

Sabrina King Crowley '99

Business: Fashion Buying and Merchandising



SABRINA KING CROWLEY '99 said her love for drawing has led to an exciting career as a fashion designer, beginning with her Associate in Applied Science degree from HCCC in Business: Fashion Buying and Merchandising.

Crowley is a designer for Alfred Dunner Inc., the leading manufacturer of moderately priced ladies coordinated sportswear in the United States and Canada.

Their clothing is sold at major retailers in the U.S. including JC Penney, Sears, Bon Ton and more; and through Sears in Canada. Actors Betty White and Kathryn Joosten (*Desperate Housewives*' Karen McCluskey) can be seen sporting Alfred Dunner clothing on television.

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"As a young college student, I was so excited to go to HCCC," Crowley said. "I didn't know anything about fashion design, but I knew that I wanted to start with a business background from Herkimer," she said. HCCC Professor of Business Janice Jenny said "I met Sabrina during orientation and knew from that day that she was destined to be a designer. She was driven. She got her business background here, because the bottom line is that fashion is a business," Jenny said. Following graduation in 1999, Crowley decided to major in fashion design and went to New York's Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) where she earned both associate and bachelor's degrees, graduating in 2003.

One of her first jobs out of college was an assistant technical designer with a sweater company called Linda Mathews, where she worked with the designer on understanding spec sheets, sample measurements, fittings and communicating with overseas factories. She was also employed for a brief period with design house Nina Leonard, as an associate designer of knit dresses. "I specialized in knitwear at FIT," Crowley said, "and I also realized that I learned a lot about fabrics and



understanding textiles while at Herkimer.” Before going to Alfred Dunner, she spent four years working as a private label designer for SML Sport, whose fashions are sold at retailers including Sears, Covington, Cracker Barrel and HSN (Home Shopping Network).

Professor Jenny accompanies a fashion class on an annual fieldtrip to New York City, and brings her class to meet Crowley. “I enjoy having the Herkimer students visit during their NYC trip,” Crowley said. “I’m able to show them our design process from start to finish.” Jenny said “Sabrina really loves the students and is generous with her time.” She is also a member of Herkimer’s advisory committee for the program.

Crowley advises students to figure out what part of fashion they would really like to become involved in: buying and merchandising, textiles or design. She said “Starting off in Fashion Buying and Merchandising at HCCC is great; everything from business organization and fashion history to the basic understandings of textiles, it all helped me decide which avenue to pursue. It’s extremely important to get your bachelor’s degree. Become involved in internships; try something new every semester. Your computer skills are equally important. Learn what you can do with certain programs and how they can benefit and help you organize. As for design students, get involved in design programs early on, Photoshop and Illustrator are a must in most fashion design companies these days. It’s important to set goals, be positive and enthusiastic and show your future professors, family, friends and colleagues that you’re serious about your career,” she concluded.

Crowley said her job at Alfred Dunner is “the best job I ever had... I love the creativity. It’s a family-owned company with a lot of wonderful employees. We take pride in the quality of our clothing and work hard to ensure it,” she added. Alfred Dunner designs for five seasons each year: Spring/Summer, Transition, Fall 1, Fall 2 and Holiday. Each season the designers start by shopping the retail stores, looking for color stories and trends, and pulling together ideas and concepts for a final presentation. As many as 100+ concepts will be narrowed down to 12 final design groups. Each designer is given two groups per season to design. Crowley said she is part of a large design group consisting of a head merchandiser, a team of designers, assistant designers, production and fabric development.

A native of Queensbury, NY (near Lake George), she resides in North Bergen, New Jersey with her husband, Thomas Crowley, whom she met at FIT. He is the head illustration and package designer for Lotta Luv cosmetics, makers of over 200 flavors of lip balm. They work three blocks from each other in NYC.

Jenny said “Sabrina is a beautiful person inside and out. It’s nice when a former student becomes your friend. We have forged a really great relationship.”





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Vice President Brings Agriculture Background to Herkimer

Dr. Michael McCaskey, of Richfield Springs, joined HCCC as Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs in August. With 23 years of experience as an educator and administrator, and a strong background in agriculture, McCaskey brings a wealth of knowledge, contacts, new perspectives and ideas to the College.

“Dr. McCaskey’s broad range of experience as a faculty member and administrator within SUNY has prepared him well for this key position. His leadership will be essential in mapping the future of Herkimer’s academic policies, programs and services.”

~ President Ann Marie Murray

As HCCC’s Chief Academic Officer, McCaskey is responsible for all areas of academic affairs including academic policy and planning, instruction, program development and evaluation, staff supervision and development, assessment and accreditation. Areas under McCaskey’s supervision include the academic divisions, Academic Support Center, Internet Academy, Community Education, Instructional Resources, Registrar, Radio/TV Production, Academic Advisement Center and Library Services.

For McCaskey, there were no big surprises coming to Herkimer. “Academics is academics,” said McCaskey. “Although institutions offer different programs, the academic challenges and issues are similar, such as dealing with budgetary constraints and finding the right mix of programs.” Although there are some organizational differences between state-operated campuses such as Cobleskill and community colleges, McCaskey has found many similarities. Cobleskill was a two-year college when McCaskey started there 23 years ago, and while the institution added several bachelor’s degree programs throughout his tenure, McCaskey predominately worked with students in associate degree programs.

Originally from Washington State, McCaskey grew up on a truck farm where his family raised strawberries. He worked his way through college, first as a logger, harvesting trees seven to eight feet in diameter from mountainsides with the use of large steel towers, and then managing a 1000-acre wheat and cattle ranch. After earning his bachelor’s degree in agricultural mechanization from Washington State, he worked as a sales representative for an agriculture equipment manufacturer, and after a few years, moved into research and development. A few years later, McCaskey entered graduate school and earned master’s and doctoral degrees in agricultural education from the University of Missouri at Columbia, leading to a career in higher education.

In 1987, McCaskey joined the faculty of SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill where he served as professor and chair of the Agriculture Engineering Department. In 2006, he became dean for Cobleskill's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As dean, McCaskey managed 70 faculty and staff and an overall budget of \$5 million; facilitated articulation agreements with other institutions; developed new bachelor's degree programs; developed joint program agreements with several Chinese colleges; and was involved with recruitment, selection and evaluation of faculty. He was also instrumental in securing capital construction funds for the Environmental Science and Technology Building and Agriculture and Natural Resource Center.

As an 18-year resident of Herkimer County, McCaskey came to HCCC with an appreciation for the College's reputation for providing a quality educational experience for students and making a positive impact in the community. "I am impressed with the very committed faculty and staff. Many have chosen to make their lifetime careers here," said McCaskey, who has been meeting individually with each faculty member. "Each person brings a lot to the table." In the short-term, McCaskey plans to support and strengthen existing academic programs while developing new opportunities in educational programming. He is focusing his efforts on shepherding academic program proposals through the approval process and identifying opportunities for new credit and non-credit programs. "We are looking for niche areas in programming, perhaps in renewable energy. With a worldwide emphasis on green technologies and sustainability, we have an obligation to fit these ideas into all of our programs." According to McCaskey, it is a challenge to find the right mix of programs so they can support each other. "We need to be sure the programs we offer are meeting the needs of our population, and we want to be sure students are taught skills they will need in the future for entering the job market or continuing their education."



McCaskey and his family live in a turn-of-the-century barn, part of the former Montgomery mansion which was located across the street and burned many years ago. He and his wife Debbie purchased the barn along with the servants' quarters about 15 years ago, and have been working since to convert it to a home. "It's about 60 to 70 percent completed. We finished the kids' rooms early on, and just recently completed the kitchen," he said.

The McCaskeys have three children. Elisabeth is a 2001 graduate of HCCC and works in the grants office at Hudson Valley Community College. Her husband John Halpin, also a 2001 HCCC alumnus, is originally from Herkimer and works in the criminal justice field. The McCaskeys' son Mark is an educator in Blacksburg, Virginia, and the youngest is 12-year-old daughter Leah, whom they lovingly refer to as their "bonus baby."

Faculty Aid Chinese Students in Exploration of American Education



Six HCCC faculty spent time in China this summer teaching Chinese students through an initiative sponsored by Bright Vision Education Group. Faculty spent two weeks of their three-week trip teaching high school students and those ready to enter college this fall.

“We taught in Laizhou from 8:30 am-5:30 pm each day, and students studied 12 hours a day,” retired Professor Dr. Lynn Martin (psychology) said. “They spent their break times getting to know us.” Martin said the purpose of the trip was to give the students exposure to American education, and interest them in coming to the United States for college. “They were used to listening to lectures, and appreciated the chance to dialogue with their teacher and each other. It was a new style of teaching for them,” he added.

Martin, on his first trip to China, said the most interesting part of the trip for him was the people. “The Chinese emphasized family, food and hard work as cultural values, and a good sense of humor,” he said. “There was a lot of respect for elders and family. For me, it was like traveling as a rock star. People asked to have their picture taken with me,” Martin said. The Chinese were gracious hosts, and gave the group “two wonderful assistants,” 16 to 18-years-old, who spoke English and could assist with translating. Martin added that HCCC faculty are preparing a proposal to teach a new course in spring 2011 on Understanding Culture from a Psychological Perspective.

Professor Guy Devitt (business) enjoyed interacting with the Chinese people. “The students seemed to really appreciate the instructor, and enjoyed role playing in class. Lynn, Paul Howe (adjunct faculty) and I had an activity block with students at the end of the day, and they seemed to enjoy my singing.” Devitt would sing historical songs about the Erie Canal, etc. “We learned that the students love basketball and Michael Jackson,” Devitt added.

He said the Chinese spend long hours studying, and once the regular school year resumed, they stopped emailing their new American friends to spend more time on their studies.

The faculty also visited the sights in Beijing during their trip. “It was a wonderful experience,” Devitt added, saying he’d like to return to the high school where he taught customer service. Also participating in the trip was Humanities Instructor Michelle List. She taught English Language Arts to students aged 12-16 in Tianjin, the third largest city in China. “What I found most

interesting was how dedicated parents are to their child’s education and success in school,” List said. At the Children’s Center, which educated five to 10-year-olds, parents often stayed all day in the back of their child’s classroom. “We gave the students a taste of the American educational experience,” she said. “They enjoyed working in groups, playing learning games and collaborating with each other,” List added. She noticed there were not a lot of after school activities, and the Chinese don’t have the same emphasis on school sports as we do. “The students do use a lot of technology after school, with PlayStation, emailing, etc.,” List said.

“In China, students are extraordinarily competitive in academics. If you do well in elementary school you will be accepted into a better middle school and high school. If you work with your parents in agriculture and farming, you never get to go to school,” List said.

Having never traveled outside the U.S. except to Canada and Mexico, List said “I am so grateful for the opportunity to teach in China. It was eye opening to experience another culture. The people were just wonderful.” She said she would like to develop an education course that would allow HCCC students to learn how students in other countries are educated.

Other Herkimer faculty who taught in China this summer were adjunct faculty Kathleen Dunsavage (English as a second language), Associate Professor Sally Durkee (public speaking) and adjunct faculty Paul Howe (travel and tourism). Director of International Programs Tze Teck Sim accompanied the group while traveling.



Faculty Member's Trip to Chile Results in Opportunities

HCCC Professor and Internet Academy Coordinator William Pelz recently traveled to Chile to share his expertise in online learning with the Technological University of Chile INACAP (UTC-INACAP), the largest educational community in Chile with 25 campuses and more than 82,000 students. Pelz was invited, along with Carey Hatch, Director of the SUNY Learning Network (SLN), to present at conferences in Santiago as well as Punta Arenas, a city located at the very southern tip of the country where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet.

Because of his extensive experience as an instructional designer with both HCCC and SLN, Pelz's role was to discuss his online teaching experience and help faculty understand and embrace the concept and benefits of online learning. "INACAP is in need of effective online programming," said Pelz. "Access to higher education is complicated by two factors. Travel is difficult due to the terrain and road infrastructure, and Chile has a very traditional family system that keeps most students living at home and having to commute to class. This was a great opportunity, and I was so happy to be chosen to go." Sponsored by INACAP, Pelz's trip was also an opportunity

for HCCC to gain international exposure. While in Chile, Pelz had a chance to connect with recruitment contacts previously made by HCCC's Office of International Programs, and to talk about HCCC with educational professionals in a variety of venues.

As a result of Pelz's work in Chile, several initiatives are in the works. Plans are underway for one or two students from each INACAP campus to enroll in an HCCC online course. Scheduled for the spring 2011 semester, the pilot project will allow Chilean faculty and students to experience a model online course. In preparation for this arrangement, HCCC's online platform, ANGEL, has been configured to translate to and from Spanish. "There may be a few translation issues," said Pelz who looks forward to adding Chilean students to the already robust international student population at Herkimer. Other INACAP initiatives include exchange programs for Chilean students and faculty, and providing HCCC online programs and courses to Chilean students in disciplines not offered by INACAP. This fits with Herkimer's goals to enhance student development, provide broad social and education experiences and

prepare students to become productive citizens engaged in a global society. "These are tremendous opportunities for Herkimer," said Pelz.





“The goal of the agricultural fair was to create awareness for students and community members as to where their food comes from, and to provide information about the businesses that make up the leading industry in Herkimer County.”

*~Jordanna Dodge, event organizer
Communication Arts: New Media*

AGRICULTURAL FAIR RAISES AWARENESS

An agricultural fair held on-campus featured local farms and agricultural businesses, live animals, and the Herkimer County Dairy Princess and her court.

The event was organized by senior Jordanna Dodge (above left), of Schuyler, as an honors program project, and co-sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

Students enjoyed learning about the area’s agriculture and sampling locally grown foods.



HCCC AWARDS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Dawn Glode (Dolgville, NY) is the 2010 Donovan Scholar as recipient of the Senator James H. Donovan Memorial Scholarship. Administered through the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., this fund provides scholarships to HCCC students who are residents of Herkimer, Oneida or Lewis Counties. Recipients are chosen based on academic promise, involvement in community affairs and financial need.

Glode is a Childhood Education major at HCCC. She is a single parent and volunteers for Girl Scouts, Salvation Army and DESPTO.

Ashley Moore (Ilion, NY) is the 2010 recipient of the Donald J. Mitchell Family Fund Scholarship. The award is given to a student from Congressman (Ret.) Mitchell’s district constituency for their second year of study at HCCC. Administered through the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., selection is based on demonstrated high school leadership and active community involvement. Academic promise is considered.

Moore is a General Studies major at HCCC and member of the Photography Club. She volunteers at the Salvation Army soup kitchen and is employed part-time at Mohawk Valley Health Care Center.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Fifty HCCC students from Herkimer County were honored at a recent scholarship reception. Twenty-five students were recognized for earning the Foundation Tuition Scholarship, 23 for receiving the HCCC Hope Scholarship, and two for earning the new HCCC Commitment Scholarship.

The Foundation Tuition Scholarship provides full tuition for Herkimer County residents who graduate in the top 15 percent of their high school classes. One of this year's recipients, Joshua Lanza, a talented piano player, provided entertainment at the scholarship reception.

The HCCC Hope Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who reside in Herkimer County and have a proven record of community service, extracurricular activities and leadership experience.

President of the Herkimer County College Foundation Rick Sebastian said, "It is our desire to recognize talented individuals who will one day be leaders in our community, business and government environments."

Pictured above: Eric Lanza, Thomas Lanza ('82, Data Processing); Joshua; Sharon Lanza ('81, Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science)

Pictured below: Nicole Church (Owen D. Young High School graduate) is pictured with HCC Foundation President Rick Sebastian and fellow Owen D. Young grad Katie Eckler, recipients of the Hope Scholarship. Sebastian is also an alum of Owen D. Young.



STUDENT AWARDED PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP

Senior **Alyssa Sanders**, Amsterdam, NY, is a recipient of the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarship. Sanders is one of 30 Phi Theta Kappa members from 20 states to receive this award.

The Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources



to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in an associate degree program. The program also provides

opportunities and encourages students to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs.



DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED

Lucia Bliss has joined Herkimer County Community College as Director of Development.

Bliss is responsible for planning and implementing fund development and institutional advancement strategies. She also provides leadership in seeking grants. Areas under Bliss' supervision include Development, Alumni Relations

and the daily operations of the College Foundation.

Bliss came to HCCC from Jefferson Community College, where she held the position of Executive Director of the Foundation, Development Officer of the College. At Jefferson, she successfully increased endowed and annual scholarships and doubled the

ELWOOD-FARBER PRESENTS RESEARCH PAPER

Herkimer County Community College Assistant Professor of English Lisa Elwood-Farber recently presented her research paper, "Wampanoag Women: A Rare Look at the Rituals of the Life-Givers from Menarche to Marriage" at the Community College Humanities Association 2010 Eastern Division Conference on November 5 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Elwood-Farber received a grant to attend a summer workshop sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She participated in a workshop entitled "Plymouth, Massachusetts: Landmark of Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians."

Her paper is about the Wampanoag people, specifically in regard to gender roles within the clans. "I am interested in their approach to women's roles within the family, clan and even politics," Elwood-Farber said.

Elwood-Farber holds a bachelor's degree from Marymount College and a master's from New Mexico State University, where she focused on women's literature and race theory. She was appointed to the HCCC faculty in 2003.



SENIOR CITIZEN AND COLLEGE STUDENT SHARE HOMETOWN CONNECTION



Ninety-four-year-old Peggy North, originally from Dundee, Scotland and a long-time Herkimer resident, wanted to meet Herkimer County Community College soccer player Jonathan Rosscraig, also from Dundee. North had learned about him in a news article and got her chance to meet him after expressing her desire to a friend who works at the College. North and Rosscraig, 19, met in a conference room at the College where they easily chatted for an hour about their family lineages, the sport of football (soccer) and their hometown's landmarks, schools and neighborhoods. North came to the United States in 1949, and last visited more than 40 years ago. She recalled several memories of her youth, particularly during World War II, and Rosscraig jotted names of North's relatives down so he could later ask his granddad if he knew them. North presented Rosscraig with several homemade treats including shortbreads, club sauce and breadies (pastries with steak and onions). "You're making me homesick," responded Rosscraig. HCCC men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon extended an invitation to North to watch Rosscraig play soccer at Weh- rum Stadium. "Jon is a great soccer player," Aragon said.

Pictured from left are North, Aragon and Rosscraig.

FALL FEST ATTRACTS VISITORS

The College's Fall Fest, held in October, featured a motorcycle, antique tractor and car show, an international food event, a farmer's market, an alumni art exhibit and a pet adoption clinic hosted by the Herkimer County Humane Society. Throughout the day there were horse drawn wagon rides, nature trail hikes, solar star gazing, caricatures, inflatable games, alumni baseball, softball and women's lacrosse games.





BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Several breast cancer awareness month activities took place on-campus during October. The women's volleyball team kicked off the month's activities by wearing special uniforms during their home game against Tompkins-Cortland Community College. Special guest Congressman Michael Arcuri took part in a breast cancer awareness walk. Awareness activities also took place at many athletic events, and donation cards were sold throughout the month.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

The Criminal Justice Club recently collected cash and items including magazines, candy and toiletries for military packages to be sent to a local soldier to share with his unit for the holidays. A portion of the funds will also help the club provide a local child with clothing and toys for the holidays.

Pictured from left are HCCC criminal justice students Jakia Durham (Syracuse), Wing Chi Chan (NT, Hong Kong), Precious Franklin (Brooklyn) and Andrew Wixon (Fairbanks, AK).

HCCC STAFF AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

HCCC's Counseling Center participated in the Out of Darkness Walk sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention held at SUNYIT. Team HCCC included several employees, student resident assistants and members of the United Spectrum Club and Human Service Club. The purpose of the walk was to raise funds and awareness of suicide as the second leading cause of death among college students.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



A ceremony was held on-campus to remember and honor all those affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The program included presentation of the colors by a color-guard from VFW Post 4915, "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Herkimer High School student Benjamin Stovall and "Taps" by James Traglia, Herkimer High School music teacher. Speakers included Student Government Association President Robert Drumm, Associate Professor Robert Gassmann, President Ann Marie Murray and Tim Tubia, Herkimer County Veteran's Council.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Community Independence Day Celebration, presented by the HCCC Alumni Association, was held on-campus July 1. Events at the celebration included a Brooks Chicken Barbecue, open photography show, a live performance by The Posers, DJ entertainment, and concessions to benefit local non-profit organizations.



Pictured from left: Daniel Stalteri '85, Sharon Howell '79, Donald Dutcher '90, The General, Timothy Dunn '00, Michelle List '85 and Denise Frederick '04.

A note from one grateful scholarship recipient:

“Thanks to your generous support I am able to continue in my lifelong quest for an education that will allow me to work in a field that I love. As an adult student I truly appreciate the value of hard-earned money and will apply these funds wisely. Your helping hand will long be remembered.”

~Thomas

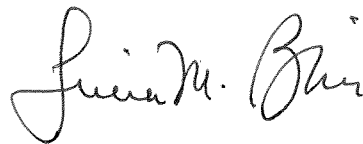
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Together we can create opportunities and enrich programs here at Herkimer County Community College, instilling pride and a legacy of learning.

For more information about the varied ways to make a gift toward a program of your choosing or where the need is greatest, please contact me at 315.866.0300, ext. 8268.

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Lucia M. Bliss
Director of Development



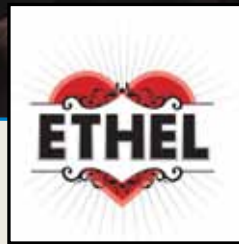
**HCCC AWARDS
COMMITMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**



The new HCCC Commitment Scholarship, funded by the Herkimer County College Foundation, is a \$500 scholarship awarded to students who have overcome challenges and demonstrated their resolve in reconnecting with their pursuit of higher education. The first two recipients of the Commitment Scholarship, Brent Kuehn and Tara McCarthy, both of Little Falls, NY, were recognized at a scholarship reception held at the College. *Pictured from left: HCC Foundation President Rick Sebastian, HCCC President Ann Marie Murray, Kuehn, McCarthy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Donald Snyder, Community Education Program Specialist Georgianne Snell, and Herkimer County Employment and Training Director Karin Zipko.*



Photo: Dennis Klerman



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WOMEN'S SOCCER
PLAYER NAMED
PLAYER OF
THE YEAR



Krista Stubba (Poland, NY) is the Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year. Head Coach Amy Dommer said "Krista has provided our team with a spark on the front line. She is a smart player who always stepped up when the team needed her most."

One of Herkimer's women's soccer players has won the Player of the Year award for the past six years: 2005 & 2006: Eileen Coyle; 2007: Dana Gentile; 2008: Danielle Fillbeck, 2009: Maria Scerra and 2010: Krista Stubba.

HCCC GRADUATE HONORED AS REGION III
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

HCCC graduate **Akeem Ellis** (Brooklyn, NY) was recently named Region III Male Athlete of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). He received the honor as point guard for the 2009-2010 HCCC men's basketball team.

Ellis, a two-year starter for the Generals, averaged 16 points, 11 rebounds and five assists to lead Herkimer to a fourth place finish in the nation with a 33-3 record, an all-time record for the program. He was also named NJCAA

Division III first team All-American, Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year for the second year in a row, BCANY Junior College Player of the Year, Region III Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player of the Region III Tournament, First Team National Tournament and a First Team All-American.

Ellis was also selected to play in the 2010 National Division II/Division III NJCAA All-Star game in Las Vegas, where he led his team to victory by scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.



He earned an associate in applied science degree in Business; Sports and Recreation Management and accepted a full scholarship offer from NCAA Division I Coppin State in Baltimore, MD.

DUTCHER NAMED NJCAA REGION III
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Donald Dutcher was named 2009-2010 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Athletic Director of the Year. For the second time in three years, Dutcher was selected for the award by his peers from 26 community colleges in New York State.

Since his appointment in 2004, Herkimer has won 10 national and 18 regional championships, and seven teams have been named NJCAA Academic Team of the Year. In 2009-2010, Herkimer placed second nationally among non-scholarship

Division III community college athletic programs in the NATYCAA Cup Award. HCCC finished in the top five for the past six years with two second place and two third place finishes.

Dutcher is committed to providing students with a quality athletic experience as an integral and valued component of their total educational experience. He also supports student-athletes' involvement in the community. Dutcher recently developed an Adopt-a-School program that links student-athletes with students in area school systems.



A 1990 graduate of HCCC, Dutcher holds bachelor's degrees from SUNYIT and SUC at Oswego and a master's degree and Certificate of Advanced Study from SUC at Cortland. He was recently awarded the 2010 SUNYIT Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award.

JUNIOR COLLEGE
COACH OF THE YEAR

Men's basketball coach **Matt Lee** has been named Junior College Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York (BCANY).

A former player for the Generals ('99), Lee returned in 2003 to serve as head coach. In Lee's

tenure the Generals have a record of 155-65 with four regional finals appearances, one Region III championship, two Mountain Valley Conference championships and a 2-1 record at Nationals with a fourth place finish in 2010.

In 2007, Lee received the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. He was named Region III Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2010 and Mountain Valley Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2010.



HCCC TRACK AND FIELD TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2010 national championship women's track and field team was recognized by the Board of Trustees with a proclamation.

Pictured from left: Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder, Head Coach Sharon Howell and members of the 2010 team: Mollianne Parsons (Sterling, NY), Stephanie Bergstrom (Frankfort, NY) and Melissa Wagner (East Meadow, NY).

HCCC WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM WINS REGION III CHAMPIONSHIP



Pictured from left: Chelsea Merrell (Vernon, NY), Danielle Fadness (Rome, NY), Jennifer Alexandre (Evreux, France), Jackie Bogdan (Utica, NY), Brittany Saunders (Ilion, NY), Abby Smith (Auburn, NY), Courtney Hibbard (Whitesboro, NY) and head coach Katie Scanlon.

The women's tennis team captured the Region III Championship at SUNY Delhi in October. The team ended the two-day competition in first place, with an 8-2 regular season record. They earned a total of 11 points to edge out SUNY Delhi.

In her third year as head coach, **Katie Scanlon** was named Region III Coach of the Year. The team will train throughout the winter and compete at Nationals in Tucson, AZ in May.

MEN'S SOCCER FINISHES FIRST IN REGION, SECOND IN NATION



Men's soccer won their 21st straight Region III Championship with a 3-1 win over Tompkins-Cortland CC. This is Herkimer's 22nd men's soccer title in the last 23 years. Rico McLaren was selected as the Regional Tournament MVP. Herkimer defeated Mohawk Valley in a thrilling regional semifinal by a score of 2-1.

In front of an overflow crowd at Wehrum Stadium, men's soccer finished second in the nation to Suffolk Community College with a score of 2-1 in the national championship game. Herkimer beat Brookdale (NJ) in the quarterfinal by a score of 5-0 and then beat Triton College (Illinois) by a score of 2-1 in the national semifinal.

VOLLEYBALL WINS REGIONALS



Women's volleyball ended the year with a record of 26-16 and the Region III Championship when they defeated Onondaga CC 3 sets to 2. The seventh seeded Generals hosted the #10 Tompkins-Cortland CC Panthers in a sub-regional playoff contest at home. Herkimer won 3-0 to advance to the Region III Championships at Corning.

At Corning, the Generals shocked the region by winning 4 out of 5 matches including beating Onondaga for the championship. The Generals competed in the NJCAA Division III National Championships in Rochester, Minnesota finishing as the 8th place team in the country.

CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORIAM

CLASS OF 1972

Janice Fischer Smith, Ilion, NY continued her education in physical education at SUNY Cortland. She and her husband Gilbert have four children, Kerri, Tray, Christy and Gale.

CLASS OF 1981

Randall Klein, Richfield Springs, NY is starting his fourth season at the Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York City as costume production supervisor. He also continues to work as a freelance theatrical costume designer in and out of NYC.

CLASS OF 1991

Frieda Kane, Durham, NC retired from the University of North Carolina Hospitals June 1, 2010 following 19 years of service in the Rehabilitation

Center as an occupational therapy assistant.

CLASS OF 2006

Shavon Thomas, Hogansburg, NY is a recent graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in anthropology and Native American studies.

CLASS OF 2007

Christina M. Dunadee, Ilion, NY earned a B.A. in psychology from St. John Fisher and is pursuing a master's of education in school counseling from SUNY Oneonta.

Josh McMullen, Salisbury Center, NY earned a B.S. in mass communication with a concentration in production and minor in journalism from SUNY Oneonta in 2009. He is the sports editor at the Herkimer Telegram, Herkimer, NY.

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

Gordon "Gordy" Fike, 63, Ilion, NY, Class of 1981 died unexpectedly on October 10, 2010 at Little Falls Hospital. For 35 years Gordy was employed as the Director of Physical Plant at HCCC, retiring in 2001.

ALUMNI UPDATE

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



NAME: _____ CLASS OF: _____
LAST FIRST MAIDEN

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COUNTY _____

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EMAIL _____

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ALUMNI DUES

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

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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are due by Monday, March 7, 2011

For additional information, please call the HCCC Alumni Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8459.

NOMINEE: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Work _____

E-MAIL: _____

EDUCATION (Degree Received, Date Received, Major):

High School: _____

Herkimer County Community College: _____

OTHER INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED:

College: _____

College: _____

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:

Current Employment: _____

Previous Employment: _____

Professional Memberships/Affiliations: _____

Publications, Special Honors, Recognition, Research: _____

Community Involvement: _____

You may attach additional pages, clippings, etc. which you feel are pertinent for nomination consideration. Submit your completed nomination form by **Monday, March 7, 2011** to: HCCC Alumni Office, Attention: Teresa Shepard, Foundation/Alumni Administrative Assistant, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association invites Nominations for the 2011 Alumnus of the Year Award.

The award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic or personal accomplishments that best reflect the commitment to excellence and community service which define the community college. All nominations will be reviewed by representatives of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the award will be presented at the College's commencement ceremony on Friday, May 20, 2011.

Nominations are due by Monday, March 7, 2011.

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Friday, March 11, 2011 at 8 pm
Sarkus-Busch Theater

Spring Open House
Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 9 am
Robert McLaughlin College Center

3rd Annual President's Gala
Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 7 pm
Robert McLaughlin College Center

Men's and Women's Lacrosse Regionals
May 7-8, 2011
Wehrum Stadium

Baseball Regionals
May 13-15, 2011
Veterans Memorial Park
Little Falls, New York

Men's and Women's Lacrosse Nationals
May 14-15, 2011
Wehrum Stadium

43rd Annual Commencement
May 20, 2011 at 5 pm
Gymnasium
Physical Education Building

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