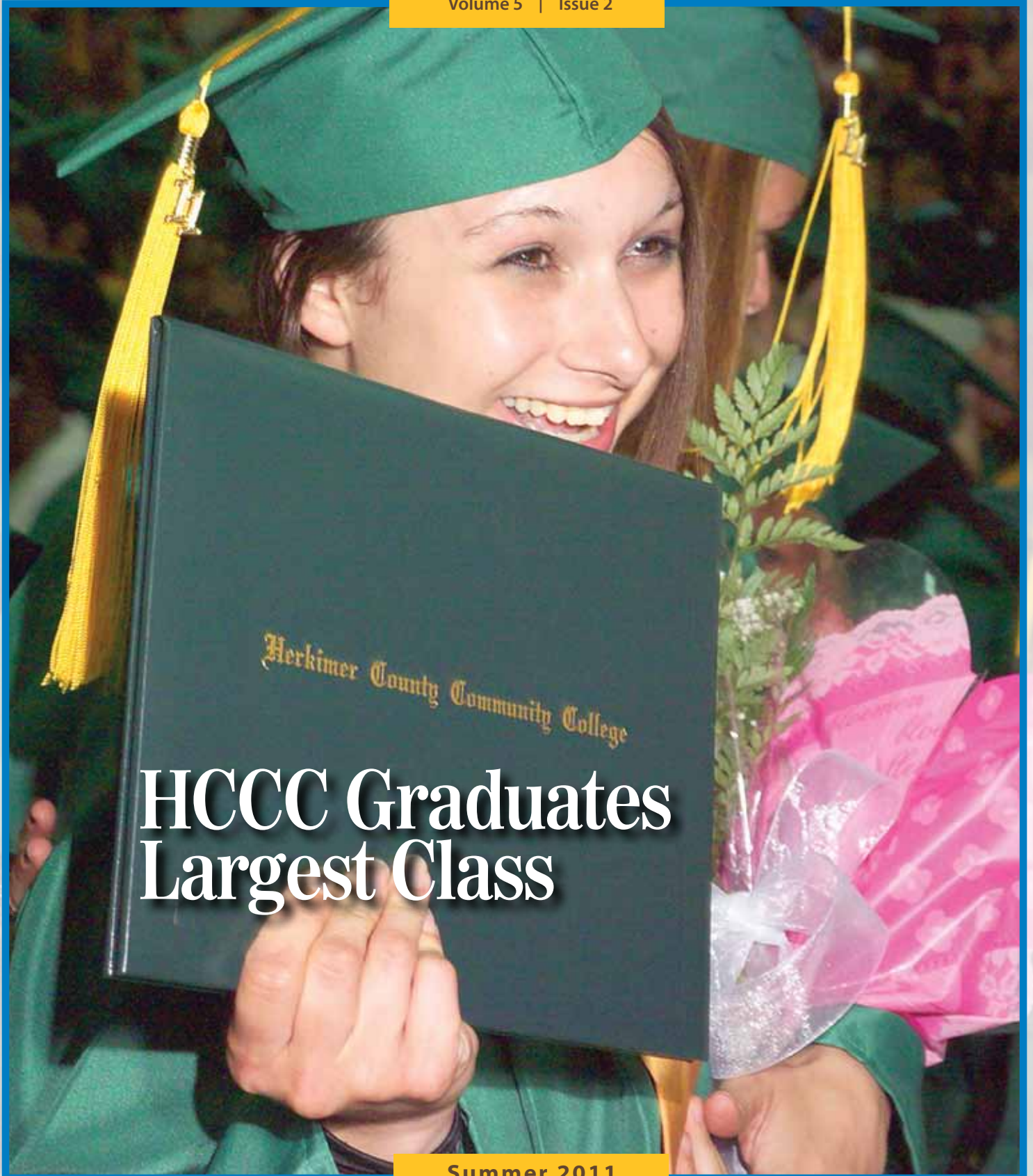


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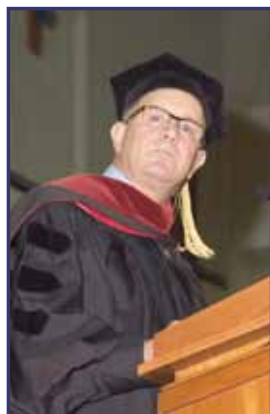
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**Above:** Richard L. Hanna, United States Representative, 24th Congressional District of New York, delivers the commencement address, "Securing Our Future."

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## ALUMNI GREETINGS

Herkimer alumni are changing the world through science. During our March Science Fair, I had the opportunity to meet several of our alumni. We hope many of our talented science fair competitors will become Herkimer County Community College students and eventually join their parents, teachers, advisors and neighbors becoming part of our more than 19,000 proud Herkimer Alumni.

Science is at the forefront of our efforts with the soon to be completed Elements Campaign to renovate four science laboratories and preparation rooms in Johnson Hall. Only \$300,000 of the \$2.6 million campaign is needed before we commence the renovation. Although the wing has been named with the initial gift from the Gaynor Trust, the four laboratories remain naming opportunities at \$75,000 each. We are grateful to our community members, on-campus and off, who have given so generously toward making this renovation a reality.

The Alumni Association held our first Midnight Breakfast on the last day of classes. Faculty and staff rolled up their sleeves and volunteered to serve 400 students a hearty, late night breakfast to fuel them through finals. Photos can be seen at [herkimer.edu/foundationevents](http://herkimer.edu/foundationevents). May also marked a long awaited visit from SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, who was the keynote speaker at our Executive Breakfast, hosted jointly by HCCC and Mohawk Valley Community College.

September 29 through October 1, plan to attend Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend! The weekend will feature alumni games and gatherings, lectures, concerts and other exciting activities for alumni, students and families alike. A highlight will be the first Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, honoring those who have made Herkimer the athletic powerhouse that it has been for so many years. Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend registration details are at [herkimer.edu/fallfest](http://herkimer.edu/fallfest) with an opportunity for the first 100 entrants to win a hot air balloon trip for two. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

If you have any questions, or would like a tour of our campus, my door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at [lucia.bliss@herkimer.edu](mailto:lucia.bliss@herkimer.edu) or 315.866.0300 x8459.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucia M. Bliss".

Lucia M. Bliss  
Director of Development

# *Greetings* from the President



It was a banner year for Herkimer County Community College! We implemented a new strategic plan and made great progress toward our goals and objectives. More stringent admissions requirements for out-of-county students, increased performance levels for academic progress, and new retention efforts were implemented to ensure student success. The College was granted reaccreditation for the next 10 years by the Middle States Association, verifying that excellence and integrity are truly a part of our core values. A CyberSecurity Research Center was created to enable students in the discipline to learn from real-world experience and a new criminal justice degree program in Crime & Intelligence Analysis was announced. A new Center for Global Learning offers a variety of activities and discussions for the campus and our radio station began streaming live for all in the world to enjoy.

It is with great pride that we graduated our largest class in the history of the College. With 608 new graduates, our alumni count grew to 19,351. Just as each of you came to Herkimer with unique backgrounds, challenges, goals and dreams, each of you have gone on to create unique life stories. The impact of our alumni in our community and throughout the world is truly remarkable.

*Connections* is a wonderful way for you to stay in touch with your alma mater. We invite you to also connect with us from time to time, visit the campus, and share with us your stories. As you read through this issue and reminisce about your time here at Herkimer, please consider joining us for Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend. An exciting schedule of activities is planned, including the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame inductions.

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 ask that you support our work to provide opportunities and continue the tradition of excellence here at HCCC.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Ann Marie Murray

*President, Herkimer County Community College*



# Local Alumni Find High-Tech Opportunities in their Own Backyard

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ICON'S BIOANALYTICAL LABORATORY IN WHITESBORO, NY (FORMERLY PREVALERE LIFE SCIENCES) HAVE ENJOYED A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP. ICON HAS SPONSORED AND PROVIDED JUDGES FOR THE COLLEGE'S ANNUAL JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR, WHILE THE COLLEGE PREPARES STUDENTS, IN A VARIETY OF MAJORS, FOR CAREERS AT ICON.

*“Our partnership with HCCC has provided us with the scientific and support staff necessary to further our work in evaluating the safety and effectiveness of drugs currently in development,” said Mario Rocci, President, ICON Development Solutions.*

*“We look forward to continuing this mutually beneficial partnership well into the future.”*

ICON is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, specializing in the strategic development, management and analysis of programmers that support clinical development. Many Herkimer alumni, particularly science majors, have chosen careers at ICON with six HCCC graduates currently working at the Whitesboro facility.

Dr. Paula Jardieu, Sr. Vice President at ICON's Whitesboro lab since 2002, manages the lab's analysts, quality control employees and project managers responsible for testing of new biologics under evaluation. The company likes to hire employees from the local area for several reasons. According to Dr. Jardieu, it takes about three months to train a new analyst to be proficient and work independently. “It is hard to bring recruits from outside the area because you lose so much time in recruitment and relocation. We really prefer to bring people from the local area because it is much faster. Since we are a client based business, we never know when we are going to get a new contract, and there is a lot of work involved in getting people trained. New employee training involves learning the work itself, documenting the work, standard operating procedures in accordance with good laboratory practice guidelines and safety training. Secondly, we find if employees are from the area, they want to stay in the area.” Jardieu says the company's turnover rate is very low. “As long as we keep our people happy, they like the work, and they feel there is an opportunity for upward mobility, we have a good chance of keeping them,” she said.



Additionally, Jardieu prefers to hire recent college graduates over scientists with previous lab experience, so there's no need to retrain and change habits learned in less stringent environments. "We have a strict set of guidelines that we must follow. When you have people fresh out of school, it is easy to teach them the right way to do things for our business," said Jardieu.

An analytical scientist in the Pharmacokinetics group, **Jennifer Fischer '03** joined ICON five years ago and was recently promoted to Immunoassay Scientist II. Fischer's job entails ELISA testing to measure the amount of analyte in a matrix sample for clinical and non-clinical studies. A graduate of West Canada Valley High School, Fischer attended HCCC with a Herkimer County College Foundation Tuition Scholarship. After earning her associate degree in science at Herkimer, she earned a B.S. in biology from University of North Carolina–Wilmington. Fischer's Herkimer education helped give her a strong science background that she could build on. "It provided a gateway to further my education," she said. Fischer found the lab portion of her science courses to be the most interesting and challenging, and this eventually led her to pursue a career working hands-on in the lab. "At Herkimer, I was taught proper documentation for laboratory notebooks and became familiar with problem solving in science."

Fischer says it was important to find work locally because of family connections. "It is great to be able to do a job I love and stay in the area where I grew up," she said. Proud of the impact she is making, Fischer said it is rewarding to help support pharmaceutical research, and in turn the development of new

medicines that can improve health for people today. She offers this advice for future science students: "Never give up. Science does not always work as expected. You have to be willing to look under every rock and find out why things happen. Trial and error is part of the whole process."

Jardieu says of Fischer, "Jen is fantastic, she is one of the best scientists we have. She has learned what to do extremely well and can function independently."

Originally from Frankfort, NY, **Joseph Kinney '07** earned his associate degree in science from HCCC, followed by a B.S. in biology and M.S. in forensic molecular biology from the University at Albany. Also a Foundation Tuition Scholarship recipient, Kinney chose Herkimer so he could live at home and save money in his first two years of college. "I thought it was a great experience. It's a small school, and I got to know my professors. I took most every science course that Herkimer offered." Kinney credits Herkimer with providing a strong foundation for the degree he ultimately earned from the University at Albany. "The math and science courses offered at Herkimer kept me competitively educated. New doors were opened, and I feel as though I received excellent guidance for pursuing more education and ultimately a career," he said.

As a quality control analyst at ICON, Kinney performs inspections of various aspects of the laboratory, identifies deficiencies, and gives feedback for corrective or preventative actions to correct any deficiencies found. He provides timely review of notebooks, reagent and sample preparations, methods, raw data and report tables. Kinney said, "My

education and employment experience provided me with the tools I use every day to ensure quality laboratory work is performed. Knowledge of biology and the application of mathematics are vital to understanding the daily activities of the laboratory.”

Kinney appreciates the upper level writing course taken at Herkimer as well. “Writing is a big part of biology. I had an excellent writing course at Herkimer. I was so pleased to have that professor. She wanted us to write with a purpose, so whatever you wrote came across with power. Since then, I never had a problem writing. Even though there’s the science, everything I do requires a report. That is something that I took away from Herkimer.”

Kinney is grateful for the opportunity to work at ICON. “The people are wonderful here, the culture is good, and it’s a good company to work for.” Kinney finds the medical research field to be rewarding. “It can be very fulfilling. Some of the drugs that eventually get developed are very powerful.”

ICON scientists perform pre-clinical and clinical studies. They develop assays, and perform the assays to measure the decay of the drug in the body which eventually is used to determine the safest, efficacious dose of the new therapeutic. With around 7,700 employees operating from 71 offices in 39 countries, ICON has provided bioanalytical support to pharmaceutical companies on over 2,500 studies.

Jardieu said that local college science programs, including Herkimer’s, provide a talent pool for the organization. Opportunities at ICON require a variety of levels of education including associate and bachelor’s degrees. Herkimer alumni have come to ICON with degrees in science, human resource management, accounting and business administration.

Jardieu encourages those with an associate degree to try working in a lab setting. “It’s hard to know what it’s like to work in a lab. There’s a lot of opportunity just to get your foot in the door. You may find that you want to pursue more education, or you really like what you can do with your current degree or you may even find that you don’t like science in the real world. My advice is to get started, and see what it’s like,” she said.



FOR FIVE YEARS, ICON HAS SPONSORED THE HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCIENCE FAIR FOR HERKIMER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE 2011 WINNERS AND JUDGES.



HCCC alumni Pat and Lynn Creedon ('03 Radio-TV Broadcasting and '98 Accounting, respectively) of Little Falls visited the campus for the Science Fair in February. Their daughter Mary Rose, a junior high school student at Mohawk Valley Christian Academy, participated in the fair. Lynn said, “HCCC is a nice asset to our community. The quality of education was there, and I had some professors who made a great impact in my life. The College is great for our community too, from the events they host such as the science fair to the wonderful facilities, it is beneficial all the way around.” Several of the Creedon’s family members have also attended Herkimer, including their older daughter Joni Piseck who graduated in 2010.

# WVHC Radio Streaming Live!

From its inception as an on-campus public address system in the Robert McLaughlin College Center to an FM station streaming live worldwide via the internet, Herkimer County Community College's radio station WVHC-FM (91.5) has come a long way.





WVHC-FM (91.5) is now streaming live at [herkimer.edu/wvhc](http://herkimer.edu/wvhc) and [radio.herkimer.edu:8000/live](http://radio.herkimer.edu:8000/live). WVHC is best known for its jazz programming, the only one of its kind in the Mohawk Valley. It also airs a mix of student-produced programs, athletic events and other campus events.

The station began in 1973 as WHCR, a public address system only heard in the Robert McLaughlin College Center. Students played a variety of programming during the academic day. With the opening of the new Technology Center in 1991, the radio station moved to its present location. The Board of Trustees was granted an on-air license in 1993 as WVHC-FM. Professor of Radio-TV Broadcasting Kalman Socolof, an Assistant Professor at the time, was the first general manager of the station from 1991-96. “The call letters of WVHC came about when I learned my alma mater, Hofstra University, was changing their station from WVHC to WRHU. We had tried various letter combinations and they were all in use. The College jumped on WVHC—the Voice of Herkimer County,” Socolof said.

“A distinguishing factor of WVHC is our College Board of Trustees holds the license, and participation on the station is part of the Radio-TV Broadcasting curriculum, limited to students in that major. With the exception of the general manager, all station employees are students,” Socolof said. A program director is chosen annually by the general manager, and that person hires a news director and sports director. Student directors for 2010-11 were Erin Holden, Ilion, program director; Tom Baker, Clinton, news director; and Adam Roorda, Herkimer, sports director.

“The station benefits our students. They get the opportunity to work at a college radio station run like a commercial station. They can propose new shows as long as they benefit the station and are regularly produced. They learn hands-on the challenges of managing a staff,” Socolof said. “Working on the newscast is great experience.” WVHC is a member of the Associated Press and receives their newsfeed.



Current general manager of WVHC Michael Giudice ('81, Radio-TV Broadcasting) said, “Before we became a broadcast station, it was an open format. We went all-jazz in 1998, as there is no jazz station between Albany and Syracuse.” Giudice said the station plays selections from the American Popular Song book, and works from performers including Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Kelly, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Nancy Kelly, Delores Mancuso and Salt City Jazz Collective.

“The station adds to the quality of life in our area. It is played in local businesses and healthcare facilities. People who hear it on the New York State thruway often call us on Mondays to ask if we stream the station. There are a lot of people who enjoy jazz,” Giudice said.

The station now airs 24/7, 365 days a year. The schedule for the spring 2011 semester included WVHC News, a student-produced newscast, The Sports Box, Look Back at the 90's, R & B Power Hour, C Squad, Friday Night Tribute, Rock of Ages and Time Traveler. A wide variety of jazz music rounds out the schedule and includes Jazz at Lincoln Center.

The programming schedule, updated each semester, is available at [herkimer.edu/wvhc](http://herkimer.edu/wvhc).

# Chancellor's Award For Student Excellence/ Phi Theta Kappa Awards

Recent graduates Mary Katherine Maneen, Frankfort, NY and Gustavo Pereira, West Yarmouth, MA were among 249 students from SUNY campuses throughout the State to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Mary Katherine "Katie" Maneen graduated with a degree in Communication Arts: New Media and plans to transfer to SUNY Oswego. Maneen is a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society, and was a 2010-11 recipient of the SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was member of the 2010 NJCAA National Championship Women's Track & Field Team. She was this year's team captain.

Gustavo Pereira graduated with a degree in International Business and has received academic and athletic scholarships to NCAA Division II Assumption College. Following that he plans to attend law school. He was president of Phi Beta Lambda, the national organization of business students; a member of Phi Theta Kappa; and an Honors Program and President's List student. He was named to Who's Who Among



Students in American Junior Colleges and was captain of the men's soccer team, leading the 2010 team to the NJCAA National finals.

The Chancellor also presented 59 students with awards from Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society that recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. Among those recognized was HCCC's Alyssa Sanders, Amsterdam, NY, a Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science graduate. She was vice president of leadership for the local Upsilon-Epsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Sanders plans to transfer to Clark University in Worcester, MA to study International Development and Social Change.

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## ANNOUNCING **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

The Herkimer County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame will honor former Herkimer teams and individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the College through intercollegiate athletics. The inaugural induction ceremony will be held on-campus Friday, September 30 during Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend.

The College is currently seeking nominations in four categories: 1) athlete 2) team 3) coach and 4) associate member, administrator or contributor. To be eligible for membership in the Athletic Hall of Fame, potential nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Athletes must have successfully completed at least one full season in a given sport, brought prestige and recognition to the College, and either graduated from Herkimer County Community College or transferred to a four-year college or university where he/she received a bachelor's degree.
- Teams must have compiled a significant record of accomplishments at the regional and/or national level.
- Coaches must have compiled a significant winning record for a minimum of five complete seasons while contributing to the future success, either in college or employment, of the

athletes who competed under his/her leadership.

- Associate members, administrators and contributors must have made special contributions to the quality, growth and reputation of Herkimer's intercollegiate athletic program at the community, state, and/or national level.

To be eligible for consideration, a nominee must have been disassociated with the college by virtue of graduation, advancement in career or transfer to another institution of higher education for at least five years or have been disassociated with his/her coaching or administrative responsibilities for a period of five years.

To nominate an individual or team for this prestigious honor, please complete a nomination form available at [herkimergenerals.com/halloffame](http://herkimergenerals.com/halloffame) and submit no later than Friday, July 22, 2011. For more information, contact HCCC Athletic Director Donald Dutcher at [dutcherdm@herkimer.edu](mailto:dutcherdm@herkimer.edu) or (315) 866-0300, ext. 8255.



# Commencement 2011



“SOME OF US HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. WITH THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FROM THE FACULTY AND STAFF, OUR OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN EMBRACED AND ACCEPTED AND OUR MOST CHALLENGING GOALS TURNED INTO ACCOMPLISHMENTS.”

MARY KATHERINE  
“KATIE” MANEEN '11  
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER





## SCHOLARS RECEPTION

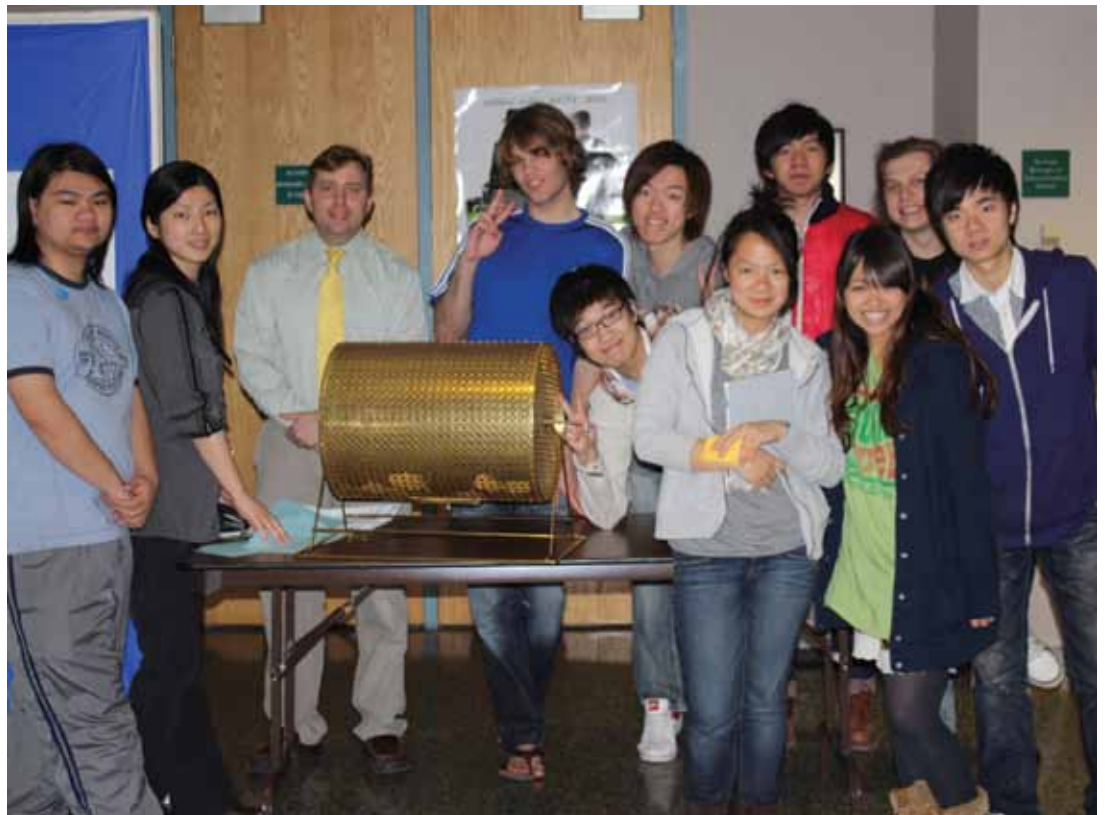
The annual Scholars Reception was held on campus in early May. The event honored donors who invest in our students through their gifts of higher education, and their scholarship winners. Over \$54,000 in scholarship funds were generously provided by 70 donors.



## STUDENTS SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN JAPAN

The Center for Global Learning (ESL and Office of International Programs), the International Student Association and Peer Tutor Club held a fundraiser to raise money to be donated to Japan Society (New York, NY): The Japan Earthquake Relief Fund, a disaster relief fund to aid the victims of the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean earthquake.

The College raised a total of \$1531 in four days.





## SUNY CHANCELLOR VISITS CAMPUS

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher recently visited campus to speak at the Herkimer County College Foundation's Executive Breakfast about SUNY's role as the economic engine in New York State. HCCC and Mohawk Valley Community College hosted guests from both foundation boards, boards of trustees, alumni, business leaders, friends and government. Dr. Zimpher stressed the need for collaboration between entities to improve New York's economic climate both regionally and throughout the state.

## Faculty Retirements

Richard Friedrich, Professor of English, is retiring this summer following nearly 17 years of service at Herkimer. He was initially hired in 1994 as English Department Chairperson. That title was changed to Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs effective September 1, 1995. Friedrich moved to temporary Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs from January 2, 1996 – June 1, 1996 at which time he became Associate Dean in the Humanities Division. In 1998, Friedrich resigned from that position to become a full-time Professor and has remained teaching until his recent retirement. He is co-author of several English textbooks and authored several articles for various publications. He earned his A.B. from St. Procopius College in Lisle, Illinois; and his M.S. from the University of Wisconsin.

Associate Professor of English Thomas Barthel retired in December 2010, following 41 years of service at HCCC. He served as the College's faculty representative to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges for over 20 years, and was instrumental in developing the bylaws for the Faculty Senate. Barthel published seven books while working full-time, and presented his research as an expert on the history of baseball in many venues, including on-campus and Cooperstown, NY. Barthel received two National Endowment for the Humanities grant awards. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Academic Senate at HCCC and served as its first president. He holds a B.A. from Belmont Abbey and an M.F.A. from University of North Carolina. Barthel was granted Emeritus status by the Board of Trustees in March 2011.

# Chancellor's Award for Excellence

Two Herkimer County Community College employees are recipients of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award. Assistant Professor of Biology Steven Mezik was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Director of Financial Aid Susan Tripp received the award for Excellence in Professional Service. The two were presented with the awards at the College's recent commencement.

Steven Mezik was appointed to the HCCC faculty in 2001 and has taught a variety of courses in the natural sciences, biology, genetics, ecology and nutrition. The selection committee's nomination read, "simply put, Steve loves to teach, and his passion for teaching has evolved into superb classroom performance. Steve sets high standards for academic excellence in class and works incessantly with students to help them realize their academic potential." Mezik is actively involved on campus and in the community. He holds a B.A. degree from Hartwick College and a M.S. from Texas Tech University.



Susan Tripp began her employment with HCCC 29 years ago and serves as director of financial aid. With more than 75% of Herkimer's students receiving financial aid, Tripp performs a critical role for students. She is extremely knowledgeable of the many complicated regulations and is committed to helping students and parents through the process of securing financial aid. A leader on-campus and among her peers, Tripp serves on numerous committees and is a member of state and national professional organizations. She holds a B.S. degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry at Syracuse.

The recipients each received a Chancellor's Award medallion from the State University of New York. Their names will be included on a plaque in the lobby of the McLaughlin College Center.



## A VICTORY CELEBRATION!

Emily Woudenberg '11, softball captain and MVP, gives head coach PJ Anadio the congratulatory ice water shower after the team soundly defeated Corning in the sub-regional game, thus earning a berth in the regional finals.

## ATHLETES NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-REGION

Eight Herkimer County Community College student athletes received Academic All-Region honors.

In order to qualify for this award, students need to complete at least 45 credit hours with a minimum 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

The recipients are 2011 graduates:

**Amanda R. Brown**, Oxford, NY; Art Studies; women's soccer and track & field

**Mary Katherine Maneen**, Frankfort, NY; Communication Arts: New Media; women's track & field

**Molliane Parsons**, Sterling, NY; Art Studies; women's cross country and track & field

**Edward Cribley**, Yorkshire, UK; Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies; men's soccer

**Gustavo Pereira**, West Yarmouth, MA; Business: International Business; men's soccer

**Jordanna Dodge**, Frankfort, NY; Communication Arts: New Media; women's bowling

**Brittany Saunders**, Ilion, NY; Physical Therapist Assistant; women's tennis

**Nina Stoecke**, Middleville, NY; Communication Arts: New Media; women's swimming.

# HERKIMER PLACES SECOND IN NATYCAA CUP

Herkimer County Community College placed second in the 2010-2011 National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup competition. HCCC has placed in the top five of the competition since its inception in 2004.

NATYCAA is the national organization of all two-year athletic administrators from the United States. The NATYCAA Cup competition recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics. Rankings are formulated by awarding National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) institutions with points based on competition at NJCAA championship events.

HCCC Director of Athletics Donald Dutcher accepted the award at the NATYCAA national convention in Orlando, Florida. "We are very proud of this ranking. It's a testament to a long history of hard work on the part of the entire athletic department staff and student athletes, together with the support of our faculty and the College administration. It is a total team effort," said Dutcher.

Herkimer teams that earned points toward the ranking included men's soccer, men's cross country, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's bowling, women's volleyball, women's tennis, and men's and women's track and field.



## SWIMMING & DIVING SETS NEW RECORDS

The men's and women's swimming and diving team captured the Region III runner up title, placing 2nd in the region, 3rd overall, in a field of 10 teams at the 2011 Region III/Northeast District Championships. Greg Griffin (50 yard freestyle and 200 yard backstroke) and Emily Washburn (100 yard butterfly) were named to the First Team All-Region; and Greg Griffin (100 yard butterfly, Michael Reilly (100 yard breaststroke) and Emily Washburn (200 yard backstroke) were named to the Second Team All-Region.

The team traveled to Erie Community College in Buffalo, NY to compete in the 2011 NJCAA Swimming & Diving National Championships. Seven new school records

were set, and 14 season best times. Both teams improved in points from previous years.

Greg Griffin set two Mountain Valley Conference records (100 & 200 backstroke) and the men set two Mountain Valley Conference relay records (200 medley relay and 800 free relay).

Emily Washburn set two Mountain Valley Conference records (50 free and 100 butterfly) and the women set five Mountain Valley Conference relay records (200 free, 400 free, 800 free, 200 medley and 400 medley).

## WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS REGIONALS, FOURTH IN NATIONALS, MEN THIRD IN REGION

Women's tennis had their best season in team history with a fourth place finish at Nationals in Tuscon, Arizona in May. They defeated SUNY Delhi last October to win the Region III Championship.

Men's tennis, in either singles or doubles, saw each member of the team achieve a victory in the first round of the Region III tournament. Freshman Bobby Fleming was forced to play four matches in one day, yet reached the 3rd singles flight final, and the 1st doubles flight semi-final with #1 singles participant Rob Murphy. This finish represents the third time in five years the men's team has placed third.



## BASEBALL REGROUPS

The 2011 season presented many challenges for the Herkimer Baseball team as they tried to replace a roster that finished third in the country in 2010. Baseball finished the year with a 19-17 record and lost in the sub-regional series to the eventual regional champion Erie Community College. Out of the 17 losses this year, nine were lost by one run. Freshman Tyler Hall (Fonda, NY) was selected as First Team All Region and All Conference team, freshman Lewis Sebrell (Ashland, OR) was selected to the Second Team All Region, while senior Matt Gaine (Goshen, NY) was selected to the All Conference team as well.

# SOCCER ALUMNI REUNITE

Herkimer's men's soccer program took part in their annual alumni game recently. Players came from as far as Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the match. "It was great to see teammates that I played with here at Herkimer as well as several of my former players," said coach Pepe Aragon. "We were happy to have former coach Perry Nizzi in attendance. Coach Nizzi brought the program to national prominence. We had a great competitive time in the alumni game," Aragon added.



# SOFTBALL PLAYERS NAMED ALL-AMERICANS

Herkimer County Community College softball players Kayla Ladd, Krista Oakes and Emily Woudenberg were named 2nd Team All-Americans for the 2011 softball season.



Kayla Ladd, (Fonda, NY), graduated in May with an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts & Sci-

ences: Physical Education. She is Herkimer's first ever two-time selection as an All-American in the sport of softball as the Utility/DP. Ladd will be transferring to SUNY Brockport this fall.



Emily Woudenberg, (Ilion, NY), graduated in May with an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts &

Sciences: Physical Education. The two-year team captain was awarded a 2nd Team All-American selection for her stellar play in the outfield for the Generals this season. Woudenberg will be transferring to SUNY Cortland this fall to play softball for the Red Dragons and continue her education.



Krista Oakes, (Akwesasne Reservation), is a Liberal Arts & Sciences: Physical Edu-

cation major. A freshman pitcher, Oakes was awarded 2nd Team All-American for going 12-3 on the season with a 1.51 era. Opposing hitters only batted .162 on the entire season against her.

# 2011 TRACK ATHLETES BREAK RECORDS

Three members of the men's track and field team recently broke school records. **Alexander Benoit**, Ilion, a Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations major from Ilion, NY broke the record in discus with a distance of 40.64m at the SUNY Geneseo meet. **Joshua Wilcox**, an EMT/Paramedic major from Watertown, set a new record in the 800m with a time of 2:00.42 at Nationals at Alfred. **Andrew Gregg**, a Criminal Justice major from Homer, NY, broke the record in the 400m at the SUNY Cortland meet (held at Cornell) with a time of 50.05; and also set a new record in the 400 hurdles at Nationals with a time of 55.28.

The former record holders are in the chart below.

EVENT	RECORD SET	OLD RECORD	PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER	NEW RECORD	NEW RECORD HOLDER
Discus	1994	39.92m	Robert Lane	40.64m	Alex Benoit
800m	1979	2:02.2	Jay Walsh	2:00.42	Joshua Wilcox
400m	2001	50.47	Richie Francis	50.05	Andrew Gregg
400 Hurdles	1986	56.53	Dan McCarthy	55.28	Andrew Gregg





## MEN'S LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team finished their season with a 7-6 regular season record. Herkimer's season was highlighted with impressive victories against Jefferson, Hudson Valley, Finger Lakes, Delhi and rival Mohawk Valley CC. Herkimer played hard and showed excellent sportsmanship in tough losses to nationally ranked Onondaga, Nassau, Genesee and Broome. The Generals finished their season with a 10-5 loss in the Region III Quarterfinals to Monroe County Community College.

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Men's soccer star Ted Cribley was named the 2011 HCCC male Athlete of the Year. Cribley, a native of Sheffield, England led the Generals to two Region III championships, a national third place finish and national runner-up finish. He was a two-time Mountain Valley Conference selection; two-time All Region III and two-time NJCAA and NSCAA All-American.

Cribley received a scholarship to NCAA Division I Syracuse University. "I am excited to be able to watch Ted play in one of the best soccer conferences in the country," said Coach Pepe Aragon. "He is one of the best attacking players that I have ever coached." Cribley was also a member of Herkimer's Faculty Student Association and was named to Who's Who among American Junior College students. He graduated from HCCC with an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies on May 20.

Melissa McGough, Remsen, NY was named the 2011 HCCC female athlete of the year. Soccer coach Amy Dommer said "Melissa was a defensive standout for two years on the women's soccer team. She achieved All-Conference status and All-Region status for both years and was our team's anchor both on and off the field." McGough, a member of the Generals' track and field team, broke a school record in the pole vault. She was a member of the 2010 national championship team. Coach Sharon Howell said, "Melissa is a dedicated, hardworking young lady and a pleasure to coach."

McGough graduated from HCCC with an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science and plans to continue her education at Albany College of Pharmacy.



## HERKIMER SOFTBALL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

The 2011 Women's Softball Team had their most successful season in over a decade. They were 34-9 overall on the season which brought them the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Championship with a perfect 12-0. Herkimer advanced to the Regional Final Four before losing to Monroe CC in the Regional finals. Herkimer had five girls named to the 1st Team All-Region (Maggie Mulligan-Amsterdam, Kayla Ladd-Fonda, Emily Woudenberg-Ilion, Krista Oakes-Akwesasne Reservation and Britt Thivierge-Schuylerville) and one on the 2nd Team (Olivia Tooley-Little Falls). Head Coach PJ Anadio was named Region III Coach of the Year. In addition to the five girls named to the 1st Team All-Region, Kayla Delles (Waterville) and Andrea Rogers (Munnsville) were added to the list that comprised the 1st Team All-Conference to give the Generals a total of 7 girls on the 1st Team. Krista Oakes was named 2011 Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Player of the Year and Coach PJ Anadio was also named Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year.



## BUILDING YEAR FOR BOWLERS

First-year head coach PJ Anadio had only one returning bowler, but by the end of the season, great things were happening. The duo of Ashley Marthage (Victor HS) and Maripat McNally (East Syracuse Minoa HS) brought home the Women's Doubles Regional Championship and Anthony DiPierro (Whitesboro HS) recorded the highest single game of any male at this year's National Championships held in Buffalo, NY. "I'm expecting bigger things next year," said Anadio. "Experience brings a lot of confidence and with confidence, you can be a great bowler. I am very confident that the program is headed in the right direction."

## HCCC ALUM AKEEM ELLIS SCORES BIG AT COPPIN STATE

Herkimer County Community College alum and 2010 NJCAA Region III Player of the Year, Akeem Ellis had a standout season with NCAA Division I Coppin State. Following graduation from HCCC with an A.S. Degree in Business: Sports and Recreation Management, he accepted a full scholarship from Coppin State in Baltimore, MD. Receiving Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference honors on February 7 for his standout performances against Norfolk State University and Bethune Cookman College, Ellis averaged 20.5 points and 10 rebounds in the two games. Ellis led the Eagles in points nine times throughout the season with a season high of 27 points against North Carolina A&T. Regularly playing around 34 minutes per game, Ellis averaged 12 points and 6 rebounds. On the season he accumulated 23 steals, 9 blocks, and 63 assists.

Some of Akeem's highlights this season include his buzzer beating baseline jumper with 6.7 seconds left to earn a sweet victory over Navy 65-64; his effort alongside teammate Tony Gallo who together scored 15 of Coppin State's 19 points in overtime leading the Eagles to a 90-79 victory over Bethune-Cookman in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game; and scoring a team high of 19 points in a game against University of Connecticut.

Coppin State ended their season with an overall record of 16-14 and a conference record of 11-5 which earned them a tie for 2nd place in the MEAC Conference.



## NJCAA LAX HALL OF FAME INDUCTS TWO HCCC GREATS

Two former Herkimer County Community College lacrosse players were among five men recently inducted into the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Eric Ungleich** was a two-time All-American attack man with the Generals in 1987 and '88. He went on to an All-American career at Salisbury University.



Former HCCC Lacrosse Coach Paul Wehrum, speaking at the induction ceremony said, "Eric Ungleich was a four-time All-American and a four-time national champion in the sport we all love. Some of us will never get to achieve even one of these goals. Because of these outstanding accomplishments, Eric has been inducted into Salisbury State's Hall of Fame. Eric traveled with me on an all-star team to Australia and led that team to a championship. If I had to choose only one player to play attack for me in a

championship game it would be Eric Ungleich," Wehrum said.

"As great a player as Eric is, he is a better father," Wehrum added. "Rarely in my life have I seen a man dedicate his life to his mom, his dad, his wife and his children. It is an honor to induct Eric Ungleich into the National Junior College Lacrosse Hall of Fame."

**Regy Thorpe '92** was also an All-American at Herkimer. He went on to serve as captain at Syracuse University, leading the Orange to a national championship. After graduating from Syracuse, Thorpe had a successful professional lacrosse career.

"All Regy wanted to do was make his coaches, and in particular his mom, proud by achieving his college degree," Wehrum said. "On the lacrosse field, Regy Thorpe struck fear in everyone he played against. He was the unanimous All-American at Herkimer and went on to captain Syracuse's National Championship Lacrosse team. To be named captain of a team like Syracuse in only one year speaks volumes for Regy's leadership abilities. As great a player as Regy is, he has proven to be an extremely successful businessman and has brought his passion for sports into the field of business. I am proud to induct Regy Thorpe into the National Junior College Lacrosse Hall of Fame."



## SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI VISIT CAMPUS TO RECRUIT STUDENTS

Two successful Herkimer alumni joined more than 70 employers for the annual career fair to discuss opportunities with HCCC students, alumni and community members. Following the career fair, they toured the campus with Employer Relations Specialist Guy Devitt. While on tour, they met up with a group of students and reminisced about their experiences while hearing from the students about student life on campus today.

*Pictured from left: Michael Gouldrick (Class of 1987, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Science), Director of Meteorology at YNN; Jenelle (Gallardo) D'Agostino (Class of 2002, Occupational Therapy Assistant), Human Resources Coordinator for Arc of Onondaga; Guy Devitt; Andrew Sutphen (Ballston Spa); Beth Knight, recruiter for ENABLE; Ellen Brunner (Malta); Chelsea Almanzar (New York); Billy Wenzel and Jordan Sommer (Herkimer).*



# President's *Gala*

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

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, over 190 guests enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, dinner and a silent auction.



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Students, Parents, Families, Alumni and  
the Community are invited to attend

# Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend

September 29–October 1, 2011  
[herkimer.edu/fallfest](http://herkimer.edu/fallfest)

## Thursday, September 29

**1:00 p.m.**

Frackenhohl Honors Brass Quintet,  
part of the Robert H. Wood Great Artist Series  
*Sponsored by the Foundation*

## Friday, September 30

**5:00 p.m.**

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

## Saturday, October 1

**11:00 a.m.**

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk  
Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Faculty Lectures  
Motorcycle, Antique Tractor & Car Show  
DJ/Music

Geocaching on our Nature Trail  
Caricatures

MVAS Solar Star Gazing  
Inflatable Games/Novelties  
Cristman Pool open for recreational swimming  
Historic Walking Tours in downtown Herkimer

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

International Food Event  
Tailgate Parties for Alumni Teams

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides  
Frisbee Golf, Volleyball, Bocce Ball

**1:00 p.m.**

HCCC Women's Soccer vs. Niagara

**2:00 p.m.**

2nd Annual Alumni Softball Game

**3:00 p.m.**

Motorcycle, Antique Tractor & Car Show Awards  
HCCC Men's Soccer vs. Mercer

**4:00 p.m.**

Robert Channing, Mentalist

**8:00 p.m.**

Dancing and Music by "Gridley Paige"

*Sponsored by the Foundation*

## CLASS NOTES

### CLASS OF 1982

**Lisa Tucker**, Lexington Park, MD is currently working for the U.S. Navy at Patuxent River, MD. She is an integrated support specialist in the Infrastructure Division. She was formerly public affairs supervisor and visual information team lead.

### CLASS OF 1983

**Andria DeLisle Heath**, Herkimer, NY has been named executive director of the Utica Zoo. She had served as the executive director of the Mohawk Valley American Red Cross for 14 years prior to accepting her new position.

### CLASS OF 1985

**Christopher Hale**, Rome, NY is branch manager of One Main Financial.

### CLASS OF 1999

**Thomas Lake**, Atlanta, GA had an article published in the December 2010 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, **The Boy Who Died of Football**.

### CLASS OF 2004

**Mindy Miner**, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, continued her education at Utica College until the opportunity came for her to work abroad. Since 2006, she has been employed with the non-profit organization Youth for Christ, working in Central Asia in the country of Kyrgyzstan for the last three years. Miner works with teenage orphans, teaching English and helping with English Clubs.

### CLASS OF 2007

**Justin Thompson**, Herkimer, NY earned a B.A. in criminal justice with a minor in anthropology from SUNYIT. He plans to enter a graduate program.

**Sydney Astafan**, Brockport, NY graduated from SUNY Brockport in May 2010. She is an information specialist at A.B.V.I. Goodwill.

### CLASS OF 2010

**Stephanie McCumber**, Frankfort, NY will be attending Penn Foster College this fall, studying human resources. She works full-time at Folts Home, Herkimer and part-time at a hair salon.

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Include your name, address, class year  
and date of birth.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**Donald Waller**, 71, Cold Brook, NY, Class of 1975, died January 7, 2010 at Rome Memorial Hospital, following a long illness. He was retired from the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Utica. Donald was a former police officer for the Village of Newport and former member of the Newport Volunteer Fire Department.

**Deborah Bradt Lichtblau**, 56, Reston, VA, Class of 1977, passed away December 27, 2010. Debbie earned a B.S. in microbiology from Ohio State University in 1979. She enrolled in HCCC after early ballet training at the Chautauqua Institute in Buffalo, and with the Harkness and Joffrey Ballet companies in New York City. She performed with the Pennsylvania Ballet. Her husband, Dr. Dale Lichtblau, said, "Her classes at Herkimer, particularly in biology, were some of the more memorable of her life. She never tired of talking about the wonderful teachers she encountered at HCCC." The photo-montage (link below) was shown at her funeral.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqx1L19u\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqx1L19u_w)

**George Frank**, 55, Frankfort, NY, Class of 1977, passed away Good Friday, April 22, 2011 in his home after a courageous battle with adrenal cancer. He was employed as a custodian at Frankfort Schuyler School

District for many years, until his retirement in April 2011.

**Nancy Jackson**, 54, Whitesboro, NY, Class of 1984, passed away November 27, 2010 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse.

**John LaSalle**, Long Beach, CA, Class of 1985, passed away April 9, 2010 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. John was employed by Raytheon in El Segundo, CA and is survived by his wife Colleen (Class of 1984) and two daughters.

**James Thurston**, 58, Frankfort, NY, Class of 1988, passed away April 26, 2011 in University Hospital, Syracuse, NY. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Utica College and was, at one time, employed by Centrex Laboratories and later in quality control for Indium Corporation. He was a bass guitar player for the Honeybush Brothers, and a master diver and instructor with the National Aquatic Association.

**Julie Bader Brizze**, Sharon Springs, NY, Class of 1988, died April 9, 2009.

**Toni Kravec**, 41, Barneveld, NY, Class of 1990, passed away December 8, 2010 at her home after a long illness. She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from SUNYIT. She was employed as a grant writer with the Utica Police Department. She enjoyed Walt Disney World and spending time with her husband and children at their camp on Cape Vincent.

**David Ucasz**, 36, Little Falls, NY, Class of 1997, passed away March 1, 2011 in California after a courageous battle with cancer.

Throughout his fight he remained incredibly dignified and productive in his work and life.

**Kevin Robert Jones**, 54, Herkimer, NY, Class of 1997, passed away April 19, 2011 after suffering from throat cancer. He earned a B.S. in chemistry from SUNY Potsdam, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was discharged with wounds suffered in an electrical accident while he was a radar specialist aboard the USS Enterprise. Kevin was an environmentalist who loved hiking and fishing.

**John P. Fusco**, 48, Deerfield, NY, Class of 1983, passed away June 1, 2011. He was a graduate of Utica College, currently employed as a Deputy Sherriff with the Oneida County Sherriff's Office and was a member of the Warrants Unit, Sergeant of the Sherriff Civil Division and the Central New York Fugitive Task Force. John enjoyed running the Boilermaker and the Marine Corps Marathon.

**Linn Eldred**, 82, of Mohawk and Inlet, NY, passed away January 23, 2011 in Valley Health Services Inc., Herkimer, NY. Linn was director of physical plant at Herkimer County Community College from 1985 until his retirement in 1994. In addition to his service to the College, Linn was a founding member of the Herkimer Rotary Club and, along with Ted Russell, helped to build Camp Russell in Woodgate, NY for the Boy Scouts of America. He also served two terms as the Mayor of Mohawk during the 1970's.



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#### Great Artists Series Concert

Frackenhohl Honors Brass Quintet  
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### Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, September 30

### College Open House

Saturday, October 29

### Region III

#### Women's Soccer Championships

October 29

### NJCAA Division III

#### Men's Soccer National Championships

November 10-13

### 35th Herkimer County

#### Arts & Crafts Fair

November 12-13

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