

Alumni News

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2004 Torchbearer Award Recipients Honored at HCCC

Six community leaders were recently recognized for their lifetime of dedication to Herkimer County Community College at the second Torchbearer Awards Ceremony held on campus. The awards recognize those who have given of themselves to light the way for future generations. The Torchbearer plaques are displayed in the lobby of the Hummel Corporate and Professional Education Center. The main plaque states "Through their vision and commitment, our Torchbearers have built this community college and maintained its tradition of opportunity and excellence. In so doing, those honored here have shadowed themselves in order to give light to others."

Honored this year were Robert Boyle, Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo, Colonel James Hill, Frank

Menapace, Jean Stapleton and Dr. H. David Trautlein.

Robert Boyle was recognized for his generosity to HCCC. His relationship with Mohawk Data Sciences led to sizable gifts from MDS to the College. Boyle's interest and help were very influential to the establishment of Herkimer County Community College. His award was accepted posthumously by his daughter, Kathleen Boyle DeCarlo.

Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo was honored for his commitment to academic excellence. As Professor of Music at HCCC, he served as a role model to his students and colleagues, and as chair of the Humanities and Social Science Division. In his 26 years of teaching at HCCC, Dr. DeLorenzo touched the hearts and enriched the minds of hundreds of students.

Colonel James Hill served the College as Assistant Professor of Business for two years, and Dean of Administration and Treasurer for 13

years. Hill supported the academic mission of the College and the athletic program as well. Since his retirement from HCCC, Hill continues to support the College's mission through his work with numerous community organizations.

Frank Menapace was recognized for his commitment and years of service to Herkimer County Community College. His service was a culmination of numerous roles within the academic division of the College. His leadership and guidance proved beneficial to both students and faculty. As Chair of the

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Torchbearer Award Recipients, from left: Colonel James Hill, Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo, Kathleen Boyle DeCarlo (for her late father, Robert Boyle), HCCC President Ronald F. Williams, Dr. H. David Trautlein, Jean Stapleton and Frank Menapace.



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Math/Science Division, Menapace introduced new curricula that were well received by our students. Menapace's 32 years of academic service have contributed greatly to the success of Herkimer County Community College.

Jean Stapleton, a founding faculty member of the College, insisted on high standards for herself and her students. She was honored for her commitment to academic excellence. Originally hired to teach foreign languages, Stapleton recognized the need to develop an academic program in Travel and Tourism. Her pioneering efforts provided for substantial enrollment growth, as well as state recognition of the College's Travel and Tourism program. Stapleton's interest in the College has continued since her retirement, with her involvement in the Herkimer County College Foundation.

Dr. H. David Trautlein was honored for his commitment to establishing a benchmark for academic excellence at Herkimer County Community College. As the founding Dean of the College, Dr. Trautlein created the academic programs and standards that provided a successful beginning for HCCC. He demanded and received excellence in teaching from the faculty. He was extremely instrumental in library development, faculty and student evaluations, and documentation of the College's history. Dr. Trautlein's contributions are a major reason for the continual success of the College.

Alumnus Appointed Athletic Director

Herkimer County Community College President Ronald F. Williams has announced the appointment of Donald M. Dutcher, Poland as the Director of Athletics/Physical Education at HCCC.

Division III athletic program, the day-to-day operation of the intercollegiate and intramural programs and the College Fitness Center. He will oversee all long-range planning and development of new initiatives.

Dutcher comes to HCCC from Poland Central School where he was the Athletic Director, Boy's Varsity Basketball



Coach, Soccer and Baseball Coach; and a Technology Teacher. A 1990 graduate of HCCC with an A.S. degree, Dutcher also holds a B.S. from SUNYIT, a B.S. from SUC at Oswego, and an M.S. and Certificate of Advanced Study from SUC at Cortland. While at HCCC, Dutcher was captain of the first Region III Championship men's soccer team under Coach Perry Nizzi. He recently was the Assistant Men's Soccer Coach at Hamilton College, under Head Coach Nizzi. Dutcher was honored with the Mohawk Valley Coach of the Year Award in March 2004. He was also inducted into SUNYIT's Wildcat Hall of Fame in October 2003.

At HCCC, Dutcher will be responsible for maintaining the College's highly successful NJCAA

HCCC President Ronald F. Williams said "we are very pleased to have an experienced athletic director assuming this very important position. The HCCC athletic program is home to 22 national championship teams in the last 17 years."

Dutcher said "I'm very excited to come into an institution with such a powerful athletic program, and I'm looking forward to working with HCCC's outstanding group of professionals. It's a great time to join HCCC with the construction of the new athletic stadium," he added.

Dutcher's appointment is effective October 18, 2004. He replaces Troy Tucker, who left HCCC this summer to accept a position at the University of Maryland.

Reunion Policy

If you would like to have a reunion and need information please contact the Alumni Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8259. The requirements below must be met before any information is provided.

1. Must be a graduate of HCCC

2. Preferably be an active paid alum
3. Must submit your request in writing
4. Must outline in your letter what your intentions are
5. Must affiliate the Alumni Association with the reunion

Roller Named 2004 Alumnus of the Year

James C. Roller, Radio-TV Broadcasting ('79), was selected as the College's **2004 Alumnus of the Year**. Roller was recognized at HCCC's 36th annual Commencement exercises held on-campus in May.



James C. Roller

The **Alumnus of the Year** award recipient is selected by the College

Alumni Board from a list of nominees who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in their professional field.

Following graduation from HCCC, Roller earned a bachelor's degree in television production and communications from Ithaca College. During his 24-year career in broadcasting, Roller has produced and directed programs for the three major networks (ABC, CBS and NBC) and every major cable television network in the United States.

Among Roller's production credits are the Stanley Cup Finals, World Basketball Championships, and an Emmy Award winning production of Motor Week Illustrated. Roller is currently senior producer for coverage of the American Le Mans Series airing on NBC, CBS Sports and the Speed Channel.

Roller also produces and directs Big 12 and Big 10 basketball for ESPN regional television.

The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association commended Roller for his outstanding professional achievements.

Roller resides in Denver, North Carolina.

Alumni Association President/Board

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College Unveils New Logos



Herkimer County Community College recently unveiled new institutional and athletic logos. The logos were developed in response to recommendations received from an image study conducted last year by an independent research firm at the request of the College. The new logos are part of an overall branding campaign being conducted by the institution.

HCCC President Ronald F. Williams said "the new logos provide strong graphic images for both the College and its nationally recognized athletic program."



The institutional logo will soon appear on College letterhead, advertising, the institution's website and publications. The Generals logo will be used on athletic uniforms, in the gymnasium and the new athletic stadium that is currently under construction.

A logo was also designed for the Alumni Association, as reflected in the new masthead on this newsletter.



The logos were designed by Cynthia Courtney of Courtney & Co. Design, Liverpool, NY.

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1976

Odessa Krech Helmer, Murfreesboro, TN married Jeff Helmer in 1980. They have a son, Jeremy, who graduated from high school this year. Odessa is a case manager for the State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

Nancy Gibbs Worsinger, Battleboro, NC has a master's degree in medical technology from Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. She is lead technologist/laboratory director at Boice Willis Clinic, Rocky Mount, NC.

Class of 1977

Robert Pritchard, New Hartford, NY is CEO/President of Rec-Creation Pools, Inc. in New Hartford. Pritchard is a member of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board. He married Ann Hobert in 1998. They have two dogs, Lady and Blarney.

Class of 1979

Roberta Ielfield Wilhoit, Mt. Pleasant, SC married William Merrill Corry Wilhoit, Jr. in January, 1988 and the couple had a son, William Merrill Corry Wilhoit III, born October 16, 2000. They relocated from Birmingham, Alabama to Charleston, SC in July. Roberta is a stay-at-home mom.

MaryBeth Sbaraglia, Syracuse, NY was recognized by the Central New York Business Journal as one of the top five woman-owned businesses in Central New York. She is president of MS Unlimited, Inc. The company's diverse portfolio ranges from highway construction supplies and rental equipment to gift baskets and portable restrooms.

Class of 1981

Jeffrey Herter, Troy, NY earned a master's degree in natural resource management from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry in May 1997. He got married on September 14, 2002.

Class of 1982

Rosemary Simek Backenstross, Fayetteville, NY is a marketing administrator for United Computer Capital Corp. in East Syracuse. She married John C. Backenstross on October 18, 2003.

Class of 1984

Steven Dodson, St. Johnsville, NY attended MCI school for auto electronics and computer controls. A former automotive technician, Dodson enjoys working on cars and tending his vegetable and flower gardens.

Eva DiNardi Allegretti, Clifton Park, NY holds an M.S. in special education from SUNY Albany. She teaches student-patients at Four Winds Hospital, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Class of 1985

Paula Seakan Robertson, Las Vegas, NV spent 10 years working in the travel and tourism industry, then relocated to Las Vegas to pursue a career in special events production. Robertson worked for several destination management companies including USA Hosts and Baskow & Associates. She recently accepted a position as director of marketing for T&M Concepts in Las Vegas.

Valerie Jolly Doxstader, Romulus, NY married Dave Doxstader from Dolgeville in 1992. They have two children, Nicole (born in 1994) and Jason (1997). Valerie is employed by Finger Lakes Medical Associates in Geneva as an accounts payable technician/purchasing agent.



1984 Grads Cruise the Caribbean—standing, from left: Holly Storm, Ann McDermott Medici, Irene Olmstead, Rosanne Persico, Tracy Clark.

Sitting: Valerie Fredette, Ellen Fiorentino, Beth Mamo. Elizabeth Lange wrote: *In 1982 when I entered Herkimer I met some of the most amazing people in the world. The first year a group of us lived in College Hill apartments. We came from all over NYS and became the best of friends. The following year we rented a large house downtown so we could all live together.*

Over the years our friendships and memories have only grown stronger. We have seen each other through the good times and bad. We are so close that we talk weekly and see each other monthly, even though we are scattered. Now, our children are all becoming the best of friends as well! This past summer, in celebration of our friendship and our 40th birthdays, we took a one week cruise to the western Caribbean. All of us attended HCCC and are forever grateful for the gift of friendship you gave us!

Class of 1986

Brenda J. Wagner, Herkimer, NY is engaged to David Lamouret. Wagner is merchandise director for Albany-Decotex, a lace curtain manufacturer based in Vietnam, with the parent company in Augsburg, Germany. She works at home for the company.

Ronald Brunelli, Baldwinsville, NY is a forensic investigator with the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office. Previously, he was a funeral director/embalmer with various funeral homes in Central New York. Brunelli has diplomat status with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. He has taken courses and training in forensic anthropology from Syracuse University, University of New Orleans & Colorado State University.

Class of 1987

Gina Guzman, Williamsville, NY recently changed jobs and is now employed as head attorney in the Western New York area for the Syracuse law firm of HumplebyLaw Office, P.C., focusing solely on bankruptcy law.

Wendy Pratt Wilson, Ilion, NY married Steve Wilson ('95) in 1992. They have two daughters. Wendy was recently promoted to assistant manager of consulting services at Benefit Plans Administrators in Utica. She has been employed there since July 1987.

Class of 1988

Robert (Bob) Cain, New Hartford, NY is the northeast regional manager (including 11 states) for the K-LOVE and AIR 1 radio networks. The networks have a combined 109 stations, 170 translators in 40 states. K-LOVE is heard on 100.7FM where Cain is headquartered.

Alan Smith, Anderson, SC graduated from the University of Florida with a doctor of audiology degree in 2000. He founded Anderson Audiology Consultants, P.A. in 2001 and Anderson Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Center,

LLC in 2002. Alan married Dorothy Smith in 1998 and they have two children, Connor and Palmer.

Class of 1990

Terry McKee, Atlanta, GA is currently employed by IBM in Atlanta.

Class of 1991

Nancy Pardee Reese, East Herkimer, NY was elected Herkimer Town Clerk in November 2003. She was the Deputy Town Clerk for four years. She is also a member of the Herkimer Lions Club.

Class of 1992

Maria Carozza Hahn, Syracuse, NY had a son, Andrew Bruce, on March 1, 2004. He joins big sisters Theresa Jo and Christina Maria.

Rich Jantzi, Utica, NY is health and fitness director at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown, where he has been employed for five years.

Class of 1993

Jennifer Silvanic Lopes, Whitney Point, NY married Jose Lopes on August 5, 2001. The couple had twin sons on July 2, 2004. Kal Jose Lopes weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long; Ethan Jose Lopes weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Jennifer is an insurance consultant with Healthnow.

Kerry Petrie, Charlotte, NC has been working for Marriott International for 11 years. She's a revenue manager for Multiple Brand Hotels by Marriott. She moved to Charlotte shortly after graduating from HCCC and loves the Carolinas!

Class of 1994

Lynne Harrington Watson, Cherry Valley, NY earned a B.B.A. in insurance from the College of Insurance, New York, NY. She married Marc Ryan Watson of New Hampshire on September 8, 2001. They welcomed a son, Ashton Ryan, on February 4, 2003. Lynne is employed as a no-fault claims examiner with New York Central Mutual Insurance Company.

Class of 1996

Laura LeFevre, Saratoga Springs, NY is in private practice as a physical therapist assistant outside of Saratoga Springs, where she did her last clinical rotation while a student at HCCC.

Jennifer Green Fagnan, DuPont, WA married Captain Don Fagnan in 2001. They have a son, Jack, born in 2002.

Amy Kniffen Melendez, Little York, NY earned a B.S. in professional management from NOVA Southeastern University in 1999, and an M.B.A. in business administration from NOVA Southeastern University in 2002.

After participating in the Walt Disney World College Program in 1995, she stayed on at Disney for almost seven years working in labor strategy. Amy married Edward Melendez of Mascotte, FL on March 1, 2003.

Maryanne Sheehan, Queensbury, NY is attending the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, Vermont, pursuing a degree in human services and counseling.

Class of 1997

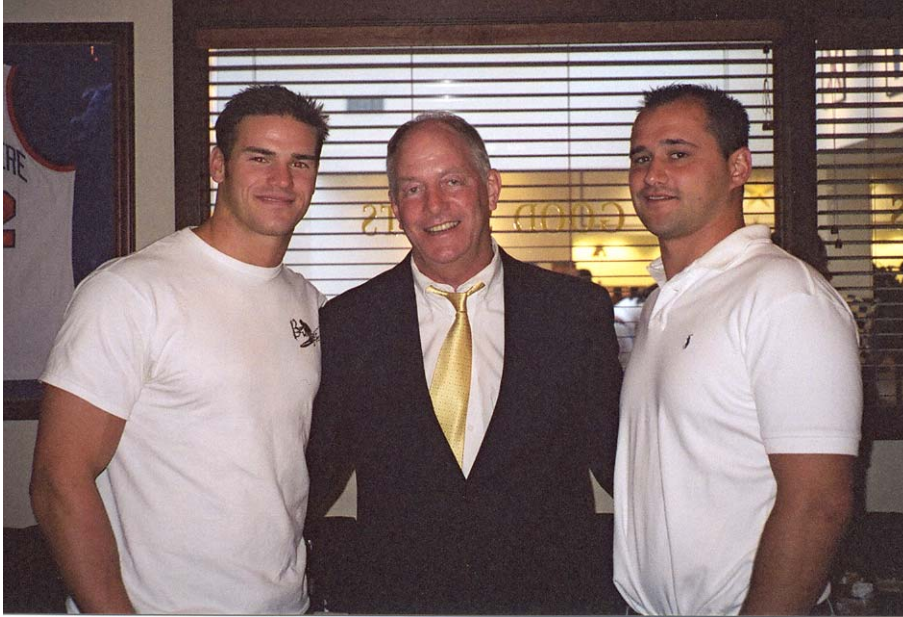
Kelly Evans, Brooktondale, NY is employed by Gene Network Sciences in Ithaca, a biotech company on the cutting edge of cancer research and drug development for cancer and heart disease.

Jamie Robinson, New London, CT is engaged to be married on May 29, 2005.

Rebecca Fuller, Rochester, NY recently accepted a new position as Director of Donor Relations and the Nathaniel Rochester Society at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Kim Harloff, Oneonta, NY is currently writing her first screenplay. She earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in speech communication.

Alumni Gather on Long Island



Long Island Alumni Gather—HCCC Alums from the Long Island area gathered recently at Champions Sports Bar in Uniondale, NY for a regional alumni event. The first event of this type on Long Island, it was part of the HCCC Alumni Association's efforts across the country to bring Herkimer alums together. Pictured above are 2000 grads T.J. (Thomas) Lynch (Criminal Justice), Babylon, NY (left) and Rich Cavaluzzo (General Studies), Glenhead, NY with HCCC former men's and current women's lacrosse coach Paul Wehrum.

Would You Like to Host a Regional Alumni Event?

HCCC's Alumni Association is looking for alums interested in hosting an Alumni Event in their area. You can plan the gathering at your home or at a local restaurant/bar.

The Alumni Association will coordinate with the host and will send out invitations to fellow grads from your area. These events are a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and network with other local Herkimer alums.

Contact the Alumni Association at 315-866-0300, ext. 8259 or email casaleva@herkimer.edu.

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- *Join the Alumni Association
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- *Join our E-mail list

Class of 1998

Kathryn Ralston, Winter Haven, FL is working toward an M.B.A. via interent courses. She is majoring in human resources and marketing.

Wendy Russell Norman, Moira, NY graduated on May 9, 2004 with a master's of physical therapy degree from Clarkson University. She accepted a position with In Motion Physical Therapy in Malone, NY. She married Joel E. Norman on July 10, 2004.

Class of 1999

Sandra Beaton Sturtevant, Rome, NY has been married for four years to Rob Sturtevant. They have a daughter, Kayleigh Jean, born April 24, 2002. Sandra is attending Utica College studying to become a teacher.

Sarah Dobler, Johnson City, NY earned a B.S. degree in psychology from SUC at Cortland, She has been working for United Health Services hospitals for two years as an associate case manager.

Stephanie Madison, St. Johnsville, NY earned an M.B.A. in technology management from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome on May 15, 2004.

Class of 2000

Kathleen T. Wollaber Brown, Mohawk, NY is employed at RCIL, Herkimer office.

Class of 2001

James Keller, Durhamville, NY is currently attending Utica College of Syracuse University earning a B.S. in science, economic crime investigation with a concentration in computer science.

Class of 2003

Michael Hensel, Whitesboro, NY completed an internship in Lake Como, Italy at Grand Hotel Serbelloni, a 5-star hotel, from May 30-August 7 through Niagara University's College of Hospitality.

Annual Raffle for 2005 Harley/\$10,000 Cash

Tickets: \$10 Only 5,000 tickets sold Drawing: July 1, 2005 9pm
(you do not have to be present to win)

**Grand Prize: 2005 Harley Davidson Softail Springer Classic
or \$10,000 Cash**

Proceeds benefit the works of the Herkimer County College Foundation, Inc.

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Nominations for Alumnus of the Year

The HCCC Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Association's annual Alumnus of the Year Award. We are asking for names of alumni whose professional, civic, or personal accomplishments best reflect the commitment to excellence and community service which define the community college. Please provide a brief but comprehensive overview of your nominee's accomplishments on the form provided below.

Submit your completed nomination form by March 4, 2005 to: HCCC Alumni Office, c/o Maureen Schell, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

2005 HCCC ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee _____ Class/Curric. _____
(include maiden name)

Address _____

Phone (____) - _____ e-mail _____

Education: High School _____

 HCCC Degree _____

 Other _____

Highlight Professional/Civic/Personal Accomplishments: _____

(attach additional sheet)

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Raffle Winner Announced/Tickets Available for 2005

The Herkimer County College Foundation has announced the winner of its Annual Raffle. Craig Wright, Garden City, NY is this year's winner of a 2004 Harley-Davidson Road King.

The drawing was held on July 1, 2004 at the Community Independence Day Celebration held at Herkimer County Community College.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the works of the Foundation, including student scholarships.

This year's grand prize will be a 2005 Harley Davidson Softail Springer Classic or \$10,000 cash. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 315-866-0300, ext. 8259; email schellmc@herkimer.edu, or complete & return the form on this page.

Join the Business Wall

The HCCC Alumni Association would like to gather business cards from all of our alums. The cards will be displayed in Alumni Hall to demonstrate a range of career options to our students and other visitors to campus.

Simply send your business card to the Alumni Office along with your graduation year on the back. When you're in the area, stop by and visit the Business Wall.

Reminder

Check the expiration date on your HCCC Alumni Association Membership Card. If it has expired, remember to send your dues to the HCCC Alumni Office.

The Association bills on a fiscal year from September 1-August 31. Membership fees are \$25/year for Annual Member, \$250 one-time fee for Lifetime Member.

Join the Alumni Association online: www.herkimer.edu/alumni.

HCCC Deans Appointed

Jennifer Boulanger, Rome, NY has been appointed Dean of Academic Affairs at HCCC. Boulanger holds a B.A. degree from SUC at Oswego and an M.S. from SUC at Cortland. She is a graduate of the Cornell Institute for Community College Development's Chair Academy, and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program through Columbia University.

Boulanger has been serving as Interim Dean of Academic Affairs at HCCC. Prior to that, she was Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Humanities Division at Herkimer County Community College.

Dr. Matthew R. Hawes, Walton, NY has been appointed Dean of Students at Herkimer County Community College. Hawes comes to HCCC from SUNY College of Technology at Delhi, where he was Director of Housing and Residence Life for seven years.

Hawes holds a B.S. degree from Springfield College, an M.A. from the University of Maryland at College Park, and an Ed.D. from the University of Vermont.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Let us know if you've recently changed jobs, been promoted, married, or other accomplishments you'd like to share with fellow alumni. If your address has changed, please send us an update so we can keep in touch. Thank you.

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

Name _____ Class of' _____
Last First Maiden

Address _____
Street City State Zip

County _____ Phone _____ Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____
Area Code

email _____

New job, advanced degree, marriage, births, etc. _____

ALUMNI DUES

I'd like to join the Alumni Association. My \$25 check (payable to *HCCC Alumni Association*) is enclosed for one-year membership; \$250 for lifetime membership.

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