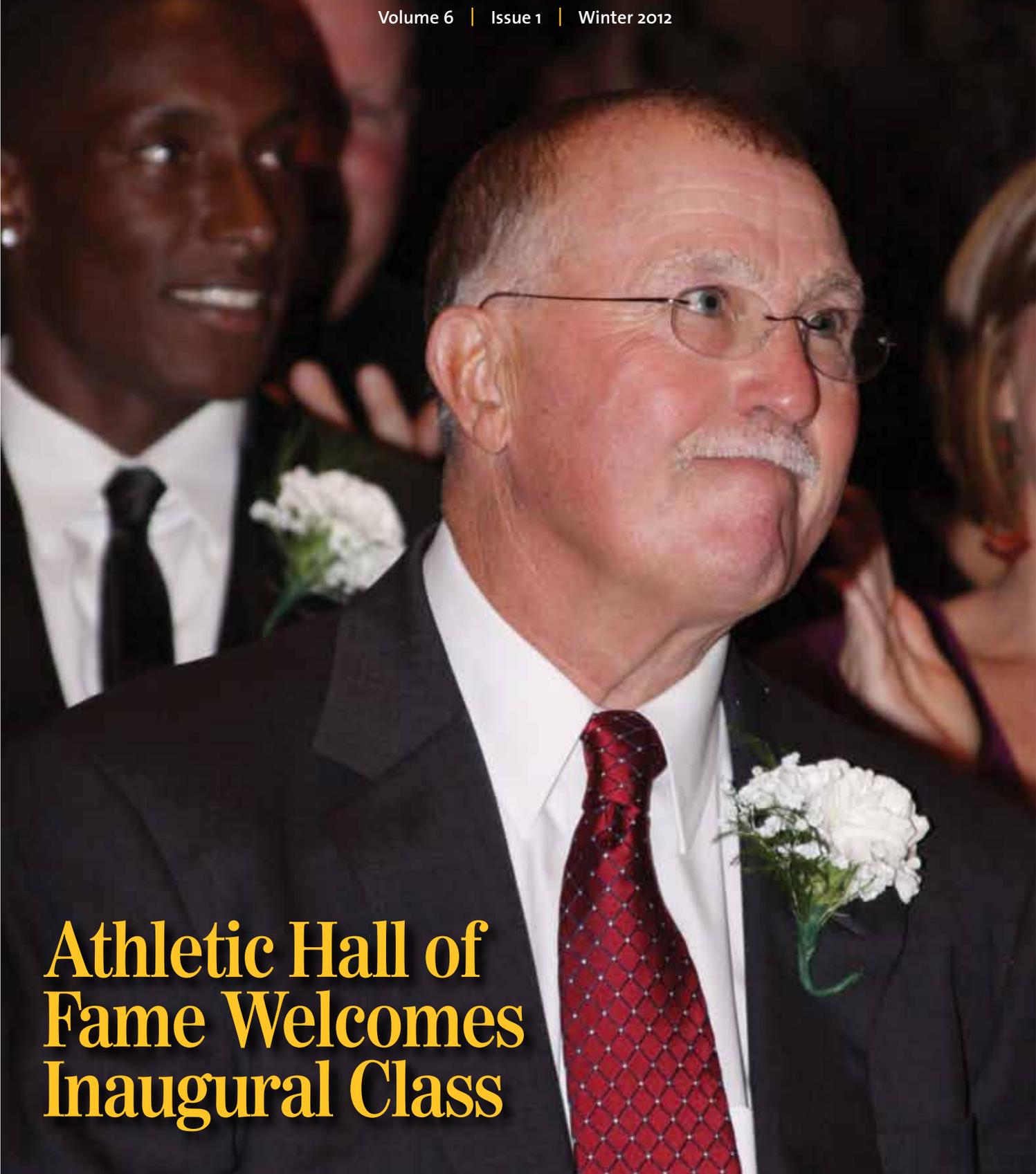


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Fame Welcomes
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ALUMNI GREETINGS

This past October, we warmly greeted alumni who came back to campus for Fall Fest/Alumni Weekend. Many had not been to campus for years, and were pleased and surprised by the changes they encountered. The weekend was a welcome opportunity to reconnect with old Herkimer friends and make new ones.

We celebrated many wonderful landmarks this year that make us who we are: our inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame; completion of the Elements campaign which will lead to the long awaited renovation of our science labs; the recent refreshing of the Cogar Gallery; and the national championship title for our men's soccer team.

The 4th annual President's Gala will take place on April 21 with a special "Night at the Museum" theme. Fabulous artifacts, from the King Tutankhamen throne replica, Greek Amphorae, the Snow Leopard, fish from the Lake Ontario tributaries and "Lucy" will all be on display for the evening. The event will be festive, exciting, memorable and fun, but most importantly, it helps us fulfill our promise of higher education. The Gala is one of three fundraising events which help to fund scholarships for our students.

We want to stay connected to you, so please email us and suggest topics that you would like covered, gatherings you would like us to host, and ways that you would like to be contacted (email, Facebook, LinkedIn, texts, etc.). We love hearing from you. If you would like a tour of your Herkimer, contact me at lucia.bliss@herkimer.edu or 315.866-0300 x8459.

With kindest regards,

Lucia M. Bliss
Executive Director of the Foundation



Greetings from the President



Nearly 20,000 and growing—that's our alumni base, and your influence is as much a part of our College today as it was when you were here.

We continue to hear from our alumni. They call us, attend campus events and stop by when they are in the area. They support our initiatives. We couldn't be happier to have their input as we continue to advance our College and improve service to our students. Whether it is new academic programming, exciting athletic competitions or even a decision to change the way we provide cafeteria service to our students, each decision is made with the integrity and excellence that permeates all we do.

What I enjoy most are the serendipitous meetings I have with students, alumni and visitors to our campus. Recently, I was walking across campus and met a family considering if Herkimer was right for their son. They were all so impressed with the cleanliness of the buildings, how beautiful the vistas were and how very pleasant and helpful everyone was. Another day on my way to the cafeteria, I crossed paths with a student who said he came here because he heard the programs and faculty were great and the campus was just too beautiful not to come.

I invite all of you to return to your alma mater because the campus is just too beautiful and the people just too nice not to return. Or, you may feel the way another alum felt when he returned. "It just feels like home," he said. This alum was being interviewed for a position on campus and was so excited to be part of the "green and gold" that he so loved as a student.

All these things highlight what truly makes Herkimer so unique and different from other campuses. We offer a full-college experience from academics to housing to athletics. Our students experience college life and grow in confidence and ability as they set the stage for the rest of their lives. We call it Herkimer PRIDE and it follows them wherever their education takes them.

I hope that you continue to feel that Herkimer PRIDE as you read through these pages of stories about our alumni, faculty, students and more. It will remind you of the decision you made, however many years ago, to have Herkimer help you create the life you now have. Take time to remember the people you met while you were here and the impact Herkimer County Community College has made on your life. Please visit us soon so we can show you how we practice Herkimer PRIDE.

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



Dr. Frederick Douglass Opie '87, of Boston, MA, was a two-time All-American defenseman for the 1982 and 1983 Generals lacrosse teams. Dr. Opie continued his collegiate lacrosse career at Syracuse University where he led the team in two national championship games. He also played professionally for the New York Saints in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League and for Team USA's World Championship team in 1990. Opie earned a Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University and is Professor of History and Foodways at Babson College.



Thomas LaPuma, of Frankfort, is a professor emeritus and served as the College's first athletic director. He built the foundation for a national championship athletic program, developed the physical education curriculum, fitness center and intramural program, and coached several sports during his tenure. LaPuma retired after 33 years of service to Herkimer County Community College. During his tenure, Tom coached men's lacrosse, women's soccer, women's tennis, women's softball, men's volleyball, men's golf, men's baseball, men's wrestling and men's bowling. In 2001, he was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE THROUGH INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MADE UP THE INAUGURAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS. THEY WERE HONORED AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE COLLEGE IN SEPTEMBER.

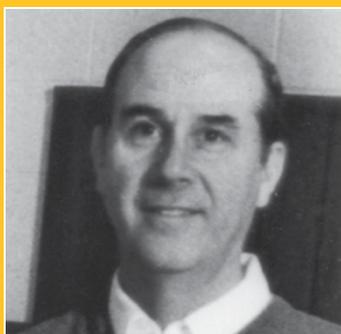
Inaugural Class Inducted into *Athletic Hall of Fame*

The first-ever induction was attended by a full house including more than 100 student-athletes who received a standing ovation from the crowd upon entering the theater as a group. They joined hundreds of guests—faculty and staff, retirees, alumni, community members, friends and family—who came from far and near to help celebrate the historic evening. President Ann Marie Murray said, “I am proud of our inductees who exemplify why Herkimer’s ath-

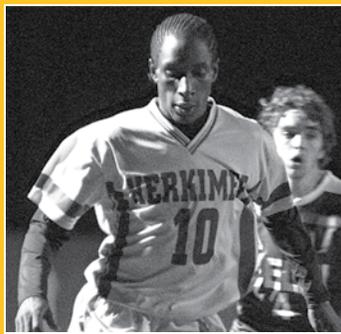
letic program is one of the top junior college programs in the country, and pleased to be able to recognize their outstanding contributions through our new Hall of Fame.”

Jason Powles, WKTV News Channel 2 sports director, served as master of ceremonies. In his remarks, Powles said, “As a local sportscaster for the last 15 years, I can attest to the phenomenal athletic program here at Herkimer County Community College. This is truly the Home of the Champions.” He added,

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John W. (Jack) Alofs was honored posthumously. Alofs taught physical education and was head coach for the Herkimer Generals men’s basketball team for 20 years. He achieved a 72% winning record and won the program’s only national championship in 1991. He was twice named NY State Junior College Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame. Alofs published a book “Jack Plus 5: Secrets, Strategies, Experiences and Fundamentals in Coaching Winning Basketball” in which he shared his coaching techniques and strategies, as well as many coaching stories.

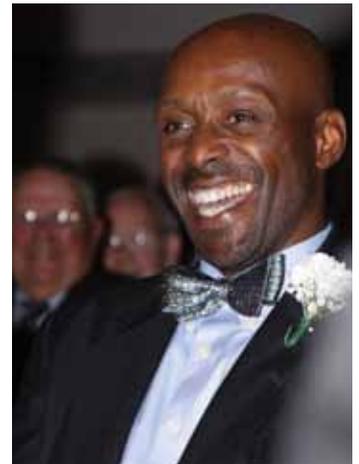


Dwight Barnett ’06, a native of Jamaica, NY, led the 2005 Herkimer Generals men’s soccer team to a national championship and received a multitude of awards, as well as an athletic scholarship to Lynn University where he led the Fighting Knights to two consecutive NCAA national tournament appearances and was selected Sunshine State Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He was the first Herkimer Generals men’s soccer player to be drafted by Major League Soccer.



Sharon Gleasman-Howell ’79, of Ilion, NY excelled as a multi-sport athlete at Herkimer. Howell was a member of the 1978 and 1979 volleyball, basketball and women’s track teams. She helped lead the 1979 women’s track team to a state title and held multiple school records. She was HCCC Female Athlete of the Year in 1979, was named Most Valuable Player and All-American for track, and was one of the College’s first female athletes to receive a Division I scholarship. Sharon attended The University of Rhode Island where she played volleyball and track, breaking several records including the high jump, long jump and 50 yard dash, some of which still stand in the top 10 today.

Class of 2011



“Not only is Herkimer an athletic powerhouse, but the program also places great emphasis on excellence in the classroom and the community.”

Thomas LaPuma was the first to be inducted and said, “It’s definitely an honor to be inducted into any hall of fame, especially this one. I’ve been so close to the College in so many ways for so many years, and I appreciate Dr. Murray’s support in establishing the hall of fame. I think it’s great for the College, the alumni and athletics. It’s a very positive thing.” A multi-sport athlete at Herkimer, Sharon Gleasman-Howell said, “Knowing the quality of student-athletes who have attended HCCC, I am honored to receive this award, especially to be in the first class of recipients.”

Jack Alofs’ wife Marguerite accepted his award and reminisced about Alofs’ experience as a coach at Herkimer, particularly when his team brought national attention to the College. She emphasized how special the College, his players and colleagues were to him. “I know he deserves it, but to think you honored him means so much to me, because Herkimer meant so much to him.”

Dwight Barnett delivered an emotional acceptance speech that focused on how his experience and the people he met at Herkimer, most importantly Coach Pepe Aragon, changed his life and put him on a path for success. “It opened so many doors for me, unlimited doors that I couldn’t even imagine if I didn’t get that call (from Coach Aragon).” He added “I am truly honored to be part of the Herkimer County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, and a special thanks to Pepe Aragon for being one of the most influential people through my collegiate career.”

Dr. Frederick Douglass Opie directed his remarks to the more than 100 student-athletes in attendance. He inspired them by discussing the positive impact that sports had on his academic achievements. A marginal student with attention deficit disorder, Opie said, “School was never easy for me, never easy. But the discipline that I learned on the field, I applied in the classroom. So I say to you, if you want to do something, if you apply what you learn, if you’re willing to work hard, if you’re willing to make the sacrifices, the world is a pearl for you.”

Videos of the nomination and acceptance speeches, as well as event photos, can be viewed online at www.herkimergenerals.com/hall-of-fame.



ABOUT THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Herkimer County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame honors former Herkimer County Community College athletes, coaches, teams and other individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to the College through intercollegiate athletics. Nominations will be accepted biannually 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, nominees must meet several criteria. More information is available at www.herkimergenerals.com/halloffame.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME FUND

Thanks to the generosity and vision of Andrew Kaiser '83, an Athletic Hall of Fame fund has been established through the Herkimer County College Foundation. A lacrosse player at Herkimer and a member of the Alumni Hall of Honor, Kaiser made a donation of \$5,000 and issued a challenge to others to contribute so the fund can reach the endowment level. The fund will help ensure that many more outstanding Herkimer Generals coaches, athletes and supporters are recognized in the future. Tom LaPuma has taken a lead role in the effort by making a donation and helping to seek additional contributions. In a recent letter to friends of the College, LaPuma said "I ask you to join me in contributing to the fund so we can reach and exceed this goal in order to keep the dream of the Athletic Hall of Fame going in the coming years and into perpetuity." For more information or to make a contribution to the Fund, contact the Foundation Office at 315-866-0300, ext. 8459.





College Museum Collections Expand



Herkimer Community Museum Provides Educational Opportunities

The College recently entered into an agreement with The International Museum Institute of New York (IMINY) to take on loan a traveling museum of several collections of replicated artifacts, paintings and prints. IMINY's famed collections are drawn from the world's foremost museums, bringing together some of the most exciting finds in the history of paleontology, anthropology, Egyptology, archaeology, cosmology and art.

Working with the Village of Herkimer, Herkimer Now Committee, Herkimer BOCES, Frank J. Basloe Library and



and to provide a hands-on experience for elementary students to reinforce what they are learning in their classrooms. It is another way we can strengthen the education pipeline in Herkimer County." The development of the museum has also afforded HCCC students valuable learning opportunities. Karen Evans' Small Business Management class developed a business plan that will be useful in opening the museum to the public and Phi Theta Kappa honor society students are working on a website for the museum.

Items from the collections are also on display in various locations on campus. The Faces of Africa collection was on display recently in the Cogar Gallery; and Vessels of the Gods, a collection of exquisite Grecian urns, can be seen in the Library lobby. The Starscape paintings decorate the science wing of Johnson Hall and Lucy is located in the Archeological Museum in the Classroom-Administration building.

Collections loaned to the College include:

TUTANKHAMUN

Wonderful Things From The Pharaoh's Tomb

LUCY

The Story Of Human Origins

MESOZOICA

The Age Of Dinosaurs

VESSELS OF THE GODS

Treasures of the Ancient Greeks

FACES OF AFRICA

A Mystical View of Tribal Heritage

STARSCAPE

A Journey to the Beginning of Time

several businesses and community supporters, the College has established the Herkimer Community Museum in the Basloe Library Building Complex. Items on display are from the Tutankhamun and Mesozoica collections and include several full-size dinosaurs, an ivory headrest, golden throne and ceremonial footrest, lotus lamp, and golden funerary mask of Tutankhamun. The museum also features a dinosaur dig built by students in the Herkimer BOCES construction class.

The Herkimer Community Museum is open for educational groups and the public. Hours will be posted each season and are subject to change. President Ann Marie Murray has been instrumental in bringing the parties together to make the museum a reality. She said, "This is an opportunity to bring educational opportunities to our community



President Ann Marie Murray and Alberto Acosta, composer, curator and CEO of IMINY, signed an agreement loaning several collections to the College for a two-year period. The collections are on display on-campus and at the Herkimer Community Museum located in the Village of Herkimer.



LUCY MAKES HER HOME IN THE ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

A replica of Lucy, the 3.2-million-year-old skeleton who has become the spokeswoman for human evolution, is on display in the College's Archeological Museum. Part of the IMINY collection on loan to Herkimer, the replicated Lucy provides students with an opportunity to study the progression of humankind on Earth through one of the most exciting and significant discoveries in the history of paleoanthropology.

HCCC's Archeological Museum also contains several collections of artifacts, including some from the area of the Fort Herkimer Church found in 1976. They were the result of an archeological survey conducted by Professor Emeritus Dr. John Reese with assistance from interested students and community members. Samples on display include colonial artifacts such as coins, clay pipes, knives, musket balls, buttons, buckles and stoneware; prehistoric stone tools; and American Indian pottery.



Natural History Museum Adds Snow Leopard

Biology Professor Ronald Carvin recalls preparing study skins as a young biology student at HCCC in the mid-1970's. Those study skins continue to be on display at the College today, along with an extensive collection of many original professional animal mounts, specimens, skulls and other study skins. Originally established by Professor Emeritus Robert Dorrance, HCCC's Natural History Museum has grown as the result of several donations including the Stegman insect collection, Dugan bird collection and original professional mounts donated by the Cogar Foundation. Additionally, a large number of herbarium specimens, skulls and other study skins were prepared by ecology students as part of their course requirements.

The collection continues to grow. In addition to a yellow-billed cuckoo, flicker and bluejay, a snow leopard, along with its rearticulated skeleton, recently joined the collection. A critically endangered animal, the snow leopard was donated by the Utica Zoo (where it had died of natural causes). According to Professor Carvin, it is extremely rare to have possession of both the mount and the skeleton in one location.

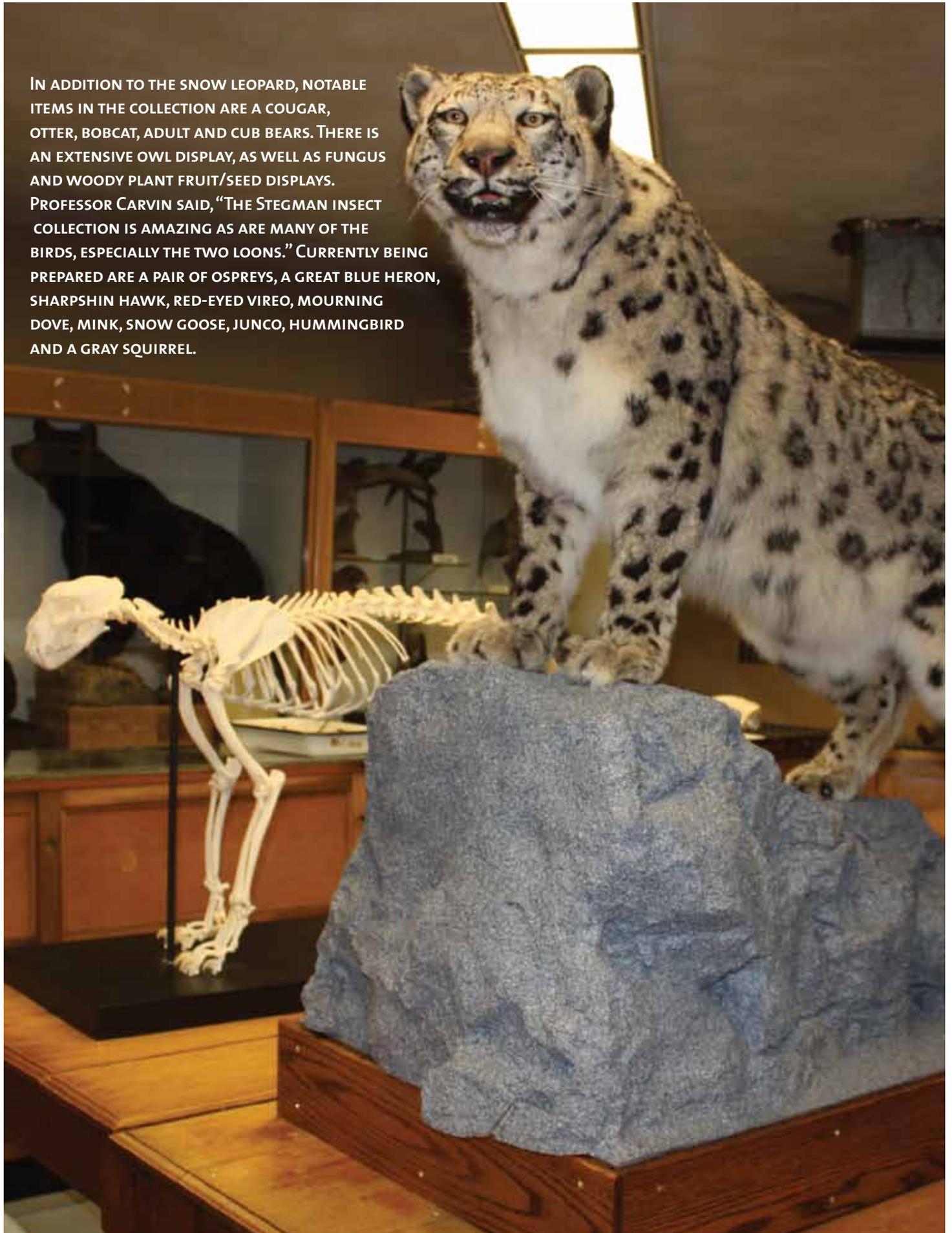


The impact that the museum has on teaching and learning is significant. "Come up to the museum sometime when any of the biology teachers have a class there...and take a look at the faces of the kids who have never seen any of the specimens before. The value of seeing the displays up close and personal is a thousand times better than a picture in a book," said Carvin.



**CURRENTLY LOCATED
IN JOHNSON HALL, THE
MUSEUM IS OPEN BY
APPOINTMENT. FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO VISIT
THE MUSEUM, CONTACT
PROFESSOR CARVIN AT
CARVINRP@HERKIMER.EDU.**

IN ADDITION TO THE SNOW LEOPARD, NOTABLE ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION ARE A COUGAR, OTTER, BOBCAT, ADULT AND CUB BEARS. THERE IS AN EXTENSIVE OWL DISPLAY, AS WELL AS FUNGUS AND WOODY PLANT FRUIT/SEED DISPLAYS. PROFESSOR CARVIN SAID, "THE STEGMAN INSECT COLLECTION IS AMAZING AS ARE MANY OF THE BIRDS, ESPECIALLY THE TWO LOONS." CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED ARE A PAIR OF OSPREYS, A GREAT BLUE HERON, SHARPSHIN HAWK, RED-EYED VIREO, MOURNING DOVE, MINK, SNOW GOOSE, JUNCO, HUMMINGBIRD AND A GRAY SQUIRREL.





Cogar Gallery is an Asset to the Community

The Cogar Gallery was named for George and Ann Cogar, whose Foundation endowed scholarships for HCCC students and contributed to the “Generals Campaign.” The gallery has enabled thousands of students and community members to learn about and enjoy a variety of art collections and displays. George Cogar was one of the founders of Mohawk Data Sciences Corporation during the 1960’s and founder of the Cogar Corporation, known for its design and manufacturing of computer chips. The Cogar Gallery is a popular location for campus receptions and other events.

Thanks to an additional recent gift from the Cogar Foundation, several improvements were made to the

facility this winter including new wall coverings and sound baffles.

A gallery committee, made up of HCCC art faculty and administrators, plans and schedules the exhibits. Annual exhibits include the Adirondack Watercolor Exhibit; Congressional Art Exhibit for Herkimer County high school artists; and the Atelier Collection, a group of prints created at SUNY Purchase and given to campuses 25 years ago when the artists were emerging as talent. Today, many of the artists are nationally recognized with works in countless museums around the world. Other notable past exhibits include the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit collection with photographic portraits of jazz greats such as

Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday.

The Gallery hosts local groups such as the Utica Art Association, Utica Camera Club and the Central New York Watercolor Society. An annual show honors the best art created by HCCC students in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture and photography. Alumni art exhibits have been held in recent years and also from time to time, the Gallery features the talents of the fine arts faculty.

The Cogar Gallery, located in the Robert McLaughlin College Center, is open to the public free of charge, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday when the College is open.



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Professor Chosen for South Africa Project

Herkimer County Community College Professor of Social Science William Pelz has been selected as a team leader in the University of South Africa's (UNISA) signature course project. The project goal is to design and implement six signature courses, one for each of the six UNISA colleges, for online distance learning. Pelz is leading the team for the College of Human Sciences.

The project includes identifying specific curriculum tasks that will benefit from the collaboration between UNISA staff and experienced higher education experts from the U.S. The scope of work has, to date, required two three-day workshops in Washington, D.C., a three-day workshop in Sun City, South Africa, and a one-week visit to the UNISA campus in Pretoria, South Africa. UNISA will also be sending a team to the U.S. to visit several SUNY campuses, including HCCC, in March of 2012 as they enter the faculty training phase of the project.

Sabine O'Hara, principal of Global Ecology, a higher education firm heading the project, said, "Professor Pelz's experience and professionalism are exceptional, and he has already shown himself to be a tremendous asset to the overall project. During our recent visit to the UNISA campus in Pretoria, Bill gave a presentation on didactical methods of online instruction and on the concept of heutagogy. His presentation was extremely well received and made an exceptional contribution to all six teams involved in the project."

While in South Africa, Pelz said they spent most of their time in Pretoria, where natives live in shanties; a sharp contrast to the hotel they resided at. The group also visited Cape Town, walked down the Cape of Good Hope and visited Sun City, which had a similar feel to Las Vegas.

Pelz said, "The University of South Africa is implementing fundamental pedagogical and curricular delivery improvements that will have a positive impact on their 330,000 students. I am honored to be selected as a team member for this exciting and transformative project." Classes will go live in Spring 2013.



ALUMNI PROFILE

Jamie Farrington

WHEN HERKIMER ALUMNUS JAMIE FARRINGTON '85 CAME BACK TO CAMPUS RECENTLY TO SPEAK TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS, HE WAS REMINDED OF HOW HIS START AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BROUGHT HIM TO WHAT HE FEELS IS "THE BEST JOB IN LAW ENFORCEMENT."

Farrington is a Deputy United States Marshal, Senior Criminal Investigator, New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force. The United States Marshal Service (USMS) is a United States federal law enforcement agency within the Department of Justice. Part of the executive branch of government, the Marshal Service is the enforcement arm of the U.S. federal courts. Marshals are responsible for the protection of court officers and buildings and the effective operation of the judiciary. The service also assists with court security and prisoner transport, serves arrest warrants and seeks fugitives.

After graduating from HCCC's Business: Marketing A.A.S. program, Farrington spent over two years designing print advertising. "I wanted to be a police officer ever since I was a kid, so I moved on to becoming a member of the New York State University Police (NYSUP) working at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome (SUNYIT) from 1988-1998. Consecutively, I was a police officer for the City of Little Falls from 1995-98." Farrington took the U.S. Treasury exam for Criminal Investigators, which put him on the list for U.S. Marshals. He was called for a three-hour interview in Manhattan with a panel of five, and underwent a drug screening to be considered for employment. He was told on the spot that he passed the test, and was offered a job two months later. He has been a U.S. Marshal for 13 ½ years.

"I couldn't have taken that exam without my degree from Herkimer. I needed either an associate degree and five years experience or a bachelor's degree. My education got me in the door." Farrington feels his coursework in English composition was most important. "I'm constantly filing applications for search and arrest warrants and writing case reports. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are very important on these documents, as well as on entrance and promotional exams. I emphasized the value of education to the students I spoke with at Herkimer," he added. Farrington credits Associate Professor Emeritus Irving Mason with steering him in the right direc-



“I couldn’t have taken [the U.S. Marshal] exam without my degree from Herkimer. I needed either an associate degree and five years experience or a bachelor’s degree. My education got me in the door.”



tion. “Mr. Mason was a great instructor and advised me on the best course to follow in order to achieve my career goal,” he said. “I’ve dedicated my career to fugitive operations; that was most interesting to me,” Farrington said. “There are so many avenues you can select, so many missions and opportunities for promotion. My job is rewarding, frustrating and exciting!”

Crossing Borders and Keeping Fit

Farrington is one of only 16 Marshals nationally who can cross the Canadian border to track fugitives. “I’m the Canadian liaison at the Utica office, and all cases come to me. I’m familiar with Canadian law,” he said. He is the investigator in charge at the Utica office, overseeing 17 people from seven agencies, and is in charge of the federal judge locally. “We escort people coming out of state prison and going into federal prison. Each year we go to headquarters in Alexandria, VA for training.”

During his years working to capture fugitives, the job has taken Farrington to the Caribbean where he apprehended four drug dealers. He’s also worked in a variety of locations including Florida, Jamaica, Bahamas, Lithuania and Hong Kong. “We work through Interpol (International Criminal Police) and U.S. Embassies to bring fugitives back here. That is the most rewarding part of the job. I love the fugitive capture,” Far-

ington said. He explained they often have 12-13 men on one capture, and never less than two. “The more we bring the less likely someone will be hurt. I’ve gone my entire career with no one going to the hospital from our captures, and I would like it to end that way.” U.S. Marshals are required to retire by age 57, so Farrington has 10 years to go. “As you age, it becomes more physically difficult to do the job. I work out five to six days a week, and take a required fit test every year to work the street.”

Memories of Herkimer

Farrington added that the best thing about attending Herkimer was the people he met. “Kids come to the College from smaller school systems. Here you get a decent cross-sampling of ethnicity, religion and race. I really hadn’t been in a diverse group until I entered the military.”

He believes one of the most positive things about HCCC is its impact on the local community. A Herkimer native who currently resides with his wife in Little Falls, Farrington said “I’d hate to see what would happen to Herkimer if the College wasn’t there. It brings in people and businesses, and is positive for everyone.”

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AN INTERVIEW WITH

James Bruce Schwabach

Associate Professor, Fine Arts



What inspired you to become an educator?

First was my love for art in its many forms. I was taken to the great museums in New York City when I was very young, and the inspiration I felt there stuck, and years later it shaped my adult life. My desire to share my passion for art with others led me to teaching.

What do you find most challenging about teaching and why?

The study of art competes with many distractions in the outside world. In order to really feel the meaning in a painting, sculpture, or piece of music takes contemplation. Our modern world is a fast moving and distracting place. To get a student to stop for a few minutes to study something, to take time to do a painting, or capture a photograph is a challenge.

What do you find most rewarding about teaching and why?

To help a student reach some of their creative potential, to see that moment when they bring beauty to light, is very rewarding. Creating something gives a student so much confidence. If I can be a part of that process, it is a great thing.

What advice can you offer for someone who wants to go into education?

I tell students that we will always need teachers who are guides into the creative life. We need carpenters, and doctors, and electricians, but we also need people to create things for the culture to carry on. We need teachers to share their knowledge of creativity with students, to keep culture alive.

What do you enjoy about teaching at Herkimer?

It is rewarding to teach at a community college like HCCC. We get to teach students of a wide variety of age groups and backgrounds. At Herkimer, I can teach such a diverse group of courses. At a four-year school, I might just teach one discipline, maybe introductory drawing. At Herkimer, I can teach art history online, and also teach ceramics and painting in the classroom. It keeps me fresh, looking forward to the next class.

What do students need to know to succeed in college?

For the traditional 18-year-old, it is so difficult to look ahead and prepare for their future. They really are not wired that way. Although it is a challenge, students need to devote time to study today for a rewarding life further down the road.

ALUMNI PROFILE: Jamie Farrington

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TV Fame

Farrington's work as a U.S. Marshall also brought him some TV notoriety. The former series on A & E, "Manhunters: Fugitive Task Force," filmed an episode in Utica in March 2011 which aired in April. The half-hour episode, titled "Scarred for Life," centered around the house-to-house hunt for 25-year-old Niya Gaston, who had eluded arrest after allegedly slashing a former female friend in the face with a box cutter in September 2010. She has since been indicted in Oneida County Court on assault and weapon charges. Farrington was one of the stars of the episode.

Advice to Students

Farrington's advice for students interested in pursuing a career similar to his: "Look at what you're really interested in. A strong background in computers and computer security is in high demand. I remind students everyone has a workplace facebook identity—we look there first when hunting down a fugitive," he said. Right now he is working on 13 open fugitive cases and 14 cases that crossed into Canada.

HCCC Forensics Instructor William Stack said, "When you consider bringing role models and mentors into the classroom, you're looking for individuals with a strong presence. Jamie encompasses all the essential qualities for success in the criminal justice field—he's well educated, tactically sound and totally dedicated to the profession. Jamie also understands how important it is to 'give back' and has always made himself available to share his knowledge, insight and expertise with our students."

"I've been fortunate to have the career I always dreamed of," Farrington said. "My only regret is not going on for a bachelor's degree following graduation from HCCC. I recommend students continue their education before beginning employment." Farrington has numerous additional college credits and hopes to complete his bachelor's degree, most likely online. "After retiring, I'd love to come back to Herkimer County Community College as a faculty member," he concluded.

Fall Fest/Alumni Weekend 2011



Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend featured Frackepohl Honors Brass Quintet, the Athletic Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony, mentalist Robert Channing, and various activities including a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk; faculty lectures; motorcycle, antique tractor & car show; geocaching on the nature trail; and solar star gazing. Events concluded with a concert by Gridley Paige.

Congratulations to Ann (Betler) DeFayette, a 1984 Travel and Tourism major, who won the iPad giveaway during the weekend.



FALL 2011 Athletics in Review

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Under Head Coach Katie Scanlon, the women's tennis team capped off a remarkable season with a strong showing at Nationals in October.

During the 2011 season the team went 9-1 and posted a perfect 6-0 record in conference play. The team went on to win the Region III Championship and earned a berth in the National Division III Championship, held at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows.

Coach Katie Scanlon said "Herkimer earned 12.5 points at the national tournament for a seventh place finish. We saw great tennis from all of

our girls, which makes me very excited for next season." Herkimer will return four players for what will be a promising 2012 season.

VOLLEYBALL FINISHES SEASON AT MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The volleyball team wrapped up their 2011 season with a strong showing at the Mountain Valley Conference Championships in Delhi, NY taking two out of three matches. Herkimer finished the season with a record of 8-20. Due to their record, The Generals did not get the opportunity to defend their Region III Championship this fall at Niagara CCC, but Coach Kristy

Lynch will have many players back from this season's team and will look to make a run at another Regional Championship next year.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON ENDS AT NATIONALS

The cross country team concluded its cross country season by participating in the Division III national tournament in Massachusetts. The event was hosted by Holyoke Community College.

The men took 18th place and were led by sophomore Mike Elleman. The Lady Generals earned 14th place and were led by sophomore Samantha Lawson.



ARAGON RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Men's soccer coach Pepe Aragon, head coach for the Generals since 1998, was named National Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). He was recognized at the NSCAA awards banquet held January 13 in Kansas City, MO. This is the fifth time Aragon has received national honors, second only to legendary NCAA Division I Indiana University men's coach Jerry Yeagley, a six-time winner. In December 2011, Aragon received NSCAA Regional Coach of the Year Honors.

Aragon was also named Coach of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Tournament, and was recently named 2011 Region III, Mountain Valley Conference and District A Coach of the Year. Aragon has led the Generals to 14 consecutive Region III championships and five (NJCAA) national championships. He has an overall record of 260-24-13. Herkimer is the 2011 NJCAA National Champion.



MEN'S SOCCER WINS 8TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Herkimer's 4-1 win over Genesee Community College in the NJCAA Division III championship match clinched the Generals eighth national title. Having experienced the other side one year ago made it even more meaningful. Last year's team finished with a 2-1 championship loss to Suffolk Community College. HCCC hosted the national tournament at Wehrum Stadium where the Generals outplayed Bergen Community College of New Jersey 5-2 in the quarterfinals, and won over Long Island's Nassau Community College 5-0 in the semifinals.

HCCC players named to the All-Tournament Team were: Cody Farrier, Davion Bailey, Charlie Anderson and Reco McLaren, who was also named Tournament MVP.

The 2011 team won the program's 22nd consecutive Region III championship October 29 at Tompkins-Cortland Community College with a 4-0 championship game shutout against Mohawk Valley Community College. The Generals' overall record is 17-1 with a 7-0 record in the Mountain Valley Conference.



MEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS NAMED ALL-AMERICANS

Herkimer men's soccer player Reco McLaren, Bridgeport, CT, a Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies major, was named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) First-Team All-American. McLaren played for the Generals in all 18 games this season, with 8 goals, 21 assists and 37 points. Coach Pepe Aragon said, "Reco is one of the most explosive players I have ever coached. Not only is he exceptionally fast, he is unbelievably skilled as well. That is a powerful combination." McLaren also was recently named Region III Player of the Year for Division III and Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year. Joining McLaren on the 2011 All-Region first team were Anderson, Bailey and Devarr Pedlar. Farrier and Elliott Hockley were named to the All-Region second team. McLaren, Anderson, Farrier, Hockley and Bailey were named to the All-Conference team.

Charlie Anderson, Southampton, England, Liberal Arts & Sciences: Physical Education major, was named Second Team All-American. Anderson played in 14 games with 22 goals, 7 assists and 51 points. Coach Aragon said, "Charlie is a pure finisher. He scored in every play-off game we had this year. He has the sense to find open areas, but more importantly, can finish when given the opportunity."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team, under head coach Amy Dommer, ended its 2011 campaign with an 11-5-2 record. The Lady Generals had a heart breaking 1-0 loss in the Region III Championships to the #3 team in the country to end their season. Despite the slower start of the season, the team grew stronger with each game and finished in the top four in the region. Herkimer was also the Mountain Valley Conference Champion this year.

Several team members received post-season accolades. Mountain Valley Conference Awards were given to Emily Baldwin, Francesca Robinson, Jessica Dutka and Melissa Stec as Player of the Year, and Amy Dommer as Coach of the Year. For All-Region, Melissa Stec received 1st team honors and she also received NJCAA 2nd team All-American honors.



Women's soccer player Melissa Stec, Pleasant Valley, NY, an Early Childhood major, was named NJCAA First-Team All-American. Stec played for the Generals in all 18 games this season, with 17 goals and 7 assists. Coach Amy Dommer said, "Melissa was our main offensive threat this season and always found a way to put the ball in the net. Her quick feet and skillful moves enabled her to get around her opponents all season long."

The 2012 Alumni Hall of Honor

Every two years we honor Herkimer alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers or in service to their communities. Our Alumni Hall of Honor is a visual reminder of the talent and breadth of accomplishment that our alumni have achieved. The Alumni Committee of the Foundation selected two recipients for 2012 from a deep and distinguished pool of candidates. They are Thomas Lake of Atlanta Georgia, and Dr. Ronald Miers, honored posthumously (*see page 23, In Memoriam*).

This award celebrates achievement in career or service to community. Thomas Lake '99 has accomplished both. Home schooled prior to his coming to Herkimer County Community College, Lake was a general studies major, and then graduated from Gordon College summa cum laude. He is a senior writer for *Sports Illustrated Magazine*, and was nominated for the Hall of Honor by Professor Emeritus Raymond Osborne of Ilion. Lake's journalistic accomplishments include national award winning feature articles, including his nomination for the prestigious 2008 Henry Luce Award for most Outstanding Story, Time, Inc. publications. He has taken first place for numerous writing achievements including The American Association of Sunday and Features Editors Awards. He also shares his talent by volunteering in his community to mentor young journalists in area schools.

Ronald J. Miers '80 and '94 was nominated by Gerald Angelichio. Miers graduated from Ilion High School, then earned a degree in accounting (1980), and in computer-aided design

and drafting (1994) from HCCC. He also earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in construction management. Distinguishing himself as an academic, Dr. Miers was an Associate Professor at Connecticut State University. His numerous professional memberships included the American Society for Engineering Educators and the Associated Schools of Construction. He never forgot his Herkimer roots and gave back to the College by serving on the Herkimer County Community College Advisory Committee for construction management. He also wrote the construction curriculum at Utica College, authored numerous scholarly articles on materials presented at national conventions, and was invited to present at the ICERI conference in Madrid, Spain in 2009. Dr. Miers served on nationally and internationally respected civil engineering and materials academic advisory boards. His university service, scholarship activities, departmental service and teaching experience earned him a Board of Governors Award in 2007. His community service included the Peggy Crosby Center Renovation in Highlands, NC, volunteering his consulting and expertise on the rehabilitation of the existing structure interiors and mechanical systems.

The 2012 Alumni Hall of Honor Induction will take place Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Reservations can be made by calling 315-866-0300 ext. 8459 by April 13.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

The Foundation is publishing a directory, **Herkimer County Community College Alumni Today**, this summer, in an attempt to connect our College family (nearly 20,000 alumni) who span the globe.

Harris Direct, the nation's leading publisher of alumni directories, has sent out easily recognizable yellow postcards and emails to alumni, inviting participation. Please be assured that your information is only made available to other alumni, and will never be given or sold to other organizations.

Our directory will contain preferred email and mailing addresses, Herkimer class year, other institutions attended and degrees held. The opportunity to feature biographical notes and alumni photographs will be included in the volume, making it uniquely ours. The directory will be sold in hard cover, soft bound, and CD-ROM formats.

Please take a few moments to share your profile to help make this the most complete and accurate source of Herkimer alumni.

If you have any questions please call (315) 866-0300 ext. 8268 or alumni@herkimer.edu.

Elements Campaign Completed with Generous Gifts

Herkimer County Community College's current and future students will benefit from the Herkimer County College Foundation's recently completed Elements Campaign. Through the campaign, funds were raised for the renovation of the College's science wing, including remodeling and updating four science laboratories, two prep rooms and replacement of the Johnson Hall roof.

Fifty percent of the campaign's 2.6 million dollar goal was raised through the Herkimer County College Foundation and the other half was secured through matching funds from New York State. The science wing will be named the Edward Manning Gaynor and Shirley Augar Gaynor Science Wing in recognition of a gift of \$300,000 from the Gaynor Trust. A lab will be named to commemorate The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.'s gift of a \$130,000. Two prep rooms will be named for M&T Bank recognizing their \$50,000 gift. Additionally, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield has provided support through their \$15,000 gift to the campaign. Also making this renovation possible are commitments of up to \$170,000 from the Herkimer County College Foundation and up to \$200,000 from the College's sponsor, Herkimer County. Individuals and businesses who pledged \$5,000 will be recognized with their name or business name on the table of elements chart in the renovated wing.

President Ann Marie Murray said, "We are grateful to everyone who has supported the Elements Campaign and made this project possible. By upgrading and modernizing our science facilities with state-of-the-art technology, our current and future students will benefit as they prepare for future studies and competitive careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)."

HCCC offers an associate degree in science with concentrations to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges for biology, chemistry, chiropractic, environmental and natural resources conservation, environmental science and forestry, forest technology, nursing, pre-nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, physics, radiologic technology and science education.

Dean of Academic Affairs, Michael Oriolo said, "To produce graduates who can compete in the world today, we must educate them in state-of-the-art facilities that reflect curriculum trends and innovations in post-secondary laboratory science courses. Herkimer's new science labs will create a teaching and learning environment that fosters excellence, encourages innovation and creativity, and provides students with the tools necessary to be competitive in the 21st Century."



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CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1982

Heidi Linke, Ilion, NY completed the Herkimer BOCES LPN program in June 2011, and received her license in August 2011. She has two daughters and one grandson.

CLASS OF 1989

Martha Nelson Young, Hamilton, NY has been an administrative assistant/insurance agent in Hamilton, NY for the past 21 years. Her main responsibilities are payroll and bookkeeping services for many area businesses. She married David Young on May 25, 2011.

CLASS OF 1993

Kenneth "Eric" Bastow, West Winfield, NY has been

named Assistant Technical Manager for Indium Corporation. Bastow provides oversight to the Technical Support Team and continues to provide technical support for the Pacific Northwest (USA) and Western Canada. He has been with Indium Corporation for over 10 years, starting as a lab technician, and then as Senior Technical Support Engineer. He is an SMTA-certified process engineer and is certified as a Six Sigma Green Belt from Dartmouth College's Thayer School of Engineering. He is also a certified IPC-A-600 and 610D Specialist. Bastow earned his associate degree in Engineering Science from Herkimer. He is based at Indium's Global headquarters in Clinton, NY.

CLASS OF 1998

Tracy Buchinski Glazer, Rochester, NY, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in art education from Nazareth College. She spent the last 10 years teaching art to high school students and art teachers. She also directs the *Saturday Art for Children and Teens* at Nazareth College. In November 2011 Glazer was honored with the NYS Art Teachers Association Educator of the Year Award for Region Two. A photographic technology major at Herkimer, Glazer said she was inspired by her photography professor, Gale Farley. She is pursuing a doctorate from the University of Rochester. Glazer is married to Dr. Abraham Glazer and the couple has two children.

CLASS OF 2008

Kelsey Potter, Syracuse, NY is a receptionist for Pinckney Hugo Group, a full-service marketing communications firm. After earning her associate degree in liberal arts & sciences from HCCC, Potter received a bachelor's degree in media studies with a concentration in film culture from Mercy College.

CLASS OF 2009

Hillary Lloyd, North Syracuse, NY graduated cum laude this spring from Hilbert College with a bachelor's degree in crime scene investigations/ forensic science, and is currently attending the University of New Haven, CT working toward a master's in advanced investigations.



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Friday, April 20

**Robert H. Wood
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Cuarteto LatinoAmericano
Friday, April 20

4th Annual President's Gala
Saturday, April 21

Commencement
Friday, May 18

**20th Annual Generals Open
Golf Tournament**
Monday, June 18

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September 28-29

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