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Herkimer County Community College 2004-2005 Annual Report

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

Aristotle, philosopher and teacher



Commitment. It is the foundation of our nearly four-decade tradition of academic excellence, and it is at the core of the student-focused work we do at Herkimer County Community College today.

It was in 1964 that the State University of New York (SUNY) Master Plan identified Herkimer County as a potential community college site, a location and a community that showed great promise to support such an important endeavor. It was the commitment and vision of a small upstate New York community that began a unique and very special story.

With the completion of the College's 2005-2008 Strategic Plan this past year, HCCC is positioned for a leadership role both nationally and globally with its quality academic programs, supportive and stimulating living and learning environments, championship athletic teams and its vital role as a community partner in the Mohawk Valley. The Strategic Plan focuses on academic and program support, community relations, diversity, enrollment, facilities, fiscal operations, housing and residence life, human resources and technology.

HCCC and its students benefit from professional administrators and faculty members who have chosen this institution as the place where they want to spend their careers. We are most grateful to these individuals who have made their commitments to the work we do here. It is this leadership and dedication that continues to attract new faculty and administrators to Herkimer, including three new deans who have joined the College's leadership team in less than two years. We are in a growth period at the College.

The number of students and visitors to campus continues to increase notably each year, which is particularly exciting. For the fourth consecutive year, visitors to the Library exceeded 100,000. The total count of visitors was the highest noted in the College's history (161,927), which represents a 13 percent increase over the previous year. Due to increased needs for expanded services and programs by students and the community at-large, we are pursuing funding to expand the Library, one of several new and innovative additions coming to our campus in the near future.

Mirabile dictu, simply translated from Latin, means 'wonderful to tell.' I choose this phrase as it describes my sentiments on the stories of Herkimer County Community College and the 2004-2005 academic year, shared in the following pages. We are proud of the accomplishments recorded here, but our work is not done yet. We look forward to continued partnerships with the College Board of Trustees, the Herkimer County Legislature, the Herkimer County College Foundation, the Alumni Association, the faculty and staff of the College and the Herkimer community.

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Ronald F. Williams, Ed.D. President



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More than 3,800 student contacts were made through the Advisement Center in 2004-2005.

HCCC's record enrollment continues, with growing numbers of students selecting Herkimer as the location-of-choice where they will live and learn.

Larger numbers in the classrooms and in our residence halls haven't changed the philosophy of faculty and staff, which is to focus on each student as an individual and connect with them in ways that stimulate learning and personal growth.

During the reporting period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005, enrollment both on campus and online through the Internet Academy grew by three percent from the previous year. Total enrollment for 2004-2005 was 3,472, representing 62 counties in New York State, 28 states and 17 countries from around the world.

HCCC's Internet Academy now offers 18 complete degree and three certificate programs completely online. Sixteen new faculty were recruited and trained to teach Internet Academy courses. Through summer 2005, 45 new online courses were developed. There were 2,865 students taking at least one internet course with approximately 3,000

Approximately one-third of HCCC students used the Learning Center services and programs at least once.

The Physical Education Program realized a 133 percent increase in the number of graduates in the major in 2005. applications for non-matriculated Internet Academy study processed—a 15 percent increase from the previous year.

HCCC's College Now Program continues its appeal to area high school students, allowing them to take college-level courses at their high school and receive HCCC credit. Throughout the 2004-2005 academic year, preparations were made to add new instructors and classes. The total number of students enrolled in the College Now Program was 637.



A new advertising campaign specific to the Internet Academy was developed to educate a variety of unique audiences about the opportunities and flexibility of online learning through HCCC.

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This past year, HCCC hosted the Independence Day Celebration in conjunction with major sponsors: Partners Trust, Hannaford Superstores, Herkimer Polish Community Home, Remington Arms and WKTV. The event featured live music, refreshments and a spectacular fireworks display. Several organizations partnered with the College to raise money for their respective charities, including the American Red Cross, Valley United Way, Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts and the **HCC** Foundation.

> More than 300 off-campus community groups and regional organizations used HCCC facilities.



The story of Herkimer County Community College is about people—the students, the faculty and staff, the leadership and the community who support the College.

A community college, after all, has a unique and very important relationship with the communities it serves.

More than 300 meetings, programs and events were held on the HCCC campus to support community groups and organizations, including the American Red Cross, New York State Child Care Coordinating Council, Little Falls Hospital and the March of Dimes. Nearly 3,500 registrations for credit-free programs were received, which included customized training programs for local companies including Burrows Paper Corporation, Northern Safety, Otsego County Department of Social Services and CTM Corporation.

An annual wellness day in the spring drew 30 vendors from the local community to present to and educate students, faculty and staff. As part of a collaborative regional reading program, HCCC sponsored a videoconference and panel

HCCC currently has transfer agreements with 38 different colleges, an increase of four colleges from the previous year.

More than 1,000 of our community education registrations resulted from customized training programs held for local companies.

There were 737 participants in health and wellness non-credit courses, which included pilates and yoga.

discussion about author Ray Bradbury and his book, *Farenheit 451*. Faculty and staff were involved as judges with local programs and exhibits again this year, including the Congressman Sherwood Boehlert Congressional Art Exhibit in the HCCC Cogar Gallery. Students and faculty assisted with live television and radio coverage of *America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk*.

As a two-year unit of the State University of New York (SUNY), HCCC continues to participate in areas of mutual benefit with SUNY institutions. New SUNY kiosks debuted at New York State Thruway Travel Plazas, providing exposure for HCCC to millions of motorists and potential students daily. HCCC organized the SUNY Government Relations Summit. New relationships continue with SUNY partners, including the SUNY Albany School of Social Welfare and the development of a transfer agreement with SUNY Buffalo for students looking to enroll in the exercise science program.

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Herkimer County Community College's Nancy Lynn Tremblay took first place in the 100-meter dash at the 2005 NJCAA Track and Field National Tournament.

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The role of athletics as part of the student life experience at HCCC is critical, instilling in students the utmost levels of integrity, values, standards and teamwork— critical life skills that will benefit them long after they've received a degree from HCCC.

In the past 18 years, HCCC's storied teams and studentathletes have won 25 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship titles. During this time, 19 Herkimer teams have been awarded the prestigious NJCAA Academic All-America Team of the Year Award.

HCCC alumni continue to make lasting impressions at other institutions, furthering their studies and playing on athletic teams at Johns Hopkins, Ohio State, Cornell, U of South Carolina, UMass, Penn State and Syracuse. At Herkimer, the winning combination of championship-caliber athletics and outstanding academics leads to success. HCCC's athletic training staff and facilities are among the best. During the past year, the vision of Wehrum Stadium became one step closer to reality, with final touches placed on the Stadium during the spring. Additionally, upgrades to the Fitness Center, baseball complex, varsity gym and pool are part of an

In addition to the final construction at Wehrum Stadium, plans to host the 2005 NJCAA men's and women's soccer Division III National Championships were in motion this year.

In Women's Lacrosse in 2005, there were 21 Academic All-Region Awards, with 3.5 GPA or higher; 18 Academic All-Americans with a GPA of 3.6 or higher, and six distinguished Academic All-Americans with a 3.8 or higher GPA. overall athletic program that provides Herkimer studentathletes the tools they need to stay at the top of their game.

Again this year, HCCC student-athletes excelled in sports as well as in academics. Both women's track and field (100M) and men's lacrosse were the 2005 NJCAA National Champions. The men's soccer and women's lacrosse teams were regional champions in their 2004 and 2005 seasons, respectively. Additionally, the women's lacrosse team was named 2005 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year.

Herkimer County Community College had the most junior college athletes named Academic All-Region and Academic All-Americans. Regional involvement of HCCC staff includes service as president of the Mountain Valley Conference as well as participation on the Region III Men's Lacrosse and Softball Committees.

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Author Henry David Thoreau wrote, "It's not what you look at that matters—it's what you see." His words sum up the creative vision displayed in the development and maintenance of facilities at HCCC.

A significant digital upgrade of the College's radio-television facilities was completed, which included the production control room, studio, audio suites and the master control room. Additional renovations included the Generals Quarters' café and an addition to the Robert McLaughlin College Center. The proposed Library expansion project includes an additional space for the bookstore, a student lounge and the Learning Center as well as an increase to the main Library space.

The new Wehrum Stadium complex was completed in Spring 2005, featuring synthetic turf, team rooms, training area, officials locker rooms, press box, concession stand, ticket booth and convenient parking. HCCC is the only community



There are 30 personal and laptop computers available for patron use in HCCC's Library. The laptops were used by 1,192 users who appreciated the flexibility to sit anywhere in the Library to work.

college in New York State with this type of facility and one of only three synthetic-grass facilities within a 60-mile radius. The facility not only gives the College the ability to host national, regional and local tournaments, but it also provides a valuable service to the region's high schools when weather and scheduling precludes them from using their own fields. The baseball field, fitness center, varsity gym and pool were also renovated during the past year.

Technology upgrades continued, with approximately one-third of the classrooms on campus designated as 'smart classrooms.' A Perkins Grant in excess of \$50,000 supported development of a computer lab to educate students in the emergent fields of cybersecurity and economic crime. To best prepare our students for professions in this area, it is necessary to expose and train them in a real-world environment that simulates the top-of-the-line tools for their trades.

Electronic databases have become a more efficient way of delivering information to Library patrons. During the past academic year, 65,934 database searches were conducted during 14,242 search sessions, an increase of 36 percent from the previous year.

There was a 47 percent increase from 2003-2004 in the hours of preventive maintenance completed on campus. This year, there were 1,279 hours of preventive services provided.

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On-campus residential spaces were reconfigured and renovated in response to student needs for on-campus housing.

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Students often describe the HCCC community as a small family, a home-away-from-home. It is the human connections they make here that remain with them long after they have left HCCC.

Many who have participated in recent regional alumni events sponsored by the Alumni Association have identified these lifelong connections as critical milestones in their lives. At Herkimer, it is intentional to facilitate these lifelong connections—the human side of our institution.

The formation of a Criminal Justice living-learning environment at the Reservoir Run housing complex provides additional tutoring and personal faculty interaction with students, as well as related out-of-classroom experiences to enrich the student learning opportunities in this area. Alternative late-night activities sponsored at Alumni Hall offered opportunities for students to form bonds of friendship. Educational out-of-classroom programs included topical health discussions and educational activities on substance abuse trends and wellness.

More than 260 student-focused co-curricular and educational programs, as well as entertainment and special events, were provided at HCCC.

A new Counseling Center Liaison Program instituted during the academic year offered one-to-one access of advice and guidance.

There were 30 new living spaces created at College Hill to extend the residential learning experience to additional students.



HCCC recognized the Alumnus of the Year at the 37th Annual Commencement in May 2005, a prestigious distinction for an alumnus who has demonstrated the highest level of excellence in their professional field. Mary E. (Dingman) House '78 Paralegal was named the 2005 Alumnus of the Year, with recognition for her years of service in the legal profession. Following graduation from HCCC, House worked for two years for the New York State Department of Education. She then went on to earn her doctor of jurisprudence from Albany Law School. House is currently the Bureau Chief for the Civil Recoveries Bureau in the New York State Attorney General's Office.



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HCCC was the recipient of the Gold Paragon Award (shown above), the highest accolade in its category, from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) for the college viewbook, 'Rock Solid Education.'

HCCC received two SUNYCUAD Best of Category awards for Individual Advertising and Student Recruitment Posters.

The HCTV production of 'This is Their Time," a World War II memorial trip documentary, received a national Telly Award, making it the eighth national award for the College's broadcasting department.

New appointments in key leadership areas included naming of deans for academic affairs, administration and student services. HCCC processed more than 1,500 resumes during the past year and interviewed 237 professionals for positions at the College. Both figures represent record numbers in HCCC's history.

Four staff members in the Campus Safety Department went through an intense and rigorous training program and were successfully appointed as Peace Officers. The Peace Officer Training Academy was held at HCCC, an 11-week live-in academy that was the first of its kind held on a college campus. Fifteen recruits from HCCC, as well as Finger Lakes Community College and Syracuse University participated in this program.

The HCCC Child Care Center successfully achieved accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) after an intense self-study and evaluation process by the accrediting body, which cited HCCC as a provider of 'a high-quality early childhood' program. HCCC submitted its application for accreditation of the College Now Program to the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP), specifically documenting its practices for curriculum, faculty, students, assessment and evaluation.



"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."

Six community leaders were 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.

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 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.

Above from left: Colonel James Hill, Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo, Kathleen Boyle-DeCarlo (accepting on behalf of her late father, Robert Boyle), HCCC President Ronald F. Williams, Dr. H. David Trautlein, Jean Stapleton, Frank Menapace

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The Herkimer County College Foundation, established in 1967, supports the College through acquisition and stewardship of private funds and real property.

The Champions Campaign was conducted this year to raise money for a new stadium named for Professor and Coach Paul Wehrum for his years of dedication to the College. Over 50 new alumni donors pledged at least \$1,000 each during the campaign, making the Champions Campaign one of the most successful alumni development events ever conducted by the College or Foundation. The Veterans' Park Campaign raised funds for a county-wide memorial to recognize all Herkimer County veterans. Its original goal to cover construction costs for the park was exceeded.

Donations to the Foundation provide scholarships to students as well as support to faculty and staff for professional development and continuing education. The Foundation organizes several community-wide events annually to support HCCC students and programs, including a world cuisine festival, charity golf tournament, and arts and crafts fair that draws participation from close to 150 artisans throughout the Northeast and attracts nearly 8,000 visitors to the campus.



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Gifts to the Foundation have greatly benefited Herkimer County Community College. Investments in the Foundation's work help us continue to grow and provide additional support to HCCC students.

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The Foundation's Tuition Scholarship Program, which provides tuition for all Herkimer County residents graduating in the top 15 percent of their high school class, has become a role model statewide for innovation and support. Students receiving this honor in 2005 are pictured here with President Ronald F. Williams.

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The continued generosity of our donors through scholarship donations benefited more than 100 deserving students during the 2004-2005 academic year. Three new scholarships were established over the past year, and this timeframe marked the first year students received the Generals Campaign Presidential Scholarship Awards. We gratefully acknowledge the generous individuals and organizations who made these scholarships possible and provided opportunities for our students.

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