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A MESSAGE FROM THE President

DR. CATHLEEN C. McCOLGIN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's hard to believe another academic year has arrived and is in full swing. We recently welcomed the Class of 2020 to campus! This class includes the largest incoming class of international students to date and the first group of future police officers enrolled in our new Police Academy program. It is gratifying to see such a diverse student body benefit from the wide variety of programs and services offered by Herkimer County Community College.

One of the ways we are making college more affordable is by providing students with digital resources to replace expensive textbooks. In this issue of Connections, you will learn about the Open Educational Resources (OER) program, which has already saved Herkimer College students nearly one million dollars in textbook costs. This is one of many exciting initiatives taking place at Herkimer College.

In the last issue, I promised to provide updates on the Middle States reaccreditation process, which includes a comprehensive self-study and peer review. The self-study steering committee has developed a comprehensive self-study design, and work groups have begun research on their assigned standards. All stakeholder groups, including faculty, staff, alumni, students and board members, will have an opportunity to participate in or contribute to the study in some way. I thank everyone involved for their time and effort throughout the reaccreditation process.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our alumni and friends who support Herkimer College, whether it be through donations to the Foundation, service on advisory committees, or coming out to cheer on the Herkimer Generals. You are all very important to us, and we thank you for your support and friendship.

Sincerely



Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.
President



A MESSAGE FROM THE Foundation Director

ROBERT FOWLER



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and I'm pleased to say we're off to a good start at Herkimer College this fall! Over the past few months, the Foundation has developed multiple new partnerships with local and regional businesses. Their support for many projects and causes the Foundation is currently involved with, as well as their willingness to support Herkimer College and its students, is much appreciated. Additionally, we're the fortunate recipients of donations to the Annual Fund from some alumni who are doing so for the first time, and for that I say thank you!

The 2018 Generals Open Golf Tournament was another success this summer. A special thanks to the Day and Read Insurance Company whose generous contributions to the event over the last three years have enabled the golf tournament to achieve its highest levels of success. And that success translates into good fortune for the students of Herkimer College, since the money raised at the golf tournament goes right into supporting student scholarships.

The Foundation Board of Directors welcomed a new member recently. Amy Roepnack, Assistant Professor, Fashion Buying and Merchandising, is a welcome addition to the Board of Directors and an asset to the group. Let me say here, what a pleasure it is to work with this board. It's a good group whose passion and dedication to Herkimer College and the Foundation have played a key role in the achievement of many goals.

A number of projects are planned for this academic year, and I'll be doing my best to keep you informed in the coming months. As always, I encourage you to drop us a note when you can. Let us know where you are and what you're involved with. Sharing the Herkimer story is always a lot of fun, and it's your experiences and accomplishments that make the stories so good!

As always, thank you for your dedication to Herkimer College and your support of the Herkimer County College Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rob Fowler, Executive Director
Herkimer County College Foundation

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JON GAINES '16, CYBERSECURITY A.A.S.



**JON GAINES '16
HAS HACKED INTO
SOME OF THE MOST
SOPHISTICATED SITES
ON THE WEB—AND HE'S
BEEN PAID TO DO IT.**

Jon Gaines has helped local and international companies find security loopholes and areas of security weakness that could be used by unscrupulous hackers to reach secure data – from databases to phishing scams. He explains, “We get to do what the bad guys do, legally.”

As a teen, Gaines recalls being “a bit of a troublemaker” when it came to computers. “I liked to figure out how things worked; ‘What will happen if I break it?’” At the age of 18, Gaines heard a news story about people who hacked websites, legally. He immediately began working toward the goal of becoming a professional “white-hat” hacker.

Though very knowledgeable, Gaines knew he needed a degree. After exploring several programs, he chose Herkimer College’s Cybersecurity program because



of its faculty and course content. “The course line-up was more well-rounded than the other colleges I looked at.”

Immediately upon graduation from Herkimer, Gaines was hired by Leet Systems. “We did any type of hacking – digital mostly, but sometimes we would physically try to break in; picking locks and that sort of thing. We did phishing campaigns, tricking people into giving away their names and private information.”

Gaines worked for Leet Systems for two years while studying for his bachelor’s degree in Networking & Cybersecurity from Champlain College. Then he moved on.

“Leet was very small – there were three other employees – besides me – when I started working there. I felt like there was no room to grow. It just wasn’t big enough.” So Gaines began working for Stratum Security. While most of his projects for Leet Systems were local or national, Stratum Security has an international client base. “I might be working on a site for a company in Australia; tomorrow I might work on one in France,” he says. “I’m not traveling yet, but it’s cool to be working on sites around the world.”

His biggest accomplishment? “It’s every hacker’s crowning glory getting into critical data [on big websites, like those of the healthcare industry] and then tell them about it,” he explains. “Most people work at it for years, but I got lucky. I found two undiscovered vulnerabilities in an Industrial Control System (ICS) which are being added to the international database of vulnerabilities in my first two years.”

Despite his accomplishments, Gaines remains modest. “It’s really not as glamorous as it sounds,” he says. “There are others that I can tap into. But in general, it’s just me, Google, and my intuition.”

FASHION STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT PARISIAN CULTURE AND FASHION FIRST-HAND

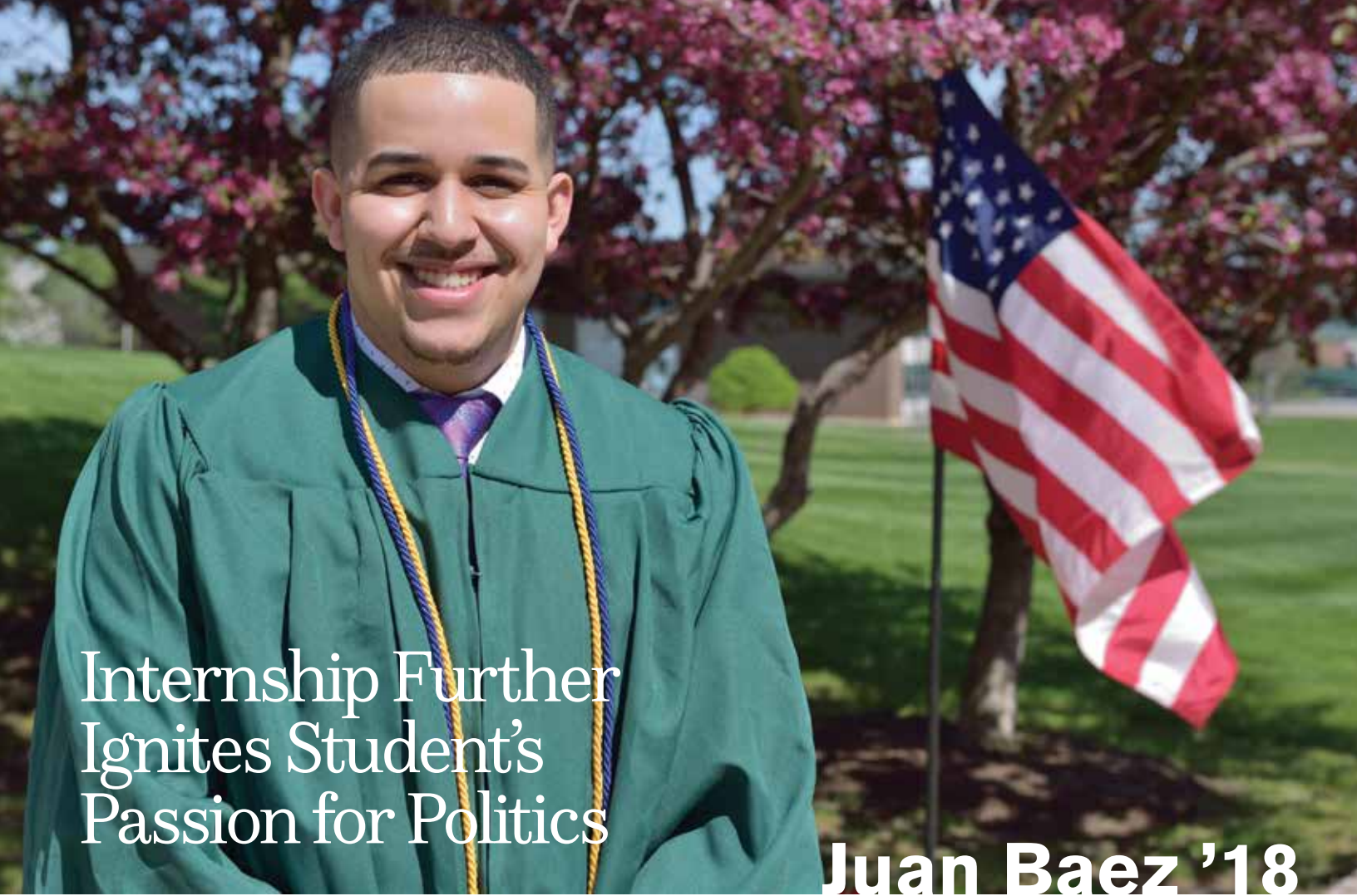
Last spring, a group of Fashion students traveled to Paris, France with Assistant Professor Amy Roepnack. They explored couture fashion houses, the International Fashion Academy, and several fashion museums during the weeklong tour.

Sumire Hirakawa (Sarah) was recently accepted to the IFA Bachelor’s in Fashion Marketing program at IFA. “Sarah loved Paris and the Fashion Academy so much she decided to apply to school there,” said Roepnack. “It’s so nice to see that opportunities we provide at Herkimer College truly can change the course of a student’s life in such an amazing way.”

The study tour was developed under the direction of Dr. Robin Riecker, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Humanities and Social Science, and Ember Traino, International Coordinator, to provide students with a study abroad experience at the two-year level.



Pictured from left: Tiana Dalton (Mount Vernon), Samantha Alberts (Herkimer), Roepnack, Hirakawa (Japan) and Erika Gee (Deerfield).



Internship Further Ignites Student's Passion for Politics

Juan Baez '18

Although he had been accepted at schools like Penn State and Seton Hall, Juan Baez chose Herkimer College upon the advice of a friend who had attended and loved his experience.



For a first generation college student from the Bronx, coming to rural Herkimer took some getting used to, but Juan adjusted easily. He also wasted no time getting involved in activities on campus. Passionate about sports and politics since he was a young boy, Juan chose to major in Sports and Recreation Management, and he served

as vice president of the Student Government Association. In his final semester, he landed an internship with New York State Assemblyman Brian Miller.

Given his background and that his parents were immigrants from the Dominican Republic, Juan was able to provide Miller and his staff with a different perspective on life and legislation. "Juan helped us understand the immigrant's experience," said Miller, referring to their discussion regarding the Dream Act, a measure that would make education aid

available to children of undocumented immigrants. For Juan, his work with Miller has helped him learn about all types of people and to be open to a variety of ideas and positions. "Juan came here as an idealistic young man, not really analyzing issues from all sides. He's able to look at all sides of an issue now," said Miller.

Throughout the internship, Juan was involved with research projects and responding to constituent concerns. He also had an opportunity to travel to Albany with Assemblyman Miller to experience a day on the Assembly floor.

Upon graduation from Herkimer, Juan was accepted to seven schools, and he chose to attend Seton Hall. He would love to run for political office in the future. As for Assemblyman Miller, he hopes to have more hardworking and open-minded interns like Juan join his staff in the future.

Juan has gained a lot from his experience, and has appreciated getting to know the people behind the politics, and realizing they are not how they're portrayed. "My biggest takeaway has been getting to know that they're actual humans, people who want to do good work and are fighting for people in their districts."



LinkedIn

Christopher Douglass '01

“I WAS ACCEPTED BY 13 OR 14 SCHOOLS,” RECALLS CHRIS DOUGLASS, “BUT NONE OF THEM SPOKE TO ME LIKE HERKIMER. HERKIMER COLLEGE REQUIRED A SKILLSET OF DEMANDING EXCELLENCE. IT SET ME ON A TRAJECTORY, HELPED ME TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND HELPED CATAPULT ME INTO MY CAREER.”

To Douglass, Herkimer was more than just a college—it was a family.

Douglass’ career has been varied, but it centered around sales and was heavily impacted by his time at Herkimer College. He first worked at Xerox as a sales rep and sales manager for nine years, first in White Plains/Westchester, then Albany, and finally in Rochester, New York.

But Xerox was experiencing growth pains, and Douglass was caught in one of the layoffs. “It was actually the best thing in the world,” he says. Moving back to New York City, Douglass started over at a small

e-mail marketing firm. Then one of his former sales interns at Xerox referred him to the social media platform LinkedIn.

LinkedIn is the world’s largest professional network with more than 562 million users in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. “I had no idea there were sales roles at LinkedIn. I thought it was only a company for engineers and people keeping the site up.” Douglass is currently a sales manager working with companies to leverage the social platform.

“I work with companies to leverage LinkedIn as a sales tool to find prospects and position themselves as sellers. I think

what's so much fun about it is helping companies and sellers to be educated and strategic. . . social media is a part of everyday life now. . . I help sellers engage buyers at the right place and the right time."

But Herkimer College has a special place in his heart, and it all began with the soccer team. "There was such a camaraderie with the teammates, such friendship. So many of those friendships were for life. We had to be at the college two to three weeks early for soccer practice. We were the only ones there; we were training together, eating together, going back up to the top of the hill together in the evenings. It created an unbelievable brotherhood."

He also proudly remembers that both years he played at Herkimer College, the soccer team won the national championship.

Despite his soccer schedule, Douglass found time for other pursuits. "I was the president of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at HCCC, vice president of the Student Council and was the president and founder of the History Club."

After graduating with an associate degree in Liberal Arts: Humanities, Douglass transferred to Virginia Wesleyan College (now Virginia Wesleyan University). He described the transition as challenging after having experienced the family atmosphere at Herkimer.

Douglass also was one of Herkimer's first online students. "It was biology," he remembers, "and it was so strange because they sent you a kit, and then you had to send it back to the college. It was so challenging because it was non-traditional. I didn't have to go down to the college every day. Time would slip away, and then I'd remember, 'Oh, wait, I have to go online.' It was only 2000 or 2001. I wasn't very astute with the internet then, which didn't help.

"There was a forum, sort of like Reddit, and it was one long strand of conversation. If you didn't sign in every day, you'd be so far behind you couldn't catch up. The tests were online, too. It was a pretty unique experience; cutting edge at the time. It's come so far since then."

For Douglass, the friendships made at the college have gone beyond time. "I was in Midtown [New York City] during rush hour a couple years ago," he recalls, "and of course there's traffic and people all hurrying along. And suddenly the sea of people parted, and there was one of the soccer teammates from Herkimer. So there we were in the middle of New York City, catching up like we had seen each other yesterday.

"Those friendships were for life," Douglass says again. "It's one of the things that makes Herkimer College special – that makes it stand out from other colleges."

"Herkimer is so unique; such a special place. It's the people and the faculty that make it special – it felt like home. It didn't matter who you were, how much money you did or didn't have, or even your grades. You were treated like everyone was equal. It was a family atmosphere. And it all came from the leadership and faculty. A lot of my friends found the same thing."



MAKING
COLLEGE

Affordable

Herkimer College
is Leading the
Way with **Zero
Textbook
Costs**

In the first quarter of 2018, the national student loan debt climbed to over \$1.5 trillion for the first time in history. To parents of graduating high school seniors, this statistic along with frequent news stories regarding America's student loan crisis can be alarming. But Herkimer College is making strides to become part of the solution, not the problem.

Herkimer College's faculty and administration are eager to make college more affordable and to reduce barriers to student success. This commitment to access and student success has resulted in the use of Open Educational Resources (OER), freely available learning materials that users can download, edit and share. As a result, more than 50 percent of courses at the college now utilize free and open digital content. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Linda Lamb said, "We are working to help students – no matter what program they're in – save money on textbooks and have the materials they need on the first day, so that they can be successful."

Additionally, with funding through the Achieving the Dream (ATD) grant, Herkimer College is able to offer two Liberal Arts degree programs – General Studies (A.A.) and Social Science (A.A.) – completely textbook free. Instead of requiring students to purchase textbooks, which can cost approximately \$1,200 a year, these two OER degree programs, called Z-Degrees can be completed with zero textbook costs. "We want students to be successful," says Lamb, "and we don't want something like the cost of a textbook to stand in the way of that."

Traditionally, students who depend on financial aid may not have the financial means necessary to purchase textbooks before the first day of class. "Nationwide, students have to make decisions regarding how they spend their money," explains Professor Bill Pelz who also serves as instructional designer for online learning. "If they rely on financial aid, oftentimes textbooks are not instantly available. They have to wait for approval." By the time students are able to purchase the required course materials, they may find themselves behind in coursework. OER ensure students are ready to learn from day one.

TWO EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED WITH CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

Donald Dutcher, Director of Athletics,

received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. The effectiveness of Dutcher's leadership is reflected in the list of awards his department has received during his 14-year career at Herkimer. The Athletic Department has won the top ranking among non-scholarship NJCAA division III two year college athletic programs in the nation three times during Dutcher's tenure. Dutcher works closely with his coaches to help students gain an awareness of themselves as both individuals and as members of a community. Examples of student athletes' civic involvement include visits to elementary schools to read to children and talk with them about making safe, healthy choices; volunteering for Habitat for Humanity projects; and conducting toy and book drives for children from economically at-risk families. President Cathleen McColgin said, "As an alumnus and former Herkimer College student-athlete himself, Don's dedication to Herkimer College, to NJCAA athletics and to the success of SUNY are all strong currents running through his leadership."



I AM PROUD TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS DONALD DUTCHER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, AND DAVID HIGGINS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

SUNY CHANCELLOR KRISTINA M. JOHNSON

David Higgins, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice,

received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Higgins joined the College's faculty 15 years ago, and has earned a reputation as an innovative and dedicated educator. A legal professional with a considerable amount of experience, he brings a wealth of expertise and valuable perspective to his work with students. Higgins is a lawyer admitted to the NYS Bar Association, and he continues to engage in professional development that allows him to maintain his law license. He engages with fellow educators and professionals in his field and stays up to date on relevant trends and articles that he uses to enhance his courses. President Cathleen McColgin said, "David is able to make effective connections with students and earn their trust and respect. He has an appealing sense of humor that puts students at ease and helps build trust and rapport with them."



The SUNY Chancellor's Award is designated for faculty and staff members who personify professional excellence and serve as role models not only for the State University of New York community, but for Herkimer County Community College as well.

"Having the textbook from the very first day is a very strong predictor of success in the course," explains Pelz. But that's just one of several benefits of OER. When using OER materials, students receive instant access to course content, including class readings and PowerPoint presentations. Unlike other online textbooks, most open educational resources are accessible forever, making them as valuable at the end of a student's college career as they are on the first day of class. Plus, the content is downloadable in a PDF format, so students can access it without a high-speed internet connection and print a copy at home, on campus or with a printing service.

In regard to benefits for faculty, Pelz emphasizes, "Open resources lead to open pedagogy." For instance, Herkimer College's faculty can modify and add content as they see fit, giving them the ability to edit out nonessential information, include current events and customize the materials to meet the demands of the course. With OER, students are also empowered to contribute valuable course content, improving the textbook for future classes and giving them greater ownership over their learning.

As one of the top community colleges in the nation for student success, Herkimer College anticipates even better student outcomes and higher degree completion rates with OER. To learn more about OER, visit www.herkimer.edu/oer.

HERKIMER COLLEGE:

Developing Programs

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND REGION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, HERKIMER COLLEGE IS NOW OFFERING A PRE-EMPLOYMENT POLICE BASIC TRAINING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.



NEW PROGRAM TRAINS FUTURE POLICE OFFICERS

The program is the first phase of pre-employment training and is equivalent to the Basic Course for Police Officers in New York State and is open to civilians and sworn police officers.

Students begin preparation for a career as a police officer prior to being hired by a law enforcement agency. As a further benefit, the program provides law enforcement agencies and municipalities with a diverse pool of trained police officer candidates.

Course work includes the various laws and procedures required of a police officer, ethics, basic criminal investigations and physical fitness. Students are introduced to the field of policing and the requirements necessary for the successful completion of the basic police academy as mandated by the Municipal Police Training Council of New York State. They also learn different types of law enforcement methods, including laws, procedures and policies, as well as interpersonal communications skills appropriate for use in law enforcement settings.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be awarded a transcript and certificate. Graduates have two years from completion to secure employment in a police department and complete the Phase II portion of the training

before being awarded a full Basic School Certificate from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The Little Falls Police Department has administered the part-time Basic Course for Police Officers, and other law enforcement specialty topics, since 1997. LFPD also sponsored the Cazenovia Pre-Employment Program since 2004. They have trained hundreds of law enforcement officers from police and sheriff departments throughout New York State.

Little Falls Police Chief Michael Masi serves as director of the program at Herkimer College. A police officer for the City of Little Falls since 1992, Masi has advanced through the ranks becoming Chief of Police in 2008. He has been involved in the police academy as an instructor since its inception in 1997 and took over as director in 2000. He has also instructed in numerous other academies around New York State and has been a member of the New York State Law Enforcement Training Directors Association since 2006.

For more information about the program, visit www.herkimer.edu/police or contact program director Michael Masi at 315-866-0300, ext. 8624 or masima@herkimer.edu.

ECOTOURISM PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN ADVENTURE TRAVEL



With a wealth of ecotourism friendly adventures available in New York State and beyond, Herkimer College recently launched a new program in Ecotourism and Adventure Travel. The associate in applied science degree program is designed to prepare students to design programs that focus on the natural and cultural history of a given area. The program is offered both on campus and online.

Successful graduates will be able to assess, develop plans for, and identify steps of implementation for the transformation of a traditional hospitality operation to an environmentally sound operation. They will be able to understand and explain the interrelationships among diverse cultures and ecosystems.

Graduates will be prepared for careers in a variety of government and not-for-profit organizations as well as the private sector. Ecotourism graduates may work for a private company that runs tours, or a government-run or public institution, such as a national park or outdoor education center. Those with experience in the field can manage or even run their own ecotourism business. There are also opportunities to work abroad in exotic locations. Working in the ecotourism industry can be very exciting and rewarding knowing that you are educating people about the environment by immersing them in nature.

For more information about the Ecotourism and Adventure Travel program at Herkimer College, visit www.herkimer.edu/ecotourism.

A Visit from the Chancellor

SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson visited campus on April 3rd to meet with faculty, staff and students. Pictured from left are Chancellor Johnson, General Herkimer and Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin.



Barnes & Noble Remodels Bookstore

The College Bookstore underwent a major renovation over the summer. Under the management of Barnes & Noble, the bookstore now has a new layout and a more open and unified space, including new flooring, textbook shelving and paint. "Openness and visual quality is huge for us, as an open environment creates a great shopping experience," said store manager Sarah McMichael.

Textbooks were moved to the main sales floor, a barrier wall and the gate system were removed, the snack area was moved, and new glass doors were installed to help bring in natural light. Removing the barrier wall opened up the space and allowed for a centralized snack and convenience experience. "Tables and chairs and more space for trade books were added to bring in the feel of a Barnes & Noble store that traditionally comes when hearing our name," McMichael said.



Congratulations *to the* Class of 2018!

HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT WAS HELD FRIDAY, MAY 18. THERE WERE 431 CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND 16 CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES. THE CLASS INCLUDED 69 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR DEGREES ENTIRELY ONLINE THROUGH HERKIMER COLLEGE'S INTERNET ACADEMY.



Student Government President Brendan Murphy, of Whitesboro, NY, delivered greetings to his fellow graduates. “Today graduates, you step with both feet into a seemingly boundless world with such vastness and nearly infinite directions to travel...where do you go, what do you do with your life now? When you made the choice to walk through the doors of Herkimer College you started a growth process and when you chose to stay, regardless of the challenges ahead of you, you continued that process,” said Murphy.

Student speaker Moo Toh Taw, of Utica, NY, addressed fellow graduates and guests with her speech entitled “Embrace Change – Make Your Mark.” A refugee and first generation college student, Taw’s message reflected on themes of dedication and overcoming adversity.

President Cathleen McColgin said, “Regardless of your goals coming to Herkimer, there is no doubt you leave Herkimer with valuable new skills and a greater awareness of the world. You have learned to overcome challenges, be independent, manage your time and be self-disciplined. Many of you have developed and honed your leadership skills and you have grown personally through participation in cultural, civic and social activities. Most importantly, you have met your academic goals, and prepared yourselves for the future.”



To view photos and video, go to www.herkimer.edu/commencement.



A Story of Drive and Determination— From Refugee to College Graduate, Moo Toh Law '18



The year is 2007, and Moo Toh Law is an eight year old Karen refugee, entering the United States with no English language skills. Fast forward to 2018, and Moo is fluid in English, holds an associate degree, and is on her way to achieving her dream to work as an immigration attorney. As a refugee, Moo and her family, including two younger brothers and a sister, settled in Utica, New York, where she attended school and graduated from Proctor High School. With the help of On Point for College, Moo enrolled in the Criminal Justice program at Herkimer College. "I heard great things about Herkimer. I wouldn't have chosen any other college. I love Herkimer," Moo said recently. Moo excelled academically and was active on campus where she was involved in the Criminal Justice Club and participated on the tennis and track teams. "She was never satisfied with her work. . . she was always striving to do better. . . and she did," said Assistant Professor Bill Stack.

This past spring, Moo was selected to represent the Class of 2018 as the student speaker at Commencement. "Being the first generation in my family to graduate from college is an honor that

I will carry with me throughout my entire college career and my life. Being a refugee is a struggle. When I first got to America, I didn't know any English—and having to learn a whole new language at the age of nine was very hard. I have never given up, and I will always strive to do better," she said. Upon graduating from Herkimer in May, Moo landed a paid internship working for local attorney, Stephen Lockwood. She is now pursuing her bachelor's degree at the University of Albany where she is majoring in criminal justice and minoring in political science.

Moo's commencement speech concluded, "Although our skin color may be different, it is our drive and determination that matters, and we can be successful if we continue to encourage and help one another... We can't do it alone. If we didn't have our classmates to encourage us, or our friends to be there for us in both the hard times and the not-so-hard times, we may not have made it here today... Keep working hard, keep encouraging each other and together we can make the future great!"

To read Moo's full commencement speech, visit www.herkimer.edu/commencement.

Retiring Faculty Honored *with Emeritus Status*

Emeritus

The Herkimer
County
Community
College Board
of Trustees, at
its meeting held
on July 11, 2018,
honored four
retiring faculty by
appointing them as
emeriti, effective
September 1, 2018.

Emeritus status is an honor granted to retired professional academic and administrative staff members who have demonstrated excellence and commitment to making Herkimer College the exceptional institution it is today.

Karen Evans joined the faculty in 1986 as a lecturer in the Business program. Evans was promoted through the ranks from lecturer to assistant professor, to associate professor, and ultimately, in 2013, to professor. She was granted tenure in 1992. Her 32 years of service have included serving as a faculty liaison, representing the College at the Herkimer Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center, and chairing and serving on many campus committees. Evans was instrumental in the success of the Business Academic Competition, which ran for more than 10 years, and served as the lead faculty member for entrepreneurial programs at BOCES and the College. As vice president of the Board of Education for the Holland Patent Central School District, Evans was able to bring real world experience to her business classes.

Sharon Howell retired as a professor of Physical Education. Howell joined the faculty in 1981 as a lecturer, and was promoted to junior instructor in 1982, instructor in 1986, assistant professor in 1993, associate professor in 1999, and professor in 2012, with tenure granted in 2002. Her 37 years of service included leadership roles on several committees and as an Academic Senate officer. Howell was the recipient of the Who's Who Among Teachers in 2004 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2013. A longstanding coach, Howell coached national championship track and field teams in 2008 and 2010.

MaryJo Kelley retired as a professor in the Childhood Education and Early Childhood programs. She joined the faculty as an instructor in 1990 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1993, associate professor in 2002 and professor in 2007, with tenure granted in 1996. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Kelley's 28 years of service included lead roles on several standing campus committees, including the Middle States 2007 Self Study Committee and coordinator of the Honors Program since 1996. Kelley received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2009.

Patricia McDaniel retired as a professor in the Human Services program. McDaniel was hired in 1997 as a lecturer in Liberal Arts and Public Services. She was promoted to instructor in 1998, assistant professor in 2001, associate professor in 2006, and professor in 2013, with tenure granted in 2002. She has served on several standing committees, including Middle States subcommittee, Human Services Advisory Committee and the Academic Policies Committee. McDaniel has worked on Human Services and Social Science program reviews to ensure the programs were up to date in accordance with SUNY guidelines.

Herkimer College Human Services Advisory Committee

Providing a Critical Role in the Community

The Human Services Advisory Committee at Herkimer College is made up of professionals within the human services sector who are working to bridge a gap of collaboration. Members work together to identify strengths, necessities and resources within the community. It is not uncommon for members to attend a meeting and find out there are resources available right across the table from one another.

Instructor and Practicum Supervisor Grace Ashline joined the Herkimer College faculty in the fall of 2017 and became chair of the committee. She is committed to joining forces with local professionals who deserved to be part of the necessary conversation. According to Ashline, often students enter the human services program with an ambiguous understanding of the profession. “It’s not uncommon for students to enter the program because they relate to the adversities that prospective clients are facing, so there is an empathetic connection to that.” Since Ashline’s arrival, the Herkimer County Human Services Advisory Committee has grown. What was once four members has grown to 23 members; including two students. Ashline feels it’s important for students to not only be a part of the discussion, but to help members gain perspective on the connection between the learning and experiential phases within the field.

This forum also helps to identify areas where new professionals in the field can be better informed and prepared upon entering the workforce. The committee has worked to provide instrumental feedback in what they observe students needing to help increase their employability which also strengthens necessary curriculum updates within the human services program at Herkimer College. Some of these changes include updates to the course curriculum, textbooks, handbook and the recent development of an innovative Trauma Informed Care course developed by Ashline for pilot in the fall of 2018. “Herkimer College has a rare and exciting opportunity to be one of the first institutions to incorporate a cutting edge pedagogy to educate students about the continuum of wellness and the various types of trauma community members are facing today,” said Ashline.

The course continues to receive a lot of attention from local agencies and organizations about potential professional development training with the recognition that the ideology around substance abuse and mental wellness is evolving. “The Human Services profession has a responsibility to meet the demands of the ever-changing climate of our communities which makes this program appealing for current and future students entering the program,” said Ashline.

Herkimer College’s Human Services program was recently ranked among the 25 best online human services associate degree programs in the nation for 2018 by TheBestSchools.org.



Several committee members gathered for a celebratory breakfast in May in honor of the growth. Pictured from left: Helen Burdick, Beacon Center; Ambi Daniel, Center for Life & Recovery; Hannah Stuble, Herkimer College Instructor and Academic Coach; Grace Ashline, Chair and Instructor/Supervisor of the Human Services program at Herkimer College; Sarah Feola, VP of Human Resources of Arc Herkimer; Robin Mattox, Director of Arc Herkimer; Laura Popiel, Director of the YWCA Mohawk Valley Child Advocacy Center; Melissa Snyder, Director of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County; and Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Herkimer County Mental Health Community Services.

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Faculty

Jennifer Herzog

Assistant Professor, Biology
Joined the faculty in 2001

Education:

B.S., Biology (Summa Cum Laude), Utica College
M.S., Yale University School of Medicine

Professional Affiliations:

The American Society for Microbiology
Science Teachers Association of New York State

Board Memberships:

Mohawk Valley Teachers Association
Vernon-Verona Sherrill Education Foundation

Honors & Awards:

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
The Genesis Group Outstanding Educator Award
Mohawk Valley 40 Under 40

What interests you most about the subject area in which you teach?

Even though we cannot see them, the microbes in us, on us and around us are the most incredible life forms on the face of the planet. We are learning new information each day regarding microbial life, and my passion is to share that knowledge with students and the community.

What do students need to know in order to succeed in college?

In my courses, students realize they need to have presence—not just be “present”—each and every day. Being in class, whether on campus or online, means engaging with the material, interacting with classmates, and applying knowledge to create lifelong learning experiences.



How do you share your love of science with others?

I conduct research on the microbiome of local white-tailed deer populations as well as in local freshwater mussel populations. Moreover, I run several science clubs in local K-12 schools and even a science fiction book club at a local library—all to engage the public and develop an informed group of citizen scientists.



Amy Getman

Assistant Professor, Accounting
Joined the faculty in 2005

Education:

B.A., Mathematics/Business, College of Saint Rose
B.S., Accounting, SUNY Institute of Technology
M.S., Accountancy, SUNY Institute of Technology

Professional Affiliations:

Teachers of Accounting at Two-Year Colleges
New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges

What do you find most rewarding about teaching and why?

I enjoy getting to teach some of my students for multiple semesters. It is rewarding to see students mature during their time at Herkimer. I also love hearing from students after they have graduated and know that they are doing well at their next school or in the workforce.

What do you enjoy most about teaching at Herkimer College?

I think the faculty and staff at Herkimer go out of their way to be friendly and helpful. They genuinely care about the school and the students. They make Herkimer a great place to work.

What other ways are you involved on campus?

I have been a mentor for the Honors Program for multiple semesters. I enjoy working one-on-one with students on topics that interest them. I have been fortunate to work with many intelligent and motivated students through the Honors Program.

Ways to **give** to Herkimer College

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(17 years of service)

Michael Fuhrer

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(14 years of service)

Sharon Howell

Professor, Physical Education
(37 years of service)

MaryJo Kelley

Professor, Social Science
(28 years of service)

Patricia McDaniel

Professor, Human Services
(21 years of service)

Peter Orzolek

Campus Peace Officer
(28 years of service)

Stephen Osley

Building Maintenance Helper
(12 years of service)

Our sincere thanks to all our retirees for your many years of committed service.

Your presence on campus will be missed, and we wish you all the best!

In Memoriam

Herkimer College extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following recently deceased alumni.

Ms. Joy D. Gould '73

Ms. Linda L. Lyon '75

Mr. Jeffery J. Tucker '76

Mr. Andrew Paul Barberio '78

Mr. Charles B. Stephan '78

Mr. Joseph A. Zutter '78

Mr. Raymond J. Coombs '79

Mr. Matthew T. Sullivan '88

Ms. Sara Sue Latella King '93

Ms. Rebecca Jean Treen '96

Ms. Danielle Marie Pecoraro '99

Mr. David Owen Plunkett '99

Memorial gifts may be made online at www.herkimer.edu/donate or mailed to the Herkimer County College Foundation, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350.

New Turf for Wehrum Stadium

After 13 years of collegiate, high school and youth soccer and lacrosse games, practices and clinics, the turf at Wehrum Stadium has been replaced. Built in 2005, Wehrum Stadium's all-weather, synthetic grass playing surface was expected to have a life of 10 to 12 years. In 2017, the condition of the then-12-year-old turf was assessed. According to Assistant Director of Facilities Operations Tom Stock, the original turf held up quite well, but signs of wear were beginning to be noticed.

After significant research and site visits, the decision was made to replace the turf with the original manufacturer's (Field Turf) product. The original installer, Chenango Contracting and Field Turf, submitted a proposal. A Faculty-Student Association (FSA) grant was made available, and the State University of New York (SUNY) matched the grant amount, making an overall budget of \$700,000 available to cover the cost of the project.

This past spring, an engineering firm concluded that the underlying drainage infrastructure was performing to required standards, and replacement of the turf took place in June. The Generals logo was then overlaid into the field turf. The new turf is an improved fiber that has better playing and wear features and comes with an 8-year warranty.

Wehrum Stadium is the site for Herkimer College's home men's and women's soccer and men's lacrosse



games. Herkimer hosts numerous tournaments annually, including the NJCAA Regional and National championship tournaments. Additionally, many high school teams and other local teams utilize the turf field. The stadium features home, away and officials' locker rooms, and an athletic training room. The complex also has a full-service concession stand, press and television broadcast box, stadium bleacher seating, broadcast-quality lighting, VIP guest area and rest room facilities. The field measures 120 yards x 75 yards.

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Herkimer Adding JV Baseball Team

Herkimer College is adding a JV baseball team for the spring 2019 season. Lane Potter, a two-year assistant coach with the varsity baseball team and 2010 alum, has been appointed as head coach.



Head coach for the varsity program, Jason Rathbun, said, "We have had so much interest in our program over the last 14 years. With our development of talent, this will give an entire additional group of student-athletes the opportunity to get better and showcase their skills to four year schools." The new JV team will play four-year JV teams, such as Utica College and Ithaca College, in a 15 to 20 game schedule.

Potter helped the Generals win a regional championship and advance to the World Series in 2010. He then received a scholarship to Brescia University where he was a two-year captain. He coached at SUNY Oneonta for three years, and then was an assistant coach for the Oneonta Outlaws of the NYCBL for two years. Potter returned to his alma mater to join Rathbun and the Generals staff in 2016. Potter also is an area coordinator for the Residence Life and Housing department.

Herkimer Softball Finishes Second in the Nation

The 2018 women's softball team won the Region IIIA Championship with a hard fought sweep of Onondaga Community College in the best of three series at Genesee Community College. The Generals advanced to the NJCAA Division III Championships in Rochester, Minnesota for the seventh consecutive season.

After beating Rock Valley 2-1 and forcing a winner-take-all national championship game, Herkimer finished second place in the national tournament. This is the fourth runner-up finish in five years for the Generals.

The team garnered numerous post-season awards and honors including:

- Team members earned 8 of 11 spots on the Mountain Valley All-Conference team.
- Keanna Wolcik was named Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year.
- Five players were named to the All-Region team and three to the Region IIIA All-Tournament team.
- Jennah Hogan was named Region IIIA Tournament MVP.
- Four players were named NJCAA All-Americans – Kali Puppolo and Keanna Wolcik, Shannon Moore and Jennah Hogan.

Coach PJ Anadio was named Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year and Region III Coach of the Year. In nine years as head coach, Anadio has led Herkimer to an overall record of 331-67, guiding all nine teams into the Region III playoff tournament. In the last eight seasons, Herkimer made it all the way to the regional final four, finally breaking through in 2012 for its first Region III championship in 14 years. Since Anadio's inaugural 2010 season, Herkimer has placed a total of 30 young women on NJCAA All-American teams.



MEN'S BASEBALL

Regional Champs and #1 Seed for World Series

The Herkimer Generals won the Region III baseball championship in a 13-5 win over Niagara County Community College. A first for the program under Head Coach Jason Rathbun, the team earned the overall #1 seed for the NJCAA Division III World Series at Pioneer Park in Greeneville, TN. The Generals ended their season with two losses in the World Series, and finished with a record of 35-9 overall.

Summer Professional League Taps Anadio for Head Coach

This past summer, PJ Anadio served as a head coach for the Futures1 team in the American Softball Association (ASBA). The women's professional softball league debuted in Mobile, Alabama on June 15.

"What a great opportunity for PJ to be selected as the head coach for the Futures1 team. It is a true testament to the hard work, dedication and knowledge he has shown throughout the years. It is a win-win for both PJ and Herkimer College, as he will continue to grow as a coach with the Futures, and in return, bring that back to the student athletes in his softball program here at Herkimer," said Herkimer's Athletic Director Donald Dutcher.



Rathbun Earns National and Regional Awards

Jason Rathbun was named 2018 ABCA/Diamond NJCAA District A Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA). Rathbun was also selected as 2018 Region III Coach of the Year and NJCAA District A Coach of the Year.

Rathbun finished his 14th season as head coach with 448 wins and 163 losses. His teams have won six regional championships and 11 conference championships. Sixty one players have been selected to All-Conference teams, 59 to All-Region teams and 19 have been named All-Americans. Fifteen players have gone on to play professional baseball, and 105 have continued to four-year baseball programs with 78 receiving scholarships.

Rathbun was inducted into the Mohawk Valley Baseball Hall of Fame in April of 2014. In addition to coaching, Rathbun is the Director of Residence Life at Herkimer College. He serves on the Junior College Executive Committee for the ABCA and is president of the Region III Baseball Coaches Association.

Alumni Inducted to NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Hall of Fame



The NJCAA men's lacrosse Hall of Fame recently inducted three former Herkimer Men's Lacrosse standouts – Michael LaCrosse '88, David Signor '93 and Delbert Powless '02.

LaCrosse was the National Junior College Player of the Year in 1988 scoring 95 goals and adding 24 assists that season. LaCrosse was captain of Herkimer's first national championship team. In 1989, he was named an All American and East Coast Conference MVP. He also tried out for US World team that year. LaCrosse earned a full athletic scholarship to Hofstra University where he holds the single game record for goals with 10. He graduated from Hofstra with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is now president of E.F. LaCrosse Sales, Inc. in Rochester Hills, Michigan. "Sharing that time with my family and Coach Wehrum this May was one of the most special days of my life," said LaCrosse of the Hall of Fame inductions.

Signor played on the 1992 and 1993 national championship teams. He earned the role of captain in 1993 and was named NJCAA Player of the Year and MVP of the national championship game. Signor went on the play for Syracuse University, where he won an NCAA national title in 1995. His teams in high school, college, and international competition compiled an overall record of 176-2, with two high school state championships, two NJCAA national championships, one NCAA Division I national title, and a gold medal in the 1991 World Championships.

Powless was a member of the 2001 and 2002 lacrosse teams. Powless earned All-American and Academic All-American status during his time with the Generals. He went on to earn an athletic scholarship at Rutgers in 2004, where he was named team captain. In 2003, Powless was named the recipient of the Tom Longboat award as Canada's top Aboriginal athlete. He later attended Brock University in Canada and won the Canadian University National Championship and was named to the All Canadian team. Powless has represented the Iroquois national team seven times at the World Championships. He was drafted by the Toronto Nationals in 2008 and won the Major League Lacrosse Championship that same year. As a coach, Powless won a Canadian University Championship with Brock University and five Provincial Championships.

Pictured above from left: Mike LaCrosse, hall of fame inductee; Paul Wehrum, former Herkimer Generals lacrosse coach; and Jamie Ireland, current head lacrosse coach.



Herkimer Places Second in NATYCAA Cup

The Herkimer Generals athletic program has placed second, among two-year college non-scholarship athletic programs, for the 2017-18 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup award. The NATYCAA Cup program recognizes excellence in two-year colleges, based on athletic success in championship competition.

Rowan College of Gloucester County claimed top honors with 153 points to upend Herkimer County Community College, the defending champion. Herkimer's 136 points earned the Generals the second place spot, while Suffolk County Community College came in third with 130.5 points.

Teams that contributed to the award included:

- o Softball - 2nd place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Soccer – 3rd place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Basketball – 4th place finish at Nationals
- o Women's Bowling – 11th place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Bowling – 6th place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Track & Field – 20th place finish at Nationals
- o Women's Cross Country – 6th place finish at Nationals
- o Women's Swimming & Diving – 12th place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Swimming & Diving – 11th place finish at Nationals
- o Men's Cross Country – 14th place finish at Nationals
- o Women's Track & Field – 13th place finish at Nationals
- o Baseball – 7th place finish at Nationals

Herkimer has won first place in the NATYCAA Cup three times, and has placed in the top three every year since the award's inception, except 2009 when the program finished in fourth place.

"I am extremely proud of our student-athletes and coaches for another outstanding year in the classroom, community and on the playing fields," said Athletic Director Donald Dutcher. "We strive to achieve excellence in those three areas each and every day, and that's why we continue to rank among the best."

NATYCAA is the professional organization of two year college athletic administrators dedicated to the continuing growth and development of two-year college athletics.

Women's Track and Field Wins Region III Championship

The women's track and field team won the 2018 Region III team championship. They were led by Malerie Belles (Clay, NY) who won the Region III title in the women's high jump with a mark of 1.49 M. Miyah Stroman (Syracuse, NY) won the Region III women's triple jump with a distance of 9.43 M. Belles and Stroman also were joined by Alexis Perkett (Remsen, NY) who all finished in the top three of women's heptathlon. The women's team scored 186 points, easily outdistancing second place Onondaga Community College with 126 points.

Three Herkimer College Grads Among 84 Scholar Athletes Named Statewide

Three Herkimer College student-athletes received the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. They were among only 84 recipients from the 64 SUNY campuses statewide to receive the award this year.

The recipients were cross country runner Chyanna Bernier (Ilion, NY), soccer standout Mikayla Blumenstock (Poland, NY) and softball player Shannon Moore (Norwich, NY).

All three recipients graduated with the Class of 2018. "Chyanna, Shannon and Mikki are ideal student-athletes," said Athletic Director Donald Dutcher. "The prestige that they brought to the institution is priceless. They are all class act individuals who strive to be the best in everything they do and have the admiration of teammates, coaches and competitors. They have definitely each left a legacy at Herkimer College."



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