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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to report that Herkimer County Community College is once again a fully open and vibrant campus community. We have returned to offering a full schedule of activities, events, and athletic contests. It has been truly energizing and heartwarming to experience a renewed energy and sense of community on our campus.

This past year, we welcomed back several beloved community events to campus. We celebrated Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks display, welcomed more than 2,000 visitors to the 44th Herkimer County Arts and Crafts Fair, and hosted the acclaimed Irish ensemble, Danú, for a glorious performance of *An Emerald Isle Christmas*.

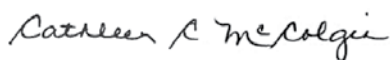
This is truly an exciting time in upstate New York. The influx of new investment in our region is an opportunity for all of us, regardless of what county or community we live and work in. With the growth in technology, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare industries, so is the need for a trained workforce. Herkimer College is ready with new in-demand programs critical to filling needs in the local workforce. Recent examples include the roll-out of a new Emergency Management certificate program and a Supply Chain Management micro-credential program.

In keeping with our mission to provide an affordable, accessible higher education, the College has kept its in-state tuition rate level from last year. We acknowledge the continuing financial hardships faced by many students and their families due to the pandemic and exacerbated by the current inflationary situation. This tuition modification is one way we can demonstrate our commitment as well as remain competitive with other colleges.

It is bittersweet to close this message, as it is the last that I will deliver to you in this format. Serving as president for the past seven years has been an incredible experience, one that I am honored to have had. Meeting so many of you over the years and learning how Herkimer has played a role in helping you to where you are has been one of my greatest pleasures. I thank you for your support and engagement during my time at Herkimer.

I will miss everything about Herkimer, and will forever consider myself a General. Go HERK!

Sincerely,



Cathleen McColgin, Ph.D.
President



Dedication. Compassion. Innovation. Human Services at Herkimer College

by Kari Procopio

AS THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES RISE, HERKIMER COLLEGE CONTINUES TO ANSWER THE CALL WITH ITS PIONEERING HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.



Certified Coaches from the 2022 Human Services program are, L to R, Hannah Napier '22, Dolgeville, NY; Haley Thomas '22, Ilion, NY; Jasmine Rivera, Utica, NY; Kayla Suppa, Oneida, NY; Jordan Brelinsky '22, Little Falls, NY; and (forefront) Olivia Gasparinatos '22, Herkimer, NY.

Not only is the Human Services program increasingly relevant – it is also groundbreaking in its CarePath™ Coach certification offering – a collaboration with the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS). In fact, Herkimer College is the only SUNY school partnering with MHANYS to include the CarePath™ curriculum. The certification is offered in the student's final semester of the two-year degree program.

CarePath™ supports the wellness of individuals in need, alongside their family members or chosen supporters, through the assistance of a Certified CarePath™ Coach. According to MHANYS, the certified CarePath™ Coach manages behavioral health conditions beyond what traditional treatment and discharge planning accommodates. Since its launch in 2019, CarePath™ continues to gain acknowledgment through the New York State Office of Mental Health and has garnered state-wide and national attention for its relational approach to mental health and recovery.



According to **Grace Ashline**, associate professor of human services and program supervisor at the College, students who obtain the CarePath™ certification are poised to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year school with a greater advantage than those who don't pursue training. Students learn trauma-informed care and leave the program as certified mandated reporters. These credentials make them highly employable in the field.

Kler Moo K'tray Paw



Kler Moo K'tray Paw '20 is one such graduate. She earned her CarePath™ certification and associate degree in Human Services in 2020 followed by a bachelor's degree in Community & Behavioral Health from SUNY Polytechnic Institute in 2022. She works for the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) in Utica as a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) coordinator.

"I am providing support to people, mostly the elderly, who still want to live independently," says Paw. "CarePath™ taught me how to be the best advocate and to advocate for people to maintain freedom and choice in their lives."

For Paw, Herkimer's program was a natural fit. "I didn't know anything about mental health before joining the program, but I wanted to help people in the community," she adds. I came here as a refugee, and many people helped me and my family, so I wanted to give back."

"I learned real life examples from Professor Ashline's class and the importance of choices when helping people. In my role at RCIL, I help people live and be the way they want to be."

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County has also implemented CarePath™ training for employees, ensuring collaboration and a client-centered approach.

Melissa Snyder, director of Prevention and Recovery Services at Catholic Charities explains, "CarePath™ follows the same principles that we utilize as certified recovery peer advocates and credentialed prevention professionals, and it made sense to add this additional skill to our toolbox. The training reinforced the core principals of person-centered services, with the goal of empowering individuals to improve their mind and body. CarePath™ provides us with another tool to help those we work with succeed."

Human Services graduates with CarePath™ certification become part of a state initiative with employment opportunities including peer support specialists and family advocates, youth peer advocates, and Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselors (CASAC). Opportunities are available at hospitals, law enforcement

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agencies, and human service agencies, both in the non-profit and for-profit sectors.

“The partnership between the Mental Health Association in New York State and Herkimer Community College is special for so many reasons,” says the Director of MHANYS CarePath & Mental Health Community Partners Project **Deborah Faust**. “The idea that students are leaving their college experience with a certification that brings a program to their community is powerful. But what is even more empowering is the students learn how instrumental their own health and well-being is when partnering with community members to support family mental health.”

With the success and growth of MHANYS and CarePath™, changes are on the horizon. MHANYS recently developed a new program, Mental Health Community Partners (MHCP), an adaptation of CarePath™ for individuals with a higher level of mental health needs and experiencing a major life transition. To remain cutting edge, Herkimer College is creating a dual CarePath™ certification, including MCHP, to start in 2024.

“The field of human services is very broad and with this degree, you can work with almost any population at a variety of locations. Taking classes like Group Counseling helped me learn how to develop and lead a group so I felt more confident in this skill set. Having a foundation in trauma-informed care gave me an advantage.”

– Heather Ulman '20

And while some alumni may have missed the CarePath™ track, they still credit Herkimer’s program as eye-opening and transformative.

“I think this program gave me the advantage of having people really pushing for me to succeed,” **Rebekah Groom '19** says. “There are days that are hard, and the program prepared me to not only get through those days but to know there’s something better coming tomorrow. I feel like the program gave us the real-world perspective that we all need – to be the best versions of ourselves for those who need us.”

For more information:
[Herkimer.edu/humanservices](https://herkimer.edu/humanservices)
[Mhanys.org/CarePath](https://mhanys.org/CarePath)





First Generation Students Making an Impact

The Generals F1rst Club at Herkimer College was formed a few years ago by an active group of first-generation students. First generation students are those whose parents or guardians have not attained a college degree. The Club supports first generation students in their transition to college and promotes student involvement in college and community activities.

A Generals F1rst scholarship was recently established with the Herkimer County College Foundation to benefit first-generation students. The scholarship is the result of an honors project completed by one of the Club members.

The Club is actively working to fund the scholarship through a variety of means. In addition to

fundraisers, they are promoting the scholarship to first-generation alumni in hopes of garnering financial support.

To donate by check: mail to Herkimer County College Foundation, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer, NY 13350 (make checks payable to HCC Foundation) and include a note in the subject line “Generals F1rst.”

To donate online: visit www.herkimer.edu/give or scan this QR code and select “Scholarship” and specify “Generals F1rst Scholarship.”



We appreciate any and all support!

NEW MICRO-CREDENTIAL OFFERED IN

Supply Chain Management



Herkimer College is offering a 180-hour training program in Supply Chain Management at a low cost or no cost to participants. Training covers inventory control, warehouse management, transportation management, and organizational behavior. Upon completion, participants may continue on to pursue an associate degree in Supply Chain Management at Herkimer College.

For more information, contact Associate Dean William McDonald at mcdonalwh@herkimer.edu or 315-866-0300, ext. 8241.

Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management, under the SUNY Reimagine Workforce Preparation Training Program, is fully funded by the United States Department of Education as part of an award totaling \$18,067,845, with zero percent financed from state and/or non-government sources.

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On Point for Student Success

by Kari Procopio



Ginny Donohue, On Point Founder and former Executive Director

For over two decades On Point for College, a Syracuse-based non-profit organization, has helped disadvantaged youth, new Americans, and first-generation college students enroll and succeed at Herkimer College.

Like Herkimer College, On Point for College started from humble beginnings. The College began with a small class of 221 freshmen. According to On Point founder and former Executive Director Ginny Donohue, On Point started with one teen.

“It all started because my daughter, a junior in high school, had a friend who was a couch kid. He couldn’t live at home — he was living from one person’s couch to the next. She came home one day and said, *Hey mom, he needs to get into college. You should get him in.*”

Donohue worked tirelessly to get the high school senior admitted, and the word spread. She began spending her free time helping students from a local homeless shelter by taking them on campus tours, completing paperwork, acquiring supplies, and even driving them to school.

She realized she was never happier than when she was helping students pursue their dreams, so she gave up her corporate job and started On Point for College. A year and a half later

Sam Rowser, now On Point’s current Executive Director, came on board.

As a dedicated partner for over 24 years, Herkimer College played a large part in On Point’s launch. Donohue credits her first experience with the College and its seamless acceptance process as the reason for the enduring relationship.

“In the beginning, I was figuring this all out,” recalls Donohue. “I was working with an individual from Catholic Charities at the time. He told me he had two kids that wanted to go to college and asked could I get them in. It was only about a week before classes started when I heard an ad on the radio about Herkimer. I said, *Let’s go see Herkimer!* Within three hours one student had finished his financial aid application, was accepted, and had housing.”

Donohue says she had a far different experience with the second student and another school. “The fact that Herkimer had made it so seamless was a huge factor in directing people there.”

Herkimer College positions On Point students for success through its inclusive and innovative approach to recruitment, retention, and graduation.

According to Rowser, the strong, productive relationship continues.

“Herkimer is always open to On Point’s success work where we visit campus and make ourselves available at the beginning and throughout the semester – just to make sure the students have locked in.”

Rowser adds that the strong collaboration between On Point and the College’s Registrar, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Housing offices contributes to every student success story. And, the commitment to student success doesn’t end there, says Donohue. “I’ve never heard students talk about the love for teachers the way they did about those at Herkimer College.”



Sam Rowser, On Point Executive Director

On Point Students & Alumni

Here are a few of the many Herkimer-On Point success stories:

Klur Doh Soe '22, Business Administration

Soe is a first-generation college student continuing his education at SUNY Polytechnic Institute where he’s pursuing his bachelor’s in Business Administration and minor in Business Management. He was a recipient of Herkimer College’s Margaret T. Quackenbush Scholarship.



“The two years I spent at Herkimer College was a wonderful experience. It was the first step toward my future.”

Moo Taw '18, Criminal Justice

After earning an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Herkimer College, Taw earned her bachelor’s degree in the same field from University at Albany in 2020. Taw represented her graduating class as commencement speaker and was recently featured in Herkimer College’s fundraising video. Taw is currently serving as a people team coordinator for Chobani.



“I know in my time at Herkimer, I found the path for me that’s led me to the career that I enjoy and I’m proud of. I hope the same for our future students.”

Rewal Alonso, DBA

While Alonso did not complete his degree at Herkimer College, his time at Herkimer served as a springboard for his transfer success at Binghamton University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in Economics and Environmental Studies. He went on to obtain his master’s degree in Financial Analysis from Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University; a master’s degree of Business Administration, Finance from Nova Southeastern University; and a doctorate of Business Administration in Sport Administration/Management from St. Thomas University College of Law. He is now campus/operations director at McDougale Technical Institute and an adjunct faculty member at Miami Dade College.



“You are always going to encounter downfalls, but there will always be people to help you on your way... This culture is an amazing example of an opportunity to be a better person, and that’s what I experienced at Herkimer.”





President Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D. announced her retirement in November 2022. After serving as President since June 2015, McColgin's retirement will be effective August 31, 2023.

"I am so proud to have worked with the dedicated faculty and staff at Herkimer College," McColgin said. "Together we have realized so many accomplishments. While Herkimer College will always hold a special place in my heart, I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life and spending time with my husband and family."

Dr. McColgin led the College through the development and implementation of several new academic programs including Health Professions, Electrical Technology, Supply Chain Management, and Communication and Media associate degree programs; Pre-Employment Police Basic Training and Emergency Management certificate programs; and a Supply Chain Management micro-credential program. The multi-million dollar electrical technology smart grid lab, in partnership with the New York Power Authority, was also completed.

Recent student success initiatives included the Commit 2 Complete and BookMarket programs, the General's Cupboard food pantry, and several new mental health and wellness services. McColgin has been a staunch supporter of the Generals Athletics program, attending as many events as possible. Under her leadership, the Generals won national championships in baseball,

"She has led Herkimer including a worldwide College positioned for

HERKIMER COLLEGE PRESIDENT McCOLGIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

by Rebecca Ruffing

men's basketball, track and field, and cross country. Additionally, the College added men's golf and esports to its growing catalog of intercollegiate athletic teams.

"It was refreshing to have someone like the president listen to the students and make changes that benefited us," Kyle Poulos, Herkimer College student trustee said. "We could also always rely on seeing her supporting our athletic teams at the games."

McColgin led the College through the unprecedented, challenging COVID-19 pandemic, responding to the ever-changing information and guidance in a careful, compassionate, and hands-on manner. Every decision made was guided by her commitment to provide an excellent education and student support, while ensuring the health and safety of the campus community.

She also directed the College through a successful Middle States reaccreditation process and development of a new five-year strategic plan, *Building on Our Legacy, Investing in the Future*. According to Herkimer College Board of Trustees **Chairwoman Isabella Crandall**, McColgin has served the institution with dedication and diligence.

"Dr. McColgin has been a tireless advocate for community colleges and especially for Herkimer College," Crandall said. "She has led Herkimer through very challenging times including a worldwide pandemic, and she is leaving the College

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positioned for growth in the future. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank Dr. McColgin for her outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to Herkimer College and wish her all the best in her retirement.”

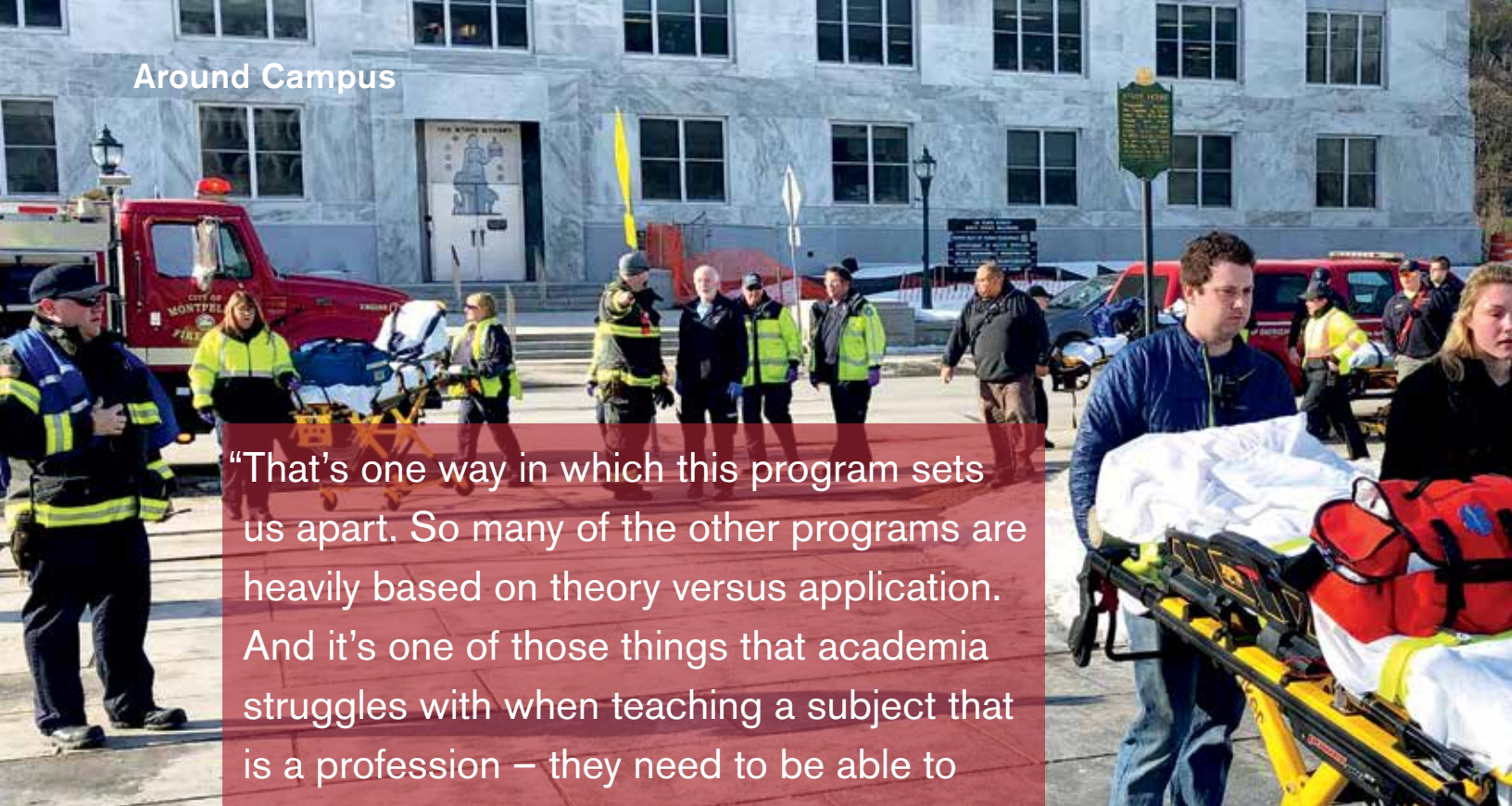
McColgin serves as president of the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) and is a member of the President’s Advisory Council for the National Junior College Athletic Association Board of Regents. She is a member of the Higher Education Research and Development Institute, a national advisory board comprised of community college presidents; and serves as an evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

McColgin also has served on numerous boards and committees in the Mohawk Valley. She currently serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the YWCA Mohawk Valley and is a member of SUNY Polytechnic Institute’s College of Health Science Advisory Board, the Regional Advisory Board of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Utica Region, the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties Board of Trustees, and the Mohawk Valley EDGE Board of Directors.

McColgin joined the Herkimer College community after serving as provost and senior vice president at Onondaga Community College. She also held positions as provost of Cayuga Community College’s Fulton Campus and as a faculty member and coordinator of the Nursing Arts Laboratory at Cayuga. A registered nurse, she served as an officer in the United States Army Reserve as a member of the 376th Combat Support Hospital, obtaining the rank of captain.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni, we thank Dr. McColgin for her vision and leadership.





“That’s one way in which this program sets us apart. So many of the other programs are heavily based on theory versus application. And it’s one of those things that academia struggles with when teaching a subject that is a profession – they need to be able to bridge that gap. Community college is a great place to bridge that gap.”

NEW PARTNERSHIP

enhances Herkimer College’s Emergency Management certificate program

Herkimer College’s new Emergency Management certificate program offers a unique opportunity for professional development from anywhere in the world.

The one-year comprehensive program is designed for transitioning professionals and individuals seeking industry-specific coursework essential to support whole community emergency management systems. It is the only online certificate program of its kind in the Mohawk Valley region, and Herkimer College is one of the only colleges in the state to offer an online emergency certificate program at this level.

Now, with a new partnership, students in the program can transfer up to 18 credits toward the fully online Bachelor of Science in Emergency

Services degree offered by Embry-Riddle’s Worldwide Campus.

Embry-Riddle’s B.S. in Emergency Services is among the few that carry the “Certificate of Recognition” from Fire Emergency Services Higher Education and is also accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. According to Embry-Riddle, the curriculum is designed to address all critical knowledge areas needed for contemporary emergency responders, and the program is globally recognized for providing career advancement.

Herkimer’s program launched in the fall of 2022 and was designed utilizing industry standards such as the National Incident Management

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System (NIMS), the National Preparedness Goal, the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP); and NFPA 1600: Standard on Continuity, Emergency, and Crisis Management.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to apply a knowledge base of necessary skills to include whole community critical incident management, emergency planning, emergency operations center organization and management, resource and capability planning, and the application of national emergency management standards prior to, during, and in the aftermath of disasters.

Coupled with other academics and/or experience, certificate holders may qualify for positions at local, state, or federal agencies; in the private sector; or in non-profit organizations in such roles as emergency management specialist, emergency planner, emergency management coordinator, emergency preparedness coordinator, emergency management program coordinator, and business continuity specialist.

Tim Riecker '98 is the developer and instructor of the program.



“Our program talks about the actual practice of emergency management. We look at what those practices are, the standards, and all the processes that FEMA prescribes. We look at actual incidents, so we can examine what went well, what didn't go well,” says Riecker.

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For more information about
Emergency Management
training at Herkimer College
visit [Herkimer.edu/EM](https://www.herkimer.edu/EM).

Around Campus



Emeriti Reunite at Luncheon

Pictured from left: Kalman Socolof (Professor Emeritus), John Bullis '73 (Dean Emeritus), Michael Oriolo (Provost), Donald Dutcher '90 (Dean of Students/Director of Athletics), Daniel Fitzgerald (Professor Emeritus), Jeanne Galvin (Associate Professor Emeritus), Raymond Osborne (Professor Emeritus), Gale Farley (Professor Emeritus), John Lasher (Registrar Emeritus), and College President Cathleen McColgin.

Several emeriti returned to campus in June for a luncheon hosted by President Cathleen McColgin. Emeritus status is an honor granted by the College Board of Trustees to retired professional academic and administrative staff in recognition of demonstrated excellence and commitment throughout their careers. After several years of not having had the event, it was a wonderful experience to get together and enjoy the company of good friends and colleagues. In addition to emeriti, several members of the College executive staff and Foundation board were also in attendance.



Emeriti Barb Bouchard Townsend, Kal Socolof, and Daniel Fitzgerald.



The event was an opportunity to hear about new college initiatives.



President McColgin greets Professor Emeritus Dr. Tim McLean.



Meet Jane!

We recently welcomed Jane, our new certified therapy dog, to the Herkimer College family. Jane provides animal-assisted therapy, along with her handler, Kaitlyn LaPolla, LMHC, in the Counseling Center and at campus events. Animal-assisted therapy can provide comfort, reduce loneliness, decrease stress levels, and alleviate depression and anxiety symptoms.

Kathy McCarthy '92 Has Dedicated Her Career To Helping Others

by Kari Procopio

“(Herkimer College) was the best two years of my life,” McCarthy says. “It shaped me, and I knew that what I wanted to do was in the health field. Having that experience at Herkimer prepared me for state school. It was a very positive college experience which led me to go on and learn. I mean that sincerely, it was a growing experience.”



In recognition of Kathy McCarthy’s tireless commitment to care, she was named as one of *Rochester Business Journal’s* Health Care Heroes in 2022 for her role at Heritage Christian Services in the “Special Needs Advocate” category.

McCarthy has worked for Heritage, a Rochester-based non-profit, serving adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities for nearly 30 years. While her tenure already speaks to her dedication, it is her inspiring leadership through adversity that earned her this accolade.

McCarthy was promoted to the role of director of residential services for Heritage in February of 2020, immediately before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. That’s when health care leaders like McCarthy had to pivot and carry on through uncertainty. While challenging, especially navigating a new role, McCarthy remained positive that there would be a light at the tunnel in terms of the pandemic. And through it all, she never lost her love for the work.

“I love to see people grow,” McCarthy explains. “I love building relationships and the complexities of the work. It changes daily.”

Her admiration for health and human services, she said, is rooted in her experience at Herkimer County Community College.

McCarthy earned her associate degree in science from Herkimer College and went on to obtain her bachelor’s degree in science from SUNY Brockport.

McCarthy received her Health Care Hero award in March of last year in an online celebration. The *Rochester Business Journal* created Health Care Heroes to recognize excellence, promote innovation, and honor the efforts of organizations and individuals making a significant impact on the quality of health care in the Rochester area. Health Care Heroes were presented in the following categories: Advanced Practice Provider, COVID-19 Heroes, Health Care Innovation, Health Care Staff, Lifetime Achievement, Management, Medical Professional, Mental Health, Nurse, Physician, Senior Care, Special Needs Advocate, and Volunteer.

“The 2022 Health Care Heroes go above and beyond to improve the quality of health care to meet the needs of their patients. Their leadership, innovation and service to the community are exemplary, particularly during these challenging times,” said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, senior group publisher of the *Rochester Business Journal*. “They truly are heroes in our community, and we at the *Rochester Business Journal* are pleased to honor them.”

Herkimer College Alumni Receive Genesis

THE GENESIS GROUP HELD ITS ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION ON NOVEMBER 17, 2022, AND HERKIMER COLLEGE WAS WELL-REPRESENTED AMONG THE HONOREES.

Mary Ann Carroll '80 was inducted into the Genesis Group Hall of Distinction in recognition of her career achievements in education. Carroll joined the Herkimer College faculty in 1986 and was promoted through the ranks to associate professor in 2004. She has also served in numerous administrative roles including associate dean for the Humanities division, faculty assessment coordinator, and assistant dean of academic affairs. Currently, she is the associate dean of academic affairs for assessment and institutional effectiveness. She also serves as the College's accreditation liaison officer to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

For more than two decades, Carroll – in collaboration with her students and colleagues – planned and produced live and recorded programming, such as NJCAA sports championship game coverage, live concerts, community talk shows, news magazine programs and the College's Commencement telecast on Herkimer's HCTV. She partnered with colleagues to help create innovative opportunities for broadcast media students through digital advancements over the years. She also advised students in the Radio-TV Club, General's Theater Group, and Acapella Club.

Carroll was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1994, 2002, and 2004. She is an award-winning producer, director, videographer, writer and editor with 10 national awards for excellence and distinction, including Telly Awards and The Videographer Awards for multiple documentaries and Christmas music specials.

Carroll assisted in the completion of the Middle States Institutional Self-Study (2009) and Monitoring Report (2010), completed the 2015 Periodic Review report, and authored the subsequent 2017



L to R: Michael Oriolo, Mary Ann Carroll, and Dr. Karen Jones.

Progress Report. As associate dean, she co-chaired the Middle States Self Study Steering Committee from 2017–2020, completing a comprehensive 105-page, self-study report with more than 500 pieces of evidence, resulting in a full reaccreditation including several recognitions and commendations. Most recently, Carroll led the institution through a comprehensive planning process resulting in a new 2020–2027 strategic plan titled *Building on our Legacy; Investing in the Future*.

Carroll was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2014, and earned SUNY Institutional Effectiveness Certification with Distinction in 2016. She was also recognized by the Herkimer College Board of Trustees for her commitment to excellence in service and leadership in 2020.

Carroll has presented at the Broadcast Educator's Association Annual Conference, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Annual Conference, Assessment Network of New York Annual Conferences, SUNY Council on Assessment Workshops, and Drexel University Annual Assessment Conferences.

Carroll holds an M.S. in Counseling from Liberty University, a B.S. in Television Production from SUNY Fredonia, and an A.A.S. in Radio-TV Broadcasting from Herkimer College (Class of 1980).

While Mary Ann is dedicated to bringing out the best in the people around her and making a difference in the lives of students and co-workers,

Group Awards

she says her most rewarding roles are still wife to Jim, her husband of 38 years, and mother to her three adult children, Michael, Christina, and Anna.

Dr. Karen Jones '93, D.P.T. was recognized with an outstanding educator award. Jones joined the Herkimer College faculty in 2012. She has been promoted through the ranks and now holds the highest faculty rank of full professor. Jones began her college education at Herkimer College graduating with the very first Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) class in 1993. She continued her education at Utica College of Syracuse University where she earned a Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Dr. Jones was recognized in 2008 with the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to teaching, Jones serves as director of the PTA program, working tirelessly to maintain the program's accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. This leadership provides her students with an exceptional academic experience, which includes clinical fieldwork and service opportunities.

Jones' success as a teacher can be measured by the success of her students. Graduation rates, pass rates on the Boards, and employment rates for PTA graduates are consistently above 95%. In 2019, the graduation rate for the PTA program was 95.5%, the pass rate on the Boards was 100%, and the employment rate was 100%. Even more impressive is that for the first time in the history of the PTA program, in 2021, one of her students, **Aidan McFerran '01**, scored a perfect score on the Boards.



COMMENCEMENT

On May 13, 2022, Herkimer College celebrated its 54th commencement ceremony and its first in-person ceremony since 2019. Highlights included the student address, "Red Light, Green Light," delivered by **Kassandra Garcia '22**, Rome, NY and greetings provided by Student Government Association President **Ryan Packard '22**, Oneonta, NY.

The procession was led by faculty representative and macebearer, Professor **Blake Pitcher '99**. The National Anthem was sung by **Adriana Doria Davis Sumter '22**, of Dobbs Ferry, NY, and signed by **Peyton McKinney, '22** of Herkimer, NY. The invocation and benediction were delivered by the **Victor McKusick '16**, First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro, NY, and **Mark Gaworecki '01** delivered remarks on behalf of the Herkimer County Legislature.

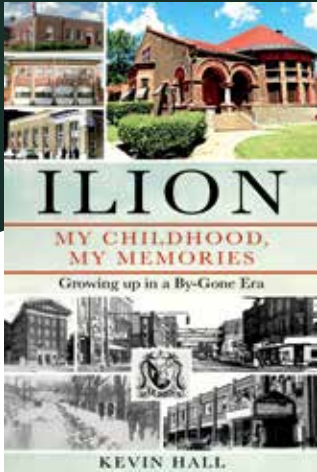
A reception for the graduates and their guests was held immediately following the ceremony.

Photos and video are available at:
www.herkimer.edu/commencement-2022



Book Nook

In this corner of Connections, we invite you to discover the works of these noteworthy alumni authors.

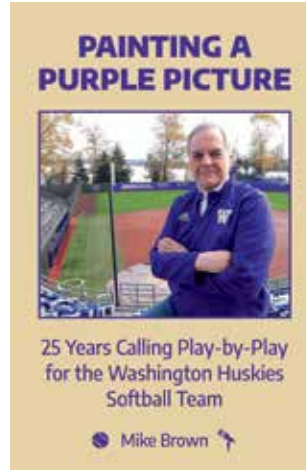


Kevin Hall '81,
Computer Science

“You kind of have to march to your own drummer. You can take tips from others, but make it your own.”

In 2017, Kevin Hall retired from his 40-year career in IT. He was inspired to write his first two books by his grandchildren who were always asking him, “What was it like for you as a kid, Grandpa?” Hall began reciting his escapades but feared they would never remember it all, so he decided to write his stories down. Hall’s first book, *Ilion, My Childhood My Memories - Growing Up in a By-Gone Era*, was developed and published through Amazon. Soon thereafter his second book, *My Rosemount, Mn. Memories - Teenage Years in My Shoes*, was published.

Hall’s advice for other writers? “You kind of have to march to your own drummer. You can take tips from others, but make it your own.” Hall said he has a couple of new books in the works, and he expects them to hit the virtual and physical bookshelves in early and mid-2023. Find his works on Amazon.com.



Mike Brown '75,
Radio and Television
Broadcasting

“...One night I sat down and wrote five chapters just like that. It was that easy.”

Mike Brown’s book, *Painting a Purple Picture - 25 Years Calling Play-by-Play for the Washington Huskies Softball Team* hit bookshelves in early 2022 and features his unique perspective and collection of stories on the perennial nationally ranked University of Washington program.

“I call the games, but I also have to go out and sell ads as well. One of my advertisers, and a friend, would listen to all my stories. One day he told me, you know you should write a book about it. I told him I’m not an author, that’s not my thing. But he kept after me. Finally, I thought, you know what, maybe I should. I’ll give it a try. One night I sat down and wrote five chapters just like that. It was that easy.”

Find *Painting a Purple Picture* at HuskySoftballBook.com.



“Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them and filling an emptiness we didn’t even know we had.”
– Thom Jones

Herkimer College lost a beloved member of our community in February 2022. Renegade, a certified therapy dog, was a friend to so many on campus.

Renegade joined the Counseling Center staff in 2018, coming to work two days a week with his

handler, **Mary Greene**. No matter what students were dealing with, Renegade was there to provide comfort and support. He always knew where and when he was needed, and he would gently nudge his nose on an elbow as if to say, “I’m here for you.”

When Renegade passed after a very brief illness last year, the students held a memorial. They collected photos and made a video to show during the event. Renegade’s presence on campus lifted our spirits and brought joy to so many people. He is dearly missed. RIP, Renegade.

DEUEL

Honored with Career Achievement Award

Michael Deuel '82, of Whitesboro, NY, was inducted into the Genesis Group's Hall of Distinction at the annual Celebration of Education awards ceremony held on November 17, 2022. The award recognizes career achievement in education.

Deuel retired in September 2022 from Whitesboro Central School District after serving as director of health, physical education, and athletics for 13 years. His career in education began in 1984 as a physical education teacher in the Oriskany Central School District, then adding coach and athletic director to his title. After serving as director of health, physical education, and athletics at Whitesboro Central School District for two years, Deuel returned to Oriskany Junior - Senior High School as principal. In 2004, he was appointed superintendent of schools.

Throughout his 38 years of public education, Deuel was actively involved in coaching soccer, football, Nordic skiing, softball, and track. He was



instrumental in merging the Interstate League into the Center State Conference.

Deuel served in lead roles on several school, league and sectional committees including the Section III Chief School Officers Committee, Section III football and basketball committees, Athletic Council, and the Section III Board of Directors.

Deuel's wife, **Donna (Devel) Deuel '91**, is a teacher's assistant and coach at Whitesboro Central School. Together they have two daughters, Kristen and Jennifer.

Lax Alumni Reunite at Lake Placid Summit Classic

Alumni gathered to reminisce with the legendary former Herkimer Generals Lacrosse Coach **Paul Wehrum** in the high peaks of the Adirondacks for the 33rd annual Lake Placid Summit Classic, held August 1–7, 2022. The lacrosse event, which began with a seven-team field in 1990, has evolved into a week-long event with more than 250 teams playing more than 550 games.

Generals Lacrosse alums joined Wehrum for a dinner on August 3, along with current Generals Lacrosse Coach **Robert Leary '85** and Herkimer

County College Foundation Executive Director **Rob Fowler**. According to Wehrum, reconnecting with alumni was a memorable experience.

"It was great spending time with so many alumni up in Lake Placid. These were guys I haven't seen in over 20 years, and some are still pretty good lacrosse players."

Wehrum added, "I'm particularly proud to see the son of **Joe Solazzo '88**, James, attending Wingate University; and **Anthony Annunziata's '91** son, Anthony, attending Yale University as a FOGO in 2024. With the help of Bob (Leary) and Rob (Fowler), we hope to make this a yearly event."

CLASS NOTES

Shirley Leon Ashley '72 of Little Falls, NY, is a retired teacher. She was the first person to receive a diploma out of the new campus in 1972. She served as commencement speaker in 1996.



John Long '86 (Health Services Management) resides in Jacksonville, FL and is a university instructor and career coach with Two Roads Resources, Inc. In 2022, Long was awarded Fellow status in the National Career Development Association.

He also earned a Doctor of Education degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Dan Carey '04 received a multi-year contract extension from the Rochester Knighthawks. His contract to serve as General Manager and Vice President of Lacrosse Operations has been extended through the 2023–2024 National Lacrosse League season. Carey was appointed the first general manager in franchise history in December 2018 and was tasked with building the organization from the ground up. He oversees all aspects of lacrosse operations, including team services, player acquisitions, and personnel development. Carey previously was the team's Director of Player Personnel. Carey led the Generals to a national championship in 2003 and a national runner-up finish in 2004. He was named HCCC Male Athlete of the Year, NJCAA All-American, and Academic All-American.



Kayla Herne '04 was appointed to the position of Deputy Tribal Clerk for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in Akwesasne, NY. In this position, Herne will provide administrative support to the tribal clerk in accordance with the 2013 Tribal Procedures Act. She will also assist with tribal elections and referendums, record tribal meetings and work sessions, process land transactions, update and maintain applicable databases, and fulfill other responsibilities in the tribal clerk's absence. Herne earned a master's degree in Business Management, with distinction, from the State University of New York at Potsdam in May 2020.



Daisha Bates '17 has been appointed to full-time Personal Stylist & Shopper at Rue Gilt Groupe. She is also a part-time Personal Stylist at

SnapStyle and a Social and Virtual stylist at Chico's. Since graduating from Herkimer College with her degree in Fashion Buying & Merchandising, Bates earned a bachelor's degree in Fashion & Textile Technology with a concentration in Fashion Merchandising from Buffalo State. She is also currently enrolled at Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She continues to build her portfolio as a personal stylist in hopes of running her own company soon. Bates expressed gratitude for Herkimer College as it motivated her to continue to learn and grow in all aspects of life, not just fashion. She dubs herself a "lifelong learner" and believes fashion can change and shape the lives of others as it has shaped hers.

Margarita Skourlis '21 of Howard Beach, NY, is CEO of The Crowning Dream, Inc. She holds an associate degree in Human Resource Management from Herkimer College and received the 40 and 40 Award for the country of Greece.



Men's Soccer Alumni Outing

Men's Soccer alumni reunited at Babe's in Utica last summer. According to **Pepe Aragon '91**, they make a point to keep in touch and get together for regular alumni games and other events. Pictured from left: **Mike Capes '02, Keith Tucci '91, Jason Ginsberg '91, Jason Horton '92, CJ Manning '83, Pepe Aragon '91, Glen Manning '84, Todd Stoller '90, Jason Palkovic '05, and Casey Bartlett '07.**

Submit your class notes at herkimer.edu/classnotes

IN MEMORIAM



Leslie Cornish passed away on February 2, 2022. Cornish was a dedicated professional in the Academic Support Center (formerly College Learning Center) for 31 years. She held

a variety of positions, most recently coordinator of services for students with disabilities. Her commitment to serving our students and staff was reflected in the merit award she received in 2008.

The Leslie D. Cornish AccessABILITY Scholarship fund was established with initial donations made by faculty, staff, and students following her passing.

Bill Dayton passed away March 6, 2022. Dayton served as an evening working foreperson in the Facilities Operations department. He retired in 2018 with 24 years of service.

Michael Giudice passed away April 4, 2022. He retired as a technical assistant-Radio/TV in 2016 with 34 years of service to the College.

Donna Wellington passed away July 10, 2022. Wellington retired from Herkimer College as an office assistant in 2003 after 36 years of service. She continued working part-time in retirement.



John Thayer passed away on August 17, 2022. Thayer had a long and esteemed career at Herkimer County Community College.

He was a founding member of the Student Services department in 1967 and served as

admissions counselor and registrar. He later served as director of admissions, assistant to the dean of students, and director of counseling services. Thayer retired from Herkimer College after 28 years of service. He received emeritus status in 1996 and was awarded the prestigious Torchbearers Award in 2009.



Colonel James G. Hill passed away on September 4, 2022. After a decorated military career with service in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army, and earning multiple

college degrees, Colonel Hill joined the staff of Herkimer County Community College in 1971. He served as an assistant professor of business for two years and then was appointed dean of administration and treasurer. Colonel Hill supported the academic mission of the College and showed his support for the athletic program as well. Upon his retirement from the College in 1986, he was named dean emeritus, an honor bestowed by the College Board of Trustees. In 2004, Colonel Hill was once again honored with the prestigious Torchbearers Award – honoring those who made a significant positive impact in the development and growth of Herkimer College.



Professor Emeritus Jean Stapleton passed away on December 22, 2022. A founding faculty member of Herkimer College, Stapleton was hired in 1967 to teach French and Spanish. Upon recognizing the need, she developed the Travel and

Tourism degree program, the first such curriculum at a New York community college. The program became a niche program for Herkimer College providing for substantial enrollment growth. Stapleton insisted on high standards for herself and her students, and she was honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1979 and the prestigious Torchbearers Award in 2004.

Stapleton retired from full-time teaching in 1991, but her commitment to the College continued throughout her retirement. She made every effort to participate in the annual commencement exercises, missing only two of 54 ceremonies. She was a member of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board of Directors for 36 years, serving three years as president. She took great pride in serving as chair of the Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair, and participating on committees for the Gourmet Dinner and World Cuisine Festival. Stapleton also served on many community committees and boards, and traveled extensively throughout the world.



TRACK & FIELD
ALL-AMERICAN AVION HARRIS

In May 2022, Avion Harris (Niagara Falls, NY) won a national championship in the 1500 meter run beating a very competitive field in a personal best time of 4:09.59. He was awarded First Team All-American honors. Avion also placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:00.97, and for that, he earned an All-American honorable mention. During the Fall 2022, Harris ran cross country winning the Cazenovia Invitational and the Mountain Valley Conference Championship, as well as placing second at the Region III Championship meet.



Paul Wehrum
Inducted
into IMLCA
Hall of Fame

Pictured are University of Denver Lacrosse Coach Bill Tierney (left) and Paul Wehrum at the IMLCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Tierney is a fellow Cortland State lacrosse alumnus who has coached seven NCAA Division I championship teams.

Legendary former Herkimer Generals lacrosse coach Paul Wehrum was one of five coaches recently inducted into the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMLCA) Hall of Fame. As part of the IMLCA Winter Summit event, the 2022 Induction Ceremony and Dinner Reception was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the Omni Orlando Resort.

Wehrum coached eight national championship teams (2003, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1989, 1988) for Herkimer. In 24 seasons (1980–2003), Wehrum guided the Generals to a 403-62 record and to 21 consecutive National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association Region III Championships. At one point, the Generals won 59 consecutive games.

Wehrum, a four-time NJCAA Coach of the Year recipient (1994, 1992, 1986, 1985), has the Herkimer lacrosse stadium named in his honor. Wehrum also started the women's lacrosse program at Herkimer, serving as head coach for three seasons (2004–06). Following his retirement from Herkimer, Wehrum coached at Union College for several years.



Pictured at the IMLCA Hall of Fame inductions (from left): Bob Leary '85, Paul Wehrum, Joe Borges '91, Scott Barnard '92, and Bob Salamone '88.



NJCAA Division III 2022 World Series Baseball Champs

The 2022 Herkimer Generals baseball team won the program's first ever NJCAA Division III World Series Championship in June.

Pitchers **Ryan Packard '22** and **Greg Farone '22** were named First Team All-Americans and outfielder **Dakota Britt** was named Third Team All-American. **Kyle Caccamise '22** was named NJCAA Division III Defensive Player of the Year, **Farone** was named NJCAA Division III Pitcher of the Year, and head coach **Jason Rathbun '01** earned American Baseball Coaches Association NJCAA Division III Coach of the Year.



On September 16, 2022, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Senator Peter Oberacker, and Senator Robert Smullen presented a proclamation to the 2022 baseball team in recognition of their World Series championship.

CONGRATULATIONS!

AJ Rathbun	Don Wille
Dakota Britt	Tyson Cho
Trey Miller '21	Greg Farone '22
Jovani Wiggs	Dom Tuozzo
Mike Gunning '22	Derek Hotzler
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Austin Barnao '22	Ethan Patch '21
Griffin Yastremski '22	Eddie Rogers '21
Joel Hayner	Jake Lombardi
Jordan Lewis	Ethan Duda
Ty Gallagher '22	Logan Kaufman '22
Kyle Caccamise '22	Jordan Goble
Ryan Packard '22	Troy Hunt
Ben Gilbert	Coaches
Salvatore Carricato '21	Jason Rathbun '01
Drew Coelho '22	Lane Potter '10
Christian Ramirez	Tom Moreau
Chance Checca	Greg Gehring
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Fifth Class Inducted into



Herkimer College held its 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception on Friday, September 30, welcoming in a varied but distinctive class that included five individuals and two teams.

Kenneth Black

A standout basketball player under the late legendary head coach Jack Alofs in 1978 and the first Herkimer College student-athlete to be named an All-American.



Wendall Williams '14

A six-time national champion in four separate track and field events while attending Herkimer College. He also played for the men's basketball program for one season, averaging 18 points, 4.9 rebounds, and 6.2 assists per game. He set the school record for most points scored in a single season (630). Williams was signed to an NFL contract by the Houston Texans in 2016 as an undrafted free agent and is the only Herkimer College alumnus to have played in the NFL.



Victoria Campanian '15

The 2014 national champion in the 10,000 meter race and a two-time NJCAA All-American runner. Campanian was named Herkimer College Women's Athlete of the Year in 2014 and 2015. She is the only woman in school history to win the award twice. Additionally, she earned All-Region and All-Conference honors in each of her two years attending Herkimer College.



Dani Nicosia '15

A two-time NJCAA All-American for women's soccer and twice named Team MVP. Nicosia totaled 22 goals and 12 assists in her two years at Herkimer. She continued her academic and athletic career at Queens University in Charlotte, NC, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a master's degree in Communication. Nicosia is an assistant Athletic Director for Digital and Creative Media at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC.



Jimmy Smith '87

Led the Generals to a fourth-place finish in the 1987 Division I NJCAA Basketball National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. Since there was no separation in division levels at the time, Smith was the anchor of the only non-scholarship team. He led the tournament in scoring and was named the Most Valuable Player over former NBA All-Star Mookie Blaylock.

the Athletic Hall of Fame

The 2022 class was the fifth to be inducted. The Hall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches, teams, and other contributors who have made significant contributions to the success of the College through athletics.

Gino Barbuto '86

A two-year soccer player earning Second Team All-Region honors in 1986. His team was the first in school history to qualify for the regional soccer playoffs. Barbuto had a successful career in the auto industry and owned a Chevrolet dealership from 2011 to 2021. Throughout his career, Barbuto has helped recruit players for the Herkimer Generals and has been a generous supporter and donor to the athletic program.

Hank Testa '79

A dedicated baseball and basketball coach since 1995. Testa served Herkimer College for more than 40 years in a variety of roles including faculty member, administrator, and coach. Upon his retirement in 2014, Testa was honored by the College Board of Trustees with the title of associate dean emeritus. Testa was baseball coach from 1995–2005, and assistant and associate head coach from 2004–2022. He helped aid the 2019 basketball team to a national championship victory.

2013 Softball Team

The first (and only to date) Herkimer College softball team to win a national championship. Under the leadership of **Coach PJ Anadio '02**, the team holds the record for highest win percentage in a single season by a Herkimer softball team (.956%) after a 43-2 season. The team led the country in batting average, slugging percentage, and home runs. They were also in the top three for hits, runs, RBI, on-base percentage, and fielding percentage. The team compiled three First Team All-Americans and two Second Team All-Americans.

1992 Men's Lacrosse Team

The first lacrosse team in school history to complete an undefeated season and win a national championship. Under the leadership of **Coach Paul Wehrum**, the 1992 team finished 18-0, averaging 19.8 goals per game while allowing just 5.8 per game. Fifteen players from the 1992 team received Division I scholarships as a result.



From the Executive Director



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As I began to write this message, the thought that kept popping into my head was that we have come back from the pandemic with a bang!

We have returned to in-person gatherings, hosting an event in Lake Placid for lacrosse alumni, holding the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception, and spending time with alumni at other local and regional events. We've also been able to enjoy visits from alumni who stop to visit the campus when passing through town. I'm grateful to all who continue to keep in touch with us at Herkimer College.

This year marked the return of the Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair to campus as well! One of the most successful fundraising events for the Foundation, the event unfortunately found itself sidelined for a few years due to the pandemic. However, its return was stronger than ever with more than 2,200 people attending and more than 125 vendors showcasing their work! An exciting return, to say the least, and a big win for the Foundation and the students who will benefit.

The Foundation also participated with the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties in its "Mohawk Valley Gives" day. A big thank you to all those who donated that day! We were successful, in no small part, to tremendous assistance from the College PR department and Trainor Associates. With their help, we were able to produce a compelling video telling our story and supporting our mission.

I can't thank you, the alumni and friends of Herkimer College, enough for your unwavering kindness and support. Your dedication to Herkimer College is remarkable and your continued support will play a tremendous role in our efforts to assist Herkimer College and its students. I look forward to seeing and speaking with many of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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

Rob Fowler, Executive Director
Herkimer County College Foundation



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Tracie Pasquale '93
Robert Paul
Melissa Peruzzi '95
Sandra Phillips
Jayme Reynolds
James Ryan '12
Daniel Sargent
Sharie Sblendorio '81
Jason Schiellack
Leroy Schmuck '76

Maureen Seaman '07

George Smith, Jr.
Temple Beth Joseph
Michael Testa '84
Kathleen Thornton
Nelson Umana
Nancy Vaccaro
Joshua VanAlstyne
Charles Wheat
Mary Whittaker '84
Jeanne Williams
Jackie Woudenberg
Timmie Yastremski
Rodney Young
Kim Zogby

Gifts In-Kind

4-Imprint USA
**Kenneth '78 and
Maureen Provost '78**

If you made a donation from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 and were inadvertently omitted from this list, please accept our sincere apologies and notify the Herkimer County College Foundation Office at 315-866-0300, ext. 8268 to ensure records are updated.

Leslie D. Cornish AccessAbility Scholarship

"The scholarship serves to highlight and celebrate the unique ABILITIES of the students who will receive it, something Leslie would find especially inspiring and representative of her life's work here at Herkimer College," said Marj Moore, director of the Academic Support Center.

The first student chosen by the Accessibility Services staff to receive the scholarship was **Robert Powers '22**, for exemplifying the qualities of kindness, integrity, determination, and optimism. Powers is continuing his education at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. While the scholarship is currently a \$200 award, with the help of additional donors, Moore hopes to see the award increase and for the fund to become endowed.

Employees Recognized for Service

Congratulations to the following employees for reaching milestones of service!

10 YEARS

Jennifer Brown
Rocco Cornacchia
Jaime Lamberto
Dr. Robin Riecker

20 YEARS

Karen Congdon '96
Kathryn DeAngelis '05
David Higgins
Dr. Karen Jones '93, PT, DPT
Matthew Lee '01
Jeffrey Steele '90
Jane Verri '96

30 YEARS

John Campagna '82
Maryann Wrinn

CONGRATULATIONS!

Faculty Promotions

The following faculty received promotions in rank, effective September 1, 2021. Congratulations!

Dr. Jennifer Adjodha-Evans, Associate Professor, Biology
Dr. Nicole McDaniels, Professor, Biology
Blake Pitcher '99, Professor, Digital Graphics

Appointments & Promotions

Colleen Bentley-Ciccone, Purchasing Agent
William Blovat, Electrician
Brenda Carney '01, Research and Assessment Specialist
Denise Cavanaugh, College in Prison Program Coordinator
Anthony DeLuca '13, Office Assistant II, Financial Aid
Stephanie Drew, Admissions Assistant
Lindsay Donovan, Admissions Assistant
Richard Empie, Carpenter
Rosemarie Etienne, Advisement Center Specialist
Derrick Felder '19, Advisement Center Specialist
Jessicca Fiore, Registrar
Louis Friend, Head Softball Coach
Lauren Goodale, Assistant Registrar
Kaylynn Iglesias '06, Director of Admissions
Richard Joyal, Groundskeeper
Jarrod Kershaw, Technology Support Technician
Kaitlyn LaPolla, Counselor

David Lyon '05, Working Foreperson
Jason McMahon, Assistant Director of Campus Safety
Walter Meeker, Building Maintenance Helper
Renée Mozzetti, Assistant Registrar
Damon Neish, Technical Assistant - International Programming
Lane Potter '10, Head Baseball Coach
Ann Prior, Librarian
Kari Procopio, Assistant Director of Public Relations
Samuel Salamone, Coordinator of International Programming
Amanda Talaba, Technical Assistant, Math/Science/Technology

Retirements

Paul Stone, Groundskeeper (deceased)
Lori Dolly, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students
Cheryl Darling, Account Clerk Typist, Financial Aid



Jason McMahon being sworn in as Assistant Director of Campus Safety

2022 SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

SUNY's excellence awards are designed for faculty and staff who personify professional excellence and serve as role models not only for the State of New York, but for the College as well. They publicly acknowledge superior professional achievement while encouraging the pursuit of excellence.



Katherine Scanlon '01, Director of Advisement, received the 2022 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. **"As the director for one of the most essential sets of services for our students, Katie consistently shows her pride in this institution, and in SUNY, by always giving her fullest and best effort,"** President Cathleen McColgin shared. "The results speak for themselves; under her leadership the Advisement Center is one of the most effective service offices on campus. It's a place where students feel welcome, comfortable, respected, and supported. Katie is also admired by the staff she supervises for being a strong, fair leader, who works just as hard, if not harder than she expects them to work."



Lisa Holynski, Office Assistant, Admissions, received the 2022 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Holynski has been employed at the College for more than 47 years. President Cathleen McColgin said, **"Lisa has earned a reputation for being a willing and positive team player and an enthusiastic supporter of the College, its students, faculty and staff, and SUNY. Her professionalism, coupled with her personal warmth, make her a vital asset for our students and their families."**

With the addition of these two employees, a total of 80 Herkimer College faculty and staff have been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. A complete list is available at Herkimer.edu/chancellor-awards.

FACTS & FIGURES

Enrollment (Fall 2021):

Total Headcount	2,300
Full-Time	49%
Part-Time	51%

Campus:

Herkimer campus	32%
Internet Academy (100% online)	25%
College Now (Concurrent Enrollment)	40%
P-TECH (Early College High School)	1%
College In Prison	2%

Gender:

Female	61%
Male	39%

Age:

24 and under	79%
Over 24	21%

Residency:

In-state	96%
Out-of-state	2%
International (15 countries)	2%

Race/Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7%
Asian	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0%
Black or African American	9.7%
Hispanic/Latino	6.8%
Non-Resident Alien	1.9%
Two or More Races	1.9%
Unreported	3.0%
White	74.1%

Faculty & Staff (Fall 2021):

Full-Time	146
Part-Time (excluding College Now)	95

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 18:1

2021-22 Graduates:

Degrees	274
Certificates	45

87% of first-time, full-time students (Fall 2020) received some form of **financial aid**
(Source: IPEDS)

To view Herkimer College's financial report for 2021-2022, visit www.herkimer.edu/financial.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Art

Art Studio A.S.

Business

Accounting A.A.S. *
Accounting A.S. *
Business Administration A.A.S. *
Business Administration A.S. *
Fashion Buying & Merchandising A.A.S.
Human Resource Management A.A.S. *
Marketing A.A.S. *
Quality Assurance - Business A.S. *
Small Business Management A.A.S. *
Small Business Management Certificate *
Sports & Recreation Management A.A.S.
Supply Chain Management A.A.S. **

Communication Arts

Communication and Media A.S.
Music Industry A.S.

Criminal Justice & Law

Crime & Intelligence Analysis A.A.S.
Criminal Justice A.A.S. *
Criminal Justice A.S. *
Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics A.S.
Emergency Management Certificate **
Forensic Investigations A.A.S.
Legal Studies A.A.S. *
Paralegal Studies Certificate *
Pre-Employment Police Basic Training Certificate

Education

Childhood Education A.S.
Early Childhood A.A.S.
Physical Education A.S.

Healthcare & Service

Health Professions A.S.
Health Services Management Technology A.A.S. *
Human Services A.A.S. *
Medical Coding / Transcriptionist Certificate *
Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

Liberal Arts & Sciences

General Studies A.A. *
Humanities A.A. *
Psychology A.A. *
Science A.S.
Social Science A.A. *

STEM

Computer and Network Security A.A.S.
Computer Science A.S.
Electrical Technology A.A.S.
Engineering Science A.S.
Quality Assurance - Science A.S. *
Science A.S.

*also offered online **can be completed online only



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Upcoming Events

NCAA Division III Men's Basketball National Championship Tournament

March 14–19, 2023
herkimergenerals.com

Spring Open House

Saturday, March 25, 2023
herkimer.edu/openhouse

55th Annual Commencement

Friday, May 12, 2023, 4 p.m.
herkimer.edu/commencement

Fall Fest 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023
herkimer.edu/fallfest

