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Under the leadership of Head Coach Matt Lee, the 2017-18 Men's Basketball team won the District 1, Region III championship qualifying them for a trip to the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball National Championship Tournament, the program's sixth since 2010. The Herkimer Generals took fourth place in the National Tournament with a thrilling 84-79 win over the North Lake Lakers (TX) in the fourth place game. The win gave the Generals a final record of 27-6 on the season and their fourth top four finish in the National Tournament since 2010.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE President

**DR. CATHLEEN C. MCCOLGIN**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

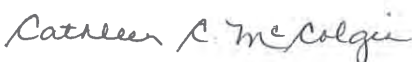
Spring has finally arrived, and with the warmer weather we start preparing for our annual celebration of the success of hundreds of students whom we have come to know and love. As hard as it is to say good bye, commencement is a joyous time for all, and a reminder that we here at Herkimer College are truly making a difference in the lives of others and fulfilling our mission.

As we look forward to the future, our faculty and staff are working on many new and exciting initiatives. Several new academic programs and partnerships are in various stages of development and approval. The recently approved Pre-employment Police Basic Training program is now enrolling students for this coming fall. In the near future, we hope to also announce new programs in the health sciences, environmental sustainability and supply chain management.

During the next two years, our entire campus community will be engaged in the Middle States reaccreditation process, which occurs every 10 years. It is a rigorous process that includes a comprehensive self-study and peer review, ensuring that the institution fully meets the standards of affiliation and that we stay true to our mission and goals. Please watch for future updates as the process unfolds.

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



For the Smiths, Herkimer College is  
*a family affair*

“My husband said all our children had to go to college,” explains Jean Smith, 77, who earned her degree in 1986 while raising four sons and working full-time in the Iliion Central Schools. Her oldest two sons attended Ithaca College; her third son took classes at Herkimer College, and the youngest, Steve, earned a degree in business administration from Herkimer College in 1985.

About the time Jean turned 40, she began to consider college for herself. “I started to think, ‘What have I done with my life?’ I wanted to broaden my horizons.” It took six years of evening and summer classes, but Jean achieved her goal. “I had the time of my life; it was a wonderful experience. My first professor was Ray Osborne. He gave me an A in English 101. I started matriculating. I tried to learn a little bit of everything.”

Osborne and Ray Lenarcic were memorable instructors. “They had good personalities. I felt comfortable in their classes. You could say what you wanted. They accepted me, even though I was older. “[The degree] gave me more confidence,” Jean says.

It was while Jean was attending Herkimer College that her son, Steve, began to take an interest in the college. His mother’s education influenced him, even in high school. Steve recalls taking a high school trigonometry class while his mother was studying the

subject in college. “I would help her with trigonometry, and she would help me with trigonometry. They taught the class differently, and I thought her way was easier. So I would take the ideas back to Mrs. Shaul, my teacher. She would say, ‘Well, that works, but you need to learn to do it this way.’ Apparently, the Regents exams required it be done a certain way.”

While Steve and his mother were enrolled at the same time, they never took a class together. Jean took classes in the evenings, while Steve had a more traditional schedule – though, as Steve says, “That would have been great, awesome.”

**“HERKIMER COLLEGE IS THE FOUNDATION FOR WHERE I AM NOW,” STEVE SAYS, BUT HE SPEAKS FOR ALL OF THE SMITH FAMILY. THREE GENERATIONS WITH DIFFERENT GOALS AND DIFFERENT CAREERS, BUT ALL FOUND WHAT THEY NEEDED TO SUCCEED BY BEGINNING AT HERKIMER COLLEGE.**

“My brothers had taken a different route -- they entered four-year schools. I wasn’t ready to leave home yet. I was young. I was 16 when I entered my senior year of high school. I wanted to stay home,

grow up a bit.” He considers his time at Herkimer College “two of the most fun years of my life.”

Steve had many memorable professors including Ray Lenarcic, Irving Mason, Guy Devitt and Robert Francis. Steve would visit the office of Professor Francis once a week to talk football. “We would talk about the Giants, complain about the Giants,” he chuckles.

Steve transferred to SUNY Oswego for a degree in teaching. But teaching the business classes of the



day wasn't what he wanted to do. "I could have taught shorthand, typing, accounting, business law. I did a few interviews, but everything was shorthand and typing, shorthand and typing." Steve landed an accounting job with a medical company, and then with the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Agency. He then served as executive director of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, and now serves as executive director of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District. Steve's daughter Zoey graduated in 2016 with a degree in early childhood, becoming the third generation of the Smith family to call Herkimer

College her alma mater. One of Steve's sons also attended Herkimer College to take classes before transferring to the nursing program at SUNY Morrisville.

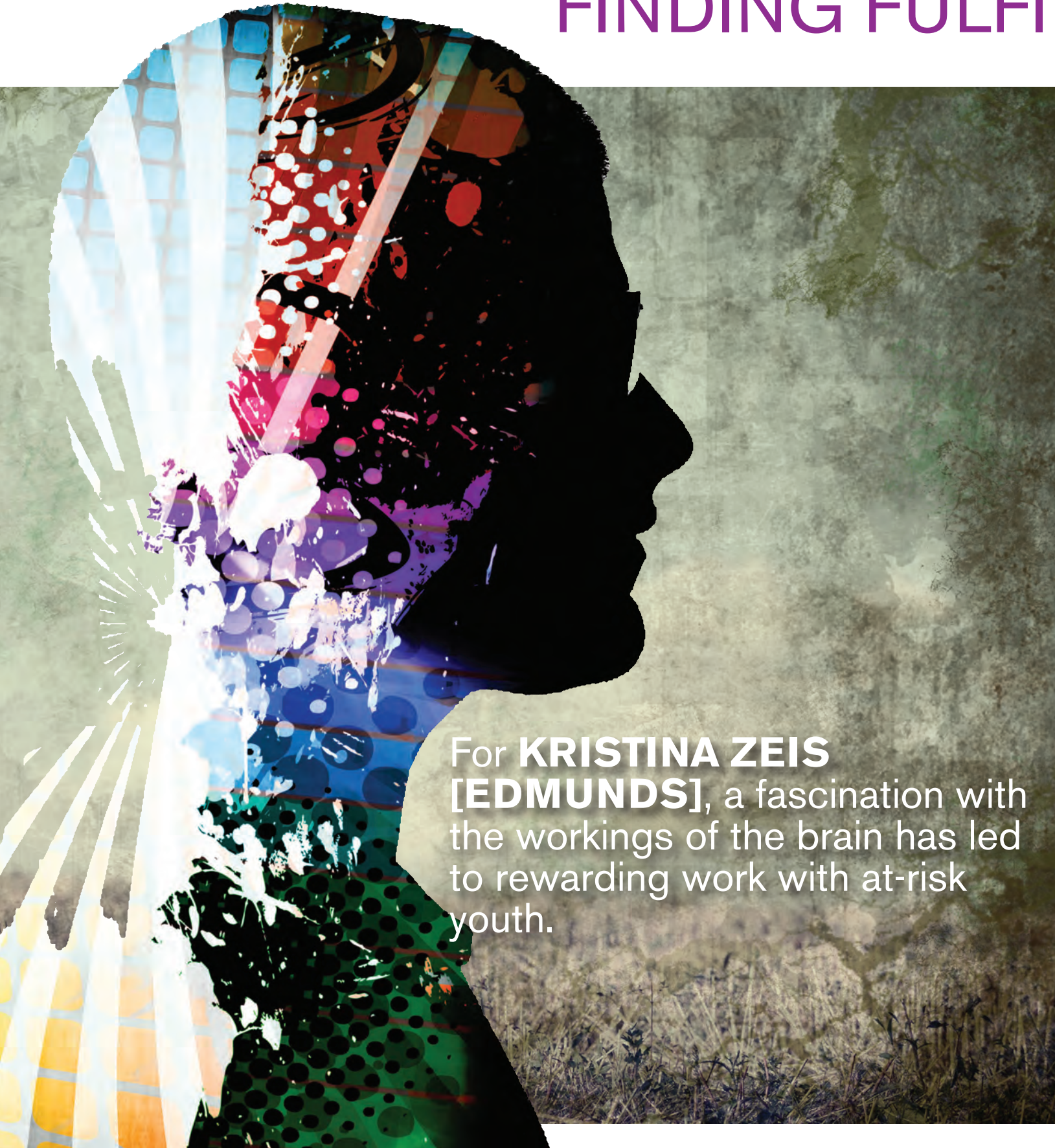
Zoey chose Herkimer College for a number of reasons. "I wanted to stay local. I had jobs. And the price – staying local made sense." Her favorite professor was MaryJo Kelley. "She was fun, engaging. She makes me want to learn, want to be a teacher."

Zoey currently works at the Children's Center while pursuing a bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a minor in special education through

Herkimer College's bridge program with Cazenovia College. Her goal is to teach preschool.

Zoey also works with children outside of the classroom, teaching cheerleading to the CNY Storm All Star team in Syracuse and CNY's Sunshine Cheer, the special needs team. "We try to challenge them and push them," she explains. "They just love it. Their enthusiasm and joy to be here every practice – it's like no other."

# FINDING FULFI



For **KRISTINA ZEIS [EDMUNDS]**, a fascination with the workings of the brain has led to rewarding work with at-risk youth.

# FULFILLMENT IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY

“As a General Studies major at Herkimer, I began picking up psychology classes and fell in love with the study of psychology,” Zeis explains. “I was fascinated with the brain, development, and why people do what they do.”

This fascination, combined with a desire to attend another small school, led Zeis to earn a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a master’s degree in Educational Psychology from the College of St. Rose. It was during this time that she completed an internship at a residential home in Albany. “It was my first window into child welfare,” she says. “I knew it was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.”

Zeis continued to work with the home and its agency for several years, then moved to a different agency. She is currently Vice President of Residential and Group Home Services for the Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth.

“I’m currently working at the residential campus, so I spend a lot of my time there,” she explains. However, the agency also services six group homes in New York, and Zeis finds herself traveling across the state on a regular basis. “I oversee the programming,” she says, “but I still enjoy when I get to interact with the kids, to talk with them. The programs assist with teaching them life skills, things that will allow them to become successful and productive citizens. One major focus is teaching youth emotional management, how to make good choices despite difficult situations.”

The children Zeis works with may have come into care through family court either based on their

behaviors or their parents. “I believe strongly in a prevention mindset,” she says. “We try to keep them in their own homes whenever possible. When that’s not possible, they come to our group homes or residential facility. We try to keep them the shortest time possible – teach them life skills so they can get jobs, be safe and productive citizens.”

As a high school student, Herkimer College was a natural choice for Zeis. “I wanted to stay close to home. My mother worked there which was an obvious bonus. I could save some money and decide on my future plans,” she says. Two memorable, inspirational professors were Dr. Lynn Martin and William Pelz. “Dr. Martin asked so many questions and was an active listener. He intently heard and reflected back what you said. He had an ability to reflect back your emotions to help you become more aware.”



“Pelz also took me under his wing to teach through the SUNY Learning Network with him, so I could share my knowledge and passion with other students.”

While Zeis has a busy schedule, she finds great fulfillment in her career. “I like watching children and families grow,” she says. “It’s the most rewarding part of my job.”

# Alumni Authors

**KATHLEEN SUITS-SMITH** of Fort Plain, has published “Another Day, Otro Día,” depicting the lives of contemporary migrant workers in the dairy industry of New York State. Suits-Smith has worked for nearly 10 years teaching English as a Second Language to migrant workers and their families. As a lifelong resident of Herkimer County and a caretaker of cattle, Suits-Smith is committed to helping provide medical and educational advocacy for this underserved population.



Tokyo, Japan native **NORIHITO OGATA '01** published “Rasterizer,” featuring his photographic work entitled “On the Shoreline,” a collection of images of buildings damaged by The Great Japan Earthquake in 2011. Approximately 400 photographs have been cut into squares and randomly restructured to document the destruction and reemergence of architecture in the affected areas.

**DIANE M. JOHNSON '84** authored “The Schoharie,” a fictional story with fictional characters inspired by the 1987 New York State Thruway bridge collapse due to unprecedented flooding of The Schoharie Creek. Johnson dedicates the book to “the real heroes and victims of the 1987 collapse as well as to the people of Central New York who make it a unique place to live.”

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## BRETT HELMER '92

HITTING IT *out of the* PARK

**BRETT HELMER '92** HAS HIT HOME RUNS IN NEARLY ALL OF AMERICA'S MLB STADIUMS—WITH A SOFTBALL.

A major level softball player, Helmer has played in 21 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Men's Major World Series. He was a member of 37 national championship teams, and is a five-time national batting champion.

Helmer didn't start out playing softball. In high school he played baseball and first played softball as a favor to his best friend's older brother.

He played baseball at Herkimer College where he studied physical education and health. His favorite teacher was Paul Wehrum. "He was a great guy. It was fun to watch him interact with his class. He's someone you don't forget."

After Herkimer, Helmer transferred to Eastern Connecticut State University, pursuing a degree in education. There, he stopped playing baseball in favor of competitive weight lifting. "I was traveling all over the country competing; even as far as Spain and Morocco." Still, Helmer continued to play softball, gradually working up to bigger and better-known teams.

"By 1993, I was traveling across the country, moving up classifications with

better and better teams." In 1996, Helmer entered major-level softball.

Helmer was sponsored by Louisville Slugger, and then became a sponsored athlete of Easton Sports in 1998. As a sponsored athlete and independent contractor, he worked closely with the company, and in 2007, he was offered a permanent position as National Sports Marketing Manager for softball.

"I'm in on the spring training, handle the sponsorships," he explains. "Some people are looking to be sponsored, and we pursue teams and players who can help spread our brand." Helmer works from his home office in Cicero, New York, and travels about 150,000 air miles every year. "It's mostly inside the US, but that's still a lot of miles," he says. The teams play from April to October. Even in the offseason, Helmer is interacting with athletes, attending association meetings, and going to promotional events.

In 2007, Helmer was inducted into both the USSSA New York State and National Halls of Fame.

A few of his favorite memories? "I got to play on the inaugural USA slow pitch team; we were live on ESPN. It

was incredible to know that there were millions of households watching us." Helmer also recalls being the very first person to hit a ball out of the Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati. "I hit it right out of the stadium and into the Ohio River," he chuckles. "Adam Dunn hit a ball out of that stadium about a month later. We heard about it and were like, 'That's not big news; it's happened before.'"

Helmer is still in awe of it all. "This wasn't what I planned on," he confides. "I was headed in a different direction. But it's been awesome."



HUMAN SERVICES CLUB

# Committed to Helping Others

WHEN **GRACE ASHLINE** ACCEPTED THE HUMAN SERVICES INSTRUCTOR AND PRACTICUM SUPERVISOR POSITION AT HERKIMER, SHE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN WORKING TO CULTIVATE A GREATER HUMAN SERVICES PRESENCE.



“The human services field seeks to meet the objective of meeting human needs, and what better way to help demonstrate the significance of this mission than to provide outlets for students to participate in this experientially,” said Ashline.

The universal objective of the Human Services program is to recognize the importance of acting as change agents. Ashline says, “Students help individuals who can’t help themselves through advocacy, service and creating pathways that may not ordinarily exist.”

The Human Services Club restarted in the fall with participation in the Successful Student Fair.

Ashline said, “It was an exemplary demonstration of perseverance that obtained nearly 30 signatures of students interested in learning more or getting involved. The networking and social engagement among peers put the Human Services Club back on the map at Herkimer.”

Members worked together to raise awareness of the program by choosing monthly themes relevant to subject matters in the field, from raising domestic violence awareness to national runaway youth initiatives. Club members raised close to \$400 by organizing bake sales to support off-site training opportunities such as therapeutic crisis intervention, substance abuse education and

advocacy certification for sexual assault.

The club identified an interest in partnering with the Little Falls food pantry to provide non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving holiday. Despite obstacles, club members were persistent, and as a result, helped provide food to dozens of families.

Their vision didn’t stop there. They partnered with local businesses to gather items for victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico and initiated contact with local agencies such as the American Red Cross and Catholic Charities to discuss future outreach efforts.

“I am humbled by how students worked through adversity, sacrificed and persevered to carry out the mission that the human services program seeks to teach students. The Human Services Club is now a presence on campus that I can confidently say has been birthed through the investment in creating an example for other students who are potentially interested in pursuing work in human services,” said Ashline.

# Caring for Our Community



Social responsibility is a duty we at Herkimer College embrace year-round. We also are committed to giving back to our community. Many clubs, teams and departments organized and participated in community service initiatives this year. **Following Hurricane Harvey in Texas, our Student Government Association collected funds in support of food bank relief efforts there. The softball team donated 50 cases of water to aid hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico.**



Also this past fall, our **athletic teams collected gently used and new books as part of the Kiwanis Book Drive.** The books donated through Herkimer College were distributed to organizations and individuals in Herkimer County, including the Herkimer College Early Childhood Education program and pre-school classroom, Pathways Academy (grades 7-12) and out-of-school-youth.



This year, all 19 athletic teams stepped up to support **The Gram Lorraine Children's Christmas Program. The program has helped more than 1,000 local children in need annually** at eight different schools and the Arc Herkimer during the past several holiday seasons. The program provides children with four items of clothing, including new winter coats and boots, and a toy or book, through the generosity of participants.

Stuff the Bus of Central New York visited the College in December for its annual toy drive. **Students and employees alike helped fill the bus with donations of toys and games,** all of which were headed to homes in Herkimer County.

These are only a few examples of the many ways our campus community provides service and support to others. From awareness activities for important causes, to volunteering in the community, to fundraisers and collections for those less fortunate, Herkimer College is making a difference in our community.



**We do it to impact the lives of others, to strengthen our community, and to develop skills and relationships. But mostly, we do it because we care.**



# Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Class of 2017

**HERKIMER COLLEGE INDUCTED FIVE INDIVIDUALS AND ONE TEAM INTO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ON SEPTEMBER 29.**



**Cindy Kemler '80**, Newport, NY, led the Generals to their first two regional championships in women's basketball in 1979 and 1980. When speaking of her 23-year coaching career at Herkimer, Associate Professor Emeritus Jean Galvin said, "There's no question, in women's basketball, Cindy Kemler came out number one."

**Chris Wittman**, Utica, NY, was a member of the 1985 and 1986 men's basketball teams. In his introduction of Wittman, Professor Emeritus Gary Ruff said, "One thing you have to realize about Chris Wittman is that this man played for the team, not for individual stats."

**Brandon Jones '10**, Sacramento, CA, was a baseball star at Herkimer College in 2009 and 2010. Head Baseball Coach Jason Rathbun said, "Brandon was good enough to become the only baseball player from Herkimer College to become Regional Player of the Year."



**Richard Law '78**, Canastota, NY, was a successful lacrosse player at Herkimer College in 1978. Professor Emeritus Tom LaPuma said "I knew from the time I met Rich that he was going to be successful. A great personality and a great competitor."

**Perry Nizzi**, Frankfort, NY, served as head men's soccer coach from 1981-1998, with a record of 291-56-11. Speaking on behalf of the team, Pepe Aragon said "Coach was an unbelievable motivator who absolutely hated to lose or tie."

**The 1994 men's soccer team**, coached by Perry Nizzi, was inducted for winning the men's soccer program's first-ever national championship in 1994. In accepting the award for the team, Nizzi said, "This team had something about them. They just wanted to show that they could go the next step. They had leadership beyond what we had ever had before."

**"As the athletic director at Herkimer for 13 years, I am humbled by these great coaches, athletes, and contributors who left incredible legacies for our college community."**

Don Dutcher, Athletic Director

## WOMEN'S & MEN'S SOCCER 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation



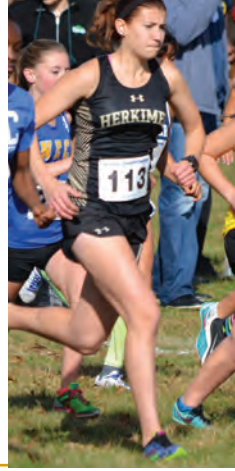
The 2017 women's and men's soccer teams finished in second and third place in the nation, respectively.

Region III Player of the Year Luke Murphy (Glasgow, Scotland), Roandre Wollery (Hartford, CT) and Marius Svendsen (Drammen, Norway), were named to the 2017 United Soccer Coaches all-America team. Murphy and Wollery, along with Gus Ward (London, England), were named to the 2017 NJCAA all-America team. Murphy's post season awards didn't stop there, as he was named 2017 United Soccer Coaches Junior College Men's Scholar National Player of the Year. Murphy is the first player in the history of the Herkimer Generals men's soccer program to receive the prestigious award.

The women's soccer team was loaded with talent this year. Mikayla Blumenstock (Poland, NY) earned Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year, Region III Player of the Year, Regional Championship MVP, NJCAA All-American and she was named to the National Championship All-Tournament Team. Hailey Couchman (Baldwinsville, NY) and Blumenstock were named United Soccer Coaches All Americans.



## CROSS COUNTRY Runner Wins National Championship



Women's cross country runner Chyanna Bernier (Ilion, NY) won a 2017 NJCAA National Championship and helped guide the Generals to a sixth place finish overall nationally. Bernier finished in the top five or better in every race this year and was also responsible for breaking Herkimer's course record at the Generals home invitational. She was named US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Women's Athlete of the Week and NJCAA Region III Athlete of the Week. The women's team also won the NJCAA Region III Championship with help from Herkimer's freshman runners Makenzie Citrin (Oriskany, NY) and Meghan Rodick (West Winfield, NY) who finished in the top 15 for the Generals.

Herkimer's Jake Baisley (Dolgeville, NY) won the All-Conference championship, and teammate Kyle Holmes (Spencer, NY) finished in the top five as well. Holmes and Baisley went on to earn top 10 finishes at the NJCAA Region III championship meet with Baisley as the top freshman finisher.

## HERKIMER GENERALS WIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Not only are the Generals recognized for excellence in athletics, but they are known for their commitment to sportsmanship and community. The program was recently awarded the 2017 NJCAA Region III Sportsmanship Award for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during competition throughout the year.

"While Herkimer athletics is a national powerhouse, we also place great emphasis on academics, sportsmanship and community service. I am very proud of our student-athletes and coaches and how they consistently conduct themselves in a positive and professional way," said Donald Dutcher, Director of Athletics.



More than 50 Herkimer College student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the Fall 2017 semester. They were recognized during halftime of the Herkimer College vs. MVCC basketball game on January 31st. Pictured are the student-athletes with President McColgin and other administrators.

## Longtime Professor is Honored with Emeritus Status

AFTER 38 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND THE COLLEGE, PROFESSOR KALMAN SOCOLOF HAS RETIRED.

One of Professor Socolof's first students and long-time colleague, Mary Ann Carroll said, "I cannot say enough about the contribution Kal has made in the lives of thousands of students who have passed through his classes, and especially in my own life. He was my office mate for nearly 30 years, a mentor, and my friend. I am forever grateful to have worked side by side with a professional who has always valued and demonstrated integrity, knowledge, enthusiasm and dedication."

Professor Socolof was instrumental in launching WVHC-FM as an FCC licensed station, as well as serving on critical college committees and leading efforts in the Radio-Television Broadcasting department.

Socolof was hired in August 1979 as an instructor of Humanities/Radio and TV. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1983, associate professor in 1993, and professor in 2003. He has served on the following committees:



Facilities, Information Services, Academic Policies, Library, Campus Safety, Cultural Diversity, Special Events and Recognitions, and the Strategic Planning Council, as well as chair of the Curriculum Committee and Promotion and Tenure Committee.

On January 24, 2018, the College Board of Trustees approved a resolution to grant emeritus status to Socolof. Emeritus status is an honor granted by the Board of Trustees to retired professional academic and administrative staff members who have demonstrated excellence and commitment to making Herkimer College the exceptional institution it is today.

"The Herkimer College community has been a better place because of professors like Kal Socolof," Carroll said, "Words don't express how much we will miss him."

Congratulations and best wishes to Professor Emeritus Socolof!

# MEET Our New Faculty



## **Tara L. Bienkowski '98**

Lecturer/Director of Clinical Education, Physical Therapist Assistant program

**Education:** A.A.S. Herkimer County Community College; Numerous continuing education courses in physical therapy

**Professional Affiliations:** American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) member

**Committees:** Perkins Grant Advisory Committee, Physical Therapist Assistant Advisory Committee

### **What inspired you to become an educator?**

I absolutely love the field of physical therapy. I was a clinical instructor for 19 years and just loved to teach the physical therapist assistant students during that time. I usually had a student three times a year for approximately five weeks at a time. It just was not fulfilling enough for me. I wanted to educate more students in the physical therapy field, so I decided to become a full-time educator and practice as a physical therapist assistant per diem on the side. I want to help create more, well-trained clinicians using the knowledge I have gained through the years.

**What interests you most about the subject area in which you teach?** What interests me the most is the gratification and reward of helping others heal. On a daily basis you are helping people improve their lives in a positive manner. Each patient is different based on their individual diagnosis, so it is never boring. There is always something new and exciting occurring each day. I want my students to learn as much as they possibly can from their experience at Herkimer so they can incorporate it into their own practices when they become physical therapist assistants.

**What attracted you to Herkimer College?** I was attracted most to Herkimer because I am an alum. I had a fantastic experience when I attended Herkimer and wanted to pay it forward to my students. I am a local and love the small community that we live in. At Herkimer College, each student is looked at individually to help them succeed.

**What is something that most people don't know about you?** I grew up on a dairy farm. My entire childhood consisted of daily barn chores after sports practice and

putting in hay all summer. I did everything from milk cows, to drive the tractor all day, to shovel manure every Sunday afternoon in our heifer barn. My family and I still help my father out on the family farm on a regular basis now where we have beef cows. I am no stranger to hard work and have raised my children the same way. I would not want life any different than what we have in the country on our farm.

## **Grace Ashline**

Instructor, Human Services and Program Supervisor

**Education:** BA in Sociology & Criminal Justice, SUNY Albany; Masters in Clinical Social Work, SUNY Albany, Magna Cum Laude; Equine Assisted Psychotherapy from Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA)



**Professional Affiliations:** National Association of Social Workers; National Organization of Human Services, Professional Development facilitator on mental health, academic retention, engagement and trauma informed influences within the classroom at MVCC; collaborator with the Mental Health Association of NYS on mental health programming, education and trauma informed care in the classroom; Herkimer County chair for the Human Services Advisory Committee, HEROS qualified trainer on Trauma, Suicide Prevention, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Family Court; guest facilitator at Schenectady County Community College and SUNY Albany for prevention programming and alternatives to compulsory placement for A.S. and B.A. programs

**Honors & Awards:** Recognized for client engagement and retention at Ellis Outpatient Day Treatment Psychiatric program; Advocate of the Year, Youth Advocate Program, Inc. 2003

**What is something unique or important for people to know about your program?** The human services program is extraordinarily set apart from other programs at Herkimer College. Its mission speaks to meeting human needs and acting as change agents for individuals who may not otherwise have a voice. The program experientially teaches students the importance of crowding the empty spaces where marginalization and oppression are commonly over-looked; prepares students by teaching subject matters that set them apart from other programs and increase their employability within the field.

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### **What do you find most rewarding about teaching and why?**

I love the demographic we serve. I have an opportunity to expose an 18 year old to subject matters related to wellness and oppression to a 60 year old returning to school after decades of being in a classroom. Teaching is an honor and privilege. We're in a position to execute the creative vision we hope to instill within the classroom and ignite passion for our prospective programs. The program is designed to expose students to active engagement, critical thinking and subject matters they will actively come in contact with but aren't popularly encouraged elsewhere. I love seeing students go outside of their comfort zones to take risks that parallel what we expect of individuals we serve. Sometimes I learn more from what students bring to discussions and the learning process than they do from me. That is the rewarding part.

### **What new courses do you hope to teach in the future?**

I recently developed a course titled, "Trauma Informed Care" that will be offered in the fall. This was birthed out of collaborative efforts with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) and the Mental Health Association of New York State. Professionals across multiple disciplines need to understand the continuum of wellness and this course will specifically prepare students to understand the various types of trauma and how it directly impacts every area of a person's life.

### **What is something most people wouldn't know about you?**

One of the conversations in Human Services is how judgements, stereotypes and generalizations directly impact the work we do. Some of my favorite experiences with students are about who they perceived me to be at the beginning of class compared to their impression of me by the end of the semester. I like to break the stereotypes.

I have a picture of my parents within eye sight in my office. It reminds me where I come from and ensures that I never forget both the honor and privilege it is to be an educator. I am a first generation graduate where I flunked out of the same community college three semesters in a row. I came from a family wrought with domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health issues that I can proudly say gave me the diligence and empathy to pursue a field in social work. Like many students, I had little direction and was up against a lot of adversity. It took a professor who approached me about a strength she identified in my writing. That compliment turned into a hopeful possibility for a new direction in my life. I used to be ashamed to talk about where I came from until I realized that my story parallels that of so many. I now wear it as a badge of honor and remind myself that sometimes we are set aside to be set apart.

### **Dr. Jennifer Adjodha-Evans**

Assistant Professor, Biology

**Education:** B.S. Biology, University of the Virgin Islands; M. Phil. Biology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York; Ph.D. Biology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

**Board Memberships:** President of Adventist International Medical Missionaries (AIMM)

**Honors & Awards:** Clement and Jessie V. Stone Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY; American Association for



Cancer Research: Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award; recipient of the CUNY Science and Engineering Conference award; Minority Access/Graduate Networking (MAGNET) Fellowship; CUNY Pipeline—Bridges to the Doctorate Award

### **What inspired you to become an educator?**

My graduate mentor Dr. Jeanne Szalay is probably my greatest inspiration. She took me under her wings when I was in graduate school and taught me everything she knew about cancer biology. She inspired me as a female cancer researcher in a time when we were so few. She also showed me that the most important thing about being a good educator, is being a great mentor. My goal as an educator is to mentor students and to help them explore all the avenues available to them, just like Dr. Szalay did for me.

### **What do you find most challenging about teaching and why?**

What I find most challenging about teaching, are the students who doubt and second guess their ability to master the materials in my course. I have spent many office hours trying to convince students that they can pass the course if they would only use the resources that are available at Herkimer. Sadly, many of them are afraid of failing and quit without ever challenging themselves. I find this to be the most frustrating part of the job, because I know they can succeed if they just believed it.

### **What do you enjoy most about teaching at Herkimer College?**

I love the collegiality at Herkimer College. Without any exaggeration, I think I work with the best group of people in academia. Since I started working at Herkimer College, the faculty and administration have been extremely supportive. This is a huge contrast to the other institutions where I worked, where the administration and staff didn't even know my name.

### **What are your hobbies or interests outside of work?**

When I'm not teaching, I'm usually overseas coordinating medical mission trips with my team. I love being able to provide medical and humanitarian services to people in other countries that have limited or no access to these services, and best of all, we can provide these services absolutely free. When I'm not teaching or travelling, I enjoy organic gardening.

### **What is something that most people wouldn't know about you?**

I can make really good homemade, vegan ice cream.



## CAREER SERVICES

# Making the Connection

The academic year was well underway when Tammy Crossway from the Glimmerglass Opera Theatre contacted Herkimer College's Career Services office. She was extending a paid accounting internship past the summer season and needed assistance connecting with accounting students.

Connecting students and recent graduates to businesses and organizations is a core function of the Career Services office. The staff assists graduates looking for full-time employment, as well as current students looking to round out their academics with a part-time job or internship. Career Services makes that connection through the HireHerkimer career management platform.

Crossway was referred to HireHerkimer to register the Glimmerglass Opera Theatre and to post the accounting internship. Career Services sent a HireHerkimer alert to accounting students regarding the paid internship opportunity. Within 30 minutes of sending the alert, student Nick Etienne walked into the Career Services office.

Nick is an accounting major who will be completing his associate of science degree in May 2018. He saw the alert on his phone and went directly to Career Services seeking more information. Employment Coach Carm Speciale met with Nick. They reviewed the internship opportunity together, adjusted Nick's resume to reflect all his skills and expertise, and submitted his materials. Carm also helped Nick prepare for his interview. The following week Nick was selected for the internship.

Nick's story is a perfect example of how Career Services works to connect students' talents and skills to opportunities in the Mohawk Valley. When asked about the recruiting process and utilizing HireHerkimer, Crossway commented, "The site was helpful in helping us hire an intern in a timely manner." And in terms of the caliber of the Herkimer College student, she stated, "[He] was very well prepared for his interview, was knowledgeable of our business and did his research prior to coming to meet with us."

When Career Services followed up with Nick, he stated, "Not only did Career Services help fix and better my resume, but they also helped me to land a desired paid internship in the accounting field." Within a short time Nick was asked to take on additional accounting responsibilities. "My internship allows me to take what I've learned in the classroom and apply it to the real world." Herkimer College Career Services was pleased to help Nick and the Glimmerglass Opera House make the connection.



Nick Etienne, Accounting Student (Class of 2018) and Glimmerglass Opera Theatre Intern

# HireHerkimer

**HireHerkimer** is a new career management system designed to connect students, alumni and employers. Students and alumni can search for opportunities, upload resumés, create professional profiles searchable by employers and access articles and videos. Alumni are encouraged to utilize this service by creating an account at: [www.herkimer.edu/hireherkimer](http://www.herkimer.edu/hireherkimer)

# In Memoriam

Herkimer College extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni and members of the Herkimer College family.

- Mr. Michael P. Paravati '70**
- Mr. Joseph J. Putch Jr. '75**
- Mr. Scott Krauza '76**
- Mr. Jeffrey W. Hunter '80**
- Ms. Carol J. Westbrook '80**
- Mr. Richard E. Boek '82**
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- Mr. William C. Dillon Jr. '92**
- Mr. Michael P. Petrie '93**
- Ms. Jessica Marie Pickersgil '03**
- Mr. Paul J. Savas '03**

**H. David Trautlein, Ph.D.** died on January 13, 2018 in Merced, CA. Dr. Trautlein began his professional career as an English teacher at Canisteo New York Central School and in 1956 joined the faculty at Alfred State College as instructor of English and Director of the Reading Laboratory. In 1967, he left Alfred State as a professor, for the position of Dean of the College at Herkimer County Community College.

As founding Dean of the College, Dr. Trautlein created the academic programs and standards that provided a successful beginning for Herkimer College. He demanded and received excellence in teaching from the faculty and was extremely instrumental in library development, faculty and student evaluations, and documentation of the College's history. He retired in 1984 with the title of Dean of the College Emeritus, and in 2004, he was honored as a Torchbearer for his leadership in the formative years of Herkimer College.

Dr. Trautlein leaves his wife Angela and three children, Vaune (Mrs. Steve Newvine), David (Karen) and Sharon (Mrs. William Luciw). Memorial donations can be made to the H. David Trautlein Endowment at Herkimer College.



**Grace McLaughlin**, wife of President Emeritus Robert McLaughlin, passed away on October 7, 2017 due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. They had been married for 71 years. Mrs. McLaughlin's obituary read, "Grace was an unmatched combination of optimism and pragmatism. She was unfailingly kind and saw the best in everyone. She was also incredibly patient. She was the type of person many of us aspired to be. She had a unique gift to recognize, foster and celebrate the talents and strengths of others and make people feel like they matter. Her generous spirit made the world brighter. Grace cared deeply about her community and believed that we are all obligated to give back." Mrs. McLaughlin utilized her strong social skills to benefit the College politically and financially. She represented the interests of the College in many community organizations and served for over 20 years on the Herkimer County College Foundation Board of Directors. She founded and personally directed the annual Herkimer County Arts and Craft Fair for three decades, raising an estimated million dollars for the Foundation Tuition Scholarship program. In 1986, she established the Grace McLaughlin Scholarship Fund. Mrs. McLaughlin is survived by her husband, Robert, their six children and six grandchildren. Donations can be sent to the Grace McLaughlin Scholarship Fund c/o Herkimer County Community College, 100 Reservoir Road, Herkimer, NY 13350.

*We regret that the article regarding the passing of Dr. Robert W. Dorrance in the previous issue of Connections had two errors. Dr. and Mrs. Dorrance were married 59 years, rather than 39 as stated in the article. Additionally, Dr. Dorrance's youngest daughter's name is Jean Beckerle.*

## Class Notes

**Heather Bishop-Dumka '96** Radio and Television Broadcasting, recently won the New Hampshire Broadcasting Award for Best Radio Personality.

**Richard Colby '14** (Art Studies), won two awards, including Best in Show at the Cooperstown Art Association and Hyde Hall.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE Foundation Director

**ROBERT FOWLER**



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I'm happy to begin my letter with some good news! The Herkimer County College Foundation continued its growth in the past year and is in excellent position to fulfill its mission of supporting Herkimer College. Thanks in no small part to our business partners and dedicated alumni, we continue to move forward, and for all of this, I say thank you!

In 2017, the Foundation made its first attempts at getting involved with social media driven giving. In April we conducted our own two-day campaign built around the culmination of the College's 50th anniversary, and in November the Foundation participated in #GivingTuesday. Similar to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday represents the kickoff to the charitable giving season. All in all, efforts were successful. In addition to the generous donations received, we are grateful for the ability to connect and communicate with you, our passionate alumni. Increasing our outreach and developing platforms that will help further the growth of the Foundation are key to our success.

This year the Foundation awarded more than 180 scholarships totaling slightly more than \$135,000. The impact this has on our students is significant and your generosity when contributing to scholarships at Herkimer College is much appreciated.

There are new ideas and initiatives being developed that you'll be hearing more about as we move further along in 2018. I think we're headed in the right direction and I'm looking forward to helping this Foundation to grow. Herkimer College continues to provide an excellent education and environment for its students, and I thank you for your dedication to the 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

# Awards & Recognitions

## Athletics

The Herkimer Generals athletics department was presented with the **Herkimer County Hunger Coalition's Six Angels of Christmas Award for 2016**. Given in memory of the six McLeod children who perished on December 22, 1991 in a house fire in Little Falls, NY, the award is given to those who personify the spirit of giving



through their contributions to their communities over a period of years. The athletic department was selected for their support of the Gram Lorraine Christmas program.

The Herkimer Generals athletic program won the **2016-17 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup**, ranking Herkimer first in the nation among two-year college non-scholarship athletic programs. Herkimer also finished sixth in the standings for the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup which recognizes the top overall two-year colleges in all divisions combined. Both programs recognize excellence in two-year colleges, based on athletic success in championship competition. This is the third NATYCAA Cup win for Herkimer in the past four years.

The Athletic Department earned the **2017 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Sportsmanship Award**. The award recognizes member institutions that exhibit dedication to the honor and integrity of intercollegiate athletics and whose student-athletes and staff display outstanding sportsmanship during competition throughout the year.



## Faculty & Staff

The following faculty and staff were honored with **SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence**:

**Lisa Lamanna-Johnson**, Office Assistant in the Business, Health, Science and Technology Division: SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

**Wendy Marchese**, Counselor: SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

**Dr. Mark Polkosnik**, Associate Professor, Paralegal: SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Jeffrey Steele**, Associate Professor of History/Social Science: SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

*The SUNY Chancellor's Award program was created to publicly recognize and honor superior professional achievement by faculty and professional staff, and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. The 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. The award recipients were recognized at Herkimer College's annual Employee Recognition Ceremony, and at Commencement where each was presented with a bronze medallion.*



**Pat Miller**, Senior Financial Aid Assistant, was recognized as a 2016 On Point for College Utica "Campus Angel." On Point Director Kevin Marken said, "As a campus angel, Pat has shown great compassion, leadership and service to low income and first generation college students, finding creative ways to help them to succeed. She is known for going the extra mile and always helping students to forward their educational dreams."

**The Center for Global Learning** was recognized as outstanding program and Professor **Bill Pelz** was honored as an outstanding educator at the Genesis Group's 2016 Celebration of Education.



**Christian Avis**, Assistant Professor of English, released his second novel entitled *Upshot: An Inquisitor Damulis Novel* with cover illustration by Xanthian Moon Lincoln '16.

Sr. Admissions Assistant **Clare Burth** received the State University of New York College Admissions Professionals (SUNYCAP) President's Award for going above and beyond to support the vision and mission of the organization.

**Nathan Riley**, Technical Assistant in the Science department, was selected as Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District's 2016 Educator of the Year. The award is given to an individual who shows great devotion in their career as well as personal life to educating people in the subject of conservation.

As acting head coach for the 2016 women's soccer team, **Jason Palkovic** was named Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

Cross Country Head Coach **Steve Sydoriv** earned the honor of 2016 Region III Coach of the Year. Coach Sydoriv's team won the program's first ever Region III and Mountain Valley Conference titles in 2016.

Men's Basketball Coach **Matt Lee** won his 300th career game on Sunday, November 22, 2016 bringing his record, as of that date, to 300-98. The 2016-2017 team won the Regional championship and achieved a third place finish at Nationals, and Coach Lee was named NJCAA District 1 Coach of the Year and 2017 Junior College Men's Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York (BCANY).

Athletic trainer **Kyle Roepnack** was appointed to the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) newly formed Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM), along with 32 other collegiate athletic trainers from across the country.

Head Baseball Coach **Jason Rathbun** earned his 400th win on April 24, 2017.



Herkimer College men's soccer coach **Pepe Aragon** was named 2016 Region III Coach of the Year, for the fifth time in his career. With a record of 19-2-0, Aragon's 2016 team won the Mountain Valley Conference and Region III championships. He led them to an undefeated regular season and a fourth place finish in the NJCAA Division III national tournament.

## Students

Herkimer College recognized 15 students for their achievements with the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges Award. Students honored were: **Sean Connolly** (Latham, NY), **Paige Crittella** (North Syracuse, NY), **Megan Durgan** (Rome, NY), **Neil Ferris** (Rome, NY), **Benjamin Gibbons** (Allerton, NY), **Taylor Hardy** (Boonville, NY), **Justin Harley** (Central Islip, NY), **Sharon Howell** (Ilion, NY), **Williard Lamont** (New Berlin, NY), **Emily McGraw** (Dolgeville, NY), **Taj Parker** (Mount Vernon, NY), **Brandon Rawson** (Ilion, NY), **Hannah Smith** (Ilion, NY), **Maans Soerensen** (Stockholm, Sweden), and **Emma Vanderwerken** (Frankfort, NY).



**Justin Harley** '17 (Central Islip, NY) and **Milnalis Diese** '17 (Bronx, NY) received the 2017 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. A senior Business Administration major, Hurley was an honors student and a two-year captain of the men's basketball team. He was a resident assistant, student ambassador, peer tutor, Faculty-Student Association board member, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Diese was a Fashion Buying & Merchandising major, a Dean's List student, member of Phi Theta Kappa, and active on campus as a peer tutor, resident assistant, student ambassador, Fashion Club president, and member of the Honors Program. The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges students who have received recognition for distinguished achievements. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the University.

**Keegan Connolly** (Little Falls, NY) and **Jamie Rogers** (Newburgh, NY) were named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Community College Academic Team. Phi Theta Kappa, community college presidents and community college state associations sponsor All-State Community College Academic Team ceremonies in 38 participating states.



**Justin Harley** (men's basketball) and **Chyanna Bernier** (track and field) received the 2017 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award recognizing a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement. They were among only 77 recipients from the 64 SUNY campuses statewide to receive the award this year.

Herkimer College was named one of the **2017 Gems of Distinction** by the Genesis Group at the Gems of Distinction Six County Regional Showcase held at the Gems Along the Mohawk. Criteria for this honor includes organizations that are future-oriented and create unique sustainable efforts, develop team creativity and collaboration, display unusual leadership modeling, advance regional commitment and serve as an economic generator.

# Appointments, Promotions & Retirements

## FACULTY PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

**Dr. Nicole McDaniels** was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of biology. Dr. McDaniels was appointed to the faculty in 2011. She holds a B.S. from SUNY Buffalo and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

**Blake Pitcher** was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of digital graphics. He was appointed to the faculty in 2006 and holds an A.S. from Herkimer College and a B.S. and M.S. from SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

**Dr. Mark Polkosnik** was promoted from associate professor to professor of paralegal. He was appointed to the faculty in 2006 and holds an A.B., M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and a J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Dr. Jennifer Adjodha-Evans**, Assistant Professor, Biology

**Grace Ashline**, Instructor, Human Services

**Tara Bienkowski**, Lecturer/Director of Clinical Education, Physical Therapist Assistant

**Vince Brookins**, Area Coordinator, Residence Life

**Pete Clark**, Technical Assistant, PE Evening Supervisor (part-time)

**Gabrielle Coffey**, Women's Basketball Coach

**Rocco Cornacchia**, Lecturer, Math

**Cheryl Darling**, Account Clerk Typist, Financial Aid

**Erin DeChiaro**, Assistant Director of Residence Life

**Lori Dolly**, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students

**Keith Heinrich**, Academic Support Center Specialist (part-time)

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**Richard Salamone**, Men's and Women's Golf Coach

**James Salamy**, Director of Human Resources (part-time)

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**Robert Schultz**, AV Service Coordinator (part-time)

**Zoey Smith**, Technical Assistant, Child Care Center (part-time)

**Nina Stoecke**, Assistant to the Director of Student Activities (part-time)

**Hannah Stuble**, Academic Coach

## RETIREMENTS

**Alan Cronauer**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

**Dr. Catherine Delorme**, Professor, Physical Therapy

**Guy Devitt**, Associate Professor, Business

**Michael Giudice**, Technical Assistant, Radio/TV

**Michelle List**, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood

**Dr. Timothy McLean**, Professor, Social Science

**Joyce Patterson**, Reference Librarian (part-time)

**Mary Jo Restante**, Office Assistant II

**Robert Schultz**, Coordinator of Radio/TV

**Della Smith**, Account Clerk Typist

**Debra Sutton**, Associate Professor, Travel & Tourism

**Rebecca Ward**, Assistant Professor

## EMERITI

**Debra Sutton**, **Dr. Timothy McLean**, **Guy Devitt** and **Alan Cronauer** were granted Emeritus status.

## INTRODUCING NEW TRUSTEE

**Dr. Robert L. DeCarlo**, of Herkimer, NY, was appointed by the Herkimer County Legislature to the College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Dr. DeCarlo fills the seat formerly held by Alfred A. Barbato, who served on the Board for 15 years. Dr. DeCarlo was a podiatrist at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group from 1980 until his retirement in January 2017.



He also served as the Group's corporate compliance officer and chair of the Corporate Compliance and Risk Management Committees.

## Service Awards

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Julie DelMedico**, Academic Support Center Specialist-Academic Coach

**Stephen Osley**, Building Maintenance Helper

**Matthew Powers**, Instructor, English

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Patricia McDaniel**, Professor, Human Service

**Diane Palmieri**, Senior Account Clerk

**Rebecca Watkins**, Building Maintenance Helper

**Phillip Worlock**, Working Foreperson

### 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Guy Devitt**, Associate Professor, Business

**Dr. Timothy McLean**, Professor, Social Science

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Donations to the Herkimer County College Foundation help us provide scholarships for deserving students and advance the College's most important goals. We depend on the generosity of our alumni and friends to improve the quality of the Herkimer College experience.

**There are many ways you can support Herkimer College.**



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For more information or to suggest another way you'd like to support the Foundation, please contact Rob Fowler, Executive Director, Herkimer County College Foundation, at 315-574-4015.

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# & figures facts



FROM **18**  
**FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

## ENROLLMENT: FALL 2016 (including College Now)

Total headcount	2,849
Full-time	59%
Part-time	41%

## Gender

Male	42%
Female	58%

## Age

24 and under	77%
Over 24	23%

## Residency

In-state	93%
Out-of-state	4%
International	3%

## On-Campus/Online/Concurrent Enrollment

Herkimer	52%
Internet Academy	21%
College Now	25%
P-Tech	2%

## Race/Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.4%
Black or African American	12.8%
Hispanic/Latino	6.1%
Non-Resident Alien	3.8%
Two or More Races	1.4%
Unreported	1.3%
White	72.7%

## 2016-17 Graduates

Degrees	468
Certificates	35

## Faculty & Staff (Fall 2016)

Full-Time Faculty/Staff	186
Part-Time Faculty/Staff (excluding College Now)	134

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Art

Fine Arts A.A.

### Business

Accounting A.A.S. \*  
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Business Administration A.A.S. \*  
Business Administration A.S. \*  
Ecotourism and Adventure Travel A.A.S. \*  
Fashion Buying & Merchandising A.A.S.  
Human Resource Management A.A.S. \*  
Marketing A.A.S. \*  
Property and Asset Management Certificate  
Quality Assurance-Business A.S. \*  
Small Business Management A.A.S. \*  
Small Business Management Certificate \*  
Sports & Recreation Management A.A.S.  
Travel & Events Management A.A.S. \*

### Communication Arts

Communication Arts: Music Industry A.S.

### Criminal Justice & Law

Crime & Intelligence Analysis A.A.S. \*  
Criminal Justice A.A.S. \*  
Criminal Justice A.S. \*  
Cybersecurity A.S.  
Forensic Investigations A.A.S.  
Legal Studies A.A.S. \*

### Education

Childhood Education A.S.  
Early Childhood A.A.S.  
Physical Education A.S.  
Recreation Leadership A.S.  
Teaching Assistant Certificate \*

### Healthcare & Service

Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic A.A.S.  
Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic Certificate  
Health Services Management Technology A.A.S. \*  
Human Services A.A.S. \*  
Medical Coding - Transcriptionist Certificate \*  
Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

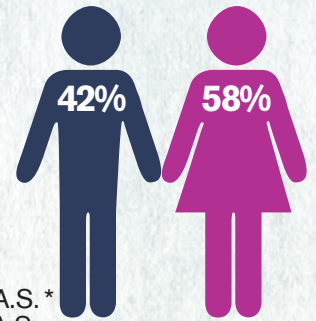
### Liberal Arts & Sciences

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

### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Computer Network Technician A.A.S.  
Computer Science A.S.  
Engineering Science A.S.  
Laboratory Technology A.A.S.  
Mathematics A.S.  
Quality Assurance - Science A.S. \*  
Science A.S.

*Programs also offered online are denoted by asterisk.\**



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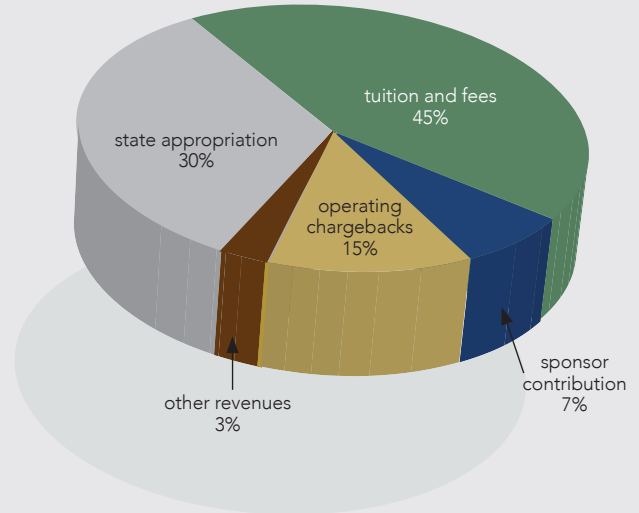
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## ACTUAL REVENUES

Tuition and Fees	\$ 9,921,929
State Appropriation	\$ 6,547,475
Sponsor Contribution	\$ 1,630,612
Operating Chargebacks	\$ 3,211,155
Other Revenues	\$ 703,123

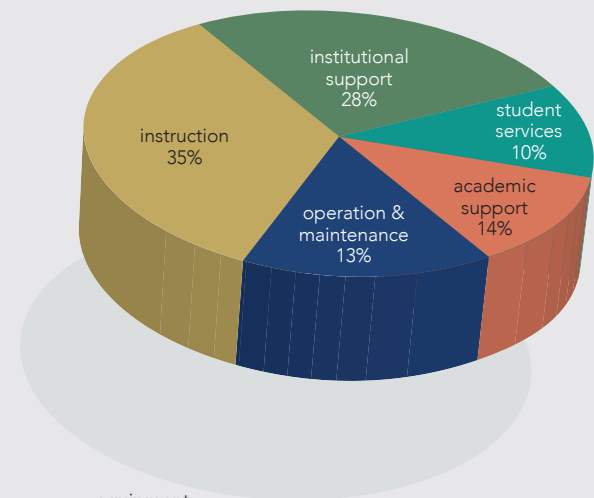
**TOTAL \$ 22,014,294**



## EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

Instruction	\$ 7,671,639
Academic Support	\$ 2,921,549
Student Services	\$ 2,230,476
Institutional Support	\$ 6,169,239
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 2,752,548

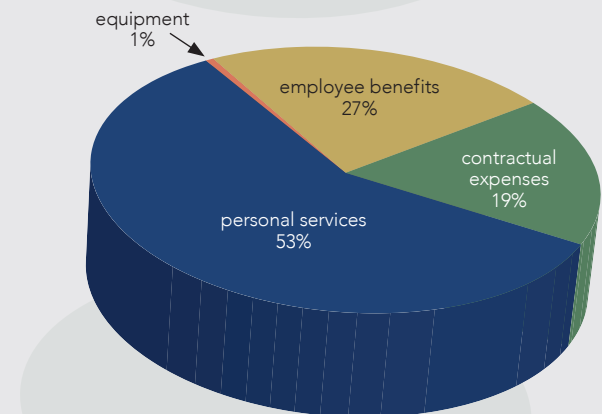
**TOTAL \$ 21,745,451**



## EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

Personal Services	\$ 11,545,226
Equipment	\$ 133,215
Contractual Expenses	\$ 4,240,791
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,826,219

**TOTAL \$21,745,451**





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## Coming Events | [www.herkimer.edu/events](http://www.herkimer.edu/events)

### Accepted Students Day

Wednesday, April 18, 4–6 pm

### College Open House

Saturday, April 7, 10 am–1 pm

[www.herkimer.edu/openhouse](http://www.herkimer.edu/openhouse)

### Robert H. Wood Great Artist Series: Ensemble Aubade

Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. | Sarkus-Busch Theater

[www.herkimer.edu/greatartists](http://www.herkimer.edu/greatartists)

### Commencement

Friday, May 18, 5 pm | Gymnasium

[www.herkimer.edu/commencement](http://www.herkimer.edu/commencement)

### 26th Annual Generals Open Golf Tournament

Monday, June 11, 10 am | Stonebridge Golf and Country Club

[www.herkimer.edu/golf](http://www.herkimer.edu/golf)