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## A MESSAGE FROM THE Foundation Director

**ROBERT FOWLER**

I hope you've enjoyed the summer! They go by so quickly and before we know it, we're welcoming the students back for another year. As the new academic year begins, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the Foundation.

We held the first Green and Gold Event in support of the newly created endowment for athletics. Our special guests that evening, Mookie Wilson, Bill Buckner and Robert Channing, were tremendous and we all came away pleased with the results. I am optimistic that the event can become an annual fundraiser for the Foundation to benefit many aspects of the College.

Our efforts to locate and establish relationships with alumni continue, and with each day we make progress. We've begun hosting alumni events locally and are making plans to host similar events throughout the state.

Certainly our biggest challenge as we move forward is with fundraising. As we meet and connect with our alumni and friends in the corporate world, it is our goal to see donations increase, thereby putting the Foundation in prime position to play a more significant role in the development of our students, as well as the College.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year for Herkimer College and the Herkimer County College Foundation, and I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Rob Fowler, Executive Director



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# From the President

**DR. CATHLEEN C. MCCOLGIN**

Dear Alumni and Friends of Herkimer College,

Let me begin by saying how honored I am to have the opportunity to serve as the fourth president of Herkimer County Community College.

What attracted me to Herkimer were the institution's solid foundation and reputation as a leader in online learning, residential life and athletics. What impressed me during the search process were the dedicated faculty, staff and board members, as well as the wonderful students and alumni I encountered during my visits. Since arriving in June, I have learned much about the college, its strengths, opportunities and challenges. The most notable quality that continues to amaze me is the people—genuine, caring and spirited people who have a strong desire to see the College and community thrive.



So it was not at all surprising when this past summer we learned that Herkimer College had been ranked second best community college (out of 39) in New York State by Schools.com. The ranking was based on a variety of metrics including student-to-faculty ratio, distance education participation, affordability, flexibility, graduation rates, retention rates and transfer rates, all criteria that are considered in the decisions we make each and every day. Though we know that Herkimer is an incredible value and delivers a premier educational experience, the public recognition is wonderful and it affirms the dedication of our faculty and staff to ensuring quality academic programs and services.

We are proud of our institution's accomplishments, but the most important point of pride is really you—our alumni. With more than 20,000 graduates, the success stories abound. I hope to personally meet many of you and learn what makes you proud to call Herkimer College your alma mater.

Warm Regards,



Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.

Approximately 95 sixth grade students and their teachers from Herkimer Elementary School visited Herkimer College in June. They learned about academic programs and career opportunities, toured campus and walked the Nature Trail, and enjoyed recreational activities and games at Wehrum Stadium. They also had an opportunity to meet President Cathleen McColgin on her third day on campus. Pictured with President McColgin and the General Herkimer mascot are several of the students from the group.



# Landing a Dream Job at ESPN

**BRYAN METZGER '06, STAGE MANAGER AT ESPN**

**ESPN. THE NAME EVOKES IMAGES OF SPORTS-TELEVISION, SPORTS RADIO, EVERYTHING SPORTS. YET FOR BRYAN METZGER '06, ESPN IS MORE THAN JUST SPORTS—IT'S HIS JOB.**

"I'm the stage manager at ESPN," Metzger explains. "I'm very hands on, making sure everything is in its place...I'm mostly behind the scenes."

"I'm in charge of every aspect of the studio. The anchors look to me for guidance. If someone makes a noise, or if someone isn't in the right place, it's my responsibility. ESPN is a sports network; we are constantly adapting in today's culture and we pride ourselves on delivering a fun, entertaining, and professional product. It's my job to make sure the talent is always comfortable." Is the stress level high? Metzger admits that the studio can be a demanding place. "It's my responsibility to make sure the anchors have [the information they need] and that they don't end up looking funny or silly on camera. The stress is something you learn to live with. It's ok."

Metzger did not have the straightest road to ESPN. Before attending Herkimer he served in the Marines. "I was in Iraq twice. When I got home, I... wanted to get away from work for a while; to go to college. I was older than most students; older than the 18 year olds and 19 year olds, so that was interesting."

Metzger chose Herkimer, and he has never regretted that choice. "HCCC and my photo tech degree helped get me in the door [of ESPN]. It was very important."

Photography professor Gale Farley remembers Metzger vividly from this time. "He was not too long out of the Marines, and I thought he was a bit

guarded, like he might of thought that he did not fit in with the average students. It took a little while for him to open up, and get into the program, but he did."

Ironically, Metzger did not play sports at Herkimer. "I spent most of my time in the photo lab," he admits. Metzger recalls Farley influencing him greatly. "He opened my eyes to what you can do with photography. A selfie is a selfie, right? But Professor Farley showed me how to make a photo stunning."

Professor Emeritus Janice Jenny also influenced Metzger. "She is a great person, with great knowledge and a great heart," he recalls.



At Herkimer, Metzger grew from a young man finding his way, to a person ready to succeed. "By the time he completed the program he was a good student, a class leader with a positive outlook and a plan to go on with his education and his future," Farley explains. "I feel privileged to have been a part of his journey and am very proud of his accomplishments. I truly enjoyed the time I spent with him."

From Herkimer, Metzger attended SUNY Polytechnic, where he earned a degree in



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Business Administration and Management. "I would recommend to every student to go on and get a bachelor's degree," he says. "HCCC and my associate's degree were a good building block. It's what got me in the door [at ESPN]. But I still needed a bachelor's degree to fulfill the position requirements. In today's world, you need to have at least a bachelor's degree, even a master's degree. Don't let anyone tell you to stop after earning your two-year degree."

Even after earning his bachelor's degree, however, Metzger did not simply land a job with ESPN. He worked as an associate manager at Hertz car rental for a few years, then set his sights on ESPN. "I went on a tour of the ESPN studios and fell in love with the culture, the work," he explains. "I love sports."

He then began applying to ESPN—for two years. "I had an interview in commercial communications as an on air promotions coordinator," he recounts. "I didn't get that job, but they liked me." About six months later, ESPN contacted him for another position in the same department. "I worked for 30 hours a week. I had to prove myself." Another three months later, the company hired him full-time.

From these humble beginnings, Metzger moved up to television production. From there, he could have become a producer. But he chose directing, explaining, "Producers create and develop content, then schedule a rundown (show guideline). I'm more hands-on; I want to direct what it looks like. Directors interpret and execute the rundown to deliver a story that is aesthetically pleasing and fulfilling to the viewer. I chose the path of directing because my passion for film and leadership allow me to put my creativity on air. I'm rarely in front of the camera, but I often say, 'any closer to the camera, and I am in front of it.'"

"My hands-on style and work ethic has made me very successful in the studio directing field," Metzger admits. "I'm an average guy who works with professional athletes and movie stars. Working with these people has given me self-fulfillment that a regular job would not. I feel so successful, coming out of HCCC and SUNY Polytechnic, and everything. If you take it seriously and work hard, you can go into television, or whatever you want. You can do anything."

# Making a Difference

**DENNIS BARRY '88** CO-FOUNDER OF FOODBRIDGE



## GET INVOLVED: MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

FOR DENNIS BARRY, THESE WORDS SUM UP HIS TIME AT HERKIMER COLLEGE, AS WELL AS HIS CURRENT LIFE CONNECTING RESTAURANT EXCESS WITH HUNGRY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. "A NEED EXISTED, SO WE FOUND A WAY TO ANSWER THAT NEED," HE EXPLAINS. "IN THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE GONE FROM A THOUGHT – CONVERSATION – TO EFFECTING MORE THAN 20,000 MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY IN APRIL ALONE."

FoodBridge was a partnership between four individuals who recognized the sheer amount of food thrown into landfills daily by restaurants, while organizations struggled to feed the hungry. Today, instead of throwing out the food, restaurants, distributors, and those with potential food waste can sign up and list it on [www.myfoodbridge.org](http://www.myfoodbridge.org). Qualified donation recipients instantly "claim" the food, scheduling pickup within hours – a lightning pace compared to traditional donation methods.

Barry earned an A.A.S. degree in Travel & Tourism. As president of the Student Senate and a student member of the Board of Trustees, he is indebted to the inspiration of college faculty and staff.

"My influences were many at HCCC," Barry said. "Dean Campo influenced me to get involved and to lead by example; Tom LaPuma had an incredible vision for an NJCAA Athletic Program and showed me humility in all that he attempted. Dr. Dougherty,

my sociology professor, opened my eyes to the issues that can be debated. Coach Paul Wehrum had an infectious intensity, commitment, and loyalty about everything he did. Then incoming president Dr. Ronald Williams also had a tremendous impact on me. He was an effective leader, committed to making HCCC the best it could be, both academically and athletically."

After college, Barry worked for Trans World Airlines as a corporate speaker, then entered the food industry, utilizing skills he had learned at Herkimer. Today Barry is the director of marketing for H&M Wagner Foodservice in Maryland, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Restaurant Association of Maryland.

Before organizations can qualify for FoodBridge, they must pass a vetting process to assure they will not misuse the resources they receive. "Our vetting process has attracted attention," Barry

admits. "We met with The United Way, and we're going to be speaking with an individual from the State House of Representatives in Annapolis. They heard about us and are interested in our work."

Barry credits Herkimer College with his current success. "HCCC allowed me an opportunity to grow personally, as well as be influenced by good people at one of the most impressionable times in my life. It gave me the foundation to become who I am today by giving me the tools necessary to believe I am here to help make a difference."



# Excelling and Not Stopping

MILISSA CARTER '98 PURSUES HER GOALS

**MILISSA CARTER, HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN LEAVING HER MARK WITH A PROGRESSIVE CAREER.** After 15 years with Accenture Health and Public Service, Carter has consistently been a top performer, moving through the ranks and excelling as a senior manager. However, she's not stopping there. Her ambition is lofty: making managing partner within the firm that she has worked so hard for. To Carter, though, the work is worth it.

"I've always enjoyed the healthcare industry," she says, but becoming a medical professional was not her first choice after graduating with a degree in finance. However, Carter's work allows her to create solutions for people in need, something that she finds very important. "This is a great position for me because I still get to have a positive impact on society," she explains. "I could have turned to so many other industries to work in, but I wouldn't get that same value."

Accenture has given her a platform to make a difference, and Carter has an obvious passion for the organization and her work as a consultant.

"We look to drive our global market approach in how we are going to help our healthcare clients get a leading edge, to make

change in an environment, and react to the change in an environment that is highly dependent on regulatory changes as well as consumer choices, making sure that we are building the tools, the technology, and the resources," she says.

While maintaining an interesting career, Carter's focus is still on her family. One positive aspect of her job in particular is the schedule flexibility. "An average day for me starts around 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., but that lets me have breakfast with my boys

every morning, which is super exciting for me." Her two young sons play multiple sports and keep the whole family busy with activities. "I consider myself a soccer mom outside of my working hours," she says with a laugh.

Not only does she stay invested in her sons' lives, but she teaches them to invest themselves in others' lives through volunteer work. With involvement in opportunities through her church, a recent election to the Ritchfield, MN baseball board, the local ARC, and more, she often includes her children so she can expose them to volunteer opportunities. Carter also is active in Dress For Success, a nonprofit venture providing professional support for disadvantaged women across America through mock interviews, communications courses and workshops in St. Paul, MN.

So how does this successful businesswoman-slash-mother-slash-socially active volunteer manage to juggle everything? "You can have it all, you just can't have it all at the same time." Carter stresses. "You need to prioritize. More than anything, you

**"Being able to adapt yourself to making sure you can accomplish your goals—that's what makes people successful."**

need to get yourself comfortable with where your priorities lie." Her decisions for her family may have had an effect on her career progression, but she doesn't see that as a compromise. "Every choice that I've made, I still fully support because of my priorities and where I want to be—which is at home with my boys—but still have the opportunity for a challenging career and have the opportunity to grow my career."

To Carter, success is all about the choices you make.



# Defining Success

FROM COLLEGE STUDENT TO PARTNER IN THE LARGEST MIDDLE MARKET ACCOUNTING, TAX, AND CONSULTING FIRM IN THE US, **MICHAEL FANELLI '01** HAS MOVED UPWARD QUICKLY IN LIFE.

In October, 2014, Fanelli was promoted to partner at McGladrey, LLP. "I am now an owner in the company," he explains. "I lead merger and acquisition due diligence projects, key companywide initiatives, people management, all as a partner in the fifth largest accounting, tax and consulting firm in the US." Fanelli is also one of the youngest partners of the firm. "You have to deliver quality work and interface well with clients, develop team members and promote yourself, too, as well as management taking notice of you... It's really a people business, the higher you go.

"I went from associate to manager to director...less than 10 percent of the professionals within the firm become partners. I'm honored to be a partner now."

As a child, Fanelli admits that he was always "on the number side of things," and in high school, he took a college accounting class. However, it was at Herkimer College that accounting caught his eye. "My baseball coach, Henry Testa, was also my accounting professor," Fanelli explains. "I asked him a lot of

questions... I ran a lot of things by him, and he really influenced me."

"Michael was a wonderful student and a terrific guy," said Associate Dean Emeritus Hank Testa. "I knew immediately that he would be a huge success in the business or accounting fields. He was a very hard worker and was never satisfied with anything less than perfection, an

**"I credit my hometown [Endicott, NY], my family, HCCC and Binghamton University for getting where I am today."**

Michael Fanelli '01

exceptional athlete in both soccer and baseball... In class Michael was inquisitive. He always wanted to know why, not just how. He was the kind of student-athlete a professor and coach dreams of... selfless, friendly, hard-working and of course, extremely bright. If I had a son, I would hope that he turned out to be just like Michael."

After graduating from Herkimer in 2001, Fanelli transferred to Binghamton University where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, and then became a certified public accountant.

"I always thought I'd become a CPA, but I had no idea I would be where I am today," he admits. "Right out of college I started out within the audit practice at one of the Big Four accounting firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Subsequently, I became a controller of a middle market business and then started with McGladrey LLP in 2006, within the Transaction Advisory

Services ("TAS") practice." McGladrey is the fifth largest accounting firm in the US, as well as the largest such firm to target the middle market.

Fanelli sums it up this way. "I'm only 34 years old, and I'm a partner at a very credible firm. I credit my hometown [Endicott, NY], my family, HCCC and Binghamton University for getting where I am today. With hard work and dedication, you can get to where you want to be quickly."

# Soccer Player's Work Ethic Pays Off

JASON DOI '06, VICE PRESIDENT, AXA ADVISORS

NOT EVERY PATH TO SUCCESS IS A CLEAR ONE. FOR JASON DOI, IT TOOK A FEW TURNS.



Jason Doi played a major role for the Herkimer Generals soccer team in 1998 and 1999. He is pictured at the new One World Observatory holding up four fingers for the #4 Pete campaign in honor of Herkimer soccer standout Pete McAvoy who passed away in 2014.

Originally a physical education major in the late 90's, Doi returned to Herkimer in the summer of '05 to take one last class to complete his degree in General Studies. Doi was recruited to Herkimer, as a soccer player, several years earlier.

Soccer coach Pepe Aragon remembers Doi fondly as a member of the 1998 and 1999 teams, where he played a major role in helping them win the national championship in '99. "I am not surprised at all of his current success. He continues to take the work ethic he had on the field to his business world. He is a class act and I am proud to have coached him." That work ethic has transferred well into his new career as a financial planner in New York City.

"AXA is the world's largest insurance company, number one insurance brand six years in a row," Doi explains. We do holistic financial planning, so everything on the financial spectrum... I oversee a team of advisors, not only assisting my clients with their goals for either retirement or protection, but I'm also building a team." So, how did this former PE major end up as vice president of the largest insurance firm in the world?

After Herkimer, Doi moved around a bit and attended a few different schools. Nothing really worked out. "I didn't know what I wanted to do. I moved down to New York City in 2005 at the age of 25, really just for some opportunity."

He found opportunity in the form of a small, independent brokerage firm. At first, it seemed like a place to earn a paycheck while he searched for a "real job" until Doi realized what he could do in the industry. "I saw somebody make a lot of money in one phone call. It really changed my life at that point, and I took that opportunity seriously." From then on, Doi studied everything he could to learn more, opened more accounts than anyone else in the firm over one summer, and was recruited by MetLife financial



planning group. For seven years, he built a successful business with MetLife and was eventually contacted by AXA.

Doi wasn't looking for another job when AXA contacted him because he'd become successful already, separating himself in his field with important designations and building an impressive reputation. In the insurance industry, designations mark you as a standout, and Doi had already earned his LUTCF, CRPC, and RICP.

AXA waited 13 months for him to accept their offer. He still remembers his first meeting with the managing director: "It's funny when you have an interview for a job that, one, you don't want, and two, you don't need—you can go in and say whatever you want. So I went in and gave him an earful of how I felt about the industry. What I liked and what I didn't like, managers I've had that I liked or didn't like. After I gave my spiel or rant or whatever it would have been, he looked at the recruiter—I remember the look on his face—and he said "Wow, this guy's a manager." From that point they were pursuing me for eventually the vice president role: to come in, not only still doing what I was doing and working with clients and assisting them, but now to build the team, now to bring in young advisors and share my enthusiasm and my stories and the ways that I've done it." It was just over a year from his beginnings at the company to

his title as vice president. "I moved up quickly once I was here at AXA because I had thought out all the steps that I was going to take prior to making the move. I came here with the mindset that that's the position I was working for."

**"IF I OPEN UP THE WINDOW OF MY OFFICE AND YELL OUT "WHO WANTS TO BE THEIR OWN BOSS AND MAKE SIX FIGURES?" EVERYBODY IS GOING TO SAY YES AND RAISE THEIR HANDS. BUT WHO ACTUALLY HAS THE DISCIPLINE, THE WORK ETHIC? WHO'S NOT GOING TO GIVE UP UNTIL THAT'S A REALITY?"**

While he's clearly dedicated to his work, Doi makes time to play soccer in a city league, even escaping to his hometown of Oneonta every now and then. "I love to get out of the city, especially in the summertime—get back to wearing sandals and baggy shorts, smell the fresh cut grass and the barbecue grill—there's nothing like it!" As for Herkimer, he also makes it a point to return whenever possible. "Playing with the team and playing with Pep, it was a great experience," he says. "I still make it up for alumni games as often as I can, almost every year. It's a great family to be a part of."

# Herkimer College Welcomes President McColgin

With a passion for education, and particularly for community colleges, Dr. Cathleen McColgin is clearly in the right place. Appointed earlier in the year as the fourth president of Herkimer County Community College, McColgin officially began her tenure on June 1, 2015.

As a first generation college student and a graduate of two community colleges, as well as having spent 27 years as a faculty member and administrator at Cayuga and Onondaga Community Colleges, McColgin is personally aware of the critical role community colleges play in transforming lives. “I am passionate about education . . . Further, I am passionate about community colleges, the mission of our institutions, and the opportunities we provide for the citizens of our communities,” said McColgin.

In advance of her official arrival on campus, McColgin conducted a “listening tour” during which she learned as much as she could about the College and the community. “I learned about what makes Herkimer unique—the many excellent

programs and student support, our ability to draw students from 20 countries around the world, and to offer a full college experience at the two-year level. I learned of the tremendous economic impact the College has on Herkimer County—75 million dollars annually according to the most recent economic impact study,” she said. But what has made the biggest impression on McColgin during her first months at Herkimer is the people. “The trustees, faculty, staff and alumni are very passionate and proud of the College. They have a genuine love for and commitment to the College and our students,” she said.

McColgin and her husband, Bob, are renting a home in the village of Herkimer and have enjoyed getting acclimated to the community. “The community here has been so welcoming. Bob and I have enjoyed exploring—it is a beautiful area with so much history. And we have met wonderful people—genuine, caring and spirited people who have a strong desire to see the community thrive.”

As for McColgin’s plans for the future of Herkimer College, she is taking time to learn as much as possible about the College and the community before making any major changes or formulating priorities for the future. “This certainly is an exciting time for the Mohawk Valley with new



Dr. McColgin was welcomed to the community at the Genesis Group’s Gems of Distinction event held in June at the Gems Along the Mohawk. Pictured from left: Genesis Group President Gene Quadraro, Dr. McColgin, Herkimer County Legislature Chair Vincent J. Bono, owner of Gems Along the Mohawk and Genesis Group board member Dr. Renee Scialdo Shevat and Genesis Group Executive Director Raymond Durso Jr.



## DR. MCCOLGIN’S DEGREES

A.A.S. IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY  
WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
(ANN ARBOR, MI)

A.A.S. IN NURSING  
CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

B.S. AND M.S. IN NURSING  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

PH.D. IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

initiatives at nearby SUNY Poly and the Griffiss Business Park, as well as the success of the Utica Comets, and the possibility of the MV500 funding. This all presents great potential for the entire region. I’m looking forward to being a part of it and to facilitating Herkimer College’s role in responding to and meeting the educational needs of the region, and specifically Herkimer County,” said McColgin.

Dr. Cathleen C. McColgin previously served as provost and senior vice president at Onondaga Community College from 2008 to 2015, where she was responsible for providing leadership and oversight of all educational services including academic departments and programs, faculty

professional development, student academic support services, and instructional design and delivery.

Dr. McColgin also served as provost of Cayuga Community College’s Fulton Campus from 2001 to 2008, and as a faculty member and coordinator of the Nursing Arts Laboratory at Cayuga Community College from 1988 to 2001. A registered nurse, Dr. McColgin served as an officer in the United States Army Reserve as a member of the 376th Combat Support Hospital, obtaining the rank of captain. She has served on several college-wide, SUNY-wide, and local community boards and committees and is an evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.



## 47th Annual Commencement

Herkimer College celebrated its 47th class with a traditional on-campus ceremony on Friday, May 15. A total of 571 students earned degrees and certificates, 120 completely online through the Internet Academy. Dayonna Williams, a Sports & Recreation Management major from Bronx, NY, delivered the commencement address and said,

**“It is honestly true that you can be anything you want to be. All it takes is you!”**

Special awards presented included the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence received by Korey Bunal of Rome, NY and Rhiannon Steele of Little Falls, NY. They were among 256 students from 64 SUNY campuses with an average GPA of 3.8 to receive this prestigious award. Also recognized were John J. Boland of Rhinebeck, NY, Victoria K. Campanian from Glenfield, NY and Benjamin D. Polk from the United Kingdom for receiving the Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award. Only 83 students from throughout New York State received the honor in recognition of a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement.



**47th**  
class  
**571**  
degrees &  
certificates  
awarded

## Woudenberg RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD

Controller Jackie Woudenberg received the 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Woudenberg joined the Herkimer College staff in 1983. She is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all details of the finances of the College and for the oversight of the offices of the Bursar, Payroll, Purchasing and Finance. Sixty members of Herkimer's faculty and staff have earned the Chancellor's Award for Excellence over the years. Award recipients' names are engraved on a plaque in the Robert McLaughlin College Center. A certificate and Chancellor's Excellence medallion are bestowed upon each honoree to commemorate selection.

## Athletic Hall of Fame to Induct Class of 2015

Herkimer College will induct five individuals and one team into the Athletic Hall of on Friday, October 2, 2015, as part of the College's Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a strolling dinner and cash bar, induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m. followed by a social hour with dessert. The cost is \$40 per person. For reservations, contact the Herkimer County College Foundation Office at shepardta@herkimer.edu or 315.866.0300 ext. 8459.

**The Class of 2015 includes:**  
**Pepe Aragon '91**  
Men's Soccer

**P. J. Henriques**  
1988 and 1989 Men's Nordic Ski Team and National Champion in the Men's Nordic 10K

**Charlie Laquay**  
Technical Assistant, Athletic Department 1989-2000

**Sarah Lazarus '08**  
Multi-Sport Athlete, 2005-2008 (cross country, track, basketball, lacrosse and indoor track)

**Paul Wehrum**  
Head Men's Lacrosse Coach, 1980-2003

**1988 Men's Lacrosse Team**  
Program's First Ever National Championship





**About the Athletic Endowment:**

The Herkimer Generals athletic program is incredibly successful with teams regularly competing at the national level. Regularly competing nationally means considerable expenses. Colleges in the NJCAA are prohibited from spending operating dollars on intercollegiate athletics, so for Herkimer, the cost is passed on to students in the form of student fees and fundraising. Additionally, like many two-year colleges, in recent years, Herkimer has experienced a decrease in enrollment resulting in reduced student fee revenue. At the same time, travel costs continue to increase. To support the Generals' participation in post-season play, the Herkimer County College Foundation has established an athletic endowment.

For more information about the athletic endowment, contact Rob Fowler at 315-866-0300, ext. 8459.

GREEN & GOLD EVENT FEATURES

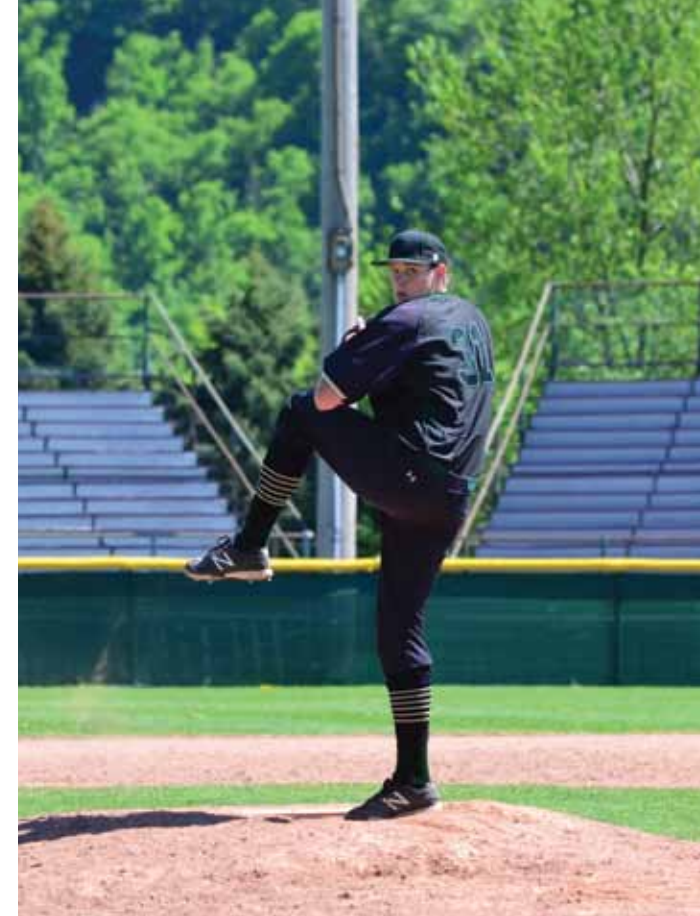
# Mookie Wilson, Bill Buckner and Robert Channing

**NEARLY THREE DECADES AFTER FORMER MAJOR LEAGUERS MOOKIE WILSON AND BILL BUCKNER WERE INVOLVED IN ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN WORLD SERIES HISTORY, THEY APPEARED AT HERKIMER COLLEGE TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE HERKIMER GENERALS ATHLETIC ENDOWMENT.**

More than 200 guests filled the gym on Saturday, May 16 to hear Wilson, the former New York Met, and Buckner, a first baseman for the Boston Red Sox's '86 team, relive their place in Series history. In game six, with Boston one strike away from winning the Series, Wilson hit a ball straight at Buckner. The ball rolled under his glove, ending up in the outfield. The Mets scored the winning run, forcing a game seven the following night which they won to become World Series Champions.

The infamous play was the focus of many questions for Wilson and Buckner, but both seemed to take it all in stride. Throughout the event, the friendship the pair has forged was evident. Wilson and Buckner shared with the audience memories and laughs, and even some advice for parents of college-bound students. "If I had to do it all over again, I would highly encourage [my son] to go to a junior college." Buckner discussed his son Bobby's experience of not getting to play much at his first college, choosing to transfer to a community college where he had more opportunities, and ultimately transferring again to Texas A&M. Buckner also talked about the affordability factor of attending a community college.

Following the conversation with Wilson and Buckner, the crowd was treated to an E.S.P./mind-reading show by mentalist and speed painter Robert Channing who recently became a nationwide household name after competing on *America's Got Talent*.



## Generals Pitcher drafted by Rangers in 26th Round of MLB Draft

Herkimer Generals pitcher Jacob Shortslef was drafted by the Texas Rangers as the 768 overall pick, opting out of going to Lynn University with the opportunity of signing a professional contract in the near future.

Shortslef, a sophomore at Herkimer College, was ninth nationally in batting average against (.157) with a 4-0 record and two saves in 2015. In his last four appearances, the Hannibal, NY native allowed three earned runs in 8 2/3rd, striking out six batters throughout five relief appearances. It helped the Generals to their second consecutive Region III championship and a third place finish at the NJCAA DIII World Series.

"Shortslef is a very projectable pitcher with enormous upside," said Head Baseball Coach Jason Rathbun. "I don't think anyone has seen the best of Jacob yet. We wish him the best of luck as a professional!"

**"If I had to do it all over again, I would highly encourage [my son] to go to a junior college."** ~ Bill Buckner

## MEN'S BASEBALL Coach Rathbun's Best Season Yet

The 2015 season was the best the baseball program has ever produced under Head Coach Jason Rathbun, accumulating 48 wins in 54 games (48-6) along with its fourth third place finish in the NJCAA Division III World Series. Helping the team beat their previous record-high of 41 wins in 2014 was a 33-game win streak which encompassed 34 total days. The streak ended in the opening round of the Region III Final Four, watching the Generals defy the odds and win their next four games in the matter of two days to repeat as regional champions for the first time ever, outscoring their opponents 42-to-16. Helping the Generals to their fourth national tournament appearance was MVP Mike Harrington and All-Tournament members Matt Lichtman and Taishi Terashima. Harrington threw a complete game shutout against Niagara while Terashima hit .480 in the tournament and helped the team come back from an 8-2 deficit against Erie, eventually coming around to score the game-winning run to defeat the Kats 9-8. Lichtman followed with a .571 average, but more importantly turned six double plays which helped stifle offensive attacks.

Herkimer finished third in the World Series, coming a couple lucky breaks from a victory over eventual national champ Tyler, losing 3-2. Five Generals were selected as All-Americans, the most in a season for the baseball program. "This team was really close to bringing a national championship home for Herkimer Baseball," said Rathbun. "It was a great year and we did some incredible things. We spent most of the season ranked #1 in the country, had a long winning streak while being the top team in the country. We had another player drafted into professional baseball. We had a total of five All-Americans, running our total to 16. We made it to our fifth World Series after a memorable run in the regional tournament. It was a year of great memories that I will never forget. I will miss this special group of young men!"



The Herkimer Generals softball team surrounds teammate Taylor Daniels at home plate on the day P.J. Anadio won his 200th career game as head coach for the softball program. Daniels hit two home runs and collected four RBIs in game two of the doubleheader, helping her team defeat the Lazars 9-1 and 15-5 at home. The team also collected their 26th consecutive win during the regular season. It reached 33 consecutive games into nationals.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Consistency is Key to Success

A model for consistency since P.J. Anadio took over as head coach in 2010, the Herkimer Generals softball team appeared in the NJCAA Division III Softball Championship for a fourth consecutive season, finishing as national runner up in back-to-back campaigns. Allowing the team to play in the national tournament was an impressive regional showing, defeating Jefferson and Monroe Community Colleges a combined 29-to-5.

At the regional tournament, freshman Dana Nicoletti and sophomore Brittany Ormond each earned wins on the mound, and were also productive at the plate. Nicoletti threw a two hit shutout against the Cannoneers, then came back and threw Herkimer's very next game, notching her 11th win of the season after throwing her 12th complete game. Ormond then started in the regional championship, saving her best outing against the Tribunes. The right hander pitched a three hit shutout against one of the better offenses in the nation, collecting her eighth win and sixth complete game in the process. Offensively, Nicoletti scored three runs off of seven hits while driving in two runs. Ormond scored two runs on three hits which drove in four.

At the national tournament - like regionals - Herkimer handled their opponents, outscoring them 25 to 13. The closest game came against rival Hudson Valley, needing a

walk off hit from sophomore Karintha Myslivecek to defeat the Vikings 5-4, giving the Generals a 3-0 record over the conference rival in 2015. Both losses however came against Rock Valley.

The success the softball team had on the field was matched off it with five All-Region, two All-Americans and a Conference Coach of the Year award. First team All-Region selections were Kayla Bancroft, Elyssa LeBaron, Karintha Myslivecek and Brittany Ormond. The second team member was freshman Taylor Daniels. Of the five, Ormond and LeBaron earned spots as All-Americans. Ormond was a first team and LeBaron was a second team nomination. The Conference Coach of the Year award was awarded to Anadio, making it his fourth time receiving the honor.

"Consistency is a direct result of a strong foundation and support," said Anadio. "So many people believe in and help carry out the mission of who we are and what we stand for as a softball program. This program is built on the ideals of competition breeding greatness on the field, being great off the field in our community and in the classroom, all while maintaining a high level of integrity both on and off the field. Without the support of the College's administration, faculty, staff, families, former players, my coaching staff and especially my family, none of this is possible!"

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Young Team Wins Regionals, Takes Fourth at Nationals

National Tournament appearances are becoming routine for the Herkimer Generals men's basketball team, competing against the best of the NJCAA Division III in four of the past six seasons. Head Coach Matt Lee has found a formula his opponents have no answer for, collecting three consecutive Region III championships (13', 14' & 15') despite annual roster changes. Case in point, the 2015 team had four new starters from the 2014 squad, but it didn't stop them from an eventual number two national ranking by the first week of February. Helping Herkimer to that feat were two long win streaks of 11 and 13 games going into playoffs with a 26-3 record. Take out losses from Division II opponents, and the team went 26-1 in the regular season.

Herkimer's solid play continued into the regional playoff tournament, defeating opponents by an average score of 9.3 points. At Nationals, Herkimer captured fourth place with an overtime win over Sandhills (75-74). Lee's second fourth place finish at Nationals concluded with three All-Conference, three All-Region and one All-American selection. "We have an established basketball program which has turned into a basketball family by recruiting dedicated student-athletes who have long term goals," said Lee. "Our coaching staff and players will continue to work hard to accomplish the ultimate goal of a second national championship for the program and its fans."

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Best Season in Recent History

In just his fourth season, Head Men's Lacrosse Coach Jamie Ireland was named Mountain Valley Conference and Region III Coach of the Year, helping the Herkimer Generals to a playoff berth and 9-4 record.

Ireland, a former All-American and national champion under legendary coach Paul Wehrum, made his coaching debut for the Generals in 2012. In just a couple of seasons, he brought success back to the program, not losing a conference game (3-0) and accumulating a season-high seven wins from the middle of March to the middle of April. With key wins against Dean and SUNY Delhi in that span,



The Herkimer Generals men's basketball team won their third consecutive Region III Championship at Finger Lakes Community College in February. The team defeated Fulton-Montgomery 65-50 in the opening round, Finger Lakes 65-59 in the semis and Mohawk Valley in the championship 74-67, all in the matter of three days. The Generals have knocked the Hawks out of the Region III Tournament each of the past three seasons and finished fourth, seventh and third at nationals during that time.



Herkimer was ranked seventh in the nation. Ireland and his team never dropped out of the top 10 ranking from that point capturing a regional playoff victory in dramatic fashion with an 11-10 win over SUNY Delhi in overtime at Wehrum Stadium in the quarterfinals, sweeping the Broncos in the process.

"I was proud of my team throughout the season," said Head Coach Jamie Ireland. "These young men had a team goal back in January, and never gave up on it. They played hard each day, and I couldn't have asked more from this group of young gentlemen!"

HERKIMER GENERALS REPEAT AS  
**NATYCAA Cup Winners**

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE HERKIMER GENERALS ATHLETIC PROGRAM HAS WON THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF TWO YEAR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS (NATYCAA) CUP, KEEPING HERKIMER RANKED FIRST IN THE NATION AMONG NJCAA NON-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.



Herkimer has finished in the top five of the NATYCAA Cup since its inception 11 years ago.

Herkimer also finished third in the standings for the 2014-2015 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.

Herkimer has finished in the top five of the NATYCAA Cup since its inception 11 years ago. With 152 points, Herkimer topped Nassau County Community College (148), Suffolk County Community College (135.5) and Mohawk Valley Community College (129.5).

Helping the Generals to this national recognition were national competition finishes by 11 of the 19 teams. They included a second place national finish by softball; third place by men's soccer, women's soccer and baseball; fourth place by men's basketball; sixth place by women's bowling; eighth place by men's track & field; ninth place by women's cross country and women's swimming & diving; and two 10th place finishes by men's cross country and women's track & field.

Herkimer also had one individual national championship by Victoria Campanian, five Region III team championships, four individual Region III championships by Campanian,

Maxine Grogan, Sam Morrett and Jack Minasi and seven Mountain Valley Conference Team Championships (men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's swimming & diving, baseball, men's lacrosse and softball).

Athletic Director Donald Dutcher said, "I am extremely proud of our student-athletes and coaches for winning this award. Our coaches put a lot of time and effort into recruiting the right student-athletes to play for the Generals. When students come to Herkimer they buy into our philosophy and the mission of the athletic department. This award has been a goal of ours since I arrived as the athletic director in 2004. To be the best, you have to surround yourself with the best, and I feel



Herkimer College Athletic Director Donald Dutcher accepts the NATYCAA Cup from NATYCAA President and Tyler College Athletic Director Tim Drain and NJCAA Executive Director Mary Ellen Leicht at the 2015 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics & Affiliates Convention in Orlando, FL.

we truly have that at Herkimer with our coaches, student-athletes, professors, administration and staff. It is a total institutional effort."

President Cathleen McColgin said, "I commend Don Dutcher and the entire athletic department for their commitment and efforts to sustain an outstanding nationally-recognized athletic program. I am also very proud of our student-athletes who dedicate so much time and effort to excel in their respective sports."

The NATYCAA is the professional organization of two year college athletic administrators dedicated to the continuing growth and development of two-year college athletics and the individuals involved through an exchange of information, monitoring of legislation, promotion of academic excellence, increasing communication between organizations, and encouraging a high degree of integrity in all endeavors.

## Herkimer College is Ranked Second Best Community College by Schools.com

Herkimer College has been ranked second best community college in New York State by Schools.com.

Schools.com ranked 39 community colleges in New York State, each of which is administrated by the City University of New York (CUNY) or State University of New York (SUNY) system. The schools were ranked based on the following metrics for the 2013-2014 academic year:

- Student-to-faculty ratio
- Distance education participation
- Affordability of tuition
- Flexibility
- Graduation rates
- Retention rates
- Transfer rates

Herkimer College President Cathleen C. McColgin said "This recognition affirms the dedication of our faculty and staff to ensuring quality academic programs and services and a premier educational experience for our students."

The Schools.com article "Best Community Colleges in New York" is available at <http://www.schools.com/articles/top-community-colleges-in-new-york>. Schools.com is owned and operated by QuinStreet, Inc., a publicly traded corporation that operates a vertical marketing and media online business in the United States and internationally.

## Save the Date!

We will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Herkimer College throughout the 2016-17 academic year. While many of the activities and events are in the early planning stages, **we want you to save the dates now!**

*50th Anniversary*  
**Herkimer**  
**FALL FEST & ALUMNI WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30–  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016**

The weekend will feature several special anniversary themed events and activities and reunite alumni, faculty, staff and friends with each other and the College. **Please plan to join us for the celebration of this important milestone!**

## alumni where are you?

**WITH THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERKIMER COLLEGE APPROACHING NEXT YEAR, WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOST ALUMNI.**

We have a special interest in locating alumni who attended classes in the factory buildings in Ilion. If you know alumni who do not receive this magazine, please share their contact information with us at [alumni@herkimer.edu](mailto:alumni@herkimer.edu) or share this article with them and ask them to contact us. Alumni updates can also be called in to the Foundation Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8459 or mailed to: Foundation Office, Herkimer College, 100 Reservoir Rd, Herkimer, NY 13350.

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# In Memoriam

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

**Janice Springer**, 59, of Ilion, NY passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2015. She retired in 2010 with 26 years of dedicated service to Herkimer College as a systems technician in Network Services. Janice received her education at Mohawk School and Herkimer County Community College. She is survived by her husband Christopher, and a son John who resides in San Francisco, CA. She truly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and was active in establishing the Hector Springer Open Golf Tournament, which supported working for a cure for bone cancer.

## Class of 1975

**Ralph R. Tardugno**, age 60, of Utica, NY passed away peacefully in the company of his brothers and sisters on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Albany Medical Center. He was born in Rome, NY on February 18, 1955 son of the late Frank M. Bocci and Santina Anzelmo Tardugno. Ralph was a graduate of Rome Catholic High School Class of 1975 and Herkimer County Community College. He was a Stock Broker representing a number of firms in the area. Ralph was a long time active member and former Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Utica. He was an avid cook, golfer, NY Yankees fan and NY Giants fan. Ralph enjoyed spending time with family and friends was known for his kind heart, generosity and amazing sense of humor.

## Class of 1977

**Frederick A. Jasiewicz**, 64, of Rome, NY passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at the Leo Center for Caring, in Rochester, NY. He was born in Utica on July 25, 1950 to Stanley and Frances Barley Jasiewicz. He was raised by his grandparents in Grant, NY and graduated from Poland High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from SUNYIT after attending Herkimer County Community College. He enlisted in the United States Army from 1970-1972 where he served in the 1st Battalion, 13th Armored Division. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, Fred received an Army Commendation medal for organizing Boy Scout Troop 224 and serving as assistant Boy Scout Master. Fred was employed by the United States Postal Service as a mail handler in Utica retiring in 2009 after 28 years of service. On November 30, 1991 Fred was united in marriage to Kathryn Roelse.

## Class of 1978

**Kathy Graf-Procopio**, 56, of Newport Beach, CA, passed away at her home on Friday, April 10, 2015. Kathy was born and raised in West Orange, NJ and New Hartford, NY. Kathy graduated in the Class of 1976 from New Hartford High School and went on to receive her degree from Herkimer County Community College in 1978. She also received a Doctor of Theology Degree from STBC in Anaheim, CA. Aside from her successful business and ministerial aspirations, Kathy was also an established singer, pianist

and gospel song writer. She is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 32 years, Mario Procopio.

## Class of 1979

**Robert S. Harris**, TFT-DX, Ph.D., 55 of Frankfort, NY passed away Thursday, May 7, 2015 with his family by his side. He was born in Ilion, NY on October 22, 1959, the son of the late Robert and Theresa Burberio Harris. He attended Frankfort schools and graduated with the class of 1977. He went on to attend Herkimer County Community College and SUNYIT where he obtained his Ph.D. He was a New York State Education Department certified Professor of Biology, Chemistry and General Science at Mount Markham, Herkimer College, Utica College and Notre Dame for many years. He was a holistic natural health and nutrition practitioner and a Certified Energy Psychology practitioner. He was a member of the Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department for 31 years, where he served as the department secretary. He served with the Red Cross and was head lifeguard at the Frankfort Pool.

## Class of 1993

**Donna A. Shipman**, 60, of West Winfield, NY passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Bassett Medical Center with her family by her side. She was born on September 25, 1954, in Norwich, NY, the daughter of John Jack Parks Sr. and Anna Grant. Donna was a graduate of Sauquoit Valley High School and Herkimer County Community College. On December 24, 2012, she was united in marriage to David Hailston. Donna was a vice president and regional manager with NBT Bank of Cooperstown. She was the first female member of the Rotary Club of West Winfield and a member of the Rotary Club of Cooperstown. Donna was also named a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary during her tenure. She was a longtime volunteer at the West Winfield Library, a board member of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and a board member at the Folts Homes in Herkimer.

## Class of 1997

**Daniel J. Goldberg**, 58, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. He was born in Staten Island on December 20, 1956, the son of Joseph and the late Gertrude Pottash and attended three schools there. On May 30, 2010, he was united in marriage with Roberta Everson. Dan was employed for 30 years with Verizon as an Information Technician, retiring in 2013. Dan enjoyed camp, NASCAR, was an avid Yankees and Giants fan, and was active in his church.

**Lawrence P. Cassella**, 38, of Brooklyn, formerly of Herkimer passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at Beth Israel Hospital, New York, with his loving family by his side. He was born on July 9, 1976, in Ilion, the son of Richard J. and Kathleen A. (Ciano) Cassella. Larry was a graduate of Herkimer High School and furthered

his education at Herkimer County Community College. At the age of 21 he discovered his passion for dance, which led him to SUNY Brockport, graduating in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. Lawrence danced for such luminaries as Kraig Patterson, Daniel Charon, Faye Driscoll, Doug Varone, Jeremy Nelson, Netta Yerushaimy, Melissa Briggs, Katie Workum, Karinne Keithley and Ivy Baldwin.

## Class of 2001

**Kevin P. Rorke**, 59, passed away on February 6, 2015. He was born in Albany, NY on March 15, 1955. Through many endeavors Kevin strived to succeed and enjoy every experience to its fullest. He was a volunteer at heart and persistently worked for both organized and self-initiated efforts.

## Class of 2002

**Judy J. Ludemann**, 68 of West Winfield, passed away, Thursday, May 7, 2015 at her home.

## Class of 2003

**Charles George Weiss**, 32, of Richfield Springs, suddenly passed away on April 28, 2015. He was born on December 26, 1982, the first son of George Wesley Weiss and the late Mary Louise Kohler Weiss. Charlie graduated from Richfield Springs Central School in 2000 and after several years of experimenting with different college and career options, found his calling as a registered nurse and graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in 2010. He began his nursing career in the Emergency Room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and later as a traveling nurse at Oswego and SUNY Upstate Hospitals. He earned his bachelor's degree in Nursing from SUNYIT in December 2014. He enjoyed hiking, camping, bicycling, reading, traveling, going to concerts and spending time with family and friends.

## Class of 2005

**Daniel Joseph Patrick**, 32, of Schenectady, NY, passed away suddenly after a long illness on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. He was born on November 1, 1982 the son of Margaret and David VanSchaick. Daniel was a 2002 graduate of Galway Central High School and went on to attend Herkimer County Community College, majoring in

liberal arts and continued his education at Siena College earning a bachelor's degree in political science. He was active in the Young Republicans Club and was a member of the Living Hope Church in Scotia. Daniel was formerly employed at First National Bank of Scotia, but moved on and worked as a direct support professional at New Visions in Slingerlands.

**Karen M. Greenwood**, 55, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 23, 2015, after an extended illness. She was born on May 11, 1959, in Massena, daughter of Stephen and the late Mary Boyer Martell. Karen was raised in Massena and was a graduate of Massena High School. She furthered her education by graduating from Herkimer County Community College with a degree in accounting. On May 3, 1980, she was united in marriage with Glen Greenwood in Massena. She was employed as a Medical Receptionist at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown. In her leisure, she enjoyed volunteering as a teaching assistant at Mount Markham Central School, helping young students learn to read.

## Class of 2009

**Jason J. Murphy**, 39, passed away on April 7, 2015, at the Siegenthaler Center, New Hartford, with his family by his side. Jason was born on February 16, 1976, in Killeen, TX, the son of John E. Murphy of Newport and the late Katherine (Newman) Murphy. He graduated from West Canada Valley Central School in 1994. Jason also graduated from Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse and, after obtaining his NYS Funeral Director's license, worked in funeral service for several years. On June 17, 2000, he was united in marriage with the former Karen Harris at the Newport United Methodist Church. His most recent employment was as an agent for the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed the time he spent hunting and fishing.

# alumni updates

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**We want to keep in touch!** Please let us know about your news, life celebrations (births, weddings), changes (promotions, retirements) and relocations. **Send us an email at [alumni@herkimer.edu](mailto:alumni@herkimer.edu)**

General Herkimer is pictured with his mascot friends at the New York Mills School homecoming football game.



# General Herkimer Q&A

## WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING FROM NEW YORK?

Being from Herkimer, New York is like no other! It's a region rich in beauty, history and tradition, but it's the people that make Herkimer a diamond in the rough. They are a community-focused, hard working, loyal and spirited bunch!

## WHAT DO YOU DO TO GET PUMPED UP BEFORE A GAME?

What gets me pumped up before games is greeting our fans with high fives, hugs and fist bumps. Seeing the sea of green and gold in the stands, and feeling the excitement in the air is second to none.

## WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST SUNY RIVAL?

My biggest rival has to be Sullivan County Community College's General, also known as @GeneralDunker on Twitter. His program doesn't boast the 53 national championships Herkimer does, but I'd surely keep my head on a swivel with him around. He's a rhinoceros!

## HOW DO YOU STAY IN SHAPE?

Being a General consists of leading the troops each and every day. It takes a lot of energy so a strict work-out schedule is necessary. To stay in shape, in the wee hours each morning, I hike the campus hill with the NATYCAA Cup on my back.

## WHAT'S THE GREATEST ASPECT OF BEING A MASCOT?

I love cheering for my 19 Herkimer Generals teams. We're currently the best in the nation! We've won the NATYCAA Cup two years in a row, earning the top spot among other two-year non-scholarship athletic programs in the United States. Standing on the sidelines, I have the opportunity to witness history on a daily basis!

Twitter Handle: @HerkimerGeneral

## Faculty Collaborate on Book

Herkimer College Assistant Professor of English Christian Avis recently published a book titled *Ironedge*. The fictional story is about a former mining town, Ironedge, that is experiencing rebirth, but the murder of one of its founders and the threat of a nearby goblin encampment hangs over it. It is up to the inquisitor Damulis to blow the lid off of the troubling secrets in this frontier town.

*Ironedge* is illustrated by Herkimer College Assistant Professor of Digital Graphics Blake Pitcher '99. It is available in digital form on Amazon for Kindle and Barnes & Noble for Nook by searching "C. T. Avis." A softcover version can be purchased from [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## Congratulations and best wishes to our newest retirees!

**Agnes Cugliandro**, Office Assistant I, 18 years

**Wayne Dupont**, Building Maintenance Helper, 10 years

**Mary Greene**, Professor, Human Services, 23 years

**Cindy Mead**, Office Assistant I, Facilities, 20 years

**Katherine Montano**, Coordinator of Public Relations, 30 years

**Katherine Schwabach**, Transfer Counselor, 37 years

**Lorraine Siniscarco**, Associate Professor, Science, 26 years

## 39th Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 14 | 10 AM-5 PM

Sunday, November 15 | 10 AM-4 PM

Admission \$4 | Free parking



Featuring top artisans showcasing their works including pottery, gourmet foods, wood working, textiles, weaving, oil painting, dolls, soaps, jewelry and more.

Artists and crafts persons interested in exhibiting in this year's show, please visit [herkimer.edu/ac](http://herkimer.edu/ac) for further information and an application.

All proceeds benefit student scholarships at Herkimer College.

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



## The String Orchestra of New York City (SONY)

Free to the public. [www.herkimer.edu/greatartists](http://www.herkimer.edu/greatartists)

SONY is a high-energy, conductor-less string ensemble comprised of some of New York's most exceptional string players. The members of the ensemble stand while performing and are known for forging an exciting and vibrant relationship with audiences. With regular performances at New York's Merkin Concert Hall and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall SONYC counts among its members many prominent chamber music musicians and soloists.



Friday, October 23, 2015  
7:00 PM

Sarkus-Busch Theater

"a feisty string orchestra" ~ New York Times

## Herkimer FALL FEST & ALUMNI WEEKEND

Music, Games, Food, Art Show, Wagon Rides, Farmer's Market, Car Show, Tours & Much More!!!

[herkimer.edu/fallfest](http://herkimer.edu/fallfest)

The College Bookstore (Library Building), will be open from 12 – 3 pm. Discounts available!

### Friday, October 2nd 5:00 p.m.

#### Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

RSVP by 9/18  
315-866-0300 x8459 \$40/person  
(RMCC Building)  
[www.herkimergenerals.com/hof](http://www.herkimergenerals.com/hof)

### Saturday, October 3rd 9:00 a.m.

#### Zombie Run

Registration at 8:15 a.m., \$5  
(Wehrum Stadium)

#### 12:00 p.m.

#### Alumni Baseball Game (Baseball Field)

#### 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

#### Admissions Office open Tours available (RMCC 262)

#### BBQ: Eat In or Take Out! Whole chicken leg, potato salad, corn, baked beans, and a biscuit. \$8 (Cafeteria)

#### Robert Willman Art Show (Cogar Gallery)

#### Car Show (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Farmer's Market (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Mark Tyoe: Master Professional Chainsaw Artist (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Music by DJ Red Hot 'n Wild (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Caricatures by W.C. Pope (RMCC Lobby)

#### MVAS Solar Star Gazing (RMCC Lawn)

#### Inflatable Games/Novelties Basketball, 9-Hole Mini-Golf, License Plate Making, Green Screen Photos, Bamboo Scapes (RMCC Lobby and Lawn)

#### Cristman Pool Open for Recreational Swimming (PE Building)

#### Geocaching & Disc Golf (RMCC Lawn)

#### Pumpkin Painting (RMCC Lobby)

#### Horse Drawn Wagon Rides (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Strolling Magician Joey D

#### 1:00 p.m. Page Wildlife Center presents "Birds of Prey" (RMCC 288)

#### Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Broome (Wehrum Stadium)

#### 3:00 p.m. Comedian: Ayanna Dookie Rated PG-13 (RMCC 247)

#### Car Show Awards (RMCC Parking Lot)

#### Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Broome (Wehrum Stadium)

Check the website for updates, schedule subject to change.



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Herkimer College was well represented at the Regional Independence Day Parade held in Utica on July 4th. President Cathleen McColgin, Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees Isabella Crandall and Vice Chairman of the Board Robert Brenchley were joined by the General Herkimer mascot and several students, alumni, employees and friends and family members.

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

### Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

Friday, October 2, 5 p.m.  
Robert McLaughlin College Center  
[www.herkimer.edu/hof](http://www.herkimer.edu/hof)

### Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend

Friday and Saturday, October 2-3  
[www.herkimer.edu/fallfest](http://www.herkimer.edu/fallfest)

### Your Job, Your Future Mid-Level Skills Gap Forum

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.  
Robert McLaughlin College Center Amphitheater

### Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series String Orchestra of New York City

Friday, October 23, 7 p.m.  
[www.herkimer.edu/greatartists](http://www.herkimer.edu/greatartists)

### College Open House

Saturday, October 31  
[www.herkimer.edu/openhouse](http://www.herkimer.edu/openhouse)

### 39th Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, November 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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