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SOFTBALL

DIVISION III

2013

**Women's Softball
Brings Home Herkimer's
43rd NJCCA National
Championship Title**



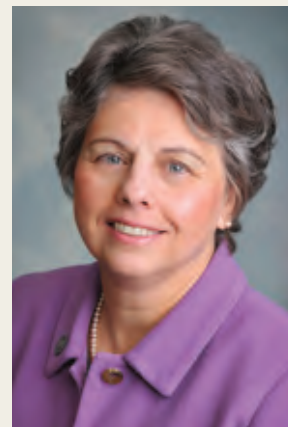
Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,

As you read through this issue of Connections, you will learn about many accomplishments of the past several months. What may not be obvious is the resiliency that characterized our College and our community as we faced significant challenges caused by excessive rainfall and flooding in late June. My heart goes out to all of our alumni, students, employees and friends affected.

I am very proud of the way our campus responded in the days and weeks that followed. From providing housing for volunteer firefighters and National Guard members; to serving as a center for officials to meet and hold press conferences; to providing facilities for state personnel to assist homeowners with the financial assistance process. Perhaps what I am most proud of is the response of our employees who generously donated to a “flood fund” for 16 of their co-workers who sustained significant losses. As one of our staff said, “This is what makes working here so special. The employees of this college not only care for their students, but they care about each other and support each other in times of need.” This is really what we are all about

at Herkimer – a caring and generous community who comes together to support one another, just as we do each and every day for our students.



Despite the challenges faced recently, we continue to move ahead on campus with renovations to the cafeteria and swimming pool, new academic programs, a consolidation of our student service departments, and plans for many exciting upcoming events including our Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend. All of us face many challenges in our day-to-day lives, but your Herkimer education has prepared you to be resilient as well. May the cool, invigorating days of autumn bring back fond memories of your time spent at Herkimer, and inspire you to visit this caring, supportive community soon.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Murray, Ph.D.
President
Herkimer County Community College

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A Celebration & Dedication

LONGTIME CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DONALD SNYDER WAS HONORED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE DONALD J. SNYDER CORRIDOR, ALSO KNOWN AS "DON'S WAY," ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY IN THE COMPANY OF MANY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



Mr. Snyder has served on the Board of Trustees since 1991 and as chairman since 2001, and has provided leadership during a time of significant growth and development. "When it came time to recognize the impact Don has made here at Herkimer, we knew that it had to be special. The connection to the heart of the College, its Library and the academic space in Johnson Hall, which was enhanced through Don's efforts, was the perfect space to bear his name," said President Ann Marie Murray.

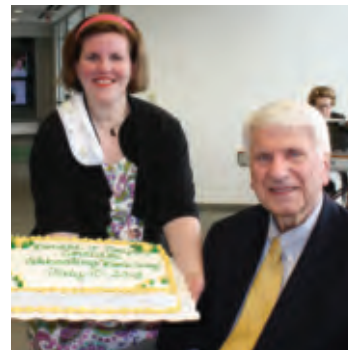


Mr. Snyder's son John spoke emotionally of his father's love and connection to the College since the start when his father was involved in the selection of the campus location. "Anyone who knows my father knows that his family is very important to him. After his family, HCCC is very close to his heart," he said. "My father has continued his connection to the college from that initial start right through the present day. In fact, my father is a proud alum of this wonderful institution. The 'kid with white hair' will never be forgotten here."

After an unveiling of the bronze plaque with his likeness, Mr. Snyder thanked all who have been supportive of his work and the College. He accepted the honor by saying, "I know this corridor will officially be called "Don's Way," but in reality it should be called "God's Way" because like Frank Sinatra's classic "My Way" I've lived a life that's full, and I have traveled each and every highway, but more more than this, I did it not "Don's Way," but "God's Way."

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President Ann Marie Murray



Softball Wins First National Championship

THE GENERALS BECAME THE NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS WITH A PERFECT 4-0 RECORD IN THE TOURNAMENT. HERKIMER'S 5-2 WIN OVER BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SECURED THE SOFTBALL PROGRAM'S FIRST NATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLE.

The team traveled to Rochester, MN where they defeated Anne Arundel Community College 12-1 in the first round of play. The Generals went on to outplay Rock Valley College 12-2 in the quarterfinals, and won over Dutchess Community College 6-5 in the semifinals. Herkimer finished their season with an almost perfect 43-2 record.

HCCC players named to the All Tournament Team were: Rebekah Kitchen, Toni Secreti, Stephanie Siriano and Ashley Sterritt. The National Tournament MVP was awarded to Tina Karaqi, who was also awarded the Outstanding Offensive Player award. Secreti was recognized with the Outstanding Pitcher Award for the tournament.

The Generals returned home to a festive welcome with about 200 fans and friends on hand to greet the champs. The team's chartered coach received a police escort from the Herkimer Thruway exit back to campus. As each player left the bus, their name was announced and they were greeted with music, news media, and loud cheers from the crowd. Last to exit the bus was head coach PJ Anadio, an HCCC alumnus, with the championship trophy.



“This is a great honor for Coach Anadio and his staff, and is a testament to the leadership, time and dedication they put forward to provide our student athletes the true college experience both in the classroom and on the playing field.”

Donald Dutcher, Athletic Director

This year’s softball team exemplified what it means to be an exceptional team both on and off of the field. After finishing the National Tournament, the Generals visited the St. Mary’s Children’s Cancer Hospital at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. This was the softball team’s second visit to the Mayo Clinic. They first visited the clinic after their third place finish in last year’s national tournament.

While at the hospital, players and coaches went room to room in the cardiac center and cancer wing, visiting patients, signing autographs, taking pictures, playing games and giving away equipment used during the National Tournament. “To see the smiles and joy on some of the children’s faces was truly amazing and inspirational,” said Anadio.

The team also excelled in the classroom, earning the second highest team GPA at Herkimer this year. Anadio recognizes the importance of encouraging his players to strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives. “Our commitment to our academics, morals, ethics, families, community and each other as teammates is what’s really important. I use softball as an avenue to teach life. And we certainly learned a lot this season and won at both,” Anadio said.



Pictured (from left) with the 2013 Herkimer Generals softball team are coaches Stalteri, Sydoriw, Speno and Anadio.

SOFTBALL COACHES NAMED NFCA COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR

Herkimer’s softball coaching staff was selected by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) as the 2013 NFCA NJCAA Division III National Coaching Staff of the Year. The NFCA is the professional growth organization for fastpitch softball coaches from all competitive levels of play. Head coach P.J. Anadio and assistant coaches Dan Stalteri, Steve Speno and Stephen Sydoriw were all recognized for their contributions to the success of this year’s softball team.

Anadio has guided his teams to a 136-33 record during his four seasons as head coach, and was named Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year and Region III Coach of the Year in both 2011 and 2013. Anadio was also recognized as NJCAA National Coach of the Tournament during the 2013 National Championship.

Stalteri joined the coaching staff in 2010, serving as the team’s hitting instructor and camp instructor, and also assisting with community relations and recruiting. Speno has been an assistant coach for two years, serving as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator. Sydoriw completed his first season with the softball program this year. He serves as first base coach, works with the outfielders and throws batting practice.

“This is a great honor for Coach Anadio and his staff, and is a testament to the leadership, time and dedication they put forward to provide our student athletes the true college experience both in the classroom and on the playing field. I am very happy they have been recognized nationally for all their efforts,” said Athletic Director Donald Dutcher.

Employees Recognized for *Excellence*

Three Herkimer County Community College employees are recipients of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award. They were presented with awards at the College's commencement.

Sharon Gleasman-Howell '79, Professor of Physical Education, is the recipient of the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Professor Gleasman-Howell has demonstrated 32 years of expertise in her devotion to the College: she teaches, coaches and volunteers. She is relentless in her commitment to HCCC. In her early years, Gleasman was one of two females in a very strongly male dominated field. She continued to be an excellent role model for other females who had the same career interests, long before numerous federal laws helped enforce equity in athletic programs. Gleasman-Howell has coached nine individual athletic national champions and won two titles as track coach. She is a member of the inaugural class inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

She spends countless hours volunteering with different clubs and student-based organizations, all appreciated by the College community. "Sharon has dedicated countless hours of work to students with disabilities so they can succeed on campus," said President Ann Marie Murray. "I am proud to present this award to Professor Sharon Gleasman-Howell in recognition of her mastering teaching and coaching techniques that inspire her students." She holds an A.S. from HCCC; a B.S. from the University of Rhode Island and an M.S. from SUNY Cortland.

Associate Dean of Continuing Education **Linda Contino Lamb** is the recipient of the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Lamb has over 20 years of experience in continuing education and online learning. After 12 years in various roles in Herkimer's Office of Continuing Education, she became the first director of the Internet Academy, where she worked closely with faculty and

returning adult students as they entered the online classroom. The Internet Academy currently supports 850 students who study exclusively online each term.

Through Lamb's efforts, a Teaching and Learning Collaborative (TLC) was developed to promote excellence in teaching and support the HCCC community of faculty. In its first year, the TLC offered 45 sessions for faculty on various topics. She was named Associate Dean of Continuing Education in 2005 and oversees the Internet Academy, TLC, Office of Community Education, College Now concurrent enrollment program and the Office of Adjunct Instruction.

Dr. Murray said, "Congratulations, Linda, in receiving the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service for your strong commitment to this institution. I am proud to present you with this award." Lamb holds a B.S. from Alfred University and an M.S. from SUNY at Buffalo.

Bonnie Wezalis '92 is the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. An Office Assistant II in the Humanities/Social Science Division, Bonnie began her employment at HCCC in 1992 as a part-time secretary in the President's Office. She became a full-time stenographer in the President's Office in 1995. Besides her general office work, she performed duties for the college attorney, director of Institutional Research and assistant to the President.

Wezalis became the office assistant in the Humanities/Social Science Division in 2003. She continuously demonstrates excellence in performing her job duties. "She's both



Photo from left: SUNY Chancellor's Award winners Professor Sharon Gleasman-Howell, Bonnie Wezalis and Linda Contino Lamb.

professional and courteous in assisting faculty, staff and students. Aside from being exceptional in every aspect of her job description, her enthusiasm, energy and gregariousness far transcend the requirements of her position. Bonnie continually goes above and beyond all endeavors she encounters. I am proud to present Bonnie Wezalis with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service," said Dr. Murray. Wezalis holds an A.A.S. degree from Herkimer County Community College.

The recipients each received a Chancellor's Award medallion from the State University of New York. Their names will be included on a plaque in the lobby of the McLaughlin College Center.

HCCC Professor Selected As Sloan-C Fellow

Professor of Social Science William Pelz has been selected as a Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C) Fellow in the field of online learning. The Sloan-C Fellow Selection Committee noted that Pelz has demonstrated “distinguished service to faculty development that is deeply rooted in his extraordinary enthusiasm for and belief in online teaching and learning.”

Sloan-C is the leading professional online learning society devoted to expanding access to high quality e-Education for individuals, institutions, professional societies and the corporate community. Sloan-C fellowships are awarded each year to individual members of the Consortium who have made exemplary contributions to online learning or an allied field.

“This prestigious national distinction is awarded to recognize outstanding and extraordinary qualifications, experience, service and leadership in the field of online learning. This recognition is exciting for both Bill and the College,” said Linda Contino Lamb, Associate Dean of Continuing Education. Pelz began his teaching career at HCCC in 1968, and in 1997 began teaching online courses which led to the development of the College’s Internet Academy in 1999. HCCC’s Internet Academy has grown to include 18 two-year degree programs and three one-year certificate programs. The College’s

enrollment has significantly benefited from the success of the Internet Academy, with approximately one quarter of the College’s enrollment coming from online students.

In addition to teaching, Pelz provides online multimedia instructional design support and technical assistance to HCCC faculty. As lead trainer for the SUNY Learning Network (SLN) from 2000 until 2010, Pelz facilitated workshops and provided training to nearly 3000 new SLN professors in the SUNY system. In recent years, Professor Pelz has trained new online faculty in Chili and South Africa, and he is currently assisting Oswego County High School teachers develop online Advanced Placement courses. Pelz has also served as associate editor and content contributor for the Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) project.

Pelz and the other members of the 2013 Sloan-C Fellowship class will be honored in November at the Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning in Orlando, FL.



Herkimer County Community College Announces New Degree Programs for Fall

Quality Assurance A.S.

The Quality Assurance A.S. program focuses on developing quality assurance and quality control skills to be used in a business management or technician role within a variety of private sector industries including manufacturing, health sciences, food and drug production, and environmental/construction services. Quality assurance and quality control are utilized across a variety of sectors to ensure that industry and legislated standards are monitored and met.

Computer Science A.S.

The Computer Science A.S. program is a transfer program for students planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Articulation agreements have been formed with SUNY Oswego, SUNY Potsdam and SUNYIT.

For more information **contact the Admissions Office at 315.866.0300, x8278.**

Look for new programs to be announced soon in engineering science, mathematics and mobile applications development.

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President's Gala

Celebrating Creativity
AT HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to all who attended or sponsored the 5th annual President's Gala this past spring. It was truly a celebration of creativity with a student art show and live and silent auctions featuring work by local artists. To date, more than \$75,000 has been raised by the President's Gala, hosted by the Foundation, with proceeds benefiting student scholarships at Herkimer County Community College.



Athletic Hall of Fame to Induct Class of 2013



2013 Inductees

FIVE INDIVIDUALS AND ONE TEAM WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 DURING THE FALL FEST & ALUMNI WEEKEND.

Jeanne Galvin, Associate Professor Emeritus and Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball coach

Jeanne Galvin, Richfield Springs, NY taught physical education and coached field hockey at Herkimer from 1971 until her retirement in 1995. As the first woman in the physical education department, Galvin began the women's athletic department. Starting in 1971, she organized the field hockey, volleyball, women's basketball and softball teams and coached all four sports for four years. At the time, the women's division of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) did not exist, so Herkimer competed under the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Later, when the NJCAA expanded to include women, Galvin became the women's regional director and chaired the National Field Hockey Committee for many years. She also served as president of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. Under Galvin, the field hockey program won national titles in 1987 and 1991, and Galvin was named NJCAA Field Hockey Coach of the Year both years. She coached the women's basketball team for 17 years, winning the regional championship in 1979 and 1980, and was named Regional Coach of the Year both times. Since her retirement, she has remained active in golf and curling.

www.herkimergenerals.com/hof



John Fornino, Contributor

John Fornino, Frankfort, NY, has made special contributions to the quality, growth and reputation of HCCC's intercollegiate athletic program. A player and coach for over 30 years and an avid Generals soccer fan, Fornino has made extraordinary contributions to players, coaches and the sport of soccer at Herkimer. Fornino has received the Coliseum Presidential Award for going over and above in his contributions to soccer at Herkimer.

Todd Allen '07, Baseball

Todd Allen '07, Oriskany, NY played baseball for the Generals, and was named to the All-Conference team in 2006 as well as first-team All Region and first-team All-American. In 2007, Allen was named All-Conference player, first-team All-Region, second-team All-American and HCCC Male Athlete of the Year. He holds the second highest batting average for a season at .480. "Todd led us to our first two World Series. He was the middle of our lineup both years. Todd was the first All-American in Herkimer baseball," said Coach Jason Rathbun.

Eileen Coyle '07 Women's Soccer

Eileen Coyle '07, Oneonta, NY captained the women's soccer team and played in both 2005 & 2006. She was named

Mohawk Valley Conference Player of the Year for both years, and was a two-time first-team NJCAA All-American. In 2005, Coyle played 21 games for Herkimer, scoring 29 goals and having 7 assists. She was also first-team All-Region and NSCAA All-American. Coyle scored 43 goals in 19 games in 2006, had 15 assists and was NSCAA All-American. Coyle also played women's lacrosse at Herkimer and SUNY Geneseo. "Eileen was an absolute game changer. Her speed and ability were unmatched throughout the country, which made her such a threat to opposing teams. Eileen is truly an icon of the Herkimer women's soccer program," said Coach Amy Dommer.

Cynthia Wetmore '80, Field Hockey, Basketball and Softball

Cynthia Wetmore '80, Ithaca, NY was a multi-sport athlete at Herkimer, outstanding in field hockey, softball and women's basketball. In her freshman year, her field hockey team finished 16-3 and second place in the Regional Tournament. Wetmore scored 22 goals and was named to the All-Region Team. Her sophomore year, the team had a record of 17-2-3, a regional championship and finished third in the national tournament. Wetmore was Field Hockey MVP, First Team All-Region, First Team National Tournament and All-American. In two years she scored an unbelievable 46 goals, an accomplishment that will stand forever in Herkimer's record book. As a freshman, Wetmore's basketball team finished 21-3, won the

Region III championship and competed in the national tournament in Kansas. The following year her team, 16-2, won the regional championship and again traveled to the national tournament in Kansas. Wetmore scored 18 points in the double overtime regional championship game to help her team qualify for nationals again. Wetmore also played two years on the softball team. She continued her education at the University of Rhode Island on a field hockey scholarship. After college, she continued to distinguish herself and may be the only former Herkimer athlete who has coached a team to a NCAA national championship. She is currently the head field hockey coach at SUNY Cortland, a position she has held since 1998.



1987 Field Hockey Team, Herkimer's First National Championship Team

The 1987 Field Hockey Team won the first ever national championship in the history of the College. Herkimer defeated Becker Junior College, Leicester, MA 1-0 in the national championship game. The team also won the NJCAA Region III Championship game that year.

1987 Field Hockey Team Roster:

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| Dana Alberico | Camden, NY |
| Christine Battisti | New Hartford, NY |
| LaRae Benedict | Hannibal, NY |
| Carol Ann Champlin | Medina, NY |
| Mary Clifford | Newport, NY |
| Pam Comins | Camden, NY |
| Beth Crouch | Mohawk, NY |
| Tracey D'Amore | Rome, NY |
| Terri Dean | Afton, NY |
| Michelle Dudrak | Holland Patent, NY |
| Shelly Fallon | Holland Patent, NY |
| Kathy Hawk | Weedsport, NY |
| Lori Lupini | Marcy, NY |
| Wendy Russell | Nassau, NY |
| Terri Scoville | Camden, NY |
| Deda Wojcik | West Winfield, NY |
| Dori Yerina | Little Falls, NY |
| Sue Yerina | Little Falls, NY |
| Laura Zerillo | Cortland, NY |
| Head Coach: Jeanne Galvin | |

Join us for the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, October 4, 2013

5 p.m.
Strolling Dinner and Cash Bar
6:30 p.m.
Induction Ceremony

Social hour with dessert immediately following the ceremony on the Herkimer County Community College Campus

\$35 per person

To RSVP, contact the Foundation Office at shepardta@herkimer.edu or 315 -866-0300, ext. 8459.

HCCC Students Produce Standout Newscast

Students enrolled in the Radio-Television Broadcasting program were recently awarded two “Special Mention” awards at the New York State Broadcasters Associated Press Awards banquet held on June 1 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

“HCTV 99 News” won special recognition from the Associated Press for “best news story” and “best regularly scheduled newscast” in the college competition segment of the awards. This marks the first time that Herkimer’s Radio-Television Broadcasting program has submitted entries into the AP contest. The college newscast is a production of one of the Advanced Video Production courses offered in the program.

On Wednesday, March 13, students approached a local story that made national headlines, a shooting and standoff that left four dead in Herkimer and Mohawk. The three minute feature summarized the tragic events and the campus’ reaction to them. Students who worked directly on the shooting story include Marc Barraco, who took video footage and served as the on camera reporter. Barraco also assisted in editing the final piece. David Glantz and Adam Svereika were involved in getting footage during the standoff. Jaelyn Milillo was the producer of the newscast that week.

Assistant Professor Douglas Flanagan said, “This was a real world example of breaking news coverage, and the entire crew did a fantastic job under pressure. That kind of news experience, while a result of a tragic local event, is nonetheless a situation that is simply impossible to recreate in a typical classroom environment. They did a great job under the



circumstances, and it is very gratifying that the Associated Press took the opportunity to recognize their hard work.”

Herkimer was the only community college represented at the awards. The AP awards contest draws entries from around the state, mostly from professional news operations in traditional broadcast television, radio, cable, and web based outlets.

“HCTV 99 News” began in 2003 as a live 15 minute newscast. It has since grown to a full 30 minute show, produced each week by advanced video production students. Additional 15 minute live newscasts now supplement the original 30 minute show, produced by students enrolled in various media degree programs.

HCTV News 99 is the public access channel in Herkimer County. For more information: www.herkimer.edu/mediadegrees.

The feature story that generated the award submission can be found on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-chyXnbp5_M. Archived newscasts can be seen on the media degree YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/HCCCradiotv>.



REFLECTION AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

In conjunction with Herkimer County’s “Day of Reflection and Recognition” on May 21, 2013, a ceremony was held on-campus. State and local officials, along with community members, gathered to remember the victims of the March shootings in Mohawk and Herkimer and to honor the law enforcement and first responder agencies that responded. The program included a moment of silence in memory of Harry M. Montgomery Sr., Michael G. Ransear, Michael S. Renshaw, Thomas E. Stefka, and FBI K-9 APE. Speakers included State Assemblyman Marc Butler, Herkimer County Legislature Chairman Vincent J. Bono, Herkimer County District Attorney Jeffrey Carpenter, Herkimer and Mohawk Police Chief Joseph Malone, Herkimer Mayor Mark Ainsworth, and Mary Kavney, Assistant Director of Public Safety for Governor Andrew Cuomo’s office.

NO COLLEGE

RECEIVES REACCREDITATION

The College Now program has been awarded national reaccreditation for concurrent enrollment programs by The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).

Herkimer's College Now program allows high school students to take college level courses taught by high school teachers in their high school, during the regular school day. By taking more rigorous courses in high school, students can learn early about the expectations of college while getting a head start on earning college credits. The program is available in 15 high schools in Herkimer and Otsego Counties and in Herkimer County BOCES, with approximately 40 different courses offered. It was first accredited in 2006, and has been reaccredited for seven additional years. College Now classes are taught by high school instructors who have been approved as part-time faculty members at the College.



CAFETERIA UNDERGOES SUMMER RENOVATION

Visitors to our dining center this fall are in for a real treat. Having seen few major changes since the campus was built in 1971, the kitchen and serving area underwent a complete renovation this summer. Together with our food service provider, American Food and Vending, and architect and engineering firm CS Arch, the College has improved the infrastructure and operations while creating an updated, fresh look for our food service facility. Older equipment has been replaced with state-of-the-art culinary equipment and a new layout will help streamline the food preparation and retailing process. Improvements include plumbing and electrical work as well as a new air conditioning system. A walk-in cooler will supply a 'reach in' beverage dispenser providing greater efficiencies.



SCHOLARS RECEPTION HONORS DONORS AND STUDENTS

Scholarship donors and student recipients were honored at a scholars reception in early May. The annual event allows students to personally thank the donors who made their scholarships possible, and for donors to meet the students who are benefiting from their generous donations.

Present at this year's event were donors of the Bryan Paul Rosa Scholarship, a new scholarship established by Bryan's family members in his memory. A 1994 graduate of the Radio-Television Broadcasting program, and a 20-year Mohawk Valley resident, Bryan passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the age of 40. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating student from Herkimer's Radio-Television Broadcasting program who has a passion for music and whose personality brings wit, humor and laughter to the classroom environment.

Pictured above from left are Bryan's maternal grandmother Alice Grenier, Dr. Ann Marie Murray and Bryan's aunts, Linda J. Smith and Donna Wood.



HIGH SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL

In April, the Radio-Television Broadcasting faculty hosted the College's first high school film festival. Films submitted by students in grades 9 through 12 from throughout New York State were judged by college faculty and local video professionals. Twenty seven films were screened and cash prizes were awarded in five categories: comedy, drama, music video, documentary and best overall.

Please join us for a weekend of fun-filled cultural and family events! FREE and open to all.

Alumni BBQ/Lunch: Saturday, October 5 Noon to 4 p.m. For alumni and their immediate family members, only. BBQ, assorted lunch items and beverages to whet your appetite and quench your thirst!

Alumni Gathering featuring "CNY ROCK ICONS—80's Rock and New Rock" Gridley Paige, 7 - 11 p.m., Saturday, October 5 at Francesca's Banquet Hall, 144 E. Main Street, Ilion, NY. Open to alumni and one additional guest. Adult only event, light hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and door prizes. A great opportunity to reunite with your fellow alums!!

To pre-register for one or both events, contact us at alumni@herkimer.edu or 315-866-0300 x8459 by Friday, September 13. Reservations are required and limited, so please call today!

FALL FEST & Alumni Weekend

October 3-6, 2013

Rain or Shine!

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

Go to herkimer.edu/fallfest
for a complete schedule.

37TH HERKIMER COUNTY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

November 9-10, 2013

Herkimer County Community College.

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

The premier show in the Mohawk Valley features top artisans showcasing their works including pottery, woodworking, jewelry, stained glass, weaving, tole painting, dolls, textiles, and much more. Free Parking directly adjacent to the show.

Admission \$4

All proceeds support the work of the Herkimer County College Foundation.

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NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Herkimer County College Foundation invites nominations for the 2014 Alumni Hall of Honor inductions. The award recognizes Herkimer County Community College alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities. Nominations are due no later than December 30, 2013. All nominations will be reviewed by the Foundation Board of Directors and honorees will be inducted at a ceremony in the spring of 2014. Nomination forms are available online at: www.herkimer.edu/nominate-alumni. For additional information, call the HCC Foundation Office at (315) 866-0300, ext. 8459.

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**

“We now get to go into the world and compete with others in our fields. We get to pursue those dreams that we’ve waited so long to live out and show the world what we’ve got.”

KATIE RANNO '13
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER





2013 Commencement

THE CLASS OF 2013 HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE — WE NOW HAVE OFFICIALLY GRADUATED MORE THAN 20,000 STUDENTS SINCE 1967.





SPRING 2013 **Athletics in Review**

BASEBALL NATIONALLY RANKED FOR 8TH YEAR

Herkimer baseball finished the 2013 regular season ranked seventh in the nation with a 31-13 overall record. This was the eighth consecutive year that the team has ranked nationally. Herkimer also won its fifth conference championship in the last nine years and ended their season at the Region III semifinals where they were defeated by Niagara and Erie Community Colleges.

HCCC players Brandon Overstreet and Ryan Watson were named to the First Team All-Region Team, while Kyle Garrison and Chris Burns were named to the Second Team All-Region Team. Coach Jason Rathbun '01 was named Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

HERKIMER ATHLETICS RECEIVES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Athletic Department received the 2013 Sportsmanship Award for Region III of the NJCAA. In its fourth year, 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. The award was created by athletic directors of the 26 colleges in Region III to recognize their peers who strive for excellence in all areas of athletics.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Generals beat MassBay Community College 77-66 for a third place finish in the NJCAA Division III National Tournament in Loch Sheldrake, NY. The win capped off Herkimer's remarkable season. The team won 32 games while losing only four, two of which were to D-I and D-II teams. Herkimer won the Region III championship with a 70-55 victory over SUNY Delhi.



TRACK & FIELD

The men's track & field team finished fifth in a field of 19 colleges at the NJCAA Division III National Track & Field Meet in Columbia, MD. The top performances came from Wendall Williams and Joseph Shinn, who both won national titles. Williams won the 100m with a time of 10.84 and the long jump with a distance of 7.69m, setting a meet record. Williams also placed second in the 200m and third in the high jump. Shinn won the decathlon with 5,672 points and placed third in the 110 high hurdles.

The women's track team finished their season by tying for ninth place among the 21 schools competing in the Division III National Championship Track & Field Meet. The top finish for the women's team came from Amanda Knox with a second place finish in the 400m hurdles. Knox was also named second team All-American. Teammate Mary Lenhart placed third in the heptathlon and third in the javelin.



10 YEARS OF NATYCAA CUP RECOGNITION

Herkimer placed third in the 2012-2013 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup Competition. This year's award marks the tenth consecutive year that Herkimer has placed in the top five of the competition.

NATYCAA is the national organization of all two-year athletic administrators from the United States. The NATYCAA Cup competition recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics. Rankings are formulated by awarding NJCAA institutions with points based on competition at NJCAA Championship events.

Herkimer teams that earned points toward the ranking included men's soccer, men's and women's cross country, men's basketball, men's and women's bowling, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's track and field, and women's softball.

Pictured from left at the NATYCAA National Convention in Orlando, FL are NJCAA Executive Director Mary Ellen Leicht, Director of Athletics Donald Dutcher and NATYCAA President Jim Forkum.



21ST ANNUAL GENERALS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 21st annual Generals Open Golf Tournament was held June 17 at the Stonebridge Golf and Country Club in New Hartford. Twenty-six teams with 103 golfers participated raising the most money in the history of the event with proceeds to support student scholarships at HCCC. First place was awarded to the team from Fastrac; second place went to the Buffalo Bills; and the team from Herkimer ARC took third place.

Guest speaker at the awards ceremony was Buffalo Bills Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Hal Luther. Originally from Dolgeville, NY, Luther is the son of former Herkimer County Community College Trustee Gary Luther and grandson of one of the College's founders, Harold Luther.

Pictured are members of the winning team from Fastrac with College President Ann Marie Murray. From left: Jim Allen, Mike Murphy, Scott Metot, Dr. Murray and Brad Goodman.

MEN'S TENNIS LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE

The men's tennis team, under Coach Tom Basel, concluded a difficult season going 1-8 and a 6th place finish in the Region III Tournament. The lone bright spot came in a 6-3 victory over rival MVCC. Seniors Scott Mohr, Tate Coe, and Alex Vincent led the team victories at key positions.

The future looks positive for the team as they return several starters including Herkimer graduates Brady Lawrence and Austin Davis as well as Japanese native Daiki Terada.

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Cogar Gallery Features Works of Alumnae Kathleen Deep



The College's Cogar Gallery recently featured "Follow the Water," Photographs of alumnae Kathleen Deep, '08. Deep is a photographer, originally from central New York, who continues to work in black and white film. She received her associate in applied science degree in photographic technology from Herkimer and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She went on to earn a bachelor in fine arts from Cazenovia College and in May 2013 graduated from the University of Connecticut with a M.F.A. in studio art specializing in photography with an art history minor, cum laude.

Deep's work most recently has been exhibited at the Benton Museum in Storrs, CT, and at Sideshow Gallery in Brooklyn, NY. She currently lives and works in Connecticut. "I walk alone amongst the trees. I wade slowly and wait for the water to still," she said. "By slowing my step and my seeing, I am more aware of my behaviors while wandering. I question what my connection is to the natural world, and where my comfort in silence and solitude derives from. The more I explore and photograph my surroundings; I develop an understanding of them. The more I understand, the closer I feel to becoming part of them," Deep concluded.

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The college search process can be difficult and stressful for many young people and their families. You can help us make that process easier and more enjoyable for our prospective students by becoming an Alumni Ambassador and assisting our admissions staff at recruitment events in your area, including college nights, high school fairs and SUNY programs. It's a great way to give back to your alma mater while helping young people learn about all that Herkimer has to offer. If you are enthusiastic, enjoy meeting people, have fond memories of your time at Herkimer, and would like to help promote the value of a Herkimer County Community College education, please consider this opportunity.

For more information or to sign up, please contact
William Zeiter, Admissions Assistant, bill@herkimer.edu or (315) 866-0300, ext. 8321.

CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1997



Jay Scienza '97, of Yorkville, NY, works as a financial advisor at Key Investment Services. He also teaches basic financial money management to high school and college students. Originally from Frankfort, Jay earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 2004 and a

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling in 2005, both from Life in Christ Bible School in Clinton, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Theology. Scienza was married in 2000 and has two children. In his free time, he is an AYSO soccer coach, staff instructor at Bailey's Karate, and a licensed minister, teacher, board member and worship leader at Life in Christ Family Church in Clinton, NY.

IN MEMORIAM

Herkimer County Community College extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni and members of the HCCC family:

CLASS OF 1971

James F. Farber, 61, Piseco, NY, passed away on April 11, 2013. Jim was an entrepreneur at heart. He opened his first store in the Adirondacks in the early 1970's followed by two more stores, each larger than the previous one. Thus beginning a 28-year adventure where Jim worked as a realtor, a businessman, a school bus contract driver, a civic leader and friend of many in the Adirondacks. For the past five years, he worked for the State of New York Transportation Department.

JoAnn Maneen, 67, Frankfort, NY, passed away on June 12, 2013. JoAnn and her sister, Theresa, together were the owner and operators of the Balloon Farm Bed and Breakfast for many years. JoAnn was also employed as an elementary school teacher at St. Mary's School, Frankfort, and later for West Frankfort Elementary School. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Queen of Apostles Church,

a member of the CNY Bed and Breakfast Association, a Stanley Theater Volunteer and a member of the NYS Retired Teachers Association.

CLASS OF 1976

Michele M. Long, 56, Fairfield, NY, passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2013. Michele was last employed at the West Canada Valley School system. With family as her foremost priority, Michele was a loving and caring wife, mother, and grandmother.

CLASS OF 1978

Cynthia L. Groulx, 54, Herkimer, NY, passed away unexpectedly on May 27, 2013. Cynthia was employed as a senior Medicaid service coordinator for Herkimer ARC. She was a member of St. Francis de Sales Church, HARC Guardianship Committee and was a former member of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.

CLASS OF 1984

Steven H. Spellicy, 55, Camden, NY, passed away on April 6, 2013. Steve worked for 20 years with the Frost Valley YMCA Camp in Olivera, NY as a forester. Steve was an avid archer and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

Anita Trimboli, Assistant Professor in Humanities/Social Science, retired from Herkimer in 2013. She began her employment here on August 25, 1988 as a lecturer in Humanities/Social Science, and on August 25, 1989 she became an Instructor in the same division. She was granted tenure in 1994 beginning that fall semester. In fall 1995, Trimboli was promoted

from instructor to Assistant Professor. In March 2004, she was included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Most recently, she has served on the Commencement committee.

Pamela Mackey, Assistant Professor of English, was appointed to the faculty on January 21, 2003. She retired after 10 years of service on July 1, 2013.

CLASS OF 1987

Erik Jay Smith, 46, Forney, TX, formerly of Ilion, passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2013 in Franklin, TN. Erik was employed by NDS of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare for 22 years before moving to Texas. He later was a Computer Safety Consultant for AVAAP USA, Inc., New Jersey.

CLASS OF 1990

Martin E. Welpe, 42, Little Falls, NY, passed away on April 7, 2013. He was a member of Holy Family Parish Church in Little Falls. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge #42 B.P.O.E. where he was secretary, and a member of the Sons of the American Legion. Martin was the chairman of the Mathematics Department at Little Falls High School. He was also an adjunct professor at Herkimer County Community College.

CLASS OF 1991

Michael R. Fitzer, 41, Ilion, NY, passed away February 11, 2013 at the age of 41. Michael was employed as Assistant Comptroller with F.X. Matt Brewery in Utica.

Richard William Tucker, 67, passed away on July 18, 2013 at Faxton-St. Lukes Healthcare following a courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from West Canada Valley Central School, he entered the U.S. Navy where he served aboard the USS Coral Sea and USS Constellation during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged at the rank of ATN3. Richard was most recently employed with Fiberdyne Labs, from where he retired in 2008. Richard was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking, kayaking and fishing. He was also interested in collecting books, traveling and was an excellent cook. He enjoyed cheering on his New York Giants. Richard was a member of the Morehouse Lake Club and a former member of the Kuyahoora Valley Historical Society.

CLASS OF 1992

Robert Michael DeCarr, 41, Ballston Lake, NY, passed away November 20, 2012 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Bob was employed by Target and was the store manager of their Latham, NY store for the past 10 years.

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**Mountain Valley
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Saturday, October 19

College Open House
Saturday, October 26

**Region III Men's Soccer
Championships**
Saturday, November 2

**37th Herkimer County
Arts & Crafts Fair**
Saturday, November 9 &
Sunday, November 10

**NJCAA Division III
Men's Soccer National
Championships**
Thursday, November 14 -
Sunday, November 17