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A photograph of a student in a laboratory setting, focused on using a white and black microscope. The student is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and is looking through the eyepiece. The microscope is on a desk, and there are other microscopes and papers visible in the background. The text 'Gaynor Science Center Completed' is overlaid in the bottom right corner.

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ALUMNI GREETINGS



Dear Alumni & Friends,

As chairperson of the Alumni Committee of the Foundation Board, I am honored to represent nearly 20,000 Herkimer alumni, many who live and work in faraway places around the world and just as many who choose to call the Mohawk Valley home. I was fortunate to meet many of you during Alumni Weekend last fall. I heard over and over how impressed you were with the progress of the College, from the expansion and renovation of facilities to the national championship athletic program, to the impressive academic programs. For many, the event brought back fond memories of time spent on the "Hill," and it was clear that you enjoyed reuniting with fellow alumni, faculty and staff. For all, it was a chance to be reminded of where we got our start and to feel a sense of great pride in our alma mater.

I invite you to keep in touch and consider a visit this spring. There are many exciting events planned including a weekend of music, art and dance April 18-20 with a Nancy Kelly jazz concert, Bohemian Quartet, and the President's Gala with a special student art exhibit. Or you might prefer to cheer on your Herkimer Generals at an exciting baseball, softball or lacrosse game or participate in the Generals Open golf tournament in June. There are many ways to support your alma mater. Our events calendar can be found at www.herkimer.edu/events. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With kindest regards,

Deborah Dempsey Scialdo

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Foundation Vice President & Alumni Committee Chair



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Greetings from the President



Dear Alumni,

This spring, we will celebrate the graduation of our 20,000th graduate at the 45th Herkimer County Community College Commencement. It will be a proud day for us to know that our College has positively impacted so many lives.

As you read through this issue, we hope you realize that we continue to transform the lives of our students through the power of education. Our alumni are a great source of pride, and your success inspires us to continue providing a supportive environment that positively impacts our students' lives and futures.

Many of you benefited from the efforts of our College Foundation through scholarships and other support. Last year alone, the Foundation invested over 1.2 million dollars in support of student learning at HCCC. We hope you will consider paying it forward and help others to pursue their dreams. There are many ways you can help—all of which are outlined in this publication.

We invite you to share your stories so we can continue to make the connections that keep us all committed to the mission of Herkimer County Community College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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



Members of Herkimer's executive team, along with Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Scholarship Kaitlin Nageldinger, sign a "Commit to Complete" banner, encouraging students to complete their degrees.

From left: Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Oriolo, Vice President for Administration and Finance Nicholas Laino, President Ann Marie Murray, Kaitlin Nageldinger, Assistant to the President Daniel Sargent and Dean of Students Matthew Hawes.

Opening of the New Gaynor Science Center



A MAJOR RENOVATION TO THE COLLEGE'S 40-YEAR OLD SCIENCE LABS WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER AND STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE BENEFITING GREATLY FROM THE NEW FACILITIES.

Teaching and learning have been enhanced by efficiently laid out and well-lit work spaces, state-of-the-art equipment and interactive audio visual technology. Students are spending more time in the labs, which translates into a better understanding of subject matter and increased interaction with each other and faculty.

The newly renovated science wing in Johnson Hall is the result of a 2.8 million dollar capital project. The renovation resulted in five new science laboratories (biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology, and microbiology), a preparation room and greenhouse, as well as a new roof and heating and cooling system for Johnson Hall.

Freshman Mary Wormwood, a Physical Therapist Assistant major from Lowville, New York, was one of the first students to attend





Pictured above is Professor Emeritus Robert Dorrance and his family, Jan Squadrito of the Community Foundation and Assistant Professor of Biology Rebecca Ward.

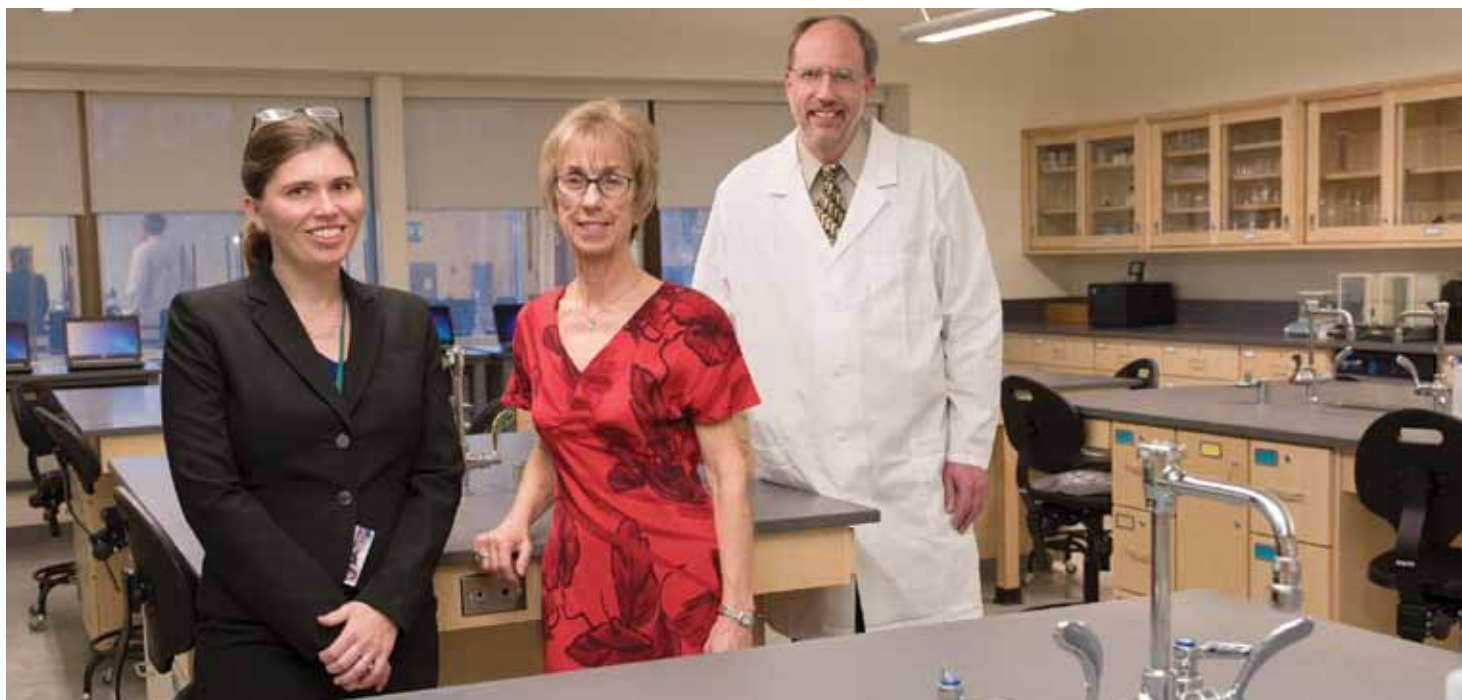
class in the new biology lab. Wormwood is impressed, and says the labs are bright, beautiful and very functional. “I like how you can change the arrangement for what you are doing. It’s great for learning,” she said.

Faculty and staff were consulted during the planning and design stages of the project. In the chemistry lab, two large lab benches with raised centers were replaced with six benches, each complete with everything required for lab exercises including sinks. Associate Professor of Chemistry George Smith said, “Our individual areas of expertise were taken into account when designing the labs.” Smith is especially pleased with the new state-of-the-art equipment in the chemistry lab including an infrared spectrometer equipped with a diamond attenuated total reflection (ATR) allowing for the latest types of chemical testing and identification of unknown compounds. He also finds that the organization of the labs and the ability to see all the benches at any given time have improved his ability to move around the lab quickly and assist students more effectively.

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George Smith, Associate Professor, Chemistry



Pictured are: Jessica Kelly, Instructor, Science/Technology/Engineering/Math; Faith Thompson, Instructor, Physical Science; George Smith, Associate Professor, Chemistry.

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A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony took place in November. Special recognition was given to Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder who was instrumental in securing the gift from the Gaynor Trust. Snyder said the Gaynors would be very proud of how their legacy lives on in this Science Center.

The science wing is named for the late Edward Manning Gaynor Jr. and Shirley Augar Gaynor, prominent, former residents of Cooperstown, NY, whose \$300,000 gift was made in trust to the Herkimer County College Foundation and directed to the Elements Campaign. Other major contributors included the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc., M&T Bank, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, as well as the Herkimer County College Foundation and the College sponsor, Herkimer County.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, senior vice chancellor for community colleges for the State University of New York, complimented the College and all those who helped make the project possible, stating that the new Science Center rivals those she has seen at other institutions. Several elected officials also praised the project, including Congressman Richard Hanna, Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Marc Butler, and Herkimer County Legislative Chair Vincent Bono.

Assistant director of communications and development for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Myron Thurston, III (Class of 1999), spoke about the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education. He said the new labs will have a positive impact for students and the community.

Architects from CSArch, including Randy Collins (Class of 1978), were responsible for the design and management of the project.

A complete list of donors and photos of the project are here: www.herkimer.edu/science-center. Dedication ceremony photo gallery is here: www.herkimer.edu/science-center-ribbon-cutting



Herkimer County Community College Vice President for Administration and Finance Nicholas F. Laino and Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder cut the ribbon for the new Edward Manning and Shirley Augar Gaynor Science Center. Pictured behind them are (from left): Board of Trustees Vice Chair Isabella Crandall, HCC Foundation President Frank Kapusta, M&T Bank Assistant Vice President Alissa Viti, Congressman Richard Hanna, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Testa, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Oriolo, Senator James Seward, and Herkimer County Legislators Robert Schrader, Vincent J. Bono and Fred Shaw. Also participating, but not shown in the photo, was Community Foundation representative Jan Squadrito and Herkimer County Legislator Peter Manno.

EARN A CAZENOVIA COLLEGE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT HERKIMER

A bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security from Cazenovia College will be offered on the HCCC campus beginning with the Fall 2013 semester.

The part-time evening program will offer at least two courses for the degree each semester. Some courses may be available online. A final summer course will be completed over two weekends at Cazenovia. Students will have complete access to Cazenovia's library, and will be charged \$220/credit hour for Cazenovia College tuition at Herkimer.

For more information contact Cazenovia College.



HCCC STUDENTS COMMIT TO COMPLETE COLLEGE

HCCC, along with 36 other SUNY and CUNY community colleges set aside October 3, 2012 to send a simple message: **Students who complete an associate degree have better prospects for jobs, scholarships and transfer to four-year schools.** "Commit to Complete" was the catch phrase chosen to capture this message.

"Commit to Complete" events included a campaign asking students to sign a pledge to complete their degree or certificate program, and a live-streamed presentation by community college graduate and author Isa Adney. Throughout the day, Phi Theta Kappa members encouraged their fellow students to sign a "Commit to Complete" pledge and a banner that will help remind them of the importance of completing their associate degree. Wristbands were given to each person who signed as a symbol of their commitment. Another banner was signed by all HCCC administration, faculty and staff. Both banners will be displayed at events throughout the remaining academic year.



Commit. Complete. Compete.

CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL SECURITY CERTIFICATION

The Cybersecurity program has been awarded certification by the Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program. This certification recognizes that HCCC's courses have met all elements of the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Training standards for Information Systems Security Professionals and Senior Systems Managers.

The IACE Program provides consistency in training and education for information assurance skills. CNSS is a United States intergovernmental organization that sets policy for the security of the US security systems, and is chaired by the US Department of Defense.

Students in HCCC's Cybersecurity associate in science degree program learn how to be the first line of defense in protecting cyber-networks in fields such as banking and finance, transportation, petrochemical industry, law enforcement and defense communications, government and homeland security. The curriculum includes a combination of criminal justice and computer-technology courses and can be completed on-campus or online.





9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



An annual ceremony is held on-campus to remember and honor all those affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The 2012 program included presentation of colors by a color guard from VFW Post 4915, “The Star-Spangled Banner” by HCCC freshman Kevin Montano and “Taps” by James Traglia, Herkimer High School music teacher. Speakers included Student Government Association Vice-President Nicole Todd, Professor Kalman Socolof, President Ann Marie Murray and Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Trevor, Ilion Fire Department.

Todd said “On September 11, my dad was working in New York City. I was glad he came home safely, but he is also a Navy reservist. My dad spent a year in Afghanistan, during my freshman year in high school. Unfortunately, along the way since 9/11, I have heard first-hand of many lives lost, and I feel for all of them. This is the greatest country to live in, and we need to remember all who were affected on that tragic day 11 years ago. I appreciate what our country stands for, and what our military stands for, so that we can be free,” Todd concluded.

HCTV AND WVHC AIR LIVE STUDENT PRODUCED MUSIC SHOW

“Play to the Camera,” a live, student-produced music program, aired its premiere episode in November.

The program featured the band, **The Birdseed Bandits**, comprised of former and current students in HCCC’s Music Industry program. Students majoring in Radio-Television Broadcasting, Digital Filmmaking, and Communication Arts: New Media worked as crew members operating studio cameras as well as the video switcher, graphics system, teleprompter, audio boards and video server system.

According to Radio-Television Broadcasting instructor Douglas Flanagan, the goal is to produce at least two or three live episodes per semester featuring student bands associated with the Music Industry program. “Play to the Camera” provides students with hands-on experience in a variety of skills. “It’s a good cross pollination of music and media at HCCC. It covers it all; live sound, pre-production, promotion and performance,” said Music Industry assistant professor Jason Davis. Students also use recordings of the program to practice using editing systems and post-production skills.



HCTV is Time Warner Cable’s public access station serving Southern Herkimer County and can be viewed on Time Warner Cable Channel 99. WVHC 91.5 FM airs programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The station is best known for its jazz programming, the only of its kind in the Mohawk Valley. It also airs a mix of student-produced programs, athletic events and other campus events.

HCCC Board Chairman Honored

Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Snyder was awarded the Anne M. Bushnell Memorial Award for Special Achievement. Given by the New York Community College Trustees, Inc. (NYCCT), the award recognizes Snyder's extraordinary leadership and achievement throughout his term of service.

Snyder was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in 1991, and has served as Chairman since 2000. His contributions to the College include assisting during the growth of the campus and the construction of the Technology Building, Wehrum Stadium, Reservoir Run and the renovation of the Robert McLaughlin College Center, the Ronald F. Williams Library and the Gaynor Science Center. Snyder was instrumental in securing a \$300,000 gift for the renovation of the science labs, which were formally dedicated as the Edward Manning and Shirley Augar Gaynor Science Center in November. He was also instrumental in the search and selection process for the College's third president.

The award was presented on Saturday, September 22 during the 2012 NYCCT Awards Banquet as part of the 58th Annual NYCCT Conference in Saratoga Springs.



“Don’s Way” to Honor Chairman Snyder

The Board of Trustees recently approved a resolution at the recommendation of the Executive Council and HCC Foundation, to name the corridor connecting the Library to Johnson Hall for Mr. Donald Snyder. The naming of this corridor recognizes Mr. Snyder for his love of the College and his many years of committed service by naming the corridor “Donald J. Snyder Corridor,” to also be known as “Don’s Way.” Holding the proclamation are (from left): Board of Trustees Secretary Mary Ellen Clark, Donald Snyder and President Ann Marie Murray.

Wind Appointed to Board



Dr. Theodore Wind, Little Falls, was appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees in September 2012. His appointment is for a term of seven years to expire in 2019.

Wind is a practicing optometrist and has owned his own practice in Little Falls since 1986. He is President of the Mohawk Valley Optometric Association, and a member

of both the New York State Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association. He holds a B.S. in Biology from Le Moyne College and a Doctorate of Optometry from Illinois College of Optometry.

Wind has been a member of the Little Falls Elks Lodge since 1978, during which time he has held the positions of Exalted Ruler and Scholarship Chairman, and was honored as Elk of the Year in 1999. He has also been a member of the

Little Falls Police and Fire Board since 2004 and has served as vice president since 2007.

Board Chairman Donald J. Snyder said, “We are pleased to welcome Dr. Wind to the Board of Trustees. His knowledge of the health sciences will bring a unique perspective to the Board, and we look forward to his experience, insight and commitment to help move the College forward.”



Mackesey '84 Publishes Adirondack Guidebook

If you're thinking about exploring the Adirondack Park with your children, pick up a copy of the easy to read paperback *Adirondack Exploration for Kids and Families: History, Discovery and Fun!* by Melinda Hayes Mackesey '84, Altamont, NY. An accounting graduate from Herkimer, Mindy also played on the women's basketball team under coach Jeanne Galvin from 1982-84. "Basketball was my carrot to get me to school," Mackesey said. "My sister and I went to Coach Jack Alofs' summer camp at Herkimer. I always wanted to play Generals basketball. Jack was my dad's gym teacher in high school and Jack's father was my great-grandfather's football coach, so we had a strong tie with the Alofs."

While focusing on accounting at HCCC, Mindy really enjoyed her English classes, which eventually prompted her to write a book. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from SUNYIT, and is a 2007 graduate of The College of Saint Rose with a master's in educational psychology. "I had a lot of exposure to youth literature. Growing up on a dairy farm in Oppenheim, NY, we didn't take big vacations. We'd go camping and water skiing in the Adirondacks. I wanted to expose others to the wonders of the Adirondacks."

Through her stories, activities and fun facts in the book, educator Melinda Mackesey gives information that is uniquely Adirondack. Her pocket book covers Adirondack landscape and nature; people and working in the Adirondacks; places, events and organizations; building an Adirondack lean-to, soap making, and a crossword puzzle on the Adirondack State Park.

Mindy said her time in the HCCC library . . . made her "fall in love with academics."

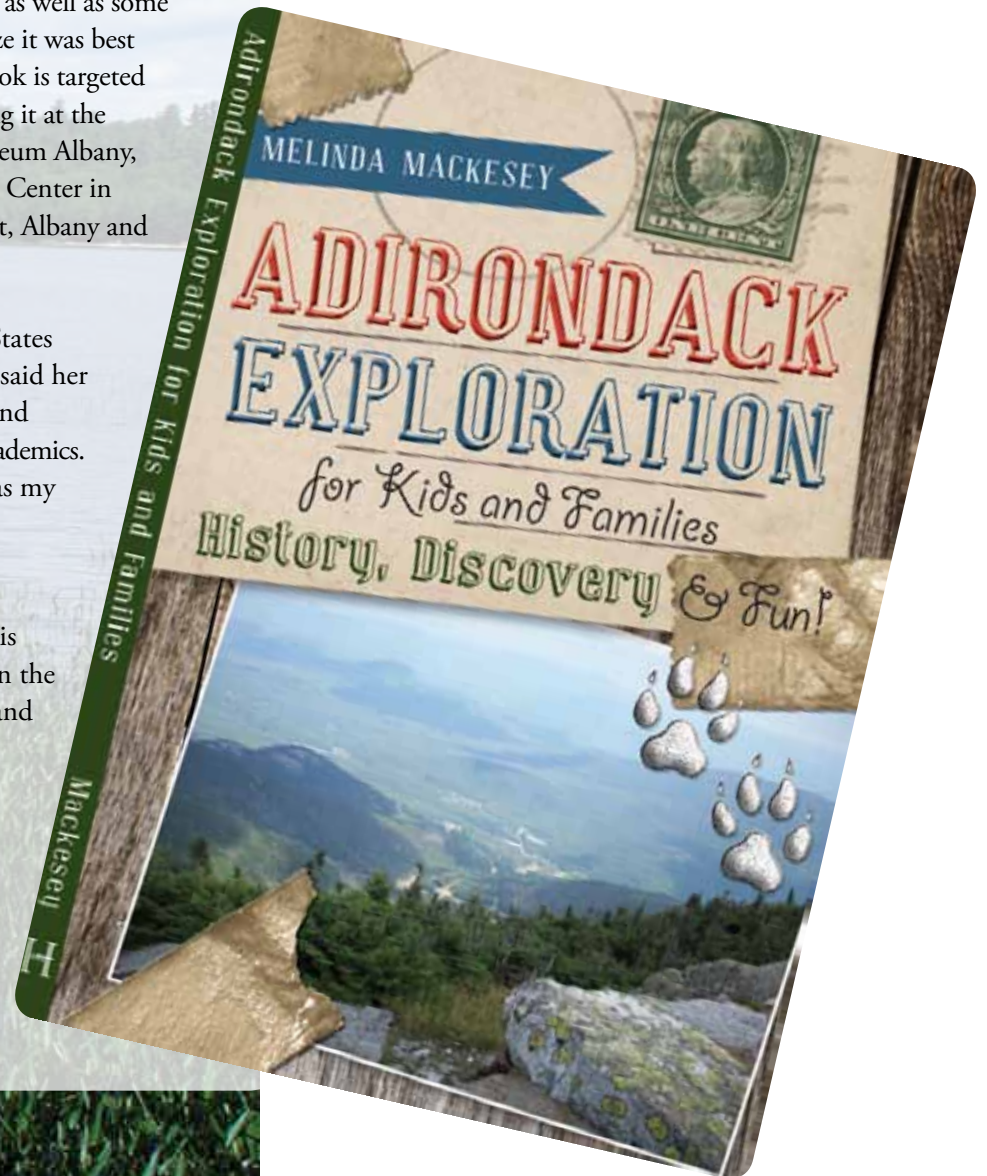


for Summer Day Trips

In November 2011, The History Press published the book, which includes many of Mindy's photographs as well as some historic photos. "It took me two years to realize it was best to go with a small publisher," she said. The book is targeted specifically for museum sales including offering it at the Museum of Natural History, NYC; NYS Museum Albany, NY; Blue Mountain Lake Museum; The Wild Center in Tupper Lake; The Museum of History and Art, Albany and others.

Twenty years as an auditor with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Mindy said her time in the HCCC Library between classes and basketball practice made her "fall in love with academics. Associate Professor Emeritus Tom Barthel was my English teacher, and he 'turned on a light.'"

Her book is also available at Barnes & Noble Bookstores, and online at Amazon.com. Mindy is now writing the history of Christian camps in the Adirondacks. Discover her stories, activities and Adirondack adventures in her next book.



Martinez '80, Advocate for the Latino Community, and 2012 New York State Woman of the Year

AS RETIREMENT AGE APPROACHES, SONIA KEEPS EDUCATION AS A TOP PRIORITY IN LIFE, NOT ONLY FOR HERSELF, BUT FOR HER FAMILY, AND THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY.



Carmen "Sonia" Martinez, Utica, NY is a 1980 graduate of Herkimer's Travel & Tourism program. Born in the Dominican Republic, Martinez said she came to the U.S. in 1972 and has worked "extremely hard to represent Latino women and children. There are many adversities in life and if I can be an advocate and help someone maneuver the support systems in our community, I am more than happy to do so," she added.

Martinez, currently employed by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, is co-founder of the Mohawk Valley Latino Association. She is a board member for Boy Scouts of America, Rebuild Mohawk Valley, NAACP, Mohawk Valley Non-Profit Leaders Group and the Utica Public Library. Sonia received the 2012 Woman of the Year Award from the Mohawk Valley Chapter of New York State Women, Inc. "I felt excited and honored to be nominated," she said.

When Martinez came to this country she learned quickly what being a minority meant, working hard so teachers would know her by name. "Education was at the top of my mind, to be the first in my family to graduate from high school and then college," Sonia said.

Looking back on her days at HCCC, she said "It was not easy for a minority student to attend college in the late 70's, but a wonderful personal growth opportunity for me. Now, I see there is a very diverse student population at Herkimer, and many support services on campus for these students, and it makes me very proud to be an alumnus." She added that the two-year long experience shows Latino women that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

As retirement age approaches, Sonia continues to have education as a top priority in life not only for herself, but for her family, and those in our community. She said, "I would like to return to college to work on my bachelor's degree in human services, to expand my knowledge, and be the best advocate I can be for my community."

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Rape Survivor Speaks to Students

KIMBERLEE MORTON '09 IS LOOKING TO CHANGE STATE LAWS AFTER CHANGING TENNESSEE LAW TO REQUIRE VIOLENT RAPISTS TO SERVE OUT THEIR PRISON TERMS.



Morton survived a brutal rape at the age of 20 in 1998. She returned to her alma mater, Herkimer County Community College in October 2012, to tell about the attack and how she became involved in working with state lawmakers to close a loophole that allowed her assailant to only serve part of his sentence.

An aspiring 20-year-old model in 1998, Morton let a man she long considered a friend, her upstairs neighbor Carlos Thomas (aka Turner), into her apartment in Memphis, Tennessee. He asked to use her phone. He raped, stabbed and choked her, burning her with Clorox and asking her how she wanted to be killed. She begged him not to kill her. He faked a robbery and left. It wasn't until she looked in a mirror that she realized she was bloody from head to toe. When assisted by a neighbor, Morton realized the extent of her injuries, including punctured lungs, stab wounds

and second-degree burns, and was taken to the hospital.

Thomas was arrested and Morton was disappointed with his 15-year sentence. "I had covered all my mirrors to avoid seeing my burns, and I realized I had to pick myself up. I felt so strong; I had to show my dignity and go back to school," Morton said. She felt God spared her life for a purpose, and she enrolled in Job Corps free education and training program, completing her high school education and earning an associate in applied science degree from HCCC in 2009 in human services. "I really liked Herkimer. I never had time to get involved but I had great professors, and did really well," Morton said.

In 2011, she was shocked to hear Thomas was going to be released from prison after serving 12 of his 15-year sentence. Riding the bus from New York to Memphis, Morton wrote letters to

everyone she could think of to keep him from an early release, to no avail.

Morton was determined to close the Tennessee loophole that reduces sentences for good behavior. She told her story to the media, made calls and circulated petitions. In May 2012 Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam signed what became known as "Kimberlee's Law" requiring violent rapists serve 100% of their prison term. She hopes to eventually have the law passed in all 50 states.

Her story has been in *JET Magazine* and on numerous television shows including "Montel Williams," "Maury" and "I Survived." She now resides in Utica, NY and in addition to working on getting her law enacted in numerous states, she has spent the last nine years, on and off, writing her autobiography. Morton looks forward to getting it published, and has a second book in mind.

Morton's program at the College was sponsored by the HCCC Women's Club and the Counseling Center.

FALL FEST & Alumni Weekend

“My family and I enjoyed the Alumni Weekend. It was a great family day and my wife and I really liked seeing what’s been done since we attended.” Jay Scienza, Class of 1997, Yorkville, NY



The College’s Fall Fest and Alumni Weekend, held in September, featured an alumni gathering with music and dancing. Visitors enjoyed tours of the new science labs and Herkimer Community Museum, a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, inflatable games, swimming in the Cristman Pool, geocaching on the nature trail and horse drawn wagon rides.

AVID WORKSTATIONS DONATED BY SUCCESSFUL ALUM

Thanks to a generous donation from HCCC alum Steven Altieri (Class of 1978), five new Avid work stations have been added to the College’s digital nonlinear edit lab. With the additional work stations, students enrolled in Herkimer’s digital media programs have greater access to the industry standard Avid Media Composer system used for editing video. Altieri is chief operating officer for SSI Advanced Post Services in Hollywood, CA, a state-of-the-art post production facility serving the entertainment industry. Digital media programs at HCCC include Radio-TV Broadcasting, Digital Filmmaking, Communication Arts: New Media and Music Industry.





VETERAN'S WALL UNVEILING

On December 7, 2012, an unveiling ceremony was held for the updated Herkimer County Veteran's Wall of Honor. Located near the Dining Center in the College Center, the Veteran's Wall of Honor recognizes Herkimer County men and women, in all branches of the military, who have served in wars and major armed conflicts from World War I to the present. The Wall was updated to include campaign ribbons for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adam Lisser, Rome, a freshman in Criminal Justice: Cybersecurity, was the student speaker for the event. Lisser was deployed to Iraq from 2008-2009 and transferred to the Army National Guard in 2012.



DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY

The College partnered with the American Red Cross to collect donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy throughout the NJCAA National Championship Men's Soccer Tournament. Three of the eight teams participating in the tournament were directly affected by the storm. Jeff Parker, Ombudsman and Volunteer Coordinator for the American Red Cross Mohawk Valley Chapter, said "We appreciated the opportunity to present ourselves to the public and to collect some funds at the same time. I was especially moved by the opportunity to speak directly with some of the victims of the hurricane and offer my support to them."

The Coliseum Soccer Club made a donation to the American Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Response Fund during the National Championship Soccer Tournament.

From left: Don Dutcher, HCCC Director of Athletics; John Fornino, Coliseum Soccer Club Treasurer; Jeff Parker representing the Red Cross and Jody Grippe from the Coliseum Soccer Club.

HCCC PLACES THIRD IN NATYCAA CUP

Herkimer placed third in the 2011-2012 National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup competition. HCCC has placed in the top five of the competition annually since the award was established in 2004.

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.

HCCC Director of Athletics Donald Dutcher accepted the award at the NATYCAA National Convention in Cleveland, OH. "We are proud of this ranking, and the hard work of our student athletes, entire athletic department staff, together with our faculty and the College administration," Dutcher said.

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



FORMER HCCC ATHLETES REUNITE

Several HCCC alumni gathered at a recent basketball game to celebrate Akeem Ellis' selection to play professional basketball in Australia.

Front row: Akeem Ellis '10, HCCC basketball, 2 yrs. at Coppin State; Samantha Downey '12, women's basketball & lacrosse; and Reggie German '10, basketball, transferred to Utica College and coaches modified basketball at Holland Patent.

Back row: Katie Monahan '12, women's soccer, lacrosse and basketball, transferred to Utica College in therapeutic recreation; Angie Rudy '12, women's soccer and lacrosse, transferred to SUNY Cortland for fitness development and lacrosse; Kevin Simmons, manager for the men's basketball team while attending Herkimer; and Dillon Haskett '12, transferred to Bridgewater College, VA where he plays football.



MEN'S SOCCER WINS 9TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Herkimer's 1-0 double overtime win against Montgomery College in the NJCAA Division III championship match clinched the Generals' ninth national title. The defending champions repeated for the first time since 1999 and 2000, and won for the sixth time under Coach Pepe Aragon. HCCC hosted the national tournament at Wehrum Stadium where the Generals outplayed Brookdale Community College 1-0 in the quarterfinals, and won over Bunker Hill Community College 3-0 in the semifinals.

HCCC players named to the All-Tournament Team were: Triston Henry, Peter McAvoy, Korab Sylva and Craig McCabe, who was also named Tournament MVP. Pepe Aragon was named Coach of the Tournament.

The 2012 team also won the program's 23rd consecutive Region III championship October 28 at Wehrum Stadium with a 1-0 championship game shutout against Genesee Community College. The Generals' overall record was 20-2 with an 8-0 record in the Mountain Valley Conference.



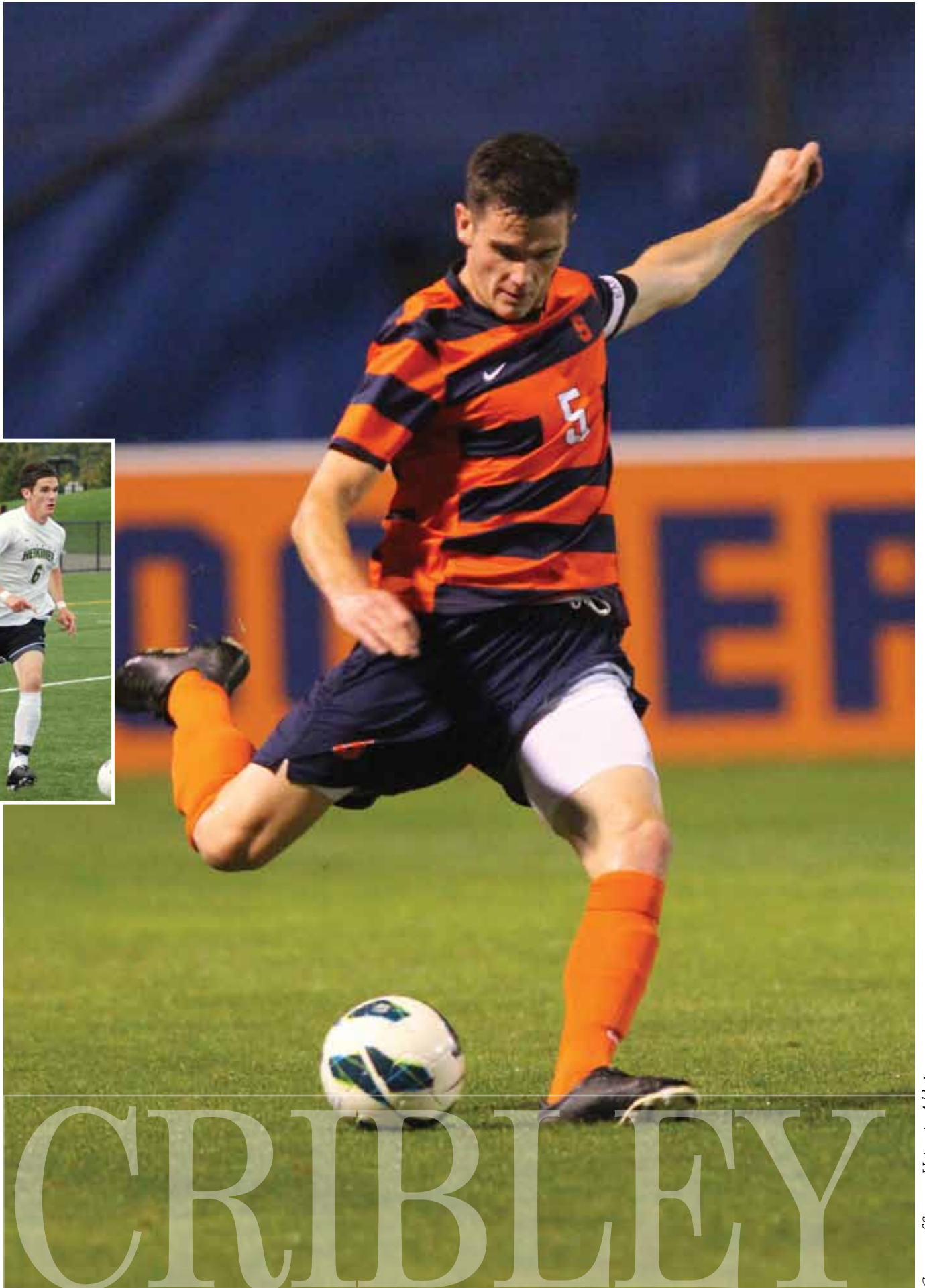
Outstanding HCCC women's soccer player Jessica Dutka transferred to Bluefield College, VA, where she had an outstanding season for the Rams.

The 2012 Rams were the third most improved team, according to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) statistics. Bluefield College posted a 9-10-1 record.

“Coming in as a new player transferring from a community college to a four-year college is a big challenge,” junior forward Jessica Dutka said. “We have broken records that nobody ever thought we would, but we know next year will be a lot better and we will win games that we lost. Just growing together as a family has made us better and we will achieve the goals that we have planned for next year.” The Highland, NY native had an outstanding first season with the Rams.

Dutka played two seasons at Herkimer where she made 32 appearances for head coach Amy Dommer. “While Jess was at Herkimer, she played a couple different roles for us,” Dommer said. “She played mostly defense her freshman year and then stepped up to play an important offensive role her senior year. Jess was our team’s second leading offensive player with six goals and nine assists. Her speed and physical toughness made her a hard target for teams to defend and an asset to our team.”

Dutka scored six goals as she led HCCC to the Region 3B Finals in 2012.



CRIBBLEY

Courtesy of Syracuse University Athletics

Named CAPTAIN at Syracuse University

Former HCCC men's soccer player Ted Cribley '11, was named captain of Syracuse University's men's soccer team. When Ted began play at Division I Syracuse University in 2011, he started in all 16 games. Cribley led the team with four assists. He tallied his first point as a member of the Orange with an assist on Federico Agreda's winning goal against Canisius. Cribley also had assists against No. 11 USF, Pittsburgh, and Siena. They finished with a 3-12-1 record. During the 2012 season, Cribley helped Syracuse make their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1984.

"We are all so proud of Ted for what he has done and continues to do at Syracuse," said Herkimer Coach Pepe Aragon. "He was a great captain here and I'm confident he will be for SU as well," Aragon added. Cribley is from Sheffield, England and graduated from HCCC with an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies in 2011, before transferring to SU.



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CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1972

Alan Groves, Anderson, SC, a native of Otego, NY, recently retired after 43 years in newspaper sales and management business with eight years at the Daily Star in Oneonta and 34 years with the Anderson Independent/Mail in South Carolina. Al was a member of the first two Generals basketball teams and was co-captain of the HCCC baseball team to win the Northeastern Collegiate Conference Championship in 1969. He continues to play competitive baseball as a member of the Roy Hobbs World Series and has been a member of three World Championship teams.

CLASS OF 1981

Chris Hughes, Cranberry Township, PA, recently entered his 23rd year as a professor of physical therapy at Slippery Rock University (Slippery Rock, PA).



CLASS OF 2005

Kylee Birchenough and Joshua Hicks ('06), Sherburne, NY, were married September 1, 2012. The couple met in 2005 when Kylee was a member of the women's soccer team and Josh was a member of the men's baseball team. Kylee is a sales and marketing consultant for Technekes LLC and Josh is a construction foreman with Clark Companies, which specializes in the design and construction of outdoor athletic facilities in the Northeast.

CLASS OF 2009

Kimberlee Morton, Utica, NY, recently returned to campus to share with students her experience as a victim of rape and her life's mission to advocate for other victims. In May 2012, Morton helped pass legislation in Tennessee forcing violent rapists to serve 100 percent of their prison sentence. She has also shared her story on The Montel Williams Show, The Maury Show, Biography Channel's "I Survived" and in *JET Magazine*.

Jeannie Golanka Wodo, Lockport, NY recently graduated summa cum laude from Utica College with a bachelor of science degree in cybersecurity and information assurance.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Daniel Joseph Yule, 48, Utica, NY, passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2012. After graduating from Herkimer, he furthered his studies at the Crane School of Music at Potsdam University, graduating in 1989 with a bachelor's of fine arts degree. Daniel was a New York State licensed security guard, working for ACS and more recently the L.B. Security in Utica.

Bryan Paul Rosa, 40, Whitesboro, NY, Class of 1994, passed away unexpectedly on July 10, 2012. He was most recently employed at Bank of New York as an investigator.

John (Jack) Ball, 75, Old Forge, NY, Class of 1974, died July 13, 2012 at Gilcrest Hospice in Columbia, MD after a courageous battle with Wegener's Granulomatosis.

William VanSickle Jr., 68, Schuylar, NY, passed away at his home on July 13, 2012. After graduating from Herkimer, he was employed with Remington Arms Co. as a supervisor for 45 years, retiring in June 2010.

Debbie Terri Wilmore, 45, Utica, NY, Class of 1989, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 28, 2012 after 20 years of resilience to a difficult illness. After graduating from Herkimer with an associate degree in travel and tourism, she worked as a reservations agent for US Air.

Shane M.A. Badger, 36, Irondequoit, NY, Class of 2003, passed away August 1, 2012. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of sergeant. Shane was most recently employed as the grounds supervisor at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Dr. Robert M. Francis, 69, Palm Coast, FL, passed away peacefully at his son's home in Oregon on August 14, 2012. Bob taught accounting at HCCC for 30 years, receiving the New York State Chancellors Award for Teaching Excellence in 1990. He retired in December 2000 and was later awarded emeritus status.

Roger "Owen" McNamara, 81, Lincoln, RI, (formerly of Herkimer, NY) died August 22, 2012, in the St. Camillus Health Center. Owen was an English professor at HCCC for 30 years and was awarded emeritus status after retiring in 1994. He was a 1955 graduate of Boston University and a 1958 graduate of Kent State. Owen traveled extensively and was an avid biker and runner.

Christopher J. O'Day, 49, Canastota, NY, passed away on August 29, 2012. Chris was employed with Macy's department store where he was the multi-store operator since 2010. He had previously been employed with Filene's and Kaufmann's where he was the operations manager since 1995.

Emmeline Kaye Carpenter, 59, Valdosta, GA, Class of 1998, passed away September 3,

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2012 at Langdale Hospice House after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was most recently employed as a teachers' aide at Herkimer County B.O.C.E.S., retiring due to her illness.

William (Bill) Hilts, 69, passed away on September 6, 2012 at his home in Mohawk. Following his military service in the U.S. Air Force, Bill worked as a plumber, construction worker and most recently at Herkimer County Community College.

William W. Ortlieb, 66, passed away unexpectedly on September 21, 2012 with the support and comfort of his loving family at his side. Bill had previously worked at HCCC as Director of Student Activities.

Christine Guido Carbone, 45, Winter Garden, FL, Class of 1988, died September 25, 2012 at Health Central Hospital with the love and support of her family and friends by her side. After graduating from Herkimer, she began her career as a videographer at WUTR-TV in Utica, then for AFSA (ACS), and then had an 18-year career as a sales agent for Disney World.

Patrick M. Rooke, 62, Herkimer, NY, Class of 1993, passed away on October 26, 2012 at home after a courageous battle with several health issues. Patrick was employed with PAR Technology and Herkimer High School.

Robert DeCarr, 41, Ballston Lake, NY, Class of 1992, died November 20, 2012 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was employed for the last 10 years by Target and was the store manager of their Latham store.

Gary M. Toukatly, 59, Utica, NY died unexpectedly November 20, 2012 in Florida. He graduated from SUNYIT with a bachelor of science degree.

John Skinner, 46, New Hartford, NY, Class of 1992, passed away peacefully at his home November 30, 2012 after a lifelong battle with diabetes. John was employed for many years with Utica National Insurance, a job he truly enjoyed. John loved the Adirondacks and outdoors, and was happiest when surrounded by family.

Louis T. Call Jr., Ed.D., 84, Little Falls, NY passed away November 30, 2012 in Little Falls Hospital with the love and support of his wife at his side.

Dr. Call retired from Herkimer County Community College in 1992 as an Assistant Professor of English and children's literature. At one time he worked at Utica College. Dr. Call had a passion for reading children's literature and was an avid and well-known stamp collector.

Martin D. "Marty" Bull, 62, Clayville, NY, passed away December 18, 2012 at Upstate Medical Center with his loving family and friends at his side. He attended Herkimer County Community College and was a co-owner and partner of Bull Brothers Incorporated of Utica for the past 42 years. He was also co-owner of Fastrac Markets of Syracuse, NY. United for 33 years in marriage to the former Susan Palmer, they shared happiness, contentment and unconditional love. Marty was currently serving on the Board of Directors for Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare, and was past president of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board; a member of the Utica Rotary Club and on the Board of Directors of the Folts Home. He loved the outdoors and was a board member of the New York State Snowmobile Association, member of the Cedar Lake Club and Yahnundasis Country Club.

Debra A. Ahearn Hilborn, 50, Baldwinsville, NY, Class of 1982, passed away December 16, 2012 with the love of her life, her husband Gary at her side at Francis House after a courageous and valiant battle with ovarian cancer. She had a variety of employers including Marine Midland Bank, Pyrotenax, and Home Properties until she found her true calling, which was as a teaching assistant with Baldwinsville Central School District. She had been at Baker High School for many years, and was recognized by the Class of 2012 as a distinguished guest at the 143rd Commencement Ceremony for the lasting impact she had on students.

Jennifer J. Polley, 41, Mohawk, NY, Class of 1992, passed away Thursday, January 17, 2013 at her residence following a courageous battle with cancer. She earned her master's degree from Utica College, and was presently studying for her doctoral degree from Capella University. Jen was a professor at Bryant and Stratton College in Syracuse and an adjunct professor at HCCC. During her free time, she enjoyed reading, traveling and playing Wii. She was an avid cyclist and swimmer.

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Open House

Saturday, March 23, 9 am

Nancy Kelly Live in Concert

Thursday, April 18, 7 pm

Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series Concert

Bohemian Quartet
Friday, April 19, 7 pm

President's Gala

Saturday, April 20, 7 pm

High School Film Festival

Saturday, April 20, noon
Ormond Drake Television
Studio, Technology Center

Region III Men's Lacrosse Championships

April 27-28
Wehrum Stadium

Region III Women's Lacrosse Championships

May 4-5
Wehrum Stadium

Commencement

Friday, May 17, 5 pm

Baseball Regionals

May 17-19
Veterans Memorial Park,
Little Falls

Generals Open Golf Tournament

Monday, June 17, 10 am
Stonebridge Golf
& Country Club

Fall Fest & Alumni Weekend

October 3-5

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Friday, October 4