

2013-2014

NCCC Annual Report

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NCCC at a Glance

Fall 2013 Admissions Profile

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| Applications..... | 6,904 |
| Accepted Freshmen | 2,455 |
| Accepted Transfers..... | 666 |
| Registered Freshmen | 1,482 |
| Registered Transfers..... | 532 |

Degrees Awarded in 2013-2014

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Associate in Arts..... | 243 |
| Associate in Science | 334 |
| Associate in Applied Science | 426 |
| Certificates | 137 |
| Total 1,140 | |

Facilities

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|----------------|-----|
| Acres..... | 275 |
| Buildings..... | 10 |

Fall 2013 Enrollment

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|------------------------------|-------|
| From New York State | 5,316 |
| From Niagara County | 3,347 |
| Outside Niagara County | 2,003 |
| Outside New York State | 61 |

2013-2014 Student Costs

Full-time Tuition\$1,896/semester

HOUSING RATE:

Niagara Falls

Campus.....\$2,500-\$2,800/semester

Sanborn

Campus.....\$3,016-\$4,080/semester

Alumni

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Total Alumni..... | 38,000 |
| Alumni in New York State | 22,302 |
| Alumni in Niagara County | 14,926 |

2013-2014 Employees

Full-time Faculty, Staff,
Administration

Part-time Faculty, Staff,
Administration

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Accreditations

Baking and Pastry Arts

American Culinary Federation
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Culinary Arts

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St. Augustine, FL 32095
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Institutional Accreditation

Middle States Commission
on Higher Education
3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(267) 284-5000

Medical Assistant

Medical Assisting
Education Review Board
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1575
Chicago, IL 60606 (800) 228-2262
and
Commission on Accreditation
of Allied Health Education Programs
1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 210-2350

Nursing

National League for Nursing
Accrediting Commission
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000

Physical Therapy Assistant

Commission on Accreditation
in Physical Therapy Education
1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1488
(703) 684- 2782 | (800) 999-2782

Radiologic Technology

Joint Review Committee on Education
in Radiologic Technology
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, IL 60606-3182
(312) 704-5300

Surgical Technology

Accreditation Review Council
on Education in Surgical
Technology and Surgical Assisting
6 W. Dry Creek Circle, Suite #110
Littleton, CO 80120 (303) 694-9262
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NCCC VISION

Niagara County Community College will be a leader in providing a dynamic, high quality educational environment responsive to current and emerging needs of our students and community.

NCCC MISSION

The mission of Niagara County Community College is to provide a teaching and learning environment dedicated to excellence. Niagara County Community College is committed to maintaining the hallmarks of student centeredness, accessibility, comprehensiveness, collegiality, community partnership and life long learning.

Our college nurtures and empowers its students in ways that recognize and value our common humanity as well as the richness of our diversity. NCCC offers high-quality academic programs leading to degrees and certificates which are supported by outstanding student services. NCCC provides a variety of cultural, social and international experiences, as well as community education and workforce development that supports economic development programs, which positively impact the quality of life. The college operates through a collegial model of shared governance and is accountable to meet the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to provide you with the Niagara County Community College Annual Report. This report provides three updates – the College’s annual report, the NCCC Foundation’s annual report, and the fall 2014 edition of the NCCC Alumni Association magazine, *Connections*.

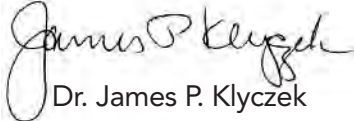
Several awards this year highlight the quality of our faculty and students.

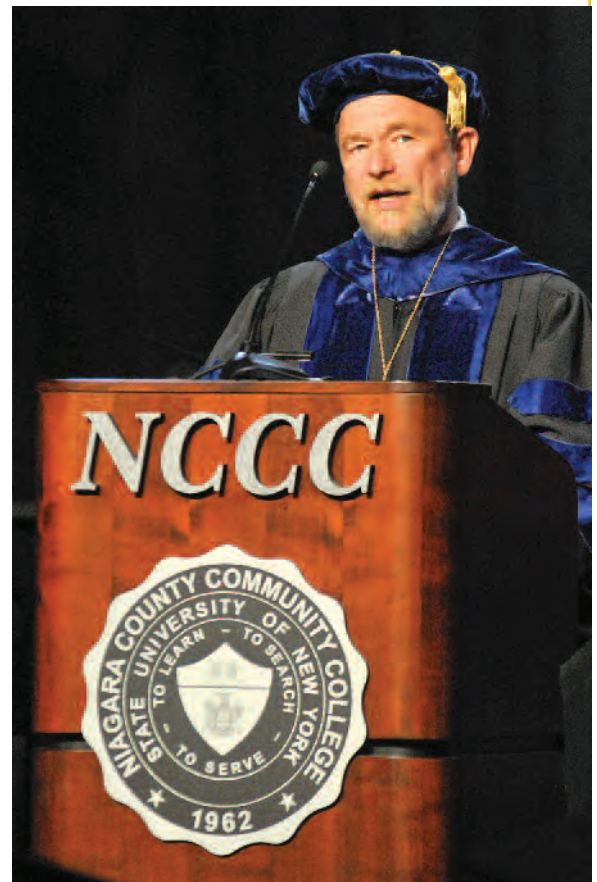
Dr. Marc Pietrzykowski from the Humanities and Social Sciences Division was the recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Scholarship and Creative Activities. The Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service was awarded to Librarian Professor/Coordinator Lillian Passanese from the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence. Carol Lewis, Account Clerk Typist in the Cashier’s Office received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Sophomores Reid Okoniewski and Alyssa Zaidel were the co-recipients of the 2014 President’s Medallion.

Our 50th annual Commencement

The ceremony was celebrated by inviting graduates from the first graduating class and instructors who taught them to lead the procession of faculty and students. Alumnus, president and general manager of WGRZ-TV, Jim Toellner, '78 was the keynote speaker. He spoke of “optimism and opportunity” and told graduates to “succeed, lead, and make a difference.” I invite you to read in the pages that follow how NCCC students, faculty and staff have exemplified that this past year.

Sincerely,


Dr. James P. Klyczek



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2011-2017



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2006-



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2009-2016



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Secretary
2012-2019



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2007-2021



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2011-2018



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2012-2019



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2008-2015



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2009-2016



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Student Trustee
2013-2014

New Faces

Madison Ackerman

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Katie Class

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Technical Assistant Admissions

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Technical Assistant Student Activities

Winifred Storms

Technical Assistant Student Development

Margaret Topor

Director Community Education

TRANSFERS**Steve Lamkin**

Director of Grants

Donna Simiele

Coordinator E-Learning Tech Support

RETIRES**Deborah Burns**

Counselor Student Development

Cindy Drew

Stenographer Student Activities

Lois Hall

Professor Arts, Media and Technology

Gail Terrana

Technical Assistant Humanities

**Gina Beam****Director of Public Relations**

Gina Beam joined NCCC as the Director of Public Relations on May 5, 2014. Ms. Beam holds an MS degree in Creative Studies from Buffalo State College, a BA in Art History from Southern Illinois University and an AA degree in Fine Arts from St. Louis Community College at Meramec. In her most recent position at the Girl Scouts of Western NY, Ms. Beam was responsible for the marketing and development of various programs and projects for the organization. Additionally, her previous experience includes working for the University of Buffalo in Sponsored Projects Services, as well as the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, the Burchfield Penney Art Center, and the Contemporary Art Museum in St. Louis where she was responsible for the planning and advertising of special events and fundraising activities.

**Hal Kingsley****Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs**

Hal Kingsley began the position of Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs (Workforce Development) on May 19, 2014. He holds an MBA from the University at Buffalo, a Master's degree in Marketing from Emerson College in Boston MA, and a BA in Communication Arts from Long Island University. Most recently, he was the Senior Director of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning for Trocaire College where he was responsible for the marketing, registration, hiring and leadership of all workforce development programs. Mr. Kingsley also has extensive teaching experience in business related courses, as well as a speaker at numerous conferences and meetings.

**William R. Sabio****Assistant Director of Human Resources for Compliance**

Mr. William "Bill" Sabio began his position as the Assistant Director of Human Resources for Compliance in the NCCC Human Resources Office on April 16, 2014. Mr. Sabio was the Director of Human Resources and Administration at Dual Printing, Inc. in Buffalo before assuming his position at NCCC. He also served as the Communications Officer for the Student Academic Records and Financial Services (SARFS) unit at the University at Buffalo for 5 years. In addition, Mr. Sabio has been a computer teacher, an assistant principal and principal at area catholic schools and has taught on-line courses at the university level. He holds a Master's degree in Education and a BA in Communication Studies from Canisius College as well as a certificate in School Administration/Supervisor.

Around Campus



The Penelopiad

Above: *The Penelopiad*,
Directed by **Beth Barohoe
Templeton**, Technical Direction
by **Rick Haug** March 13-24, 2014.
Left to right: **Madeline Eberhardt**,
Jade Asta Quinn, **Ashley King**,
Dijae Bradley, **Alexxis Butera**,
Emily Powrie, and **Fatimah
Pennington**.



Grad Fair

Tony Ventresca
assists students
during the Grad
Fair held on
March 6, 2014.



United Way

Left to right: **Tripp**, **Elizabeth Dray**,
Reid Okoniewski, **Jennifer Wanat**,
Kelly Moje, **Amy Johnston**

Around Campus

Dolce Valvo Art Center Art Opening



Barbara Rowe (right) contemplates an artist's work with a visitor this past

NCCC Video Festival

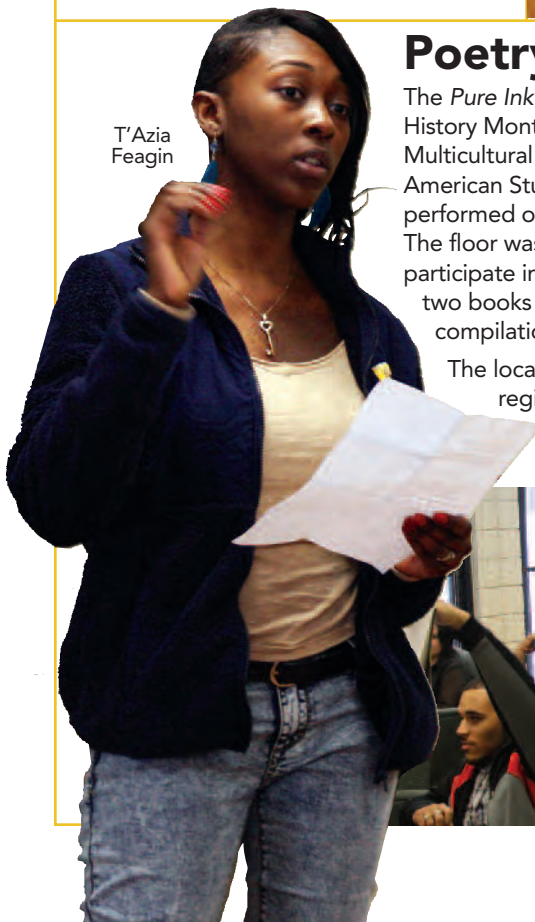


Left to right: Front row: **Brad Wingert, Bob Borgatti.** Second row: **Kyle LoConti, Rick Haug, Jillian Barr.**

Poetry Slam

The *Pure Ink* Poetry Slam was part of NCCC Black History Month Programming which is funded by Multicultural Student Initiatives and the African-American Student Association. Poets from *Pure Ink* performed original poetry that was judged by students. The floor was then opened to NCCC students to participate in the poetry slam. *Pure Ink* have published two books and have been featured on several compilation CDs.

The local group is well known throughout the region and competes in slams all over Canada and the United States.



T'Azia Feagin



Spirit Week

This year's Spirit Week included an inaugural bowling match between Student Senate and the Administration. It was a very close match with the Administration squeaking by the Student Senate with a win of 245 to 201.



Front row: **Shawn Joyce.** Second row (left to right): **Dr. Eunice Bellinger**, Vice President of Academic Affairs, **Amy Johnston, Alyssa Zaidel, Cathryn Marshall.** Third row: **Matthew Melcher, Julia Pitman**, Vice President for Student Services, **Michael Dombrowski**, Vice President for Operations, **William Schickling**, Vice President of Finance & Information Technology, **Reid Okoniewski.**

Spotlight On...

Public Relations Director, Gina Beam sat down with two of NCCC's Trustees to provide a personal perspective on those that make decisions affecting the lives of students, faculty and staff of NCCC.

Retired Niagara County Legislator **Malcolm A. Needler** joined the Board of Trustees in December 2007. He represented Niagara County's 11th District for 20 years until he retired on December 31, 2007. In 2012 he was elected and is currently serving as an Alderman-at-Large for the City of North Tonawanda.

Prior to his retirement in 2013, Needler had been employed as a computer analyst at the New York Power Authority. Needler also worked for the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and Computer Task Group during his career. Needler is a graduate of the liberal arts program at Niagara County Community College.

GB: Why did you join the Board?

MAN: I've always been interested in government service and as this college falls under Niagara County, I was happy to serve when called upon. I am an alumnus of NCCC, I went to school here when it was called "Nabisco Tech," it was the best education I received.

GB: What is your greatest accomplishment?

MAN: The thing I'm most proud of is serving my community for 27 years.

GB: What do you feel is NCCC's greatest selling point, and why?

MAN: We offer an excellent education at an affordable price. We have great faculty and great facilities for students to take advantage of. Our degree and certificate programs provide our students with opportunities for their future that may not have been possible had a two-year option not been available to them. It truly is the smart place to start because there are endless possibilities for students to go from here.

GB: Which is a great segue to my next question – what is your favorite part of commencement, and why?

MAN: I have taken part in every graduation since joining the board – I also participated in many during my service in the legislature. My absolute favorite part is the interaction I see between the graduates and

their families that day. The pride and joy that plays out between family members and graduates is wonderful. It is such a happy event and that interplay between family members is powerful.

GB: Do you have a hobby?

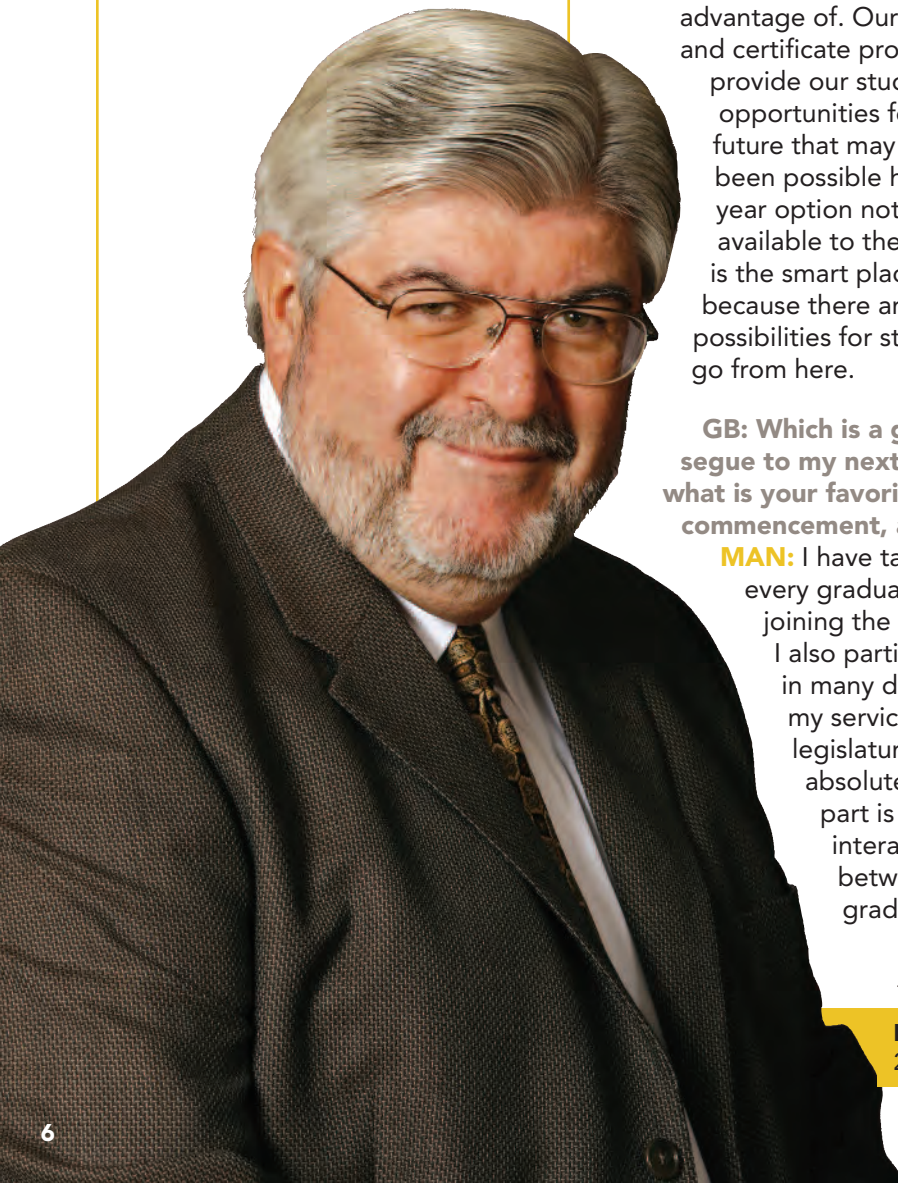
MAN: I like sports, particularly anything with a stick or a ball. I used to play fast-pitch softball a lot. I loved it. I was a pitcher. I played in several leagues, a few nights a week. It was really a lot of fun. I also enjoy reading. My favorite authors are Robert Ludlum and John Grisham, although I am finishing up the series Game of Thrones. I ordered the last book from the library and I'm looking forward to reading it.

GB: What is your favorite meal at Savor?

MAN: It's really hard to pick just one. The food there is excellent but I think my favorite, if I had to choose, would be the Fried Chicken. However I haven't had anything I didn't like from there.

GB: Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

MAN: My parents moved here from Indiana when I was two years old and I have lived in North Tonawanda my whole life. I am happy to have raised my family here, call this home and to have had the opportunity to serve the people of the area.



Malcolm A. Needler, Elected Board Chairperson
2014-2015 Appointed 2007/Current term expires 2021

Spotlight On...

Gina I. Virtuoso was appointed by Gov. David A. Paterson to a seven-year term on the board. Virtuoso is retired from Occidental Chemical Corporation, where she worked for 20 years, holding the position of senior corporate accountant, as well as other accounting positions.

Virtuoso is a member of the Professional Accountants and Biltmore Who's Who, a three-year member of the St. Francis Guild board of directors, a four-year chairperson of the Festival of Sweets, a United Way volunteer, a volunteer for then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, co-chairperson for the Niagara Catholic Auction and a member of Niagara Catholic Parent Association. She is also a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration, majoring in accounting, from Niagara University.

GB: Why did you join the Board?

GIV: I believe in giving back to my community through volunteering. Given my background in Finance, I felt I could be an asset to NCCC's Board. I also believe that a good education is the key to a bright future. There is nothing more satisfying than being a part of our young adults' education system and helping to move it forward in a positive way.

GB: What is your greatest accomplishment?

GIV: Being a part of building the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute located in the city of Niagara Falls. It has increased enrollment in the Culinary Arts programs and is a beautiful addition to the city of Niagara Falls.

GB: What do you feel is NCCC's greatest selling point, and why?

GIV: There are several things: The quality of education, ease of transfer to four-year schools, location, on-campus student housing, experienced faculty, a helpful administrative team, and great technical support.

GB: What is your favorite part of commencement, and why?

GIV: My favorite part about commencement is handing out the diploma and seeing the happy and proud look on each student's face. I feel a sense of pride, accomplishment, and community as another class graduates and moves on to the next phase of their life each year.

GB: Do you have a hobby?

GIV: My volunteering in the community. It is important for me to give back to the community and I take my responsibilities as a board member seriously.

GB: Do you have a pet?

GIV: Yes, I have a rescue dog. My son rescued him from a field. He was there for over a week when we took him in. He is a mixed breed. He is so lovable, kind and happy. He is our big baby!

GB: What is your favorite meal at Savor?

GIV: I love the pizza at Savor. It is seasoned and cooked to perfection every time.

GB: Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

GIV: As I said earlier, I take my board responsibilities seriously. I have always made my decisions first and foremost for the students and the taxpayers. I hope this has shone through and they feel the same way.

Virtuoso and her spouse Dennis reside in Niagara Falls and have one son Dennis Guy (DJ), two stepchildren, Gina and Vinnie and three grandchildren, Nicholas, Josh, and Mason.



Gina I. Virtuoso, Financial Secretary 2013-2014
Appointed 2009/Current term expires 2016

News

The Health Sciences Center for Student Success Grand Opening



(left to right) **Steve Lamkin**, Director of Grants; **Jessica Helmbrecht**, Admissions; **William Brinson**, Admissions; **Stephanie Florczak**, Admissions; **Dr. Martin Drake**, Admissions

The Health Sciences Center for Student Success held its grand opening on May 1, 2014. The Center is located on the second floor of C Building and provides students enrolled in Allied Health Careers (Phlebotomist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Massage Therapy, Radiologic Technology, Biotechnology, Medical Assistant, Surgical Technology, and Nursing) with support to ensure successful completion of their degree/certificate program at NCCC. The program will assist with the following:

- Student needs assessment and goal setting
- Academic support and referrals to support services
- Academic and professional workshops
- Development of student success plan
- Addressing of student concerns
- Enhance life skills and planning
- Liaison for student needs throughout the college community
- Transfer assistance

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| Phlebotomists | 20-29% |
| Physical Therapy Assistant | 30% or Higher |
| Massage Therapists | 20-29% |
| Radiologic Technologists | 20-29% |
| Surgical Technologists | 30% or Higher |
| Medical Assistant | 30% or Higher |

Data from the NYS Department of Labor predicts that New York will need approximately **15,560** new healthcare practitioners and healthcare technicians per year to meet the needs of the state's health care system.*

* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2014-15 Edition



Instructor **Cathy Barron**, teaches students **Samantha Payne**, **Andrea DiPalma** and **Lauren Ambury** the art of fine confections.

Niagara Falls Culinary Institute Wins Awards

- In October 2013, The American Culinary Federation (ACF) of Buffalo awarded Chef of the Year to NCCI's Professor and Chair of Business and Hospitality Division, **Chef Mark Mistriner**.
- The ACF junior team won the New York hot food competition in January, 2014; they also won a bronze medal at the regional competition this past April.
- NCCI's pastry shop, La Patisserie, was voted Best Pastry 2014 by *Buffalo Spree Magazine*.



Marguerite Newton Receives Jamieson Award

Marguerite C. Newton, Design Drafting Technology Professor at Niagara County Community College received the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award at a ceremony held on the NCCC Sanborn campus on December 9, 2013. The NCCC Advisory Board of the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence selected Newton as the eighth recipient of the Jamieson Award.

The award recognizes a faculty member who best exemplifies the outstanding traits Dr. Jamieson possessed: mentoring and support given to all faculty, continuous professional growth, the ability to inspire students, service to NCCC and commitment to academic excellence.

Newton, a faculty member at NCCC for twenty-five years, was nominated and selected based on her passion for teaching, engaging students in the learning process and enthusiastically motivating students to think independently. In addition to being a mentor to adjunct faculty, Newton continues to be active in her field of study, serving as an Executive Member at Large of the New York State Engineering Technology Association as well as a professional consultant for a variety of municipal and private companies in Western New York.



PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Bryce McMichael, David Tobin, Lillian Passanese, Nancy Knechtel, Salvatore Passanese, Carolyn Cianciosa, Cherie Mavissakalian



NCCC Horticulture Program Wins Award at Plantasia

Collaboration between the horticulture programs at NCCC and McKinley High School in Buffalo to install a fiesta garden resulted in a first place award as part of the Party in the Garden at Plantasia in March 2014. The fiesta garden was awarded Best Use of Plant Material in a Small Garden. The exhibit had a Mexican theme and was planted with vegetables that are used to make salsa. NCCC students, under the direction of program coordinator, Assistant Professor **Carolyn Stanko** also participated in a networking event with the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association Board of Directors.

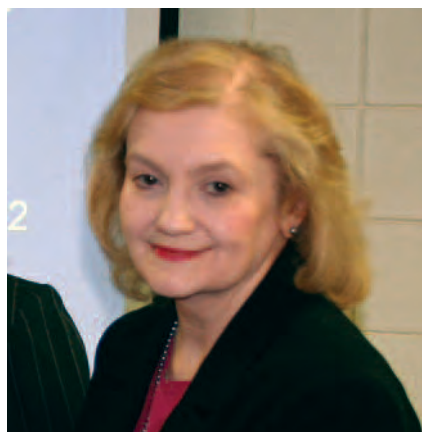
2013-2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award Recipients

The dedication and high standards put forth by these three employees exemplify the very best of NCCC.

The 2013-2014 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities was awarded to **Dr. Marc Pietrzykowski** in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division.



The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service was awarded to Librarian Professor/ Coordinator **Lillian Passanese** of the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence.



The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service was awarded to **Carol Lewis**, Account Clerk Typist in the Cashier's Office.



News



NCCC Receives Military Friendly Award for Fifth Straight Year

Niagara County Community College (NCCC) was named a Military Friendly School for the fifth consecutive year. The honor comes after a data driven survey of more than 12-thousand schools administered by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business and publisher of G.I. Jobs and the Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

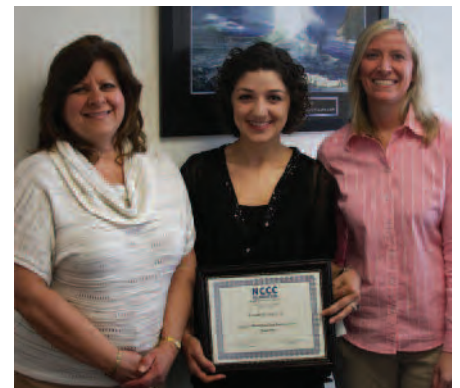
The competitive list ranks NCCC as 14th in New York for Military Friendly Schools and in the top 15% of colleges, universities, and trade schools nationwide committed to doing the most to embrace military students and ensure their success in the classroom as well as after graduation. The list is compiled using school reviews from student veterans in addition to criteria including financial aid and transition programs offered.

One of our Student Development team members, **Joe Colosi**, provides counseling assistance to Veterans in navigating paperwork necessary to apply for GI Bill benefits, navigating through complicated financial aid packages and assistance with career placement. NCCC remains committed to helping veteran-students make the challenging transitions from military to academic life.

Radiology Award



Rad Tech Professor and Program Coordinator **Cynthia Meyers** (left) and Rad Tech Instructor **Elaine Beaudoin** (right) present **Stephanie Gilinger** with the Dr. Glenn John Radiology Award for the highest clinical competencies.



Rad Tech Professor and Program Coordinator **Cynthia Meyers** (left) and Rad Tech Instructor **Elaine Beaudoin** (right) present **Kristabelle Mansour** with the James Mussel/Kevin Tagg Memorial Radiology Award for the highest



Instructor **John Matwijkow** reviews class assignments with students **Marc Adams** and **Brett Brennen**.

Excellence in Medical Assisting Award

Dr. Sal Passanese, chair of Science, Health and Mathematics, presents **Janet A. Bowers** with the Excellence in Medical Assisting Award.



News

NCCC Hosts the Northeast Regional Honors Council Annual Conference

In April, NCCC played host to more than 550 students and faculty from community colleges and four-year institutions at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Annual Conference at the Niagara Falls Conference and Event Center in Niagara Falls, NY. This year's conference theme was *Standing on the Edge: Challenging Boundaries and Power* and NCCC professor emeritus **E. R. Baxter III**, served as the keynote speaker.

Rebekah Keaton, Assistant Professor of English and Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied ten NCCC Honor students as they presented at the conference: **Charlene Corron**, **Dr. Rebekah Keaton**, **Autumn Arnold**, **Sarah Quast**, **Christopher Wright**, **Nicole Dietz**, **Rachel Winter** and **Olivia Spitzer**. **Nicole Arnet**, **George McCraith**, and **Bethany Wojciechowski** also participated but are not pictured.



Phlebotomy Award

NCCC Life Sciences Instructor **Kimberly Fermoile** (left) and Phlebotomy Program Coordinator **Dr. Abigail Mitchell** (right) present **Jessie Bailey** with the award for Academic Excellence in the NCCC Phlebotomy program for 2014.



Excellence in Arts, Media & Technology Awards

The awards for the Excellence in Arts, Media & Technology Awards for 2014 were handed out at a reception held on May 1, 2014 in the Dolce Valvo Art Center. **Kyle LoConti**, Arts, Media & Technology Division Chair welcomed guests to the reception and introduced the program coordinators who presented the awards.



Front row (left to right): **Justin Daniel Gothard**, Excellence in Computer Programming Science; **Nathan Gambino**, Excellence in Audio Recording & Production; **Amanda Dornan**, Excellence in Theatre Arts; **Elizabeth Ruth**, Excellence in Music. Second Row: **Nathan Sowiski**, Excellence in Computer Aided Drafting & Design; **Seth Lieberman**, Excellence in Digital Media; **Alexander Wasiewicz**, Excellence in Public Communication; **Brianna Michielsen**, Excellence in Fine Arts; **Justin Moore**, Excellence in Computer Information Science.

President's Medallion Award Co-Recipients

The President's Medallion is awarded to a graduating sophomore who has contributed significantly to the development and expansion of co-curricular activities. It recognizes club involvement, participation on college committees, community service, campus leadership experiences, involvement in campus events and academic achievement. The co-recipients of the 2014 President's Medallion Award are **Reid Okoniewski** and **Alyssa Zaidel**.



Academics

Dr. Matthew Clarcq's HIS 225 Holocausts: Rome to Rwanda students are critiquing each other's memorial projects. Each student was tasked with designing an appropriate memorial for a Holocaust memorial that would be built in Niagara County.

Left to right:
Michael BonGiovanni,
Zeena Earnest,
Theresa Sparacino.



Left to right: **Eric Summerville,**
Marche Black, and **Leah Goshen**

Students learn Economics from Instructor **Paul Ratka.**



Academics

As part of **Dr. Nicole Bishop's** English 101 class, students had the opportunity to participate in debate. They are held toward the end of the semester, when students have gained experience with constructing arguments.

Dr. Bishop encouraged students to pick a topic that they were passionate about and lends itself to the task of constructing a cohesive argument using ethos, logos, and pathos, which are Aristotle's rhetorical categories. Topics have included NY State Gun Laws, Genetically Modified Organisms, abortion, legalizing marijuana, lowering the drinking age, to name only a few.



Pictured: **Kassandra Bennett, Elizabeth Webb, Dr. Bishop, Julio Lopez-Gonzalez, Mimi Molina.**

For this class, the topic was, "Should prostitution be legalized?" Teams were divided with three males in favor of legalizing prostitution versus three females who were against it. The result was a lively, engaged classroom.

Students in Instructor **Christina Taylor's** PSY 210, Lifespan Developmental Psychology class work on group projects.



Left to right: **Katherine Langdon, Michael Watson, Instructor Taylor.**

Trip to Peru

This past summer, NCCC students majoring or minoring in Spanish joined SUNY Brockport Nursing students in a study abroad course entitled, "International Health Adventure" in the Sacred Valley, in The Andes Mountains of Peru. The interdisciplinary course was led by NCCC Foreign Language Professor **Bridget Beilein** and by Nursing Professor Susan Glose of SUNY Brockport.

Students partnered with the Non-Government Organization (NGO) Sacred Valley Health to bring health and wellness to underserved communities in the rural Andes Mountains. The NGO welcomes groups of nursing and medical professionals, global and public health professionals, and students from outside of Peru to conduct health education campaigns.

NCCC students had the opportunity to put their translating and

conversational skills to the test as they assisted the SUNY Brockport nursing students during clinical exams with Peruvian children in rural communities. Students transformed into translators, educators and coaches as they worked side by side to promote healthy lifestyle practices.

As part of the experience, students were placed with local families within the picturesque village of Ollyantaytambo, which is an important tourist attraction on account of its Inca buildings. Students were given first-hand exposure to the Peruvian culture and learned from the amazing colorful people of the nation. During their fourteen day stay, students explored, bartered, and ate authentic Peruvian food such as guinea pig and alpaca. Students also walked the five-hundred year old Incan roads and visited the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, a world heritage UNESCO site.



"This trip has allowed me to see and fully understand that we are all humans of this earth. I have never really been an impatient person but I think this trip showed me a side to time that is more enjoyable when things aren't rushed."

-Julia Erbacher



NCCC Foreign Language Professor Bridget Beilein and SUNY Brockport Nursing Professor Susan Glose pose at the base of the Andes Mountains with students from their study abroad course, International Health Adventure.



"Leaving the United States and helping those less fortunate has changed my perspective on things. I have now seen more of the world I live in, and understand it. I can empathize with people and understand and appreciate cultural differences."

-Gordon Wojton



"This trip has made me realize just how much we take for granted. I have been filled with joy this whole trip. My time here has only enhanced my feelings for serving more children in developing countries. I already knew I wanted to travel but now I am certain that I want to help people in underserved communities get the medical attention they deserve."

-Elizabeth Baglio

"While climbing Mount Machu Picchu, I found myself alone and I was having trouble controlling my breathing. I really wanted to turn around and go back down the mountain but I knew if I made it to the top it would be the biggest physical accomplishment of my life. I made myself push on. This experience helped me to realize how strong I am and what a difference believing in myself can make."

-Alaina Rogers



"The most rewarding part about the trip has been being able to positively impact others' lives, especially in their own language. Speaking other languages is my passion and being able to use that in order to help people is so satisfying and rewarding."

-Gordon Wojton

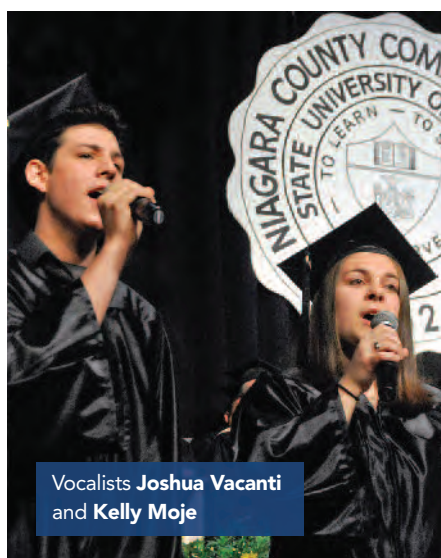


NCCC Commencement 2014

“Optimism and opportunity” was the message given by Niagara County Community College Keynote Speaker, **Jim Toellner** at the 50th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday May 10, 2014 in the NCCC gymnasium on the Sanborn campus. Toellner, a 1978 NCCC alumnus, general manager and president of WGRZ-TV, addressed the crowd of 1,500 driving home the point “that the only way to accomplish anything is to plot your course, to make a difference.”



Keynote Speaker Jim Toellner



Vocalists Joshua Vacanti and Kelly Moje



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NCCC Commencement 2014

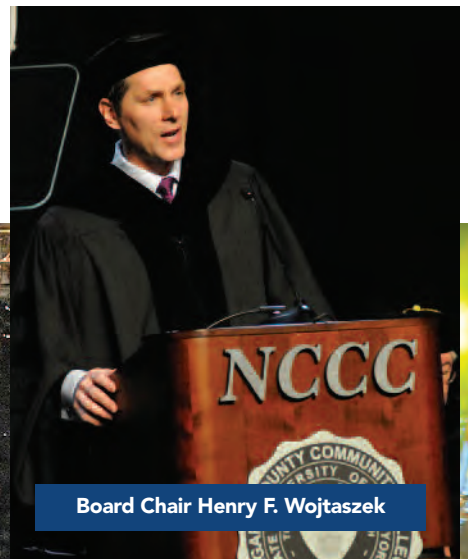
Trustees **Gina I. Virtuoso** and **James W. Ward** assisted NCCC President **Dr. James P. Klyczek** in presenting diplomas to 361 graduates during the ceremony. The Master of Ceremonies was Board Chairperson **Henry F. Wojtaszek** and participating in the program were Board of Trustee members **Vincent R. Ginestre**,

Kevin C. Schuler, **Sheila Smith**, and **Malcolm Needler**.

Student Trustee **Alyssa Zaidel** and **Reid Okoniewski** were the co-recipients of the 2014 President's Medallion Award. Vice President of Academic Affairs **Dr. Eunice Bellinger** introduced the graduating

students as they crossed the stage. In recognition of the 50th Annual Commencement Ceremony, two members of the first graduating class served as honorary marshals and led the procession of students. **Dr. Leon Smith** and **William Paterson**, both NCCC Distinguished Alumni, led the student procession.

Two original NCCC faculty members also participated in the ceremony in commemoration of the 50th annual event. Retired faculty members **Dr. Kenneth Raymond** and **Lawrence Law**, served as honorary marshals leading the faculty procession in the ceremony.



Board Chair Henry F. Wojtaszek



Athletics

Sports Recap

The Niagara County Community College athletics program continued to prove it belongs among the elite in Region III with a stellar 2013-14 campaign. The Thunderwolves' wrestling program brought home its 19th regional title, while several other programs had tremendous success.

"I'm extremely proud of the work that our student-athletes and staff put forth on the field of play and in the classroom," Athletics Director **Bob McKeown** said. "I believe all of our programs are on the rise and I can't wait to see what the 2014-15 season has in store for NCCC athletics." Here are the highlights of the 2013-14 athletics year:



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team attained a top-10 ranking in the National Poll on its way to a 23-win season under Coach **Bill Beilein**. **Eli Jones** was a first team All-Region pick and was named Region III Athlete of the Week. **EJ Sandoval** (pictured above) was named to the second team, while both **Jordan Street** and **Gjaimeir Stanford** were third-team choices.

WRESTLING SQUAD

The wrestling squad's championship-run was spearheaded by six Region III individual champions: **Eric Velez**, **Marcus Popp**, **Kevin Strong**, **Tyler Bruce**, **Max Antone** and **El-Shaddai Gilmore-VanHosen**. Strong was also named Region III Most Outstanding Wrestler, while Coach **Keith Maute** was chosen as Region III Coach of the Year. Other National Tournament qualifiers for the T-Wolves included **Cody Carbery**, **Chris Nevinger**, **Shane Currey** and **Cedrick Stephens**.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Women's soccer took a big step forward, winning five games for first-year Coach **Kathleen DiPasquale**. **Kristi DeLabio** was a second team All-Region and first team All-Conference performer for the TWolves. **Samantha Costanzo** also made first team All-Conference, while **Paula Pinkert** and **Katie Heeks** were named to the second team.

MEN'S SOCCER

Coach **Carl Clark**'s men's soccer team is looking to rebound after an injury-plagued season, which included wins over Fulton-Montgomery and rival Erie Community College.

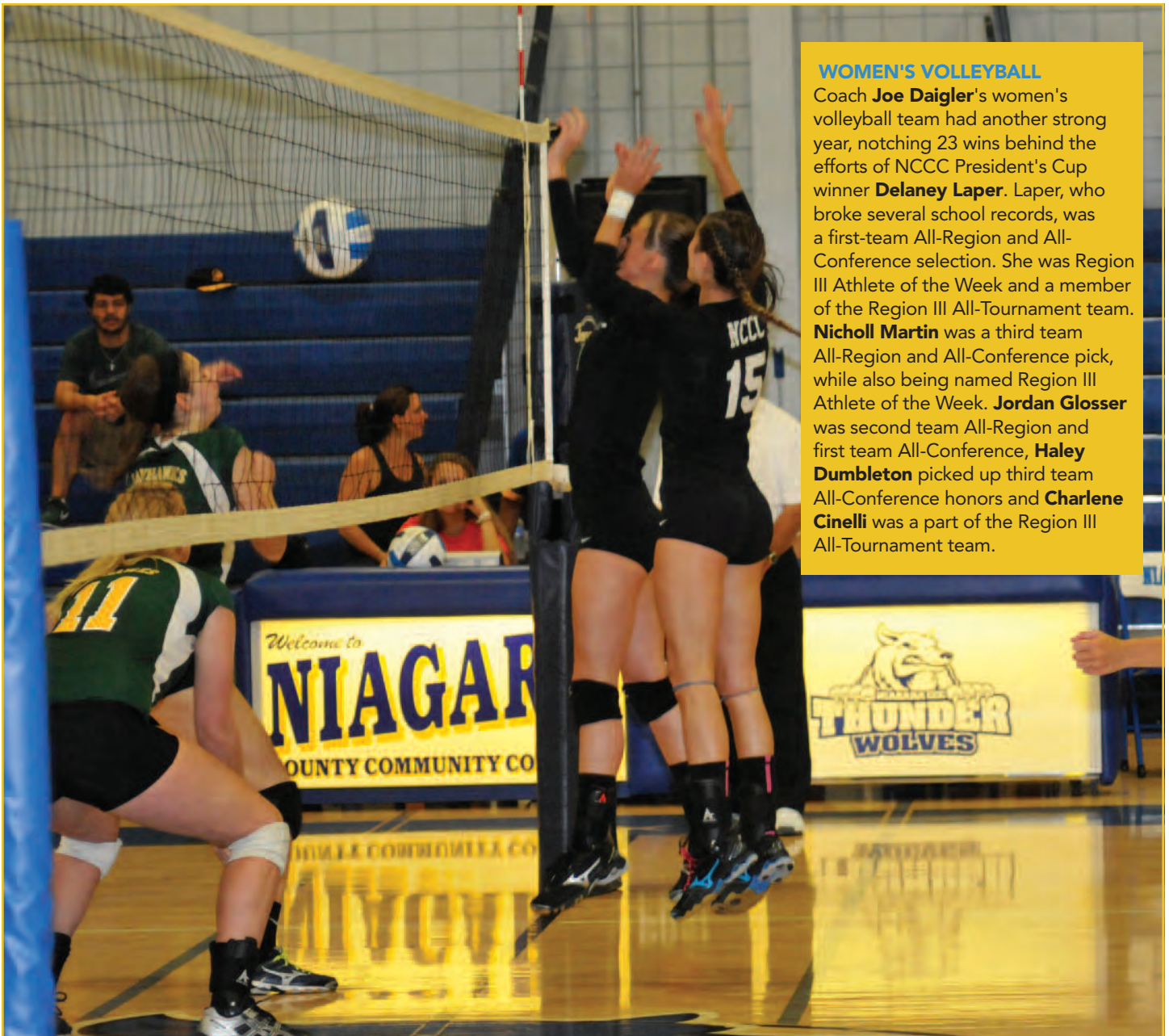
BASEBALL

The highly-successful baseball program led by coach **Matt Clingersmith** won 32 games on its way to another Region III Final Four berth. **Chris Beer** had a season for the ages, picking up the following honors: WNYAC Senior Male Athlete of the Year, All-American, Gold Glove Defensive Player of the Year, Region III Player of the Year and first-team All-Region. Beer will attend Division I Arkansas-Pine Bluff along with teammate **Russ McGibbon**. **Pat Quinn**, the WNYAC's Senior Male Academic Athlete of the Year, was a member of the first team All-Region squad. **Joe DeLuca** was a Region III All-Tournament choice.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball program, under the direction of Region III Coach of the Year **Nate Beutel**, won a school-record 25 games, hosted the Region III Tournament for the first time and was ranked as high as No. 18 in the National Poll. **Jaclyn Welch** (pictured above) became just the second NCCC player to earn All-American honors. Welch was also the Region III Player of the Year, a first-team All-Region selection and a two-time Region III Athlete of the Week. **Kristine Ripson**, who earned a scholarship to Division II Post (Conn.) University, was also a first-team All-Region choice, while **Jesse DeWaters** (second team) and **Alba Perez** (third team) were also honored. In addition, Ripson and DeWaters were named Region III Athlete of the Week twice during the season.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Coach **Joe Daigler**'s women's volleyball team had another strong year, notching 23 wins behind the efforts of NCCC President's Cup winner **Delaney Laper**. Laper, who broke several school records, was a first-team All-Region and All-Conference selection. She was Region III Athlete of the Week and a member of the Region III All-Tournament team. **Nicholl Martin** was a third team All-Region and All-Conference pick, while also being named Region III Athlete of the Week. **Jordan Glosser** was second team All-Region and first team All-Conference, **Haley Dumbleton** picked up third team All-Conference honors and **Charlene Cinelli** was a part of the Region III All-Tournament team.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse program won a school-record four games on the strength of the program's top two all-time leading scorers: **April Maziarz** and **Lexi Zugay**. Maziarz was NCCC's first-ever first team All-Region choice with both athletes being named first team All-Conference. **Brianna Becker** and **Kristine Ripson** were second team All-Conference picks for Beutel.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team under the direction of Coach **Todd Faddoul** had four first team All-Conference players in **Aric Freischlag**, **Ian Tomczak**, **Nick Perilli** and **Joe Healy**. **Max Antone**, **Nick Rossi** and **Pat Gallagher** were second-team players.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Coach **Erin Stillman**'s softball team won only twice, but did have five second team All-Conference selections: **Olivia Hermann**, **Marlee Hilliard**, **Jordan Beutel**, **Hayley Dumbleton** and **Charlene Cinelli**.

GOLF

Will Lawton picked up All-Region honors and qualified for the National Tournament as a member of coach **Matt Oleski**'s golf team.



Vice President for Student Services **Julia Pitman** (left to right), presents Delaney Laper with the President's Cup at the annual Athletic Awards Night. Also pictured are women's volleyball Coach **Joe Daigler** and Athletics Director **Bob McKeown**.

Financial Statements

Statements of Unrestricted Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Balance

Revenue

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Student Revenue | \$20,518,644 |
| State Aid | \$12,164,688 |
| Sponsor Contributions | \$ 8,871,000 |
| Chargebacks | \$ 2,780,182 |
| Other Revenues – Offset | \$ 787,703 |
| Total Revenues | \$45,122,217 |

Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Personnel Services | \$ 22,488,819 |
| Equipment | \$ 1,540,970 |
| Contractual Expenses..... | \$ 6,785,946 |
| Employee Benefits (A) | \$ 13,815,372 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 44,631,107 |

Revenues over/(under) Expenditures (A) \$ 491,110

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Fund Balance (8/31/12) | \$ 11,740,422 |
| Fund Balance (8/31/13) | \$ 12,231,532 |

(A) Does not include the expense associated with implementation of SGAS 45 regarding the accounting for other post-employment benefits of \$2,876,815 for fiscal year 2012-13, which also served to reduce the fund balance on August 31, 2013 to a deficit of \$30,795,656.

The Grants Office managed over \$2.9 million in grant funds during the most recently completed fiscal year which included \$1,006,838 in new funds. Thirty-two grant applications totaling over \$8.4 million in funding requests were made in 2013-2014.

| FUNDER | AMOUNT |
|---|-------------|
| Dollar General Youth Foundation | \$2,000 |
| Higher One Money Mentors Foundation | 4,500 |
| M & T Charitable Foundation..... | 1,500 |
| NYS Department of Labor – Consolidated Funding: Unemployed Worker Training | 25,397 |
| NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) | 10,750 |
| NYSED Coordinated Collection Development Aid..... | 8,324 |
| NYSED Perkins Title IV Career and Technical Education Act | 384,796 |
| WNY Women’s Foundation – MOMs Program: from Education to Employment..... | 100,000 |
| SUNY Child Care and Development BLOCK Grant | 27,700 |
| SUNY Child Care Operating Grant | 43,600 |
| SUNY Small Business Development Center (SBDC) | 317,346 |
| SUNY Workforce Development Training Grants | 80,925 |
| TOTAL | \$1,006,838 |

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NCCC Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

NCCC Foundation Board Welcome

The NCCC Foundation was established in 1987 to seek external funding for unmet financial needs at NCCC, including student scholarships and the advancement of cultural and social experiences for students, faculty, and the community. The symbiotic partnership of the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Association continues to fuel development and success for the College and all of its more than 7,000 students.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Association accomplished fundraising, outreach, and development goals by hosting several events, raising funds for scholarships, and connecting with many alumni and community partners. We are thrilled we had a record breaking Scholarship Gala and the addition of three new Foundation Board members, five new Presidential Partners, and two new scholarships. Our success would not be possible without our many generous donors, volunteers, student workers, and interns. Your continuous support is gratefully appreciated.

The beginning of the 52nd academic year already shows great promise with new and exciting opportunities to positively impact NCCC. We'd like to invite you, the community, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and students along for the ride. With the development of the Learning Commons, alumni events, and the ongoing campaign to raise funds for scholarships, we are excited to build off of the momentum from the 2013-2014 school year.

If you are already involved, whether it be through attending our Annual Scholarship Gala and 5K Race/Walk, being a Presidential Partner, establishing a scholarship, donating to the Foundation, or volunteering for our events, we thank you for your continuous support. The Foundation and Alumni Office operate by Winston Churchill's motto, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." We hope you would like to share your time, talents, and treasures for the benefit of the next generation.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Foundation, we invite you to contact us to learn about ways you can leave a legacy.

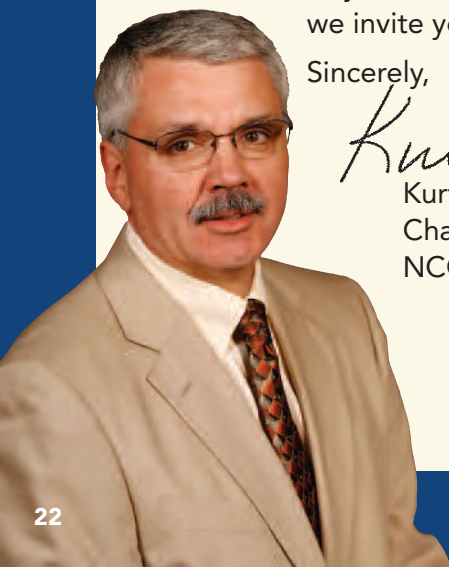
Sincerely,



Kurt Schuler '78
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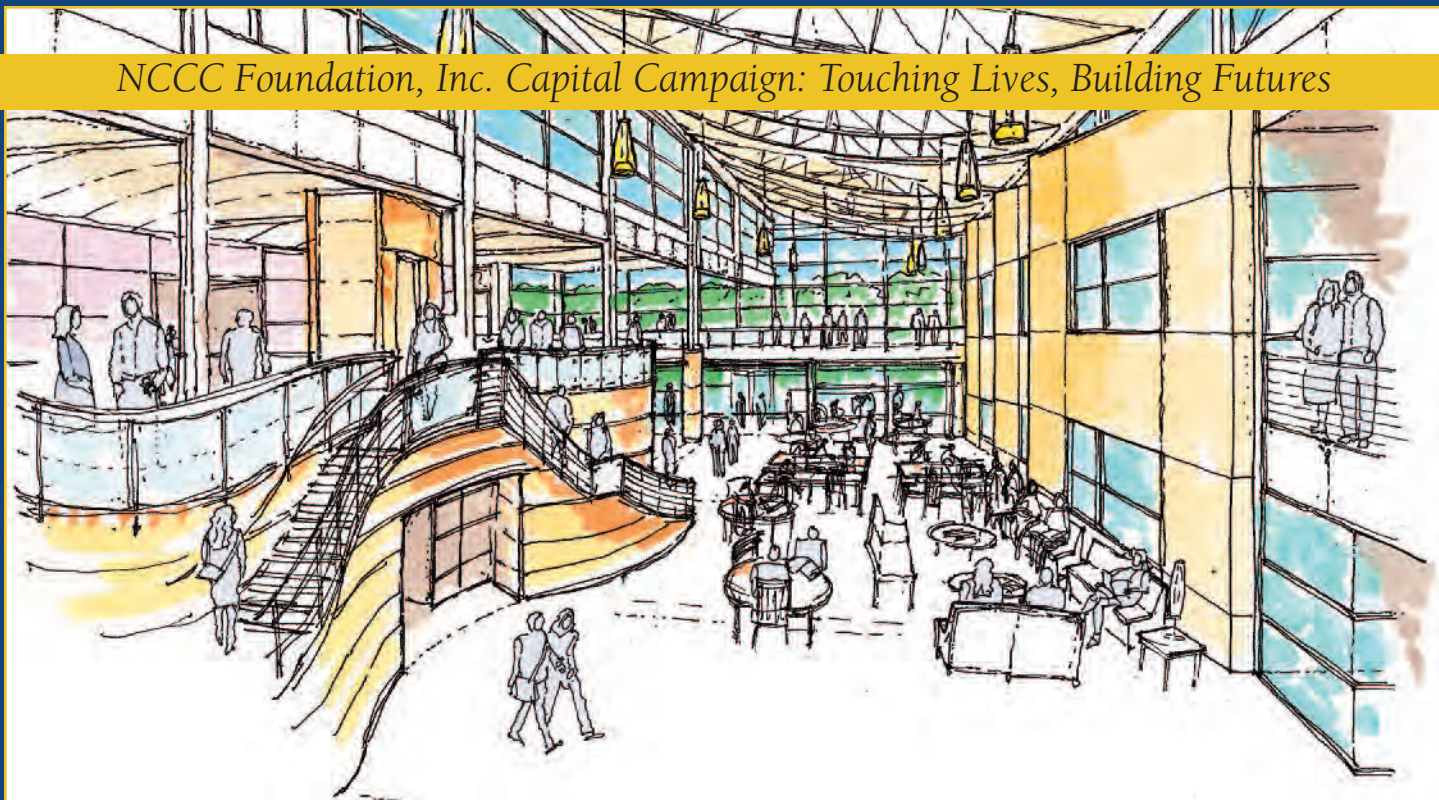
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The Learning Commons

With the advancement of educational resources, research and technology; traditional college studies have evolved from heavy books, chalkboards, and individual desks to smart board technology, group approaches, and global interconnectivity. Critical thinking and problem solving now include digitized technology which promotes students to leap toward innovative concepts that can change the world.

Guided by the NCCC Foundation, the College community seeks to raise \$3.5 million toward the minimum needed to accommodate a modernized building, resources, and program expansions to our Sanborn Campus.

The Learning Commons will convert the current Henrietta G. Lewis Library and Humanities & Social Sciences Building courtyard into a contemporary space which caters to group learning, technological resources and tools, faculty and student research opportunities, increased cultural experiences, and an expanded Child Development Center.

Included in the renovations, the College plans to offer to its more than 7,000 students an:

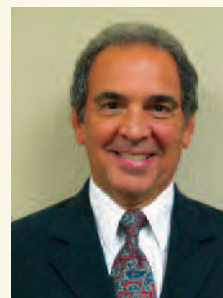
- Enclosed courtyard between Lewis Library and Humanities & Social Science Building with an atrium to create the common nucleus of the college and year round access.
- Renovated Lewis Library to provide upgraded technology, lighting and furniture.
- Expanded and upgraded twelve heavily utilized classrooms to meet current standards.
- Expanded and integrated academic support services.
- Larger Faculty Resource Center to provide shared faculty development space for over 500 full and part-time faculty.
- Expanded Dolce Valvo Art Gallery for community and cultural experiences.
- Expanded Child Development Center to meet current and future needs.
- Large café with dedicated seating area for food service, acting as the social “living room” of the campus.

We invite you to help us touch the lives and build the futures of generations to come.

The Learning Commons Capital Campaign is an excellent way for you to leave a legacy in Niagara County, forever contributing to the accessibility, success, and preparation of our students and future leaders.

For a complete scope of the Capital Campaign Learning Commons project, naming opportunities, or ways to contribute, please contact Foundation Director, **Deborah Brewer** at 716-614-5911 or at dbrewer@niagaracc.suny.edu. We thank you for your consideration.

NCCC Foundation 2013 Annual Scholarship Gala



Dr. Paul Churder '75
2014 Distinguished
Alumni Inductee



Pete Robinson '91
2014 Distinguished
Alumni Inductee

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, the NCCC Foundation held its 23rd Annual Scholarship Gala.

Nearly 400 guests gathered at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute for a six course meal prepared by NCCC Culinary and Baking & Pastry Arts students under the guidance of Chef **Mark Mistriner**, Business and Hospitality Division Chair, and their culinary instructors. A remarkable silent auction, basket raffle, and drawings were held throughout the evening. Five new Distinguished Student Scholars were recognized and **Dr. Paul Churder '75** and **Mr. Pete Robinson '91** were inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Gallery. These alumni are now part of the 69-member strong Distinguished Alumni Award recipients who have exemplified achievement in community involvement, professional employment and college service.

Thank you to the 2013 co-chairs, **Jack and Carol Kopczynski**. This was a monumental year, raising over \$170,000 for the NCCC Foundation and scholarships. The success of the Gala is largely due to the numerous volunteers, donors and sponsors. We appreciate your contributions!



Jack and Carol Kopczynski

Thank you to our 2013 NCCC Foundation Annual Scholarship Gala Corporate Sponsors:

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Alumni

■ Alumni Engagement

The Alumni Office began collecting and utilizing emails, building its fan base on social media websites, and reaching out to more alumni at college and community events. Please “like” the NCCC Alumni Association on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! Other engagements include presence at college and community events and a bi-annual mailing of the Alumni magazine, *Connections*.

■ NCCC Alumni 5K Run/Walk

The Alumni Association held their annual 5K Run/Walk on Friday, May 2, 2014. The event was a success as 170 participants took part in the run/walk and after party. The Alumni Association raised over \$4,400 for Alumni services and student scholarships. Thank you to our sponsors: Certo Brothers Distributing Co., NCCC Student Senate, **Tom Bishop '83, Dr. Martin Drake '75, JBF Express, Mark Cerrone, Inc., NCCC Security, US Foods, A River Runs Through It Inc., Cristoforo Colombo Society, Pepsi Co., Road ID, Key Bank, Bremner Foods, Maple Leaf Foods, Mountain Valley Water, Jeff DiMayo '13, Dan Jackson '99, Mike LaFever '70, Colleen Johnson '96, Denyel Koury '07, Les Robinson '87, Jim Turner '86, and Ron Winter '74.**

■ Flower Sale 2014

The Alumni Association sold beautiful fresh flower bouquets at the annual Commencement ceremony raising over \$1,300 for Alumni services and student scholarships.

■ Alumni Fitness Memberships

The Alumni Fitness Membership ID cards are now able to be swiped at the fitness center; enhancing safety of each member and serving as a reminder to renew the annual membership. These memberships are available to all NCCC Alumni for a \$25 annual fee. Memberships include the fitness center, pool, classes, racquetball courts, and inter-recreational sports.

Scholarships

Since 1987, donors have generously funded scholarships for NCCC students. Scholarships are often named to honor the memory of loved ones. Others are named in tribute to alumni, board members, faculty, retirees, organizations, and companies. This past year, the Foundation awarded over \$160,000 in scholarships to nearly 200 students.

ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP

Create a lasting legacy by establishing a scholarship. To learn how, please contact **Deb Brewer**, NCCC Foundation Director, at (716) 614-5911 or email dbrewer@niagaracc.suny.edu. For details on all scholarship opportunities, please visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships/?section=admissions.

Distinguished Student Scholarships

(DSS) The DSS awards are the most prestigious scholarships given to high school seniors in Niagara County. The award offers two years of tuition-free education at NCCC for students who exemplify superior academics, community service, and commitment to Niagara County.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Covanta Niagara the owner/operator of the Energy-from-Waste facility in Niagara Falls has established an endowed \$100,000 scholarship which represents one of the outreach goals of Covanta's Clean World Initiative. This scholarship will provide tuition assistance and support to area residents pursuing careers in the environmental services and/or renewable energy sector. In addition, internship and apprentice training programs will also be provided for hands-on technical skill training for NCCC students at the Covanta Niagara Energy-from-Waste facility. With financial support and hands-on experience, Covanta Niagara hopes to help more students in Niagara County acquire the education and skills necessary to be successful in today's workplaces.

Delaware North Companies, a global leader in hospitality and food service with operating companies in the lodging, sporting, airport and gaming and entertainment industries, has established an endowed \$10,000 scholarship for culinary and hospitality students at NCCC. In addition to tuition support, Delaware North will offer its NCCC scholarship recipients internship opportunities at several Western New York locations operated by Delaware North Companies.



The recipients of the 2013-2015 Distinguished Student Scholarships are (from left to right): Rachel Winter (Lockport); Jenna Minner (Lockport); Christopher Galvano (Niagara Wheatfield); Olivia Spitzer (Royalton-Hartland); and Maria Zupa (Wilson).

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