

Around Campus

NCCC Going Green

NCCC has made upgrades to its recycling program with the hiring of METRO Waste Paper Recovery Inc. out of Depew. The upgraded recycling of the paper and cardboard will save NCCC approximately \$2,500 per year in direct costs and the College could realize an additional rebate of between \$2,400 and \$6,000 per year.

"In addition to the paper and cardboard recycling, all of our confidential document destruction will now be shredded on-campus, hauled away and we will receive certification that the documents have been destroyed," James Lobdell, assistant director of facilities said.

NCCC will also receive 40 95-gallon recycling bins that will be strategically located around campus to encourage students, staff, faculty and administrators to recycle.

Published Professors

Dr. Kathy Gerbasi and Professor Laura Scaletta co-authored "Furries A to Z (Anthropomorphism to Zoomorphism)" an article that was published this past fall in the journal "Society & Animals". Students also contributed to the research article which scientifically analyzes the curious society of furries or humans that personify mascot-like animal characters. While Anthropomorphism has existed for ages furries are a fairly new trend. Dr. Gerbasi and her team of researchers were the first in the world to have published a peer-reviewed article on furries.

Sophie Hodorowicz Knab is the author of several books on Polish culture, traditions and folklore. On October 25, 2008 in Washington, D.C., Knab presented information on Polish folk traditions at "Poland: A Rich Tapestry" a series of events celebrating Polish culture. This unique series of cultural events, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, takes place over two days at the Embassy of Poland. She has been a member of the faculty at NCCC since 1989 and currently serves as a professor in the nursing division and director of the licensed practical nursing program.

Nancy Knechtel has been named a researcher for a PBS documentary on Elbert Hubbard and the Roycroft movement. The documentary is being produced by WNED and will be broadcast on PBS in the spring of 2009. Knechtel is currently researching historic images of the Roycroft workshops in addition to other arts and crafts communities and artisans.

Dr. Yu Liu has recently had his book "Seeds of a Different Eden" published by The University of South Carolina Press. His book focuses on the study of the influence of Chinese gardening concepts on the English landscaping revolution of the early 18th century. A seasoned author, Liu has produced 14 works including the book "Poetics and Politics: The Revolutions of Wordsworth" which was published in 1999. He teaches developmental writing, freshman composition, introduction to literature, introduction to linguistics and British literature survey.

Memorial Garden News

The projected completion date of the NCCC Memorial Garden is fall 2009. The facilities department has been working on the complicated details and designs of the irrigation and lighting systems to prepare for continued work on the garden this spring, which is located between the following buildings: Notar Administration, Business, Science and the Henrietta G. Lewis Library.

A reflecting pool has been designed using the same components of the stained glass that stood in the previous garden. This will be the focal point of the Memorial Garden and has been designed to be symmetrical and viewable from multiple angles. The garden was designed by NCCC student Joe Wopperer '08 as part of a landscape design class in the horticulture program.

What had originally started as a relatively modest project, replacing the seating areas and fixing flower beds, has stemmed into a much more involved venture. There are many goals NCCC hopes to achieve by making over the Memorial Garden. Most importantly is to make it beautiful, 12 months out of the year, by using resilient plant species that thrive in their perspective seasons. NCCC hopes that by attaining these goals the garden would be a lasting investment and used to host a variety of campus events.



collaborate

theatre

Tick, Tick, Boom!
Black Box Theatre
F108
March 26-April 4

Crimes of the Heart
Arts & Media Theatre
March 5-15

music

Guitarapalooza
Black Box Theatre
April 28

Gospel Choir
Black Box Theatre
April 30

art gallery

Synergy
Kathi Roussel &
Karen Sardisco
Ceramic, mixed
media, drawings &
paintings
March 12-April 9

Student Honors Show

Faculty-selected
students
work from 2008-09
April 23-May 13

dance

Tanzen Dance
Company Spring
Concert
featuring the NCCC
Jazz, Guitar and Rock
ensembles
Arts & Media Theatre
May 1-3

box office

(716) 614-5970
automated
reservation line

Tickets for NCCC theatre & dance are \$8 general admission; and \$5 seniors & alumni. All NCCC art gallery and music events are free and open to the public.

Faddoul Voted Coach of the Year



Faddoul '98, voted coach of the year by the WNYAC, coaches her championship volleyball team.

NCCC alumna, Jillian Faddoul '98 was voted coach of the year by the Western New York Athletic Conference (WNYAC). Faddoul is the NCCC volleyball coach and a physical education and health instructor.

"As a second-year head coach, being voted coach of the year was so amazing. I still can't believe it. I can't take all the credit though if it wasn't for my team this past season and my assistant coach, Joe Daigler, the team would not be where it is today and I would not have that honor," Faddoul said.

It was under Faddoul that the NCCC volleyball team was able to dominate the competition, going into the regional championship with an impressive 18-5

record. The Trailblazers walked away ranking as high as third in the New York State NJCAA Region III rankings.

"I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of the girls this year. They worked so hard all season and finishing 18-5 is pretty respectable. I'm ready to start next season. With five out of the six starters back we should be just as strong if not stronger," Faddoul said.

In addition to coaching, she is the recruiting coordinator for the Trailblazer athletics department. Faddoul is also the event coordinator for NCCC's winter sporting events and she serves as the College's sports information director.

NCCC Athletics News

NCCC To Stand Out with Added Sports

The NCCC Board of Trustees approved a motion back in October, for a three-year upgrade plan in the athletics department. The projected cost would be \$376,870 with the first year's cost of \$155,230 being the most significant amount.

The plan includes adding six sports over the next three years — men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's swimming. The addition of the six sports would add approximately 85 to 90 new student-athletes in some of Western New York's most popular sports.

Other projected plans for 2009-10 include renovating the soccer field and developing a plan to institute summer sports camp.

NCCC Announce New Lacrosse Coaches

NCCC Athletic Director Lee Wallace '72 announced the addition of both men's and women's lacrosse teams with both seasons beginning in spring 2010. This is the first time NCCC has had lacrosse in its athletic program. Buffalo Bandits legend and professional lacrosse champion Rich Kilgour has been named head coach for the men's team and Brendan McDaniels, a respected area lacrosse coach and a fulltime employee in NCCC's public relations department, will coach the women's team. Check the website at www.niagaracc.suny.edu this spring for team schedules.

Baseball Wins Championship

The baseball team finished strong this fall, winning the Western New York Athletic Conference Tournament for the first time in NCCC history. The team finished 8-7, sweeping through the tournament, beating Erie Community College, 14-2, in the semifinals and Monroe Community College, 14-7, in the final. The stellar finish can partly be attributed to baseball coach Matt Clingersmith who was named the Co-Region III Coach of the Year, last spring. Clingersmith helped guide the Trailblazers to the Region III Final Four.

Wrestling Setting Records

Wrestling coach Eric Knuutila moved up the all-division, all-time win list this season, surpassing legendary coach Dan Gable of the University of Iowa.

Knuutila's 356th career win came in a 42-3 victory over Alfred State. The victory pushed him past Gable for 15th on the all-time list.

With his 361 wins heading into post-season, Knuutila also passed Bob Guzzo from North Carolina State, who led the Wolfpack for 30 years and posted a 356-183-7 record from 1975 to 2004. In the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), Knuutila ranks second in career wins.

Knuutila started the wrestling program at NCCC in 1973 and has since established an astonishing wrestling program, winning 13 regional titles and producing four national champions.

Sophomore Justin James (Spencerport, N.Y./Brockport) captured the Trailblazers' first-ever New York State Wrestling title in January at the 165-pound weight class. He captured the title by defeating Columbia's Aaron Civan, 3-1, in the championship match.

With James' title, NCCC finished ninth overall, its highest ranking since the program started in 1973-74.

NCCC Alumni Fitness Membership \$25 per year

What's YOUR goal?



CONNECTIONS

News for Niagara County Community College Alumni

Alumnus Discovers American Relic

Buried at Ferry Farm in Virginia is the boyhood home of America's founding father George Washington. While there are no standing remains, the archeological dig is the only record history has about Washington's formative years.

NCCC graduate Paul Nasca '89 is the field team leader of the excavation at Ferry Farm. He has been working for the past eight years as a staff archaeologist for the George Washington Foundation (GWF) uncovering truths and deciphering the relic.



NCCC alumnus Paul Nasca '89.

Nasca attributes his love of anthropology and archeology to his historical hometown of Lewiston, N.Y. and his previous employment at Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, N.Y. According to Nasca, it was a distant dream to have a career as an archeologist, and through the encouragement of professors at NCCC he realized he was able to accomplish his goals.

"NCCC is really where I started my career in anthropology," Nasca said. "Douglas 'Doc' Knight was the director of archeology at Old Fort Niagara and through his encouragement and classes at NCCC, I realized I could make a living doing something that is personally satisfying."

After NCCC, Nasca received his bachelor's degree in anthropology and historic archeology from the University at Buffalo in 1992. Despite taking a hiatus,

shortly thereafter, and working for a record label out of Manhattan, Nasca never lost touch with his roots at Old Fort Niagara. He went back to work for the historical site full-time before deciding to attend graduate school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. It was through many opportunities at William and Mary that Nasca was brought on for the Washington excavation project by Director of Archeology at Ferry Farm, Dave Muraca.

Ferry Farm is located near Fredericksburg, Va, 50 miles south of Washington, D.C., and just across the river in Stafford County. The Washington family moved there in 1738, when Washington was six-years-old.

Originally the 120 acres of land was to be bought by Wal-Mart. After many protests it was released and the dig began in 2001. Ferry Farm rightly ended up as the missing piece of a puzzle to the young years of the first President of the United States of America.

"This is truly a great project. Archeology is really shaping the future. The remains that we find will provide people with an understanding and help build a museum of what once stood as Washington's boyhood home," Nasca said.

GWF plans to recreate the structures that once stood on Ferry Farm during the 1740's which will be used for educational purposes. In addition to leading the talented team of archaeologists, Nasca has undertaken the responsibility of being at the forefront for the museum's efforts on habitat restoration and the conservation of fragile artifacts.

"It is safe to say that Paul's skills and abilities, enormous dedication, and just plain hard work have resulted in not only an incredibly successful excavation, but his museum-building efforts have enriched the lives of thousands of visitors who have come to see the dig, look at birds and nature, and learn about the past from our exhibits," Muraca said.



Nasca educates visitors of the archeological site of President George Washington's boyhood home of Ferry Farm in Fredericksburg, Va.

The dig and research is partly funded by the National Geographic Society. Nasca and his team received national press when the National Geographic Channel premiered a program titled "The Real George Washington" on November 19, 2008. The episode was part of National Geographic's "Expedition Week." Nasca and his team also appeared in an article recently published by the *Smithsonian Magazine* in September 2008.

"NCCC can take pride in knowing that it helped shape the man that Paul has become. He is a credit to the institution," said Muraca.

Washington's Ferry Farm is an active archaeological site. Guided tours, group visits and private walking-tours are available to the public based on seasonal hours. There is a small admission fee for visitors.

Alumni Association Restructured

The NCCC Alumni Association underwent structural changes and became a committee of the NCCC Foundation at the November 12, 2008, meeting.

This new alliance combines the Foundation and Alumni Association efforts to establish a better relationship with the growing number of NCCC alumni. Alumnus Christopher Carlin '81 was named chairman by NCCC Foundation Board Chair Deborah Brewer.

Former Alumni Association Board members will continue to serve on the newly established committee. The committee will expand and include a mix of current Foundation Board members and alumni.



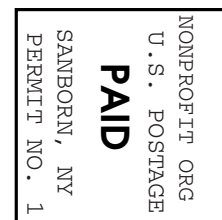
Deborah Brewer names Christopher Carlin '81 as Alumni Association Chairman.

Holiday Helpers

Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc. and the NCCC Alumni Association teamed up to make a difference this past holiday season. The Alumni Association collected non-perishable food which was used for the annual Community Missions holiday baskets and given to those in need. This year the Alumni Association was able to donate almost three barrels of food! Over 60,000 meals are provided each year by Community Missions thanks to the many generous people like NCCC Alumni.

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Alumni News

Paterson, Zito Honored As Distinguished Alumni

Niagara County Community College presented the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award to William M. Paterson, '65 and Ronald F. Zito, '72 and '78 at the annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala.

Paterson is a member of the first Niagara County Community College "Nabisco Tech" graduating class with an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences. He also continued his education at the State University College at Buffalo, receiving a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree from Niagara University.

During Paterson's 32-year career as an educator in the Tonawanda public school system, he was also a part-time employee with the New York Power Authority for 33 years in the community relations division until retiring in 2006.

Zito graduated from NCCC with associate's degrees in both liberal arts and nursing. He continued his education at the State University of New York at Buffalo, earning a master's degree in rehabilitation/adult health in 1981.

In 2005, Zito became the executive director of the Our Lady of Peace Nursing Care Residence of Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center in Lewiston, N.Y. Zito has served more than 20 years in the healthcare industry and is avidly involved in various community activities.

Paterson and Zito join 61 previous Distinguished Alumni honorees. They are recognized for their outstanding commitment to NCCC, their service and involvement within the community and professional accomplishments.



William M. Paterson '65 and Ronald F. Zito '72, '78 have been selected as the NCCC 2008 Distinguished Alumni.

2008 Scholarship Gala Features Culinary Students

The NCCC Foundation hosted the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala in October at NCCC. With more than 400 guests, the gala successfully raised \$106,000 toward scholarship awards.

Themed "First Taste" the evening featured a six-course meal prepared by the talented culinary and pastry arts students under the direction of Certified Executive Chef Mark Mistriner '87. Gala attendees dined on dishes like the charred wild atlantic salmon, wilted arugula and poached lobster claw finished with a sherried lobster sauce and the much anticipated dessert, a traditional cheesecake with a flare of local pumpkin.

Former student and Broadway veteran Liz McKendry surprised guests with a performance from her latest role in "The Producers." Other performers were The Bob Volkman Band accompanied by the NCCC music students under the direction of Lois Hall, professor and coordinator of music.

The entertainment also included two videos highlighting the featured guests, the 2008 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Student Scholarship recipients.

Among the many gifts and prizes auctioned off throughout the night was an exclusive strand of pearls designed and donated by local jeweler George Edwards.

The NCCC Foundation continues to celebrate the success of its alumni and promising prospects, awarding more than \$2 million in scholarships over a course of 20 years. The Foundation Scholarship Gala is the largest scholarship fundraising event at NCCC. The projected date for the 2009 gala is October 17, at NCCC.



Culinary and pastry art students prep for an exquisite six-course meal at the 2008 Scholarship Gala.

Where Are They Now?

1970s

Alan Pasler '70 is a security specialist with the NYS Office of Special Investigations-DOL. He also taught as a full-time instructor of criminal justice at Niagara University. Pasler holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the field of criminology and criminal justice. In addition, he is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist. His recent album is titled, "I Will Always Love You," and songs from that album have been played on local radio. Pasler is married and resides in Grand Island, N.Y.

Marilyn Williams '70 went on to receive both a bachelor's and master's degree in health services administration and also became a certified nurse midwife at University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, N.J. In addition, Williams and her husband spent several years on missionary service in Singapore and Hong Kong with The Salvation Army until retiring in 2000. Williams currently resides in Lima, Ohio, and has been employed at a nursing home as well as the part-time nurse at the county jail.

Ann H. Kennedy '73 is employed by the Lockport, Niagara-Wheatfield and Wilson Central School Districts as a substitute music teacher and is also a private music and drama teacher. Kennedy holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She has also received advanced degrees from The Academy of Vocal Arts Philadelphia, Music Academy of the West and the Lotte Lehmann Fellowship Bel Canto Institute. In her spare time, Kennedy enjoys singing operas, oratorios, concerts, arts-in-education programs, teaching voice, piano, music, and drama lessons.

Anthony J. Marra '74 is the founder and president of Thermal Relief Design, Inc. formerly TLM Electronics. Thermal Relief Design repairs pro audio equipment such as large-format digital consoles and switch mode pulse width modulation amplifiers. In addition, from 1977 until 1980 Marra served as the on-the-road house engineer for Ted Nugent. He currently resides in Las Vegas, Nev., where Thermal Relief Design operates.

Richard E. Aton '75 has been the owner and president of Rick Aton/State Farm Insurance and Financial Services since 1977. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Valparaiso University 1977. Aton was also the World Karting Association Champion in 1984, 1985 and 1986, and set several track records in Formula Fords before retiring in 1991. Aton is married and has two children.

1980s

Warren J. Pawliuk '81 serves as the county health officer for Nye County, Nev. and works as an emergency nurse in Las Vegas along with serving on the EMS committee for the State of Nevada. In 2001, he received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Pawliuk also obtained a master's degree in public health, with honors, from the American Military University in 2007. He has also received certification as a critical care nurse (CCRN) and emergency nurse (CEN). Pawliuk retired from the Air Force reserve as a Major whose concluding duties were as a senior flight nurse with service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pawliuk plans on obtaining a master's degree in nursing with a focus on nursing education.

Ruth A. Willerth '82 is a partner and an editor at SmatteringsBooks. Willerth received a bachelor's degree in broadcast communications from State University College at Buffalo in 1985. She also released her first sci-fi title, "Knife of truth: A matter of Honor" by Cynthia Willerth, where she illustrated and designed the cover for title. Willerth has also been a member of Northside Writers since 1998. In addition, numerous writing pieces such as short stories, articles, and poems have been published in various periodicals. She also maintains a huge writing how to website at <http://smatteringsbooks.com/index.html>.

Richard C. Cleland '83 was recently promoted to senior vice president of operations at Erie County Medical Center Corporation. He has been with the hospital since 2006 as the executive director of continuing care. Prior to that, Cleland was the admistrator at the Brothers of Mercy Nursing &

Rehabilitation Center. He received a bachelor's degree from State University College at Buffalo in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from Canisius College. Cleland is also an assistant professor at D'Youville and Erie County Community College.

Patricia A. (Holbrook) Wolfanger '83 received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University New York at Geneseo. For the past 20 years Wolfanger has worked as a special education specialist in the Bloomfield School District. She is married, has three children and currently resides in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Janet D. Schultz '85 retired from Niagara County Community College in 2007. She formerly served as the technical assistant in the public relations department and has also served as the coordinator of the Alumni Association. In November 2008, she was inducted into the Starpoint Central High School Academic Wall of Fame and Achievement. In addition, Schultz is a freelance sports photographer and writer for the *Metro Community News*, Niagara Frontier Publications and *WNY Hockey Magazine*.

Amy E. Hayman '86 works for Shield Security as a security officer. In 2007, Hayman received an associate's degree with honors in criminal investigations. She is currently working on a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Hayman resides in San Diego, Calif.

1990s

Danton Cardoso '90 is an academic advisor at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. Cardoso holds a bachelor's degree in English, a bachelor's degree in secondary English education, master's degree in educational computing and a master's degree in higher education administration. He has also worked as a middle school English teacher, high school English teacher, coordinator of tutorial services at a college and a middle school computer teacher.

Lisa M. (Flagler) Fletcher '90 is an English teacher at Newfane High School. Fletcher received a bachelor's-

degree in theatre and performing arts and a master's degree in education from Niagara University. Fletcher also performs with various theatre groups. In addition she is a grant writer, drama teacher and also teaches broadcast journalism and film studies. Also, she is married and has a daughter.

Cory T. Diez '96 was promoted to sergeant in the Niagara County Sheriff's Department. After graduating from NCCC, Diez started his career as a radio dispatcher for the Niagara County Sheriff's Department until 1998 when he was hired as a road deputy. He is also a member of the accident reconstruction, underwater rescue and bicycle patrol teams for the Sheriff's Department.

Patricia Barrows '98 is a marketing representative for Accurate Computer Service, Inc. in Lockport, N.Y. Barrows is also the president of Lockport Business Association. She previously served on the Board of Directors for the Lockport Rotary and Zonta Club and has been involved with various event/fundraising committees including Taste of Lockport.

2000s

Rachel M. Woock '02 works as an outreach counselor at the Mary C. Dyster Center for Young Parents and as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Talarico. She received a bachelor's degree in health and wellness, as well as a master's degree in adult education. In addition, Woock is a health educator at Niagara University, presenting health related topics such as binge drinking and healthy relationships to students living in the residence halls.

Stephanie D. Marando '03 works at Casey Middle School as an English teacher in the Williamsville Central School District. Marando obtained a bachelor's degree in English from the State University College at Buffalo. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in creative studies from the International Center for Studies in Creativity located at the State University College at Buffalo. Prior to teaching in the Williamsville School District, Marando taught at Hamburg High School part-time while to substitute teaching.

Around Campus

Student Spotlight

Madison Ackerman has a lot to offer and she is only 19. Her exemplary work ethic brought her good fortune when she was granted the Adam and Josephine Piwowarczyk Pietak Scholarship, awarded by the NCCC Foundation, for the Fall 2008 semester.

The scholarship was established in 2004 by Raymond Pietak and Jeanne Pietak Kunkel in memory of their parents Adam and Josephine Piwowarczyk Pietak. It was created specifically for North Tonawanda, N.Y. residents as Pietak himself grew up in that area. He wanted to ensure future NCCC students had continued access to higher education close to their home. Applicants must also be a current or incoming student enrolled in liberal arts and sciences curriculum or a degree program in business.



Dr. Yu Liu and sophomore Madison Ackerman discuss an upcoming project about the poetry of William Blake for a British literature class.

The NCCC Foundation encourages scholarship recipients to send a letter of thanks to the scholarship fund donors. When Raymond Pietak received Ackerman's thank you, he was so impressed with her that he made a contribution to boost the endowment fund which will assist in providing a larger scholarship for future NCCC students.

"I love literature, expanding my vocabulary, and delving into the meaning behind an author's perspective. I also loved being on stage and entertaining others from being in drama club. Combining the two together led me to the idea of becoming a secondary English teacher. I love being able to not only expand my knowledge through education, but expanding others as well. Teaching became my interest, passion and career choice," Ackerman said.

She added that it allowed her to explore all of the different possibilities life has to offer. This past fall Ackerman began to student teach, something that was very important to her and her decision to attend NCCC.

Ackerman takes pride in her academics; this is evident to many of her professors, who speak highly of her both inside and outside the classroom.

"Madie was in my stage management class last semester. She is a great kid, great student, and I think she will make a wonderful teacher," NCCC Arts & Media Division Chair Kyle LoConti said.

For more information on how to create an endowed scholarship in the name of an alumnus or someone special to your family, contact the NCCC Foundation at 716-614-5910. For a complete listing of available scholarships visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu.

Digital Media Updates Technology

NCCC's Arts & Media Division unveiled \$120,000 in upgrades to the campus production studio.

The new digital media video production studio features high-definition cameras and hardware to run professional grade programs, allowing students to produce modern television programs and documentaries. A dedication ceremony was held in November commemorating the momentous transformation.

The outdated studio has caught up with technology and the times. Most of the previous equipment dated back to the 1970's. Thanks to the grant provided by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act, NCCC was able to make the necessary upgrades in the production studio.

The original space was built along with the college in 1973. The renovations have converted a once retro and out-of-date studio into a fresh high-definition production facility including a computerized lighting system, green screen technology, multiple video formatting production, professional audio recording booth, a teleprompter, and a new digital surround sound video screening room equipped with a high-definition flat screen monitor.

"Society has changed how it sends and receives information, and with this new facility, NCCC students will be leaders in the ever changing world," Dr. James P. Klyczek, NCCC President said. "This state-of-the-art facility will be a tremendous asset in further strengthening the digital media program."

What have *you* been up to?



Let us know what YOU'VE been doing since NCCC.
Receive any advanced degrees? Get a promotion?
Or do anything really interesting?
Email: alumni@niagaracc.suny.edu

NCCC Honor Roll

The 2008 NCCC Recognition Dinner celebrated the success of College employees and among those recognized were over 30 alumni.

10 Years of Service

Susan Crafts '83

15 Years of Service

Marilyn Brennan '80, retiree
John Cipolla '89
Mark Mistriner '87, promoted professor
Lou Ann Parker '93
Elizabeth Ruffner '02

20 Years of Service

Deborah Burns, '78 promoted professor
Pamela Dixon '88, '02
Nancy Huntington '04
Barbara Maynard '84
Marguerite Newton '83
Paul Rodriguez '75
Kathleen Saunders '92
Gail Tylec '80

25 Years of Service

Cynthia Drew '01
Linda Rossow '83

30 Years of Service

Randall Schultz '75

Promotions & Awards

Professor

Martin Bauer, attended '77-'78

Associate Professor

Michele Mistriner '83
Anthony Ventresca '69

Assistant Professor

Kendra Schmitz '93

Advisory Committee Award

James Turner '86

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty

Abbey Mitchell '85, '91
Donna Simiele '86

Retiring

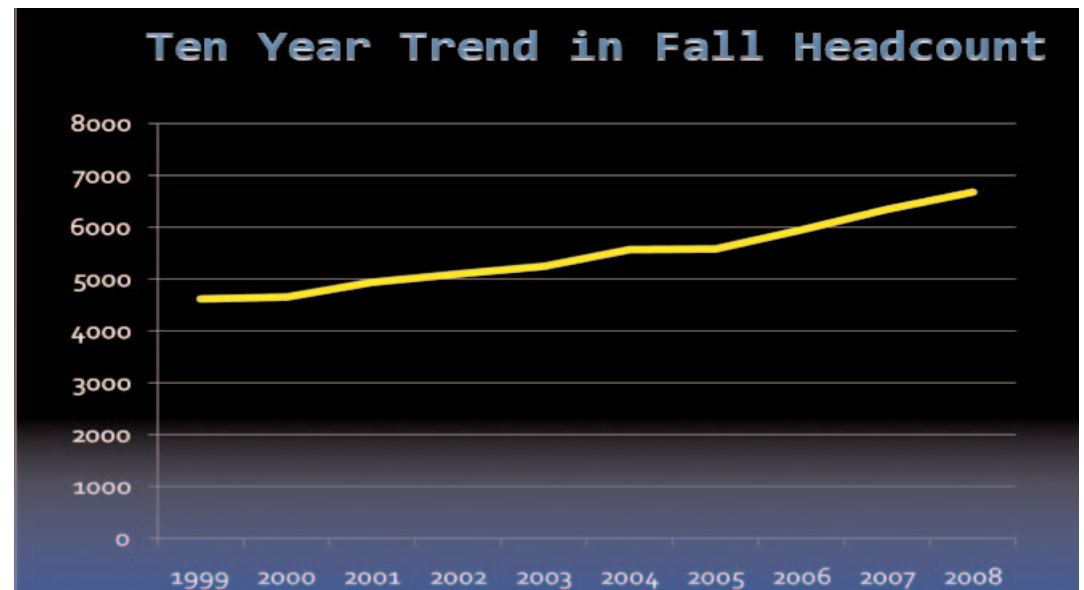
David Adams '77
Sandra Fearby '97
Charles Fowle '68
Arlene Truesdale '84

Welcome NCCC Alumni Employees

Gary Feeley '08, Distance Learning
Marilyn Fleischman '96, Nursing
Cathleen Heckeler '90, Nursing
Maria Iacovitti '83, Baking and Pastry Arts
Laurie Schmidt '99, Lewis Library

Get The Facts!

NCCC achieved record enrollment, increasing by 44.6 percent from 1999-2008.



NCCC and the New York Times

Niagara County Community College recently appeared in a *New York Times* article published December 24, 2008. "Not Just Another Dorm" discusses the recent change in community college settings from being two-year commuter colleges to residential campuses. NCCC was mentioned for the recent addition of the Village College Suites.

In Memoriam: Al Saladino

Niagara County Community College mourns the loss of Human Services Professor Al Saladino. The celebrated social worker, professor and counselor died unexpectedly October 29, 2008.

Saladino touched the lives of many students throughout his career at NCCC which began more than two decades ago. Saladino earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College and a master's in social work from the University at Buffalo. He started working at NCCC in 1989 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1992. Saladino was awarded tenure in 1994 and shortly after was promoted to associate professor in 1997. In September 2002, Saladino advanced to become a full professor at the College.

In addition to his work as a professor and mentor Saladino was also the disability studies coordinator and the chemical dependency counseling coordinator. He served as the past-president of the NCCC faculty senate and the New York State Human Services Educator's Association. He also was the recipient of the SUNY President's Award for Excellence in Academic Advisement in 1992.

The NCCC Faculty Association has extended a full tuition scholarship at NCCC to his children Michael Saladino, Sam Saladino and Nina Saladino.

In Memoriam: Robert Lord

Those who have worked with Robert Lord have nothing but kind and endearing words to say. His unfortunate passing in August 2008, left behind great memories and love for a wonderful instructor, husband, father and friend.

Born in Liverpool, England, Lord grew up and later went on to earn his bachelor of arts' degree from Manchester University and earned his postgraduate certificate in education from the University of Waterloo.

In June 2008, Lord was named coordinator of the National GeoTech Center: Northeast at NCCC. The National Science Foundation granted \$1.8 million in funds to the multi-college collaborative project, which designates NCCC as a Center for Advanced Technological Education in Geospatial Technology. The goal is to increase the number of geospatial technicians needed in the field.

Lord joined the faculty in 2003, spending six short years at the College. Before becoming an instructor he also worked for the Peel Board of Education for 25 years in Canada, and also at Buffalo State College.

Contributions were made in his memory that will purchase books for the Henrietta G. Lewis Library specifically in his area of expertise. His wife, Lynda Lord, donated a vast collection of his books and maps to the library in his memory.