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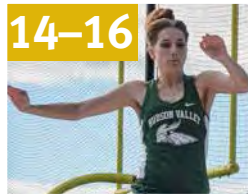
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"Drew" Steps Down

Hudson Valley President Andrew J. Matonak Announces 2018 Retirement

Andrew J. Matonak, Ed.D., the college's sixth president, will retire on August 31, 2018 after 13 years of leadership and a career in higher education spanning four decades.

"Drew" Matonak became Hudson Valley's president on April 18, 2005, and during his tenure, the college introduced more than 25 new academic programs, significantly expanded online offerings and introduced groundbreaking high school pipeline programs such as the Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School.

In addition, Drew has overseen the expansion of student support services, including the creation of the Center for Academic Engagement, the Marvin Library Learning Commons and the Wellness Center.

"Hudson Valley is an incredibly special place, and it's been my privilege to serve this institution, its dedicated board, and its amazing faculty and staff for more than a decade now," the president said in announcing his retirement. "I'm proud of our collective accomplishments, which will have a lasting impact on our students, workforce and community partners. Sharing my retirement plans now provides ample time for a national search and our leadership transition at the college."

Drew guided a \$200 million facilities master plan, which resulted in the pedestrian-friendly, high technology campus students enjoy today. Several new, state-of-the-art buildings were completed during his tenure, including:

- the \$47.4 million Science Center
- the \$13.5 million TEC-SMART in Malta
- the \$9.4 million Administration Building
- the \$4.5 million parking garage
- the \$4.5 million Outdoor Athletic Complex

Another hallmark of Drew's tenure was President Barack Obama's campus visit in 2009 to discuss the importance of community college economic development and workforce training initiatives similar to those at Hudson Valley.

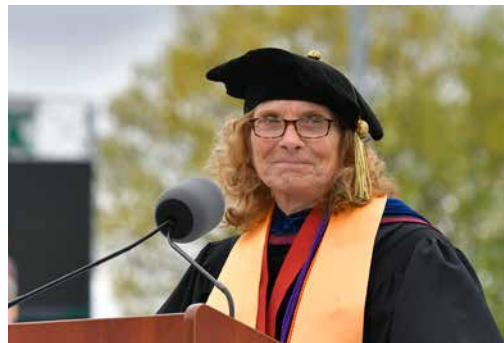


Prior to joining Hudson Valley, Drew served as president of Northwest Iowa Community College. He also served in leadership positions at schools in Ohio, South Carolina and Texas.

Drew began his higher education at Butler County Community College in Pennsylvania, and it was an experience that shaped his personal and professional life.

"Beginning my higher education at a community college had a major influence on my career path. My years at Butler changed my life, and shaped my decision to pursue a career in higher education. Capping my career at Hudson Valley, one of the most productive community colleges in the nation, is a fitting closing chapter. Hudson Valley Community College will always be in my heart."

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation will celebrate Drew's accomplishments at its annual gala on Oct. 20. Information about tickets to the gala will be available through the Foundation.



ACADEMIC VP CURTIS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Vice President for Academic Affairs Carolyn Curtis has announced that she will retire this fall.

Curtis has served the college for 17 years, and during that time the college has grown its degree and certificate offerings by more than 60 percent. She also has overseen significant growth in innovative academic partnerships.

TWO LONG-TERM VICE PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

After nearly five decades of service, two Hudson Valley vice presidents have decided to hang up their Viking hats and embark on a new adventure: retirement.

Vice President for Finance Joel Fatato '71 and Vice President for Administration James LaGatta '67 each announced their retirements last fall. Both college alumni, the two have been part of the campus community since the late 1960s; their retirements will mark nearly 50 years of dedicated service to the college.

Fatato, who started off his career at Hudson Valley as a work study student, went on to become an account clerk, financial analyst, assistant comptroller, comptroller, and chief fiscal officer at the college before being promoted to vice president for finance in 2000. He is responsible for the college's operating budget, which totals more than \$111 million, and supervises more than 40 professional and clerical staff.

LaGatta began his Hudson Valley career as a chemistry instructor in 1969, eventually becoming chairperson for the department of chemistry and then dean of the college's school of health sciences, school of liberal arts and sciences, and school of business. He also served as interim vice president for academic affairs and deputy to the president before becoming the vice president for administration in 2004. As vice president for administration, he is responsible for overseeing the offices of environmental health and safety, human resources, public safety, and the college's physical plant. He also serves as liaison to the Board of Trustees, the college's bargaining units and outside entities.



Joel Fatato '71 & James LaGatta '67

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President Matonak and UAlbany Vice Provost Jeanette Altarriba at the signing ceremony

College and UAlbany Announce New Comprehensive Transfer Agreement

Hudson Valley and the University at Albany recently established 34 new program-to-program agreements in liberal arts and sciences, criminal justice, business, public health, social welfare, political science, computer science, and education, to name a few.

This comprehensive agreement allows course credits to transfer fluidly from Hudson Valley to the university, and provides a clear pathway for Hudson Valley graduates who meet admission requirements in selected programs.

Hudson Valley is one of UAlbany's first community college partners to have clear pathways identified for students entering the new College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity, the Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering program and Bachelors of Science in Human Development program.

The University at Albany is the most popular transfer institution for Hudson Valley graduates. In the past two and a half years, more than 1,000 students from Hudson Valley have transferred to the university. Last year, more than 240 Hudson Valley graduates enrolled at the University at Albany.

NEW PARTNERSHIP BRINGS FOUR-YEAR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE TO CAMPUS

Hudson Valley and SUNY Cobleskill have signed an agreement that will allow the SUNY four-year college to offer the complete coursework of its Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) on the Hudson Valley Community College campus, starting in the fall of 2017.

The agreement is similar to partnerships the college already has with Cobleskill for its B.S. in Early Childhood Studies, as well as SUNY Plattsburgh for its B.S. in Criminal Justice and Cazenovia College for its B.S. in Human Services.

The agreements between Hudson Valley and four-year institutions are a way for Capital Region students to achieve a bachelor's degree in a specialized field without leaving the area.

Jay Deitchman and students in Vietnam



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CONTINUES AS COLLEGE REP VISITS CHINA, VIETNAM

With the number of international students studying in the United States surpassing 1 million last year, Hudson Valley Community College is looking to grab a portion of that growing pool to increase enrollment and diversify the campus community.

Over the past two years, the college's Coordinator of International Student Services, Jay Deitchman, has taken two trips to Vietnam and two to China to attend college fairs and meet with high school students. College recruitment at the international level is often a multi-step process, Deitchman said, but the college is hoping that building relationships with students and their families will pay off in the long run.

"In both China and Vietnam there is an emerging middle class as well as a growing appreciation for American community colleges as a pathway to



Jay with a student in Vietnam

a four-year degree," Deitchman said. "It takes time to become a known entity and to build relationships, but that's what we are trying to do: build personal relationships that can turn into students choosing Hudson Valley. We're planting a seed with these students that could grow in their families and schools and communities."

Deitchman first journeyed to China in the fall of 2015, where he joined two dozen other college and university representatives on a ten-day trip with stops in four major Chinese cities. Other institutions on the trip include The University at Albany, Loyola Marymount University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and San Diego State University.

In the spring of 2016, he travelled to Vietnam and returned there in October to visit many of the same schools, college fairs and individual students.

His latest return to the Chinese mainland wrapped up this March. All three trips were coordinated by companies that work to link international students with colleges and universities in the United States.

According to the Institute of International Education, about three in 10 international students studying in the US are at an associate degree granting institution like Hudson Valley.

Many of the international students who are turning to United States community colleges are focused on beginning their four-year education in areas like computer science, engineering, business and biology – areas that Hudson Valley Community College excels in and has room to grow in enrollment. Many of these programs also see a significant number of graduates transfer to

schools like RPI, RIT, and the University at Albany.

Deitchman said the college decided to focus on China and Vietnam based on the number of students each country can send to the United States and the potential for creating a homogeneous community of international students. Privately-owned student housing nearly adjacent to the campus starting in Fall 2017 and a willingness from college officials to accommodate an influx of international students bodes well for creating a community of young Vietnamese and Chinese scholars over the coming years.

"We're in great shape because the college is not starting from scratch when it comes to international students. We've had a dedicated office to serve these students for at least two decades," Deitchman said.

OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT ASSOCIATES INSTITUTIONS,

17.7%

ARE FROM CHINA

8.9%

ARE FROM SOUTH KOREA

8.4%

ARE FROM VIETNAM

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN NEW YORK STATE IS

114,316

(+7.1% INCREASE)

ESTIMATED FOREIGN STUDENTS EXPENDITURE IN THE STATE TOTALS

\$3,947,531,859

*Statistics from the Institute of International Education, 2014-2015



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PRIME Books & Bites

Mazzone Takes on Campus Food Service

The college has partnered with Mazzone Hospitality for food service and catering on campus. The company's PRIME Business Dining division had a full-service launch in time for the start of the Fall 2016 semester.

PRIME Business Dining division operates food service at the Empire State Plaza, Excelsior College, GlobalFoundries, Golub Corporation and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, among others. Other Mazzone properties include restaurants: Angelo's 677 Prime in Albany; Angelo's Tavolo in Scotia; Angelo's Bar and Grill in Clifton Park; Apertivo Bistro in Schenectady; Fish at 30 Lake in Saratoga; Prime at Saratoga National in Saratoga; and Tala Bistro in Latham; as well as extensive on-site and off-site catering operations around the region.

PRIME at HVCC Main Café, located on the second floor of the Siek Campus Center, offers a little bit of everything, from deli sandwiches and Italian specialties to grill items and Mexican fare. Other PRIME locations on campus include:

- PRIME Pit Stop in Williams Hall
- PRIME Books & Bites, on the first floor of the Marvin Library Learning Commons
- PRIME Elements, on the first floor of the Science Center



PRIME Elements



College Suites at Hudson Valley Continues to Take Shape

Progress is continuing on a new apartment complex being built to serve Hudson Valley and other local college students, and the wait won't be too much longer. The College Suites at Hudson Valley is slated to open its doors to students in time for the fall semester.

"Hundreds of students relocate to the region each year, drawn by the college's career-oriented academic programs and transfer opportunities. Even greater numbers are asking for housing options when considering college. As we expand our recruitment activities around New York State and travel abroad to boost international student enrollment, we're looking forward to having a new opportunity for living and learning near campus," said President Matonak.

The complex is located at the corners of Vandenberg and Morrison avenues, on the site of the former Hy Rosenblum Center, which housed the college's administrative offices for years and was the site of the Immaculate Conception Monastery prior to that.

The project is being completed by the United Group of Companies, based in North Greenbush. The company purchased the 41-acre site from the college prior to the beginning of the \$20 million construction process, making the apartments a privately owned and operated enterprise meant to accommodate college students, but not under the jurisdiction of the college itself.

The finished apartment complex will include 268 bedrooms split between 72 apartments, each of which will also feature kitchen, living and dining areas. The complex will also feature community and study rooms, a business center, a fitness center and yoga room, and a coffee lounge. On-site management offices, 24-hour security, and an adjacent parking lot are also in the plans.

This isn't the United Group's first foray into college construction; the company has partnered with five SUNY community colleges as well as numerous Capital Region institutions, including Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Albany Medical College, The College of Saint Rose, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, The Sage Colleges, Schenectady County Community College and University at Albany.



A mural inside the new student housing





PRIME Café



Retiree list 2015-2017

The following faculty members announced their retirement during the past academic year. They have more than 1,000 combined years of service to Hudson Valley.

- Elaine Brooks Rinaldo**, Professor, Mathematics and Engineering Science
- Kimberly Bryant**, Professor, Dental Hygiene
- Kathleen Campbell**, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Joseph Caruso**, Professor, Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Public Administration
- Donna Champion**, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Elaine Davi**, Professor, Nursing
- Catherine Davis**, Professor, Dental Hygiene
- William Eckert**, Professor, Business
- Ingeborg Eley**, Professor, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Jan Geyer**, Assistant Professor, English, Foreign Languages and English as a Second Language
- Patricia Gilmaier**, Associate Professor/Education Specialist, Business Advisement Center
- Susan Hoff-Haynes**, Professor, Educational Opportunity Center
- Susan Hogan**, Assistant Professor, English, Foreign Languages and English as a Second Language
- Dawn Hopper**, Assistant Professor, History, Philosophy and Social Sciences
- Liliane Khouri**, Assistant Professor, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Susan Kilgallon**, Professor, Civil, Construction, Industrial and Mechanical Technologies
- Dawn Kolakoski**, Department Chair, Professor, Teacher Preparation
- Ellen Laird**, Professor, English, Foreign Languages and English as a Second Language
- Barbara LaMarche**, Assistant Professor, Computing and Information Sciences
- Eileen Mahoney**, Professor, Teacher Preparation
- Abraham M. Michelen**, Professor, Automotive, Manufacturing and Electrical Engineering Technologies
- Andrew Miller**, Assistant Professor, Accounting
- Dacey O'Malley**, Professor, Nursing
- John R. Ostwald**, Associate Professor, History, Philosophy and Social Sciences
- Doris Schoonmaker**, Professor, Mathematics and Engineering Science
- Bonita Sessing-Matcha**, Professor, History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences
- Loretta Stillman**, Professor, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Lois Terry**, Professor, Computer Learning Center
- Diane Teutschman**, Advising Specialist, Teacher Preparation and Fine Arts
- Judith Zamurs**, Education Specialist/Associate Professor, Learning Assistance Center and Testing Office

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New Academic Programs

Hudson Valley has always focused on preparing students for successful futures in a changing world. In that spirit, the college has added 11 new programs recently that are designed to meet the changing demands of today's marketplace.

Many are the only academic programs of their kind in the Capital Region or the state.



CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELING – CERTIFICATE

The Chemical Dependency Counseling certificate program is designed for those already working in the field of addictions counseling who are seeking to gain their Credential in Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC), which is administered by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). Many of those working in the chemical dependency field have completed associate or bachelor's degrees but lack the CASAC credential, and this certificate program addresses that need.

CLEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT – A.A.S.

The Clean Energy Management degree combines renewable energy and business courses to meet industry demands. In addition to basic electrical theory and an exploration of photovoltaic, geothermal, wind and fuel cell energies, the program focuses on the essential principles of finance, marketing and business development. The only associate degree program of its kind in this area, Clean Energy Management is designed to lead to immediate employment.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NAVIGATION – A.A.S., CERTIFICATE

The Community Health Navigation degree and certificate programs train students to work in their communities and serve as a liaison between patients and healthcare providers, helping navigate insurance, prescriptions, transportation and follow-up care. The degree option is designed for those who want to enter the workforce or continue their education. The certificate program is designed for those with background or relevant coursework in a healthcare field. The programs are first of their kind in New York to be approved for credit.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMINISTRATION – A.A.S. AND CERTIFICATE

A.A.S.: The two-year associate degree in early childhood administration is designed for individuals who are interested in entering the field of child care administration or opening their own home child care facility. The degree also offers students the courses and credits in early childhood administration that are needed for the Child Program Administrator Credential (CPAC) offered by the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to submit the required portfolio for the CPAC credential.

Certificate: The one-year early childhood administration certificate is designed for individuals who have already completed an associate degree in early childhood and are pursuing the Child Program Administrator Credential (CPAC) offered by the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children. The certificate also is ideal for those working as assistant directors, directors, program administrators and family child care owners and are seeking to develop professionally.

EXERCISE SCIENCE – A.S.

This transfer-oriented two-year associate degree is designed for those interested in beginning their educational path toward a bachelor's degree in athletic training, exercise science/nutrition, kinesiology, sports medicine or occupational therapy. This is the only program of its kind in the Capital Region. The program blends classroom instruction with practical experience, and students use the college's exercise physiology lab. Successful

graduates may continue their education in the Exercise Science programs at SUNY Cortland and SUNY Brockport.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS STUDIES – A.S.

The Health and Wellness Studies degree program is designed for students who wish to start a path toward a four-year degree in health education, community health, health and wellness or other associated degrees. Students may also pair the degree with the college's Worksite Health Promotion certificate program to prepare for a career in corporate health and wellness. Students can utilize state-of-the-art exercise science technology on our campus, and may transfer to SUNY Cortland or Buffalo State College to earn a bachelor's degree.

IT HELP DESK SUPPORT – CERTIFICATE

The IT Help Desk Support certificate provides students with a strong foundation to enter the workforce in the information technology field as a computer support specialist or help desk support technician. Students are provided with an intensive immersion in the fundamentals of contemporary and emergent computing technologies, hardware and software support, business analytics, database management systems, programming and logic, networking, Web design and computing and information security.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT – CERTIFICATE

The Special Education Assistant certificate program is designed to prepare students for a successful career as a teaching assistant/paraprofessional in the field of special education. The program, which is the only one of its kind in the Capital Region, fulfills requirements for New York State Level II and III Teaching Assistant certificates. Workshops in Child Abuse Identification, School Violence Intervention and Prevention, and DASA clearance (BOCES), plus fingerprint clearance and Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS) exam, are additionally required for Level III certification. Credits earned toward the certificate will also transfer into an A.A.S. degree in early childhood education.

\$88,890

MEDIAN ANNUAL PAY FOR AN INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST *(Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

↑36%

JOB GROWTH RATE EXPECTED IN CYBERSECURITY THROUGH 2022 *(Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

1M+

NUMBER OF UNFILLED JOBS GLOBALLY IN THE CYBERSECURITY FIELD *(Cisco)*

Cybersecurity Working Its Way into Hudson Valley Curriculum

One look at the daily news coverage will convince you that cybersecurity is not only quickly becoming a critical part of our homeland security but also a burgeoning career field.

Addressing that growing national need, the college has created a new associate degree program aimed at educating cybersecurity professionals. The Cybersecurity A.S. program is currently accepting students for the fall semester.

The degree combines criminal justice and computer information systems coursework with a strong base of liberal arts courses to prepare students for transfer into bachelor's degree programs in Digital Forensics, Cybersecurity and other related programs.

Cybersecurity is one of the fastest-growing career categories in the United States and around the globe, with plentiful job opportunities for qualified graduates in business, finance, health care, government and dozens of other industries.

"This new degree is the result of a collaboration between two of our outstanding academic departments – Computing and Information Sciences and Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Public Administration," said President Matonak. "We are drawing on the expertise of faculty from both departments and working with partners, like the University at Albany, to ensure smooth transfer for our graduates to baccalaureate degrees."

The Cybersecurity degree already has transfer agreements with UAlbany, which offers a Digital Forensics B.S. degree. The university also is home to a new School of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity, which may offer even more transfer possibilities for graduates of the A.S. program. The college also has transfer agreements with Alfred State College, which offers a B.Tech degree in Cyber Security.

In addition, last year the college's Workforce Development Institute began offering a 50-hour non-credit course – Cybersecurity 101 – for those interested in gaining an entry-level position in the field. The course is offered in conjunction with GreyCastle Security, a regional cybersecurity firm with national ties.

Growth of Digital Media Programs Continue

When Hudson Valley started a digital media certificate program for the 2011-2012 school year, it was expected to be popular. But there was no way to predict just how successful the program would become.

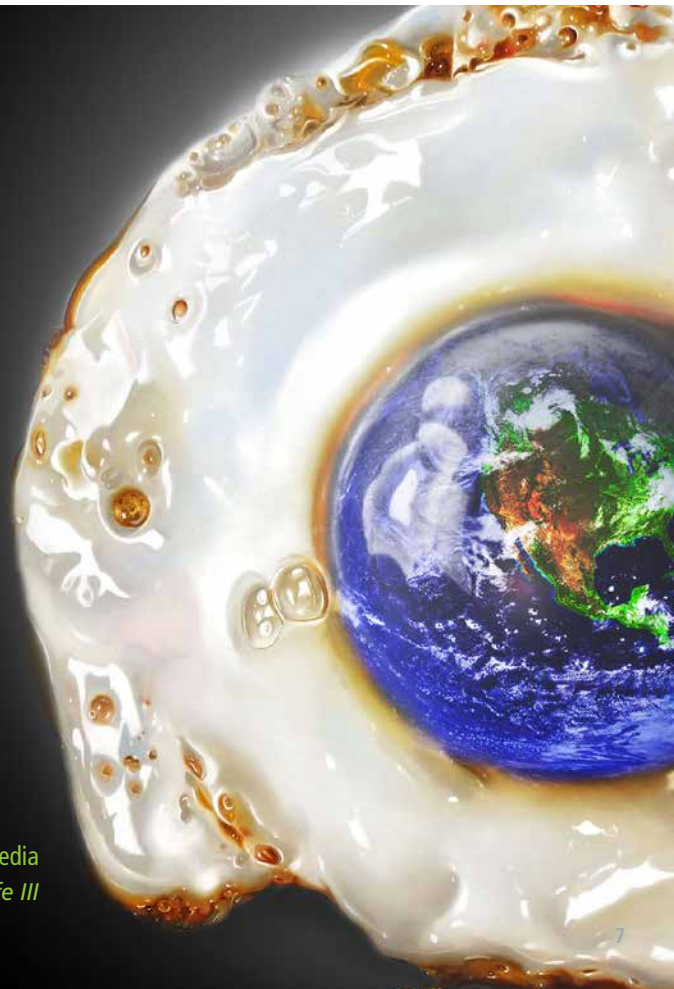
The program started out by offering a one-year certificate in Digital Media, which is still an option today. It quickly grew to include the option of pursuing a two-year Associate of Science degree in Digital Media as well. Today's thriving Digital Media programs see hundreds of students enrolled, with more coming to Hudson Valley each year to hone their skills in the digital arts. Popularity has increased so much since the program's inception that Hudson Valley has opened two new digital media classrooms, complete with all the requisite equipment, and a digital media lab is available for student use after class hours.

Program curriculum includes a mixture of classes in digital imaging, graphic design, video and web art, animation, and interactive media, to name a few, plus a base in fine arts, where students hone many traditional artistic skills that inform their design work later on. Graduates go on to pursue work in various fields that incorporate their skills: graphic design, advertising, education, and publishing. Some even start their own businesses.

Those interested in a four-year degree can transfer after graduation and pursue majors from graphic design to video game design and everything in between.

Currently, the college offers transfer agreements with SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Cobleskill, and the Sage Colleges of Albany.

Leah von Fricken '16 Digital Media
The Fragility of Life III



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College Provides Pathways to Top-Tier STEM Careers

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics has released a report on STEM jobs with the fastest growth rates and the most openings projected over the next decade that require just a two-year degree or certificate. Hudson Valley offers programs and pathways to nearly all the job titles that made the list.

According to the Bureau's report, more employers are emphasizing hiring workers with the right skills and credentials for a specific job over simply hiring candidates with four years of schooling. With tuition costs on the rise for many of these four-year programs, more workers are turning to community colleges for certificate programs or associate degrees required for in-demand fields.

Jobs that made both lists are projected to both have the most openings and grow the fastest. They include web developers, computer user support specialists and computer network support specialists, civil engineering technicians, and



Student in architectural technology class

environmental science and protection technicians. Hudson Valley offers degree programs in each of these areas through the School of Business and the School of Engineering and Industrial Technologies.

The most openings:

STEM jobs that typically need less than a bachelor's degree, projected 2014-24

Computer user support specialists (\$48,620)	150,500
Web developers (\$64,970)	58,600
Computer network support specialists (\$62,250)	36,900
Electrical and electronics engineering technicians (\$61,130)	34,100
Civil engineering technicians (\$49,260)	21,600
Chemical technicians (\$44,660)	21,100
Environmental science and protection technicians, including health (\$43,030)	18,600
Industrial engineering technicians (\$53,780)	16,300
Forest and conservation technicians (\$35,430)	13,700
Mechanical engineering technicians (\$53,910)	12,800

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Vega

New Dean for School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dr. Fabian Vega has been named the new dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Vega's expertise includes undergraduate and graduate-level teaching, administrative and managerial experience, and several years of teaching in community colleges, four-year public and private colleges, and universities. He also brings supervisory experience in the mental health field and experience in business.

At Hudson Valley, Dr. Vega will be responsible for providing operational leadership, direction and management to the college's largest division. He will also be responsible for developing new programs, certificates, and courses of study, as well as developing external relations and initiatives to continue to increase enrollment and diversity.

New Department Chairs in Liberal Arts

Hudson Valley announced new leadership for four academic departments in its School of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Heather Chase was named the chair of the Liberal Arts Department, which oversees Liberal Arts and Science: Humanities and Social Science and the Liberal Arts HonorScholar programs. She also will be overseeing the Liberal Arts Advisement Center. Heather served as an advising specialist in the department and previously held several academic and administrative roles at ITT Technical Institute in Albany. She led ITT's Academic Affairs unit, served as an academic dean and was an adjunct faculty member.

Scott Hathaway has been named the chair of the Fine Arts, Theatre Arts and Digital Media Department, which oversees students in three academic programs – Fine Arts, Digital Media and Theatre Arts as well as the college's Teaching Gallery. Scott is a longtime faculty member at the college, having taught for more than two decades. An alumnus of Hudson Valley, he earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2010.

Maryanne Pepe has been named the chair of the Human Services and Chemical Dependency Counseling Department, which oversees students in five degree and certificate programs. A certified social worker, Maryanne has been a longtime faculty member in the department. She has been involved in academic advisement, curriculum development and mentoring of new adjunct instructors in addition to her teaching duties. She has been a faculty member for more than 25 years and was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005.

Antoinette "Toni" Howard has been named the chair for the Teacher Preparation Department, which oversees six different degree and certificate programs and more than 200 students. Howard has served as interim department chair since last fall. In addition to her teaching duties at the college, she serves as a mentor for the college's Center for Effective Teaching and has served as an academic advisor and field placement collaborator for the department. She received Hudson Valley's President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2015.



Chase



Hathaway



Pepe



Howard

Two Tapped to Serve on College Board of Trustees

Two new members joined the college's Board of Trustees this past fall. Judith Breselor succeeds the late James Walsh and will serve the remainder of his term, which expires in 2021, and Wayne Pratt succeeds Don Fane, who stepped down from the board due to increased work commitments. Pratt will serve the remainder of Fane's term, which expires in 2019.

A 1990 graduate of the college, Breselor has served on the Rensselaer County Legislature since 2009, representing the towns of Sand Lake, Schodack and Nassau. She is the chairperson of the legislature's Education Committee and a member of the Planning and Tourism Committee, Environment Committee, Contracts Committee and Health Committee.

Breselor is the executive director of the New York Planning Federation, a state-wide organization dedicated to promoting sound planning, land use and zoning practices in New York State.

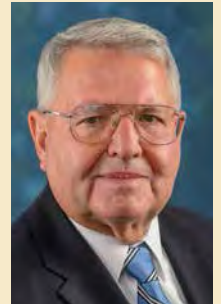
Pratt is a respected local business and civic leader. He and his family own and operate the Rensselaer-based Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc., a heavy equipment rental company that operates throughout the Northeast.

"Wayne has given so much time and energy to his community throughout the years, and he really understands the mission and goals of our institution," said President Matonak. "And from her years on the county legislature and her time on campus as a student, Judy understands the critical role Hudson Valley plays in the Capital Region. We are eager to have her lend her experience and expertise to the board."

The college's 10-member Board of Trustees is appointed by the Governor, who names four members, and the Rensselaer County Legislature, which names five members to serve seven-year terms. One member is elected by the student body for a one-year term.



Breselor



Pratt



50 YEARS OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

The Capital District Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), which has helped thousands of students realize career goals and obtain economic independence, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016.

The Golden Anniversary celebrations went on throughout the year, culminating in a "Golden Opportunities" gala that was held Friday, Oct. 14, at Franklin Plaza in Troy. The event honored H. Carl McCall, chairman of the State University of New York Board of Trustees, for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the EOC, throughout New York State.

The EOC enrolls approximately 900 students per year. A division of Hudson Valley Community College and part of SUNY's University Center for Academic and Workforce Development, it delivers comprehensive, community-based academic and workforce development programs, and provides support services leading to enhanced employment opportunities, access to further education, personal growth and development. The EOC's services are provided free of charge for those who are eligible. Nearly 50,000 EOC students have gained self-confidence in their own potential, realized education and career goals, and obtained self-sufficiency and economic independence since 1966.

"It all comes back to pencil, paper and brush."

That's the philosophy of local commercial artist and Hudson Valley alum Michael Conlin, who has been making his mark on the Capital Region with a combination of artistic talent and entrepreneurial skill. The 2011 graduate of Hudson Valley's Digital Media certificate program is the owner and artist at Conlin Studios in downtown Albany, the recently-established fruit of years of creative labor. Conlin's hand-painted artwork, including signs and screenprints, has been popping up all over the area. Conlin's work adorns the painted brick sign outside Wolff's Biergarten in Albany, the flock of bluebirds pictured mid-flight on a parking garage off of I-787, and plenty of places in between.

Q: What inspired you to get started as an artist?

A: Art has always been with me, but I never took it too seriously. Throughout high school I always did art, and in college I did some, but I wasn't really focused on that until the end of school. That was when I got into more printmaking, more design work, hustling t-shirts, still doing my other projects. So I took all my skills and kind of threw them into the pot. I was doing this job with silk-screening, I was doing the design work and getting my feet wet.

Now the signs and designs and murals have become the full-time job, and I don't have to go to a retail job and punch in a clock. It took a long time to save up enough money to get the runway to quit everything and just focus on this.

Q: What made you decide to pursue a Digital Media certificate from Hudson Valley?

A: I was working as a silk screener and took out a loan to take classes at Hudson Valley because I needed to get a grasp on the design programs. At the time, I would do all my t-shirt and print designs by hand. Sitting at home watching YouTube videos on how to use design software after working 40 hours a week wasn't working. So instead of paying someone else to do the final stage, I said, "I obviously need to know this if I'm going to pursue this stuff."

And I think setting aside that time to take classes helps you focus on what you're trying to do. Listening to a lecture from a professor, you can see their track record. They have the knowledge and the passion for it, and they treat you like an adult. It helped that I was a little older, too.

I think it was a good choice. I had a real struggle deciding, "Do I want to do design? Do I want to do art? How do I marry those two and go further into a career?" And I think the Digital Media program helped me decide that. Taking business courses was also really helpful. You need to know how to keep a book and know if your costs are out of hand for a project, or to walk into a room and shake hands and talk to people. You have to learn interpersonal communication skills.

Q: What advice would you give to other aspiring freelance artists or entrepreneurs?

A: I think you need to know what you're lacking and go for it, and just listen to yourself and actually get serious about it. People joke around about Mondays being awful, but then you've just got to change it. Just do something about it! I think things start to fall into place when you learn those lessons.

There are no plateaus out here. You strive the whole time. At a certain point that's how it was

when I was doing residencies and printmaking—it was very hand-to-mouth. It's scary if no emails come in, and the phone doesn't ring for a week. You're thinking, "How am I going to do this?"

Q: Where do you see yourself going with your art and your business in the future?

A: Never going back to punching in. I would prefer never to do that. So I'm just trying to stay sane, stay the course and see where it goes. If you have a creative director of some company who needs work done, if you're that go-to person, that's awesome, but it's not like that for me. I end up walking into all these small business and helping them bring their idea to life and see if it does well, and it's cool to see that. It's nice to see them get excited about the work I do for them. I'm fortunate enough to carry on a lot of relationships with a lot of small businesses I work with, and it's nice for me to know if I see a client I've done work for at the bagel shop they'll stand up and give me a hug. At this point, this is it—so unless something major happens and I have to drastically shift my work, I'm going to keep doing what I do and pushing as hard as I can.



Michael Conlin '11



Conlin's recent mural on the Quakenbush parking garage in Albany

ALUMNI



ALUMNA TAKES ON TOP CYBERSECURITY POSITION

Gina Chapman '12

Every day, computer hackers around the globe are doing their best to unearth confidential information and crash essential systems. Hudson Valley alumna Gina Chapman's job is to make sure they don't succeed.

Chapman graduated from the college in 2012 with a degree in Computer Information Systems: System and Network Administration. Today, just six years later, she serves as senior director of operations for the Center for Internet Security in Rensselaer, a nonprofit organization that helps governments worldwide avoid cybersecurity threats.

"Our focus is really securing state and local governments, securing their networks and being safer," said Chapman. Chapman's Hudson Valley degree helped her get a foot in the door at the company. She started off as a security operations center analyst. "The security operations center analysts here have the broadest view of the operations because they work 24/7," she explained. "So you get a lot of experience in monitoring, but also an introduction to all the different things we do here."

For someone who has found such success in the cybersecurity field, it's interesting to note that Chapman changed course completely to get here. After working in retail and restaurant management for about 15 years, "I wanted to make a pretty drastic career change," she explained. "Really, what got me interested in the field was that a few friends of mine worked in IT, and just having conversations with them about what they do for work and what their days are like got me interested."

Having taken business courses at Hudson Valley in the past, Chapman decided it would be the perfect place to get into cybersecurity and see what that field might have to offer. "Knowing it was a two-year program, I really wanted to get into it, to get my feet wet and see what I liked and didn't like," she said. "I really thought the Hudson Valley program was great. I think it's even more well-rounded than most, and it prepared me well for the interview for my first position."

As it turned out, there was plenty to like about the program, the college, and the career pathway that opened up for her once she decided to pursue a job in cybersecurity.

"The best thing about my job is that it's ever-changing, and it's very challenging. There's no boredom in this position whatsoever, and no redundancy," said Chapman. "Another thing I like is that we offer the majority of our services to state and local governments, territories and tribal nations at no charge. We're really here to help people, and eliminating that financial aspect, the selling aspect, makes it so that the mission itself is a key focus for all of us."

Her advice to others interested in the field follows along the lines of her own initial reasoning for choosing Hudson Valley: exploring all the options. "If you want to go into cybersecurity, get a good base while you're in school," she advises. "You'll find a lot of computer science programs are development-heavy, and a lot of applicants come in with a lot of that knowledge and little networking and security knowledge, so broadening that IT base and getting your feet wet in different categories is a good idea. It is a big field, and figuring out what you like is important."

Chapman also emphasizes how important the cybersecurity field is becoming, and the need to prepare a qualified workforce in the industry. "I believe there are approximately 1 million unfilled jobs in this industry. It's an issue in that we can't fill the jobs, they're very competitive, and it's just an excellent career. So getting more young people exposed to STEM at a younger age would be really beneficial for everyone."

A Lotus Blooms at Hudson Valley



"I consider myself to be a lotus," said Valerie Eagle. "A lotus comes up through the muck and the mire and when it gets to the surface and the light, it blooms and it is beautiful."

It's an apt metaphor for the recent Business Administration graduate, whose life has seen enough hardship and struggle to drown a thousand lotuses. Yet Valerie, who grew up in New York and New Jersey, says she has always held on to an internal spark – a deep-rooted belief that she could achieve something beyond the homelessness and multi-generational substance abuse that defined her early life. She was a lotus, she knew, and she would continue to grow.

"My childhood was terrible because of my mother's addiction," she explained. "Growing up, the circumstances I was living in made me feel worthless."

Valerie recounted an upbringing that included nearly every conceivable hardship of poverty and addiction. It's the kind of story that usually ends with the child following the parent down the same path of abuse and pain. That did happen for much of Valerie's young adulthood--and, in fact, while her mother eventually stopped abusing drugs, earned a college degree and began a life helping others as a social worker, Valerie continued down the path of addiction for much of her adult life.

After her mother's death, Valerie's life continued to spiral. A decade passed where she never left a

four-block radius in Spanish Harlem, addicted to crack and living on a rooftop, convincing herself that her "penthouse" living was normal.

Yet, still, the lotus remained inside her. The opportunity to move upstate and the chance to turn her life around through education helped her break the cycle of addiction. She made a conscious decision to surround herself with positive people, many of whom she found at Hudson Valley Community College.

Today, Valerie's life has become a different story: a success story.

After graduation, Valerie now looks to the future with a hopeful and unbounded optimism, and she's become a role model for fellow students. While others might feel shame about their past struggles with addiction, Valerie said she finds strength in telling her redemptive story and she hopes the simple act of telling it can help others see beyond their past.

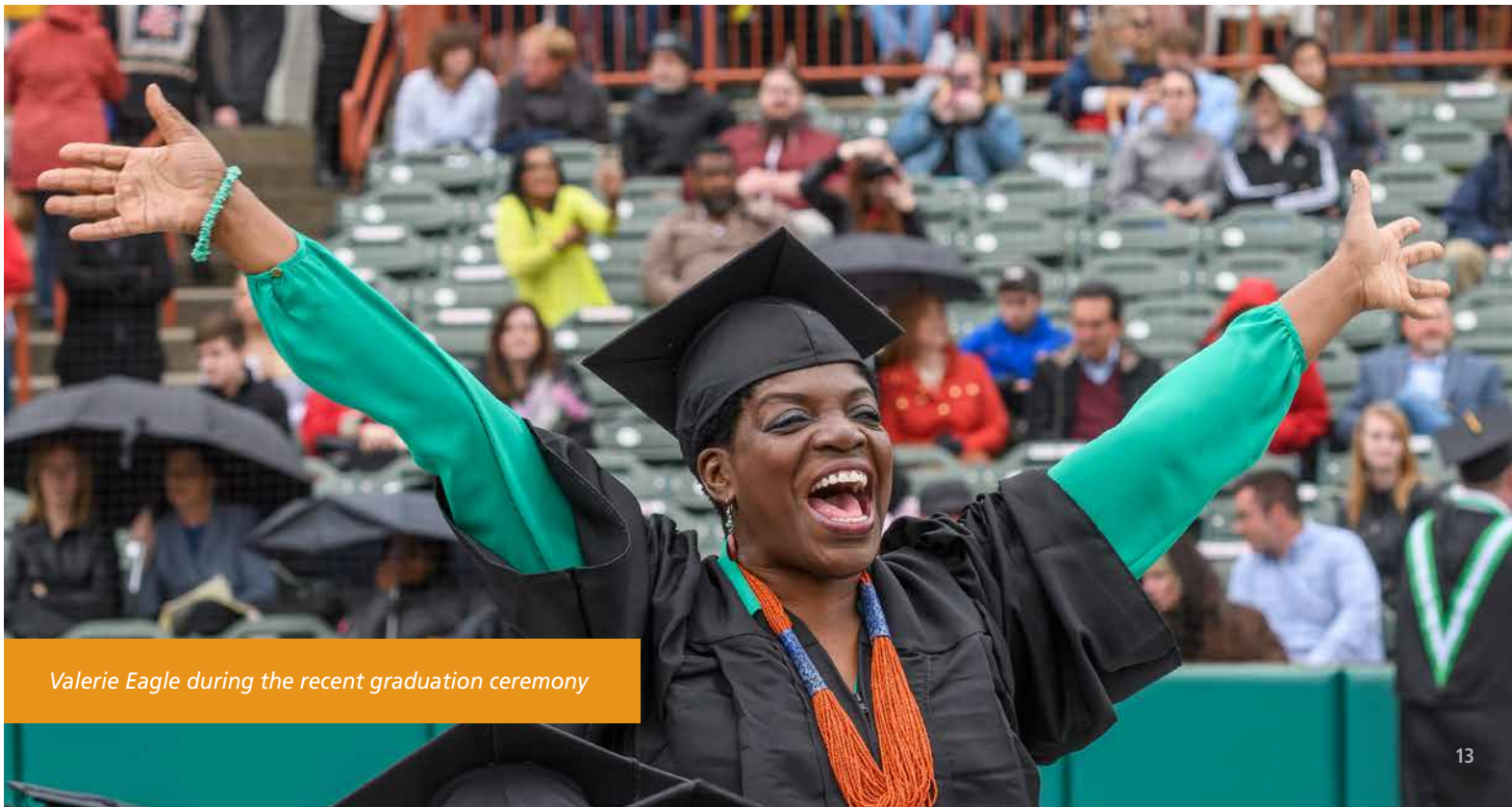
Her return to school as a business major is a practical nod to her future. Working with a business coach, she's created a fledgling company called "Hi Life Performances," which she hopes will allow her to tell her story and grow a business that combines empowerment and entrepreneurship. Her ultimate goal: to create a one-woman show within two years.

Valerie has already had several speaking engagements, including one at the well-known Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, and she regularly works with the group TMI Project to hone her storytelling craft. She also has been published in a well-received anthology of stories, titled "Goodbye to All That: Writers on Loving and Leaving New York."



Valerie Eagle '17

"I'm telling my story to make a difference in peoples' lives," she said. "It opens up the healing and creates a dialogue among people. I cannot let my past define me. I hope to go wherever the door opens for me."



Valerie Eagle during the recent graduation ceremony

SPORTS



FOOTBALL

The football team finished the 2016 season with a 4-5 record. Two of their four wins took place in the newly built Outdoor Athletic Complex. The first home win was the homecoming game over Valley Forge. At the end of the season, the Vikings won their first night game in the stadium with a 28-24 victory over Nassau.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished the season with a 6-9-2 record. Defender Luke Fane (Lansingburgh/Troy) earned an All-Mountain Valley Conference selection for the 2016 season.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team had its best showing of the season when it grabbed a second place finish at the Herkimer College Invitational. Hudson Valley's Connor Terrell (Shenendehowa/Waterford) captured third place as an individual. The women's team also competed in the Herkimer College Invitational where Emily Wilk (Home School/Gansevoort) placed third overall.

ICE HOCKEY

The men's ice hockey team qualified for the national tournament in its last season. The Vikings ended the program with an 8-4 win over Mohawk Valley to finish in third place. Kyle Constanty (Beekmantown/Plattsburgh) finished tied for second in the nation with 22 goals, earning him first team All-American honors.

BASEBALL

The baseball team qualified for the Region III Tournament for the first time in six years, after defeating Onondaga Community College in a best-of-three series. After losing the opening round game in the Region III Tournament, the Vikings battled back to make it to the finals, before falling to Niagara County Community College.

VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team finished with a 5-19 record under first-year head coach Kelsey Wilson. Alayna Fredenburg (Schalmont/Rotterdam) was named All-Conference and led the team with 137 kills in conference play.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team qualified for the Region III championship tournament. Elisabeth Morehouse (Coxsackie-Athens/Coxsackie) was awarded second team All-Region, All-Conference, and was fourth in the region for goals scored (26). Danielle Sloan (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake/Charlton) and Samantha Casale (Tamarac/Brunswick) were both named All-Conference.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kevin Lenehan (Duanesburg/Delanson) set a school record of 44 points in a game against Schenectady County Community College. Lenehan earned third team All-Region honors and second team All-Conference honors.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team lost in double overtime in the opening round of the Region III Tournament to Tompkins-Cortland Community College. The team was ranked in the Top 10 for the first time since 2012 and finished 6-5 on the season, a five-win improvement from last year.





NEW TRACK AND FIELD, GOLF PROGRAMS SET FOR SPRING 2018 START

After a hiatus of more than 20 years, the college will offer a men's and women's track and field program starting in 2018.

Track and field was one of the college's most successful athletic programs during the 1970s and 1980s, with the team capturing eight NJCAA Region III titles during those decades. Longtime coach Tom Rogan recalls that for several years on end Hudson Valley teams strung together undefeated seasons.

In the fall of 2016, the college opened its new Outdoor Athletic Complex, which includes an eight-lane track. Shortly after, the college announced that it would be re-introducing track and field as a men's and women's intercollegiate sport.

Jeffrey York, who competed at the University at Albany and was an eight-time All American, will be taking over the head coaching reins. York was a middle distance runner and hurdler who still holds several UAlbany records and was a five-time NCAA champion. He also was named to the university's athletic hall of fame in 2000.

The college hired York a year before the program's launch so that he can begin recruiting athletes to compete for Hudson Valley.



Jeffrey York, head coach for the men's and women's track and field team



MEN'S GOLF

The college will also be adding men's golf as an intercollegiate sport for the 2017-18 academic year.

The men's golf team will be coached by Alyssa Ruggiero, who is also the head coach for the women's golf team. Coach Ruggiero is an alumna of SUNY Cortland, where she competed on the women's golf team.

With the addition of the two new programs, Hudson Valley now offers 18 NJCAA Division III athletics programs.

Alyssa Ruggiero, coach of the new men's golf team and current women's golf team

SPORTS

College Celebrates Completion of New \$4.5M Outdoor Athletic Complex

Hudson Valley is proud to announce that the college's new \$4.5 million Outdoor Athletic Complex was completed in August 2016.

The project, which began as a vision of better athletic facilities back in 2012, is the product of plenty of hard work and many generous donations. The old football field had been deteriorating badly throughout the past several years and the bowl-bound 2014 squad played and practiced on a field that was mostly dirt throughout the second half of the season. This led to conversations about what the college could do to provide the best it could for student athletes in soccer, lacrosse and football. The goal was for the quality of Hudson Valley athletic programs and facilities to match the excellence of its academic programs.

With the opening of the new facilities, that mission has been accomplished. Hudson Valley is proud to say that the new facilities make up one of the best-equipped athletic complexes found at any community college in the country, providing more athletic and exercise opportunities for students, faculty, staff and the community, and allowing the college to host regional, state and national athletic contests on both high school and collegiate levels.

The site is adjacent to the Joseph L. Bruno Stadium, and features a 400-meter, eight-lane track; a synthetic turf

field; a natural grass practice field; concession, box office, maintenance and restroom facilities; an electronic score board; sports lighting; and grandstand and bleacher seating. Hudson Valley President Matonak led the formal dedication of the athletic complex during a ceremony held in October, during the college's Homecoming weekend festivities. The 2016 homecoming football game, where the Vikings faced off against Valley Forge Military College, was the first football game played on the new turf field.

The new complex is also home to the college's intercollegiate football, soccer and lacrosse programs, in addition to the extensive roster of Vikings' varsity sports teams that make use of the facilities on a regular basis. Students in Physical Education programs, student-athletes, kids' camps, high school and community partners and members of the greater community will also enjoy the new facility for many years to come.

Once well-known for its track and field team's prowess, Hudson Valley is also proud to announce the reintroduction of the college's track and field program for students beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year.

This project is the epitome of a team effort, with a strong partnership between the college, its Faculty Student Association, New York State, the Student Senate, the Athletic Department, and corporate and individual donors, as well as the students of Hudson Valley. Each of the last five graduating classes designated a portion of their class gift toward the creation of the complex, helping this vision to become a reality.



The 2017 NYS Special Olympics took place at Hudson Valley's OAC



New outdoor athletic complex



CAMPAIGN FOR NEW ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER MAKES MAJOR STRIDES

Fundraising continues for the proposed Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills, shown above

Hudson Valley Community College has outlined plans for the Gene F. Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills (CAMS) – a new \$14.5 million, 37,000 square foot building to be completed in summer 2019. The center will allow the college to double enrollment in the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) degree program and meet an urgent workforce demand for skilled employees.

From a manufacturing production standpoint, manually-operated machines have been replaced by those that use computers to perform tasks such as milling, turning and grinding. Many parts, such as those found in cars, household appliances, computer hardware or other pieces of machinery, are created by using computerized numerical control (CNC) machining to map out specifications using computer software programs to create operating instructions for a lathe, mill or press. CNC machinists may work on many different machines, or specialize on one complex machine. They are builders, fabricators, mechanics, craftsmen and quality assurance professionals, all wrapped into one.

Hudson Valley's Advanced Manufacturing Technology program expansion aims to meet industry demand by preparing graduates for careers as CNC machinists/programmers, tool makers and industrial maintenance technicians as well as technical marketing, sales, procurement and manufacturing supervisory/control jobs. When CAMS is complete, the college plans on implementing a new one-year certificate program in Operational-Management Technology to supplement the Advanced Manufacturing Technology program. The Operational-Management Technology program, which will initially serve 20 students who have a limited technical background and are either unemployed or underemployed,

is designed to fill technical jobs in management, sales, marketing and procurement. Between the two programs, Hudson Valley will provide educational pathways to each area of this growing industry.

CAMS is envisioned as a one-stop hub to support industry training and employee recruitment. The building's design provides corporate partners with access to offices and conference space adjacent to faculty offices, student classrooms and labs. Facilities will be available for corporate demonstration purposes, shared training activities and events that connect the college to its workforce partners more than ever before.



Kathy Looman, Foundation Administrator for the Gene Haas Foundation, presents a checking for \$1 million in matching funds to kick off the fundraising campaign



Students working on the 2017 capstone projects – scale models of the U.S.S. Monitor

▶ QUICK FACTS:

With the construction of a new Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills, Hudson Valley is poised to help fill the shortage of well-trained, skilled craftspeople and help manufacturing firms to expand, create new jobs and contribute to economic growth.

- ▶ According to the U.S. Department of Labor, there are **approximately 900,000** more manufacturing jobs today than in 2010, but the country's manufacturing companies are struggling to hire qualified employees necessary for business and economic growth.
- ▶ **By 2020, more than 200,000** new positions are expected for machinists and industrial maintenance technicians nationwide.
- ▶ Hudson Valley's Advanced Manufacturing Technology program has a **100% job placement rate for graduates**, with nearly all students securing work prior to graduation. Currently, 45 Advanced Manufacturing Technology students graduate per year, but lab space and necessary equipment on campus limits the college's ability to enroll more students, making CAMS an essential project.
- ▶ Hudson Valley is the **only community college** within 125 miles that trains CNC machinists/programmers.



FUNDRAISING:

To make CAMS a reality, public sector and private industry investment is crucial. In early 2015, the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation established a capital campaign committee comprised of industry partners and longtime faculty and set out to raise \$3.5 million for construction and equipment for the new center. To date, the college Foundation has secured \$2.9 million toward this goal, including:

- A leadership challenge gift of \$1 million from the Gene Haas Foundation, was received in September 2015. Gene Haas is the founder and president of Haas Automation, Inc., which builds CNC machine tools for manufacturing. The college's new training center will bear his name. Haas Automation is a longtime partner of Hudson Valley and provider of the equipment used in training its students.
- A donation of \$125,000 in August 2016 from the Albany-based Simmons Machine Tool Corporation (part of the NSH Group) for the construction of a state-of-the-art electro/mechanical industrial maintenance lab.
- A \$100,000 contribution from the Hearst Foundation in November 2016 to fund the Ultra CAD/CAM Laboratory.
- A \$25,000 grant from GE Power in October 2016 to develop a Student Advisement Center named in the memory of GE Human Resources Manager, Gale O'Gorman, who was instrumental in creating and sustaining GE's machinist program.
- A \$1 million grant from New York State in December 2015, in recognition of the economic development potential and workforce need in manufacturing companies throughout the Northeast.
- Package One Industries contributed \$62,500 to fund the CAD/CAM Classroom.
- Allendale Machinery and the Marty McGill family contributed \$25,000 to fund the Corporate Partner Conference Room.

Fundraising from the public and private sector continues in an attempt to reach the \$3.5 million goal before the spring of 2018, when the college expects to break ground. For information on how to donate to the project, contact the Foundation office at (518) 629-8012.

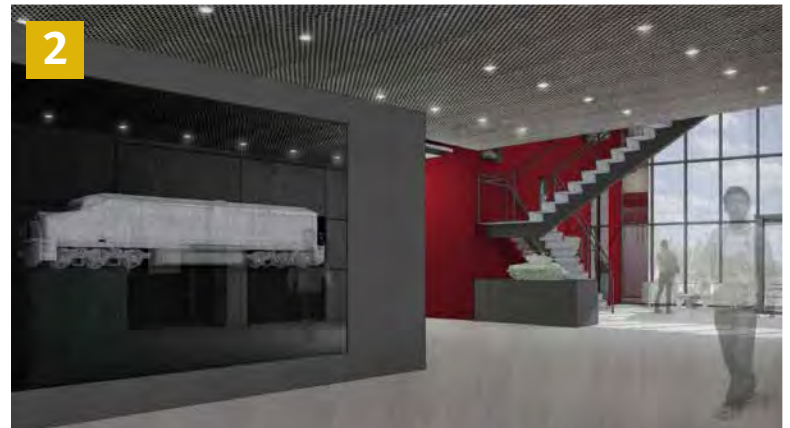
1 *Exterior rendering of the north view*

2 *Interior rendering of the lobby*

3 *Exterior rendering of the view from the quad*

4 *Interior rendering of the lobby*

5 *Exterior rendering of the south view*



ALUMNI



Jana Putzig Takes Over New Alumni Affairs/Annual Fund Role

Jana Putzig is a living example that finding hands-on, real world career experience in college can pay off.

The 2016 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate recently was chosen as Hudson Valley Community College's new coordinator of alumni relations and annual fund, and although her professional resume isn't very lengthy, it was her enthusiasm and hands-on involvement with the SUNY Plattsburgh Alumni Relations and

Institutional Advancement departments that helped her land the job at Hudson Valley.

As part of a capstone class project, the Public Relations major helped create a campaign to draw more alumni to Plattsburgh's annual homecoming. "The college had struggled with getting alumni to homecoming for some time. We don't have a football team so that traditional focus of homecoming was missing," she said.

The solution? A massive homecoming bonfire.

Along with fellow students, she helped coordinate logistics, event planning and marketing for the homecoming event, which drew a record number of alums back to Plattsburgh. "It wasn't until after the event was over and we could look back on what we did and how successful it was that I realized that it combined all of the things I wanted to do – working with students and alumni event planning. And, I was taking the things I was learning in class and actually applying them."

Those skills should come in handy. In her new role at Hudson Valley, Putzig will be tasked with helping to revitalize the Alumni Association and working to engage more alums with the campus and its academic departments. She's working with members of the college's Foundation board to reconvene an Alumni Association committee to oversee alumni-related activities moving forward. Alumni interested in getting involved can contact the foundation office at (518) 629-8077.

Putzig also will oversee the college's Annual Fund, which drives a significant amount of funds to the college's Foundation for campus projects, equipment upgrades and scholarship support. Not surprisingly, she was involved in fundraising during her undergraduate years at Plattsburgh, too. Working with the SUNY Plattsburgh Institutional Advancement office, she helped coordinate the "Give A Buck" campaign, which encouraged students to get involved in choosing where on campus alumni donations are used.

Alumni can give anytime to the Hudson Valley Community College Annual Fund by going to www.hvcc.edu/giving.

Alumni Association Committee Re-forming

Alumni engagement will get a kickstart in 2017 as the college's Foundation is planning to revive the Alumni Association and is actively seeking a broader role for alums on campus.

A new Alumni Association committee will be headed by Foundation board members Mark Mitchell '74 and Angelicia Morris '00, with the support of new Foundation staff member Jana Putzig (see accompanying article).

Interim Foundation Executive Director Regina LaGatta '73 said the committee will be exploring ways to re-engage the alumni base for the benefit of current students. The group will begin meeting to develop an ongoing plan to implement alumni programs and services and to look at ways alumni can connect with individual academic departments on campus.

"We hope to begin planning ways that alumni can reconnect with the campus community and with each other, both personally and professionally," said LaGatta. "There are so many opportunities for our alumni to assist current students through internships and mentorship. We would love to strengthen the connection with those alumni who care deeply about the college. There are so many who appreciate the effect Hudson Valley has had on their lives and careers. This is an opportunity for them to give back."

For more information about participating in the Alumni Association committee, contact the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation at (518) 629-8012.



Morris '00



Mitchell '74

Save the Date for... Homecoming 2017

Friday, Oct. 6

Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony

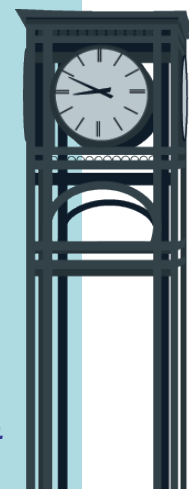
Saturday, Oct. 7

Distinguished Alumni Breakfast
Homecoming Football Game vs. Milford

Sunday, Oct. 8

Race Away Stigma 5K race/walk
Men's Soccer vs. North Country
Women's Soccer vs. North Country

Details about more activities to come.





College's First Nursing Alums Gather For Reunion

This year's homecoming weekend, which took place from Oct. 7-9, also marked an auspicious anniversary for one of the college's most popular programs. Members of the Nursing class of 1966, the first group of graduates from the program, gathered at the college in honor of their 50th reunion for a weekend of festivities and reflection.

The original class of 1966 started with more than 60 students, about half of whom went on to graduate from the program. Over the course of the last 50 years, many classmates have moved, some have passed away, and some couldn't be reached for the reunion, but a core group of friends, including Linda VanAlstyne, who had a large part in organizing the event, met up for the reunion and it felt like no time had passed at all.

Attendees included Marie Polonis (Fortune), Hope Hourigan (Miller), Karen Martin, MaryRita Geren (Pascucci), Theresa Glaz (Shrimp), Linda Ramroth (VanAlstyne), and Bernadette Flannigan, who made the trip from California.

The weekend's festivities included a tour of the school, including many facilities that weren't there in '66. There was also a cocktail reception and reunion dinner with remarks by President Drew Matonak, wherein the six former students were photographed together for the first time since their graduation day. The women were even given a keepsake—a photo of them together at their 1966 graduation ceremony, framed side-

by-side with the photo of them at the reunion's cocktail party with Drew.

"We all had a great time," said VanAlstyne. "It was a very nice event. Everyone did a really good job, and we all agreed that it was a wonderful experience. It was wonderful to see the growth of the school, and amazing to see what they had in the nursing lab," said VanAlstyne.

She also pointed out that since some of the ladies hadn't seen one another in 50 years, there was plenty to catch up on. The group especially got a kick out of the college's simulator dummies, used by nursing students today, which have all the features of a real patient, including the ability to vomit and give birth.

"We had nothing like that," said VanAlstyne of the simulators. "They've come a long way!"

Though 50 years of advancements have indeed provided plenty of innovation, Hudson Valley's nursing program was groundbreaking even in 1966. According to VanAlstyne, other options in the area for nursing education did not award associate degrees at the time, instead awarding graduates a certificate that was not backed by college credit. This detail set Hudson Valley apart from any other program in the Capital Region, something that students took notice of.

The program was a success: the students of the class of '66 all went on to pursue careers in

professional health care industries. VanAlstyne, who is retired now, went on to have a highly successful career in nursing and in the health care industry.

"I always wanted to be a nurse. I enjoyed taking care of people and listening, and I got my wish to get into it. It's easier if you like what you do—there are so many advantages to that. And I loved it. I had a wonderful career that I really enjoyed," she said. "The two year program gave me exactly what I needed. We all agreed that it worked out financially, and it was the perfect fit for all of us. We all got to where we are in life because of Hudson Valley."



Nursing Class '66

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