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Patricia Prunty
DCC Foundation Executive Director

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AT DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Whether you are an alum, friend, parent, business, corporation, community organization or charitable foundation, there's a way to support Dutchess that's right for you.

There are many ways to contribute to the ongoing success of the College. Donating cash, stocks or bonds, mutual funds, real estate or gifts-in-kind will help us provide scholarships for hard working students. By responding generously to our annual appeals or attending one of our special events, you are contributing to the success of DCC.

Our other focus has been on the Maintaining Excellence Campaign that has raised almost \$4 million for important endowment funds on campus. Through donations to the Campaign, we have been able to fully endow a technology fund and a campus enhancements fund that will both directly benefit students. Included in this Campaign is our goal to create additional endowed scholarships. We want all students in the Hudson Valley who want an education to be able to afford that education. Over 125 deserving students received \$303,000 in scholarships last year. There are many opportunities to give, such as naming a building or room, endowing a scholarship, establishing an endowed faculty chair, funding faculty/staff mini-grants, or contributing to the general fund for education. For more information please contact Patricia L. Prunty, Foundation Executive Director at Prunty@sunydutchess.edu.

Deferred gifts such as a gift in your will, an insurance policy, a charitable trust, a gift of personal residence, or a retirement account can be set up in a way that will be beneficial to DCC while offering tax benefits for your loved ones. Charitable gift planning can be an integral part of overall asset planning for you and your family. Dutchess is pleased to have the James Hall Legacy Society (named for DCC's first President) for anyone who notifies us that they have made a planned gift for DCC. Currently, we have 18 people in the society who have made a deep personal commitment to the future of the College, and for that we are forever grateful.

For more information on planned giving, go to www.sunydutchess.edu and click on the Foundation/Alumni link, then choose planned giving. SUNY has provided a link to a planned giving website for all of its campuses. This is a website filled with valuable up-to-date articles, Ebrochures, and information on what to give and how to give it.

One important thing to remember is that many companies match giving to colleges. This is a significant source of money for DCC and helps to increase the power of your gift!

COUNTY EXECUTIVE BILL STEINHAUS HONORED BY NEW YORK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES



The New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) honored Dutchess County Executive Bill Steinhaus, a Dutchess Community College graduate, as the state's 2005 Community College Distinguished Alumnus on Friday, April 29, 2005, at the NYCCT Annual Conference in Albany. Mr. Steinhaus was also recognized in 1994 with inclusion on the SUNY Honor Roll of graduates for his outstanding professional achievements and significant contributions to higher education through public service.

The NYCCT Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes graduates of community colleges in the State University of New York for community and professional leadership, contributions to their community and the world, professional and/or artistic achievements, volunteerism and community service, participation in public service organizations, and involvement in civic functions.

Mr. Steinhaus began his public service career in 1979 when he was elected at the age of 27 to the position of Dutchess County Clerk and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. He won re-election four times, serving through 1991. In November 1991, Mr. Steinhaus captured nearly 70 percent of the county's vote to become the youngest County Executive in Dutchess County's history. He was re-elected to his second term in 1995, in 1999 to his third, and in 2003 to an unprecedented fourth term.

In his position as County Executive, Mr. Steinhaus has been a forceful leader in education. One of his priorities was to advance the recent \$32 million construction expansion at Dutchess Community College. He has served six terms as president of the DCC Foundation. He also served as the 1990/1991 Campaign Chairman for the Foundation, and since 2003 has served as Honorary Co-Chair of the DCC Foundation's Maintaining Excellence Capital Campaign.

Youth advocacy has also been a top priority for Mr. Steinhaus, who developed strong collaborative community initiatives to better serve the youth and families of Dutchess County. These initiatives earned him the 1999 Association of New York State Youth Bureau Award. In addition, he has long been active in community affairs and has received numerous community service awards for his work in promoting and addressing issues with youth, tourism, economic development, criminal justice, and healthcare, including HIV and AIDS services.

A Pleasant Valley resident, Mr. Steinhaus is a 1968 graduate of DCC and a 1972 graduate of SUNY Brockport. He has continued his education through graduate studies at Bridgeport University and SUNY New Paltz.

NINTH ANNUAL MATH AND SCIENCE MATTER ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG WOMEN FAIR



On March 5th, on the DCC campus, over 200 young women in grades five through nine, and family members, joined faculty, staff, and students for a free interactive program on mathematics, chemistry, biology, physics, and physical science. Innovative hands-on activities gave participants valuable and exciting experiences in learning about how math and science concepts and ideas are used.

The day's activities were funded partially by a Foundation mini-grant and sponsorship from IBM. Some of the day's activities included such workshops as:

Simple Geometry, Exotic Graphics, Astronomy, Explore the Oceans, Coloring Maps and Crossing Bridges, Chemical Wizardry, "Phooling" with Physics, States of Matter, Expedition in Search of Fossils, Forensic Science Lab, and Fun with Chemistry.



FOUNDERS LOBBY DEDICATION

The College dedicated the John and Nancy O'Shea Founders Lobby in the newly renovated Bowne Hall on Monday, June 13, 2005. The dedication followed the annual Business Person of the Year Luncheon.

John and Nancy O'Shea are well-known for their unceasing energy and commitment to their community. The naming of the Bowne Hall Lobby in their honor is in recognition of their support of the College through a gift to the DCC Foundation. The John and Nancy O'Shea Founders Lobby includes a timeline display that chronicles the founding of the College, from the opening of Bowne as a sanitarium in 1928, the inception of the College in 1955, the structure's conversion to the original building of Dutchess Community College, and DCC's early years through the first graduating class of 1960.

The O'Shea's gift to the DCC Foundation was part of the College's Maintaining Excellence Capital Campaign, which has surpassed its \$3.4 million goal and is near the \$4 million mark. Publicly launched at the January 2003 President's Breakfast, the Maintaining Excellence Campaign was initiated by the DCC Board of Trustees and DCC Foundation Board of Directors to sustain the College's mission into the future. The campaign establishes a series of endowed funds to ensure that the College will be able to continue its tradition of excellence in perpetuity. These endowments include scholarships, technology and equipment upgrades, faculty program initiatives, and facilities and campus improvements.

Mr. O'Shea, Chairman of Marshall and Sterling Enterprises, was honored earlier this day at a luncheon as the 2005 Business Person of the Year (see page 5).

GEORGE A. STRBA SOCCER FIELD DEDICATION

On Thursday, May 19, during the College's 46th Commencement Exercises, the College's Soccer Field was dedicated in honor of George A. Strba.

George A. Strba (1914-2002) was offered the opportunity to play tackle position for the Philadelphia Eagles National Football League team after graduating from Syracuse University. He turned it down, though, because at the time being a high school football coach paid more. After serving in the army in World War II, he went on to teach at Limestone High School, Pavillion High School, Syracuse University, and, finally, Poughkeepsie High School, where he taught for 33 years. In addition, George was the first varsity basketball coach at Marist College, 1961-62 season.



GREAT WEATHER FOR THE ANNUAL DCCF GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday May 23, under a beautiful cloudless sky, over a hundred golfers gathered at the Dutchess Golf and Country Club for the Annual Dutchess Community College Foundation Golf Tournament. Held in memory of Jack Orcutt, the tournament raised almost \$18,000 for College scholarships and other important programs. The major sponsors for this year's tournament was Marshall & Sterling Insurance.



Dr. David Conklin, Vincent J. DiMaso, Betsy Seaman-Brown, Bill Steinhaus, and Fred Pizzuto.

FOUR GRADUATES HONORED IN ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DEDICATION

The College dedicated a new Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, May 20, 2005. Graduates Bill Duke, Betsy Seaman-Brown, Vincent J. DiMaso, and William Steinhaus were the first inductees honored in the Hall of Fame, which is located on the ground floor of Dutchess Hall at the main campus in Poughkeepsie.

Bill Duke, class of 1963, was born in Poughkeepsie and after graduation from DCC went on to Boston University and New York University's prestigious Tisch School of the Arts. In 1999 he was recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as their Alumnus of the Year, a highly selective national award. An acclaimed actor and director, he is well-known for his roles in *Predator*, *Commando*, and *Bird on a Wire*. His directing endeavors include *The Cemetery Club* and *Sister Act II*. He has received several industry awards and published two books. Bill is very involved in nonprofit work in the Los Angeles area.

Betsy Seaman-Brown, class of 1964, was born in Poughkeepsie and is a member of the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees. In 1994, she was named a DCC Distinguished Alumna and was honored by the State University of New York with placement on the Alumni Honor Roll for select graduates. In addition to serving on the DCC Board of Trustees, Ms. Seaman-Brown has served as chairperson of the DCC Foundation Board and was the innovator behind the successful phonathon that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Foundation. Ms. Seaman-Brown has also served on numerous nonprofit boards, and is the recipient of several community awards.

Vincent J. DiMaso, class of 1966, is a life-long resident of Dutchess County. He is a member of the College's Board of Trustees and has served as Chairperson of the DCC Foundation Board and as a College Trustee representative to the DCC Foundation Board. He was named DCC Distinguished Alumnus in 1992. The owner of a successful commercial real estate business, Mr. DiMaso is active in local and regional professional organizations and has served in leadership positions on the boards of many local nonprofit organizations. He is also a graduate of Marist College, and is the recipient of several volunteer awards.

William Steinhaus, class of 1969, was born and raised in Dutchess County. Mr. Steinhaus began his public service career in 1979 when he was elected at the age of 27 to the position of Dutchess County Clerk and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. In November 1991, Mr. Steinhaus captured nearly 70 percent of the county's vote to become the youngest County Executive in Dutchess County's history. He has served six terms on the DCC Foundation Board as President, and was honored by the State University of New York with placement on the Alumni Honor Roll for select graduates in 1994. In 2005, he was recognized by the New York Community College Trustees as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Bill is also a graduate of SUNY Brockport.

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP DUTCHESS

The Foundation presented Everything's Coming Up Dutchess, an Annual Benefit Auction and Alumni Association Award Ceremony on Wednesday, June 8, 2005. The auction drew hundreds of bidders and raised almost \$15,000 for scholarships.

Auctioneer Rob Doyle, a former DCC student, and his team from Absolute Auction and Realty provided a fast-paced, action-packed evening of bidding and winning. Unique auction items and packages included a special just for businesses – up to \$6,000 in advertising with Transwestern Publishing, auctioned in increments of \$2,000.

Other items included a Hilton Head condo for a week; overnight stays at Mohonk Mountain House and Minnewaska Lodge; a gourmet dinner for six; dinner for two at the CIA; a New York City tour for two with lunch and transportation; tours of area attractions, including the DIA Center and the Tallix Foundry, both in Beacon; arts events, including tickets to Kaatsbaan Dance Center and a Bardavon membership; sports, including pre-season tickets to Giants games, handmade fly fishing ties, and a brand new set of golf irons and bag, coupled with golf for four at Carvel Country Club; antique furniture; artwork; and much more.

DEDICATION OF THE MANSOOR ANSARI TENNIS COURTS

The College Tennis Courts were named in honor of Manzoor Ansari, a noted child psychiatrist and outspoken advocate of services for the developmentally disabled, on Tuesday, June 28. Dr. Ansari's family has long supported the DCC Foundation, particularly the Foundation's tennis tournament. Dr. Ansari's wife Pat Ansari Gee, and two of their three children, attended the ceremony.



Patricia Ansari Gee, with son Nick and daughter Cynthia and Nick's two children. Dr. Conklin watches as the family unveils the plaque.



Allyn and Mildred Washington with their children and grandchildren at the dedication of the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery.

DEDICATION OF THE COLLEGE ART GALLERY

On Wednesday, May 18, the College dedicated its Art Gallery in honor of Mildred I. Washington. The Gallery is located at the north end of campus in the Allyn J. Washington Center for Science and Art.

Allyn was a member of the original faculty at DCC, and head of the Mathematics Department from 1958 through 1979. During the academic year 1974-75, he served as acting Executive Dean of the College. The Washingtons raised two daughters in the Hudson Valley – Margaret Schroeder who now lives in California, and Joanne Baron who now lives in Colorado. Both Joanne and her husband John are graduates of DCC, class of 1979.

Mildred and Allyn met at Boise Junior College in Boise, Idaho, where Allyn had his first position teaching math. Mildred, who had graduated from the University of Montana, taught chemistry there. They moved to the Hudson Valley when Allyn came to help with the start-up of Dutchess Community College. In addition to his teaching, Allyn began a successful career writing textbooks in technical mathematics, and in 2004 published the eighth edition of Basic Technical Mathematics, which has been the leading textbook in its field for more than 30 years. Mildred and Allyn, who now live in Grass Valley, California, have had a long relationship with the College. Their previous major gift helped make possible the Allyn J. Washington Center for Science and Art, which was dedicated in the year 2000.

FOUR DCC ATHLETES NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Four DCC scholar-athletes were named as National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-Americans for their work in the classroom and on the field during the 2004-2005 school year. Each of these scholar-athletes graduated from the College in May 2005. All plan to attend four-year colleges.

Eric. W. Stimpson of Pleasant Valley, a Liberal Arts Science major, was an athlete on DCC's men's soccer team. Stimpson completed 69 credit hours and four semesters at DCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.72.

Joseph J. Virgilio of Pleasant Valley, a Liberal Arts/Mathematics major, was an athlete on DCC's indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Virgilio completed four semesters and 68 credits at DCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.68.

Dean A. Lysenko of Hyde Park, a Business Administration major, was an athlete on DCC's baseball team. Lysenko completed four semesters and 68 credit hours at DCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.65.

Brittney R. Valencia of Salt Point, a Liberal Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences major, was an athlete on DCC's women's tennis team. Valencia completed 64 credit hours and six semesters with a cumulative GPA of 3.65.



Barry Rothsfeld, publisher of the Poughkeepsie Journal presents John O'Shea with the Business Person of the Year Award.

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AND DEDICATION OF THE FOUNDERS LOBBY IN BOWNE HALL

June 13th marked the eleventh year that the College has had the opportunity to bring the business community together for lunch to honor one of its outstanding members. This year's honoree was John P. O'Shea, chairman of Marshall & Sterling Enterprises, a long-established insurance brokerage in the Poughkeepsie area.

Mr. O'Shea was born and raised in Poughkeepsie. He served in the Navy, returning to his hometown in 1955. He joined the firm that year and rose through the ranks to become president in 1999. The company is now ranked 26th in size among more than 40,000 privately held insurance companies in the country.

The day was additionally significant, for the O'Shea family and the 200 people attending, as it integrated the College's dedication of the newly refurbished Founders Lobby in Bowne Hall, named for and made possible by John and his wife Nancy O'Shea, with the Business Person of the Year honor.



Key Bank employees accept the Diversity in the Workplace Award.

KeyBank was also honored at the lunch with the Seventh Annual Diversity in the Workplace Award. Both awards are presented by the Poughkeepsie Journal.

EXCITING ALUMNI BENEFIT

We are proud to announce that **SUNY-Dutchess Community College** and **Liberty Mutual Insurance Company** have partnered to offer a program called Group Savings Plus, which provides discounts on auto and homeowners insurance to SUNY-Dutchess Community College alumni.

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LINDA GIBSON CUPIT: A GENEROUS FRIEND

The College was recently the recipient of a generous donation of furniture and decorative and household items from area resident, Linda Cupit, who was relocating to Naples, Florida. Ms. Cupit became acquainted with the College and the Foundation office just before she decided to move from Pine Plains, NY, and she contacted Foundation Director Trish Prunty to see if the College would have use for her furnishings.

Ms. Cupit has been in the business of helping people for over thirty years. She retired from the US Army as a full Colonel in December 2000. She served as an Army nurse for many years and spent the last 10 years of her career as a senior staff officer to the Commanding General of the 8th Medical Brigade. She then taught at Columbia University in the graduate perinatal program before entering Baruch College to pursue an MBA in the evening program.

“Community colleges and flexible part-time educational institutions are so vital to the future of our country and our society. They give bright, talented, determined people an opportunity to attend school, earn degrees, and obtain the educational foundation for a career in virtually any profession or academic field.”

After completing her MBA, Ms. Cupit was recruited to work as a Vice President of Operations in a hospital on Staten Island. A year later she was promoted to Senior Vice President for Community Medicine. She worked in this capacity for 14 years. She also opened a Women's Health Center. (The Center has become literally the hub for health promotion and health information on Staten Island.) She also created the first Community Wellness Center in New York City.

CLASS NOTES

Alumnus **Brian F. McGarvey '71**, Associate Dean for Student Access at Schenectady County Community College received the 2005 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Professional Service/Librarianship. McGarvey joined SCCC in 1985 as Director of Financial Aid. He was named Associate Dean for Student Access in 2001.

Alumnus **Scott LeRoy '90** has been named Danbury, CT's health director. He joined the department in 1999 as a senior environmental inspector. He has a master's degree of public health from Southern Connecticut State and a master's of science degree from the New York Medical College. His bachelor's degree in science in environmental science and forestry is from Syracuse University through the State University of New York.

Alumna **Eileen H. McCue '83** visited South Africa and Botswana on SUNY Albany's 2005 Study Tour of various social work agencies.

DUTCHESS GRAD WINS INVENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



Alumna **Dr. Karen Trovato '77** won the prestigious '2005 Inventor of the Year' award for work on path planning from the New York Intellectual Property Law Association. Dr. Trovato is a scientist who works at Philips Research in Briarcliff Manor, NY. After graduating from Dutchess, she went on to Stony Brook for a bachelor's degree in 1979, NYU for a master's degree in 1982 and the University of Amsterdam for a Ph.D. in 1996.

Below is an excerpt from the press release put out by Philips Research.

Philips scientists win prestigious '2005 Inventor of the Year' award for work on path planning

Whenever you want to plan a route from A to B, whether it is driving somewhere in your car or getting a robot to carry out complex maneuvers, the chances are you can do it faster and more efficiently using an algorithm developed by two senior scientists at Philips Research. Their method is so successful at optimizing computerized route-planning operations that it has won Dr. Karen Trovato and Dr. Leo Dorst the 2005 Inventor of the Year' award from the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), one of the USA's leading associations of intellectual property lawyers. The award, which was presented personally to Dr. Trovato and Dr. Dorst at today's annual meeting of the NYIPLA in New York (USA), not only recognizes the innovation and hard work

that the two Philips scientists put in to develop the technology and get it patented.

Casting the motion-planning problem as a complex set of equations would be mathematically correct, but not very practical, because solving these takes an inordinate amount of time. Instead, Trovato and Dorst adopted a radically different approach to path planning. They proposed a computer representation in which the 'goal' (the required destination in the case of route mapping) radiates a series of waves into a mathematical model of the environment.

"I remember listening to a graduate lecture on the conceptual problem of maneuvering a grand piano and quickly realizing that the continuous mathematical approach required too much compute power for real-time applications," said Dr. Karen Trovato, Principal Member of Research Staff at Philips. "Then on hearing the ideas of Leo Dorst, I knew that between us we could come up with a more practical solution."



Dr. Conklin chats with Millie Washington during the dedication of the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery.



The DCC Foundation Annual Golf Tournament attracted almost two hundred players.



The Bowlathon's theme this year was The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Tony Emory, Joan DiMaso, Ann-Marie Vitali, and Dr. Conklin at the Foundation's 2004 Holiday Meeting at the Culinary Institute.



Alumni of the College's first graduating class of 1960 attend the 46th graduation ceremony.



The dedication of the O'Shea Founders Lobby.

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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
F O U N D A T I O N
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 6 | Dedication of Phil Arnold Fitness Center |
| September 16 | DCCF Board of Directors Meeting |
| September 22 | Martha Reifler Myers – Library Gallery Dedication |
| October 8 – 9 | Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show |
| November 26 – 27 | DCCF 34th Annual Craft Fair |
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