

PERSPECTIVES

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TWO DCC ALUMNI INDUCTED IN HALL OF FAME

Christine Sproat '76 and Timmian Massie '78, two Dutchess Community College graduates who have made a tremendous impact on our community, were inducted into the DCC Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, May 19, 2006. The induction ceremony took place at the Alumni Wall of Fame – located on the ground floor of Dutchess Hall on the main campus. In Poughkeepsie. A dinner followed at Christos Restaurant in Poughkeepsie, where, in addition to Massie and Sproat, members of DCC reunion classes from 1960 through 1966 was recognized along with the recipient of the Alumni Association Second Generation scholarship winner, Douglas Keupp.



Christine Sproat '76 and Timmian Massie '78.

Christine A. Sproat, a native of Dutchess County, was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in November 2003. Judge Sproat graduated from Arlington High School in 1970 (nee Morabito). In 1976, she graduated cum laude from Dutchess Community College with an A.A.S. in Nursery Education. She received her B.S. in Psychology from SUNY New Paltz in 1978 and her Juris Doctor in 1983 from Pace University School of Law. She was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1984.

Tim Massie, a lifelong Poughkeepsie resident, is the Chief Public Affairs Officer for Marist College. He graduated from DCC in 1978, was named to the State University of New York Alumni Honor Roll in 1995, and delivered DCC's keynote commencement speech in 2002. (continued on page 3)

THE JAMES AND BETTY HALL THEATRE DEDICATION

On April 27, 2006 the campus celebrated a wonderful event, the renaming of the theatre in Dutchess Hall. Thanks to a major donation from faculty emeriti, June Pierson, the theatre was renamed for the founding president of DCC, James Hall and his wife, Betty.



Professor Emeritus June Rauch Pierson and Dr. Jim Hall, and his wife Betty.

Nearly 200 guests came to the ceremony and enjoyed seeing Jim and Betty again after nearly 30 years. Dr. Hall left DCC in 1972. The Halls were pleased to have their son Jay and daughter Kristine at the event. Both traveled back to the Hudson Valley to celebrate with their parents. Friends and colleagues came from all over the country to honor the Halls.

After the ceremony almost 150 guests joined the Halls for a celebratory dinner at the Ristorante Caterina de Medici at the Culinary Institute of America. Remarks, good wishes, and special memories from over 30 years ago, were shared by everyone. It was a great evening for DCC and showcased the superb college that Dr. Hall started and so many others have since nurtured and built into one of the top rated community colleges in the country.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Foundation's 17th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner, in memory of Jack Orcutt, was held on May 22 at Silo Ridge Golf and Country Club. The tournament was a huge success raising over \$46,000 to benefit student scholarships.

Silo Ridge was an ideal setting with beautiful views, a fabulous course, wonderful food, great prizes and excellent staff. Everybody who attended had a grand time and is looking forward to next year.

This event was a success due to the support of our co-chairs, sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers.



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Richard Chazen and Roger Smith along with the help of Butch Anderson really contributed to this sensational event. Special thanks go to our major sponsors: **Llelanie Orcutt, Marshall & Sterling, Chazen Companies, Hudson Valley BMW, TD Banknorth, and Meyer Contracting Corporation.**

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Last but not least we could not have done it without our valued volunteers and our thanks go out to all of them.

See you on the links next year—May 21, 2007!!



Dinner and raffle.



Dr. D. David Conklin and Wayne Nussbickel.

BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR 2006—WAYNE NUSSBICKEL

Wayne Nussbickel was chosen as the Poughkeepsie Journal's Business Person of the Year in a ceremony held in the Louis Greenspan cafeteria on the DCC campus in Poughkeepsie. The Business Person of the Year Luncheon was held on June 13, 2006. Co-sponsored by the Dutchess Community College Foundation; the Poughkeepsie Journal; and the law firm of Corbally, Gartland, and Rappleyea, this event brings together community leaders from Dutchess County.

Wayne Nussbickel, a Dutchess County native, president and CEO of N&S Supply, graduated from John Jay High School. He attended Dutchess Community College before earning his degree in business management from the State University of New York at Albany.

N&S Supply is a supplier of heating and plumbing products. The company has offices in Fishkill, Brewster, Catskill, Kingston, and Hudson and employs 140 people.

The Poughkeepsie Journal Businessperson of the Year Award is given in recognition of a business person whose dedication adds to the region's economic viability and who gives back to the community.



Fred Pizzuto and Douglas Keupp.

In addition to his studies at Dutchess, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from Fordham University and undertook additional studies at Iona College, the North American College in Vatican City, and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

Douglas Keupp, a Pawling resident is a recent graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. Both of his parents, Teresa Awe '70 and Michael Keupp '69, are Dutchess Community College graduates. Douglas has been an active member of his school and community. He was awarded the Second Generation Scholarship due to his stellar academic career and strong community involvement.

The reasons that Doug gave for choosing DCC was because of all of the positive comments he had received from his parents, friend, and other community members along with his pleasant and interesting visit to the campus. He had heard about what a great place DCC was for most of his life. Plus, an influential member of the community was a registered nurse who cared for his father during a recent visit to the hospital. The nurse had graduated from DCC and couldn't say enough positive things about it. Doug also felt that by staying local he could do it a better way to acclimate to college life by staying within his own community where he could easier and still continue his volunteer efforts work as well.

At the Dutchess County Youth Board's Annual Luncheon held June 7 at Dutchess Community College, Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus and Dutchess County Youth Bureau Executive Director William Sanchez presented seven teens with \$11,000 in DCC scholarships.

In addition to the scholarship recipients, the Dutchess County Youth Board presented Youth Excellence Awards (YEAs) to 16 students in the category Significant Improvement in Overall Performance; 23 students in the category Success Despite Difficult Odds; and to three students in the Volunteer and Community Services category.

These recipients are not typical scholastic award-winners. Many have overcome significant challenges in their lives or greatly improved their academic performance. The young people honored by the Youth Board often lack effective support systems, deal with physical or emotional health issues, and might even have exhibited delinquent behavior at some time in the past. These awards and scholarships celebrate their innate ability to learn, renew, and recreate themselves in the face of change, challenge, or adverse conditions, in order to move forward with their lives.



Belinda Leon with William Steinhaus.



Barbara Kurdziel

Marilyn McGaulley from BOCES Alternative High School. Barbara Kurdziel, a teacher at Joseph D'Aquanni West Road Intermediate School who is active in the Saint Stanislaus Church educational program, received this year's Professional Teacher Award.

The Dutchess Community College Foundation maintains an active relationship with the Dutchess County Youth Board. Both Bill Steinhaus and Betsy Brockway, the former Youth Bureau Executive Director, serve on the DCC Foundation Board of Directors, and the Foundation has hosted the Youth Board's Annual Luncheon at the College for numerous years. It also maintains the Youth Board's scholarship fund. DCC Foundation Executive Director Trish Prunty said the Youth Board works diligently to add to the fund each year. The amount awarded in scholarships has increased each year, from \$4,500 in 2002, to \$7,600 in 2005, to a record \$11,000 in 2006.

In addition to recognizing youth, the Dutchess County Youth Bureau also recognized professionals who have dedicated their lives as youth workers and teachers. Professional Youth Worker Awards went to Sabrina Floyd from Family Services and

FESITFALL BENEFIT AUCTION

Come join the Foundation this year for our annual benefit auction. Once again Bob and Sue Doyle will be the auctioneers so the evening is sure to be filled with excitement. It will be an evening full of wonderful items to bid on, such as one of a kind, hand-made furniture, vacations, relaxing spa days, baskets of cheer and much, much more.

This year we have revamped the entire event. It has been moved to the beautiful and exclusive Dutchess Golf & Country Club on October 6, 2006 at 6:00 pm. The event will include a wonderful selection of food, wine and beer as part of the \$75.00 ticket price. Not to mention the spectacular autumn views of the Golf Club.

If you are interested in receiving more information, donating an item, or placing an ad in the auction journal, please contact Diana Pollard at pollard@sunydutchess.edu, call (845) 431-8403, or visit our website at www.sunydutchess.edu and click on Foundation/alumni.



Camilo Rojas

FULBRIGHT GRANT AWARDED TO CAMILO ROJAS

Camilo Rojas, Program Chairperson and Professor of Communications and Media Arts at Dutchess Community College, has been granted a Fulbright Scholarship to present a series of seminars based on the success of the DCC Communications Program for the communications and film faculty of three Venezuelan universities.

The Fulbright Scholarship program has been in existence for more than fifty years. The program principal purpose is to increase mutual understanding between the people of United States and the people of the over 150 countries that currently participate in the Fulbright Program. Recipients are selected quarterly by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, a 12-member Board appointed by the President of the United States. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors, and teachers. They have been awarded thirty-five Nobel Prizes.

Professor Rojas will conduct a series of seminars in the Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas; the Universidad del Zulia, and Universidad Catolica Cecilio Acosta in Maracaibo. He will present results from his research in education in the field of mass media. His findings are based primarily on the Communications and Media Arts program he has structured and implemented at DCC over the last 15 years.



Bella's Baked Goods

35TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Dutchess Community College Foundation will host its 35th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 25-26, 2006. The Holiday Craft Fair has been a long-standing tradition here at the College and draws over 3000 individuals over the weekend. Many people start their holiday shopping by purchasing the of one of a kind, hand-made items.

The Holiday Craft Fair is host to numerous vendors selling a multitude of items. As a juried craft fair, DCC only has hand-made items of the finest quality. Vendors include potters, sculptors, jewelers, weavers, photographers and glass blowers, to name a few. Unforgettable treats such as home-made chocolates, cookies and glazed nuts will also be available. This is a great opportunity to get that unique item for a loved one.

This year we would like to invite our disabled guests to start their shopping a half hour earlier at 9:30 a.m. The general public is welcome to join us at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. both days. Transportation will be provided from parking lot D to Drumlin Hall.

For more information or a \$1.00 off admission coupon, please visit our web site at www.sunydutchess.edu and click on Foundation/alumni.



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FRIEND RAISING EVENTS



HUDSON RIVER DINNER CRUISE

It was 'anchors away' aboard the River Rose paddle wheeler that departed from Newburgh Landing on June 23 at 7:00 p.m. The DCC 'crew members' included alumni, students, faculty, staff, board members, emeriti and friends.

The River Rose is an original New Orleans paddle wheel boat that features a panoramic view of the Hudson Valley from the open upper deck and an air-conditioned lower deck with viewing windows on both sides.

Our group cruised for two hours down the beautiful Hudson River to the Cold Spring area and back. During the cruise a buffet dinner was provided in the lower deck area that included a variety of food to please any palate or appetite.

DCC DAY AT SARATOGA RACE TRACK

Again this year a group of 54 alumni, friends and staff attend our annual Saratoga trip that included a bus to the track, a scrumptious buffet and reserved grandstand seating.

Saratoga added a race to make 10 for the day since racing had been canceled on Wednesday due to excessive heat. It is the first time racing has been cancelled since 1940. The added race gave everyone an additional chance to bet on their favorite horse. There were many winners in the group and great time was had by all. It is interesting to note that we were one of three SUNY Colleges in attendance at the races that day. As people parted the bus upon arrival in Poughkeepsie they all mentioned the good time they had and how they

will look forward to our trip next year.



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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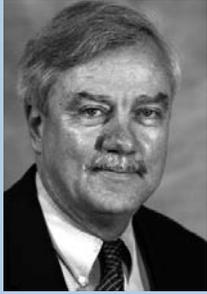
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CLASS NOTES



Alumnus **Brian F. McGarvey '71**, Associate Dean/Director of Financial Aid, at Schenectady County Community College received the 2006 SUNY Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Professional Service/ Librarianship. McGarvey joined SCCC in 1985 as Director of Financial Aid. He was named Assistant Dean for Student Access in 1996 and Associate Dean for Student Access in 2001. As such, he supervises the Admissions Office, Financial Aid Office and SUNY College and Career Counseling Center. He received the 2005 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Professional Service/ Librarianship during SCCC's Commencement in May 2005.

Alumna **Victoria Arrick '91**, a Poughkeepsie resident graduated from Dutchess the same year as her son. She started her new career as a R.N. at the age of 47. Ms. Arrick has been working since April, 1991 at Westchester Medical Center in the Oncology-Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. She thanks DCC for giving her the opportunity to care for her "very special patients".

Alumnus **Frank M. Castella, Jr. '99**, owns and runs Harmon & Castella Printing and AM Direct Mail in the city of Poughkeepsie. He was recently awarded the 2006 U.S. Small Business Administration's New York District Office's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The award is given to an individual younger than 30 who owns and operates a small business that has demonstrated staying power, growth in sales and growth in employment opportunities. Mr. Castella has more than doubled the size of the company since 2001 from eight employees to 20.

Alumna **Kathleen Crowley '78**, a Poughkeepsie native now residing in Ossining, New York was hired for a newly created position of Associate Vice President of Environmental Health & Safety and Radiation Safety at Columbia University. Ms. Crowley has been employed at the college's medical center since 1985, most recently as Director of Environmental Health and Safety.



Faculty and Staff squared off on the playing field twice in 2005-2006 to raise funds for the Faculty Staff Endowed Award for Educational Innovation. The Foundation is raising \$50,000 to endow this award, which will eventually provide \$5,000 a year to support new pedagogical, technological, or physical plant innovations to the College. The innovator, who could be a member of DCC's faculty, professional, or support staff, would receive a \$2,500 stipend, with an additional \$2,500 allocated to implement their great idea. The campaign has created a series of grudge matches between the faculty and staff – with the staff taking the softball trophy last fall, and the faculty winning it back in the spring. This fall, the rival teams switch to volleyball.

IN MEMORIAM

Florence H. Gottdiener, retired physician

A native of Poughkeepsie, she practiced obstetrics-gynecology there from 1939 until she retired in 1979. She was active in promoting women's health issues and belonged to the Dutchess County Maternal Welfare League, a forerunner of Planned Parenthood. In 1952, she resigned in protest from the local hospital after being refused permission to run a family planning clinic; she returned the following year when the hospital reversed its decision.

She was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and of Cornell University.

Dr. Gottdiener was one of the first women admitted to the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Florence, preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Elvin E. Gottdiener, established the Dr. Elvin Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship at Dutchess Community College. Elvin Gottdiener was a prominent Poughkeepsie physician. This memorial scholarship is continued by his family today. It is awarded to a full-time, second-year student enrolled in a medically-related field.

Sadly, Florence H. Gottdiener, resident of Menlo Park, died at home on June 16, 2006. She was 95.

Martha Reifler Myers

Martha Reifler Myers, a native of New York, was a major force in education in Dutchess County. She served on the Poughkeepsie Board of Education. While a director of Vassar Hospital, she was instrumental in the establishment of the Vassar Brothers Hospital Nursing School. Recognizing the potential for community colleges she worked on and became one of the founders of Dutchess Community College. She always regarded this as her finest achievement.

The Martha Reifler Myers Nursing Scholarship was started by Charles Conklin, a local businessman to honor Martha for her foresight and generosity in helping Mr. Conklin start Conklin Industries. This award is for a second-year Nursing student who has demonstrated out-standing academic achievement and the necessary personal attributes to become a dedicated nurse.

Sadly, Martha Reifler Myers, resident of Millbrook, died on June 3, 2006. She was 95.

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you have a special memory of how your life was touched by Dutchess Community College? Was it a special event – a special instructor? Many of our most ardent contributors say that they give because of a personal connection to Dutchess and a wish to give something back. You might also want to acknowledge a person in your life who has inspired you, by making an “in honor of” gift in their name. Not only will your gift be a sign of appreciation but it will enhance our work today.

Your gift can be small or large, outright or deferred, cash, securities, or property. You can establish a trust or endowment to fund a particular program or scholarship. Please contact the Foundation office to explore the many ways to recognize your special association with Dutchess Community College.

Reward your good memories of Dutchess and help make possible good memories for future students of Dutchess Community College. Please let us know if you have gained something rewarding from your experience here at Dutchess, we would love to hear about it.

GIFT GALLERY

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Alumni Decal—square	\$ 1.59
Banner	\$ 6.25
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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6	Festifall Benefit Auction
November 25 – 26	DCCF 35th Annual Craft Fair
December 8	Board of Directors Meeting and Holiday Dinner
