

DEGREES OF CHANGE

a newsletter from the

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

The new academic year is now in full swing and NCCC's **nearly 2000 students** on our campuses in Saranac Lake, Malone and Ticonderoga and in our area high schools through the "Bridge Program" are working diligently toward earning college credits, professional certificates and Associate Degrees.

North Country Community College provides students of all ages an opportunity to train for a career path, enhance or learn new skills, transfer to a four year college or simply take classes for enjoyment in a friendly environment, close to home and for minimal cost. **Your community college, sponsored by Franklin and Essex Counties, is the best deal in town!**

SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Providing student scholarships and awards is a top priority for the NCCC Foundation. Through the generosity of our donors, this year the Foundation was able to award over \$11,000 in scholarship support.



Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients for 2014-15

Terri Kane, Maryssa Romeo, James Herd, Laura Keaney, Ashley White, Hannah Archibald and Becca Leroux (*pictured above*) and Keira Baker, Courtney Boyea, Jed Brown, Emily Friend, Rachel Joiner, Emily Kemp, Camren Savage, Danni-Ann St. Mary, Stephanie Strack

The Foundation wishes to express thanks to our generous underwriters who are listed on the enclosed [Scholarship Sponsor Honor Roll](#). **If you have an interest in making a profound difference for a student by underwriting a scholarship**, please call me at the Foundation office. Thank you!

PROGRAMS

YOU CAN COME TOO! A SPECIAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY



2014 - NCCC in Rome, Italy

Not a student? No problem! If you are over 18 years old you can travel with the NCCC International Travel Course students. This May, Eastern Europe is the destination. **Budapest, Krakow and Prague are on the agenda and you could even extend your trip to include Vienna.** The trip will take place during the last two weeks of May. Cost is approximately \$3000 for non-students. For full itinerary go to www.eftours.com, click on View My Teacher's Tour and enter ID# 1542763PZ. To speak with the faculty coordinator, call Tina LaMour at 518-354-5225 or tlamour@nccc.edu.

ALUMNI

A SUCCESS STORY

JOE KEEGAN – NCCC Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs



Since 1987, Joe Keegan, has been associated with NCCC! In 1989 he graduated with an AA Liberal Arts Degree and then returned to NCCC in 1994 to teach his first class with his Bachelor's (SUNY Potsdam) and Master's (SUNY Albany) degrees in Anthropology firmly in hand and he's still here! Since he first came through the doors, Joe's dedication to our College and his enthusiasm for education, have not waned. This summer, Joe stepped back from his teaching duties and accepted the VPAA position for the next two years. **Joe now serves as the chief academic officer** insuring that curriculum is consistent with the College's mission and providing leadership to the faculty – and that's only the beginning! **Joe's career is a true alumni success story.** I thought it would be fun to “get to know” Joe a bit better. Here goes:

What do you love most about NCCC? **The people who make it a great place to be!** Faculty and staff work with a spirit of kindness, concern and camaraderie. And they do so much with limited resources!

What is the best part of your job? **The willingness of my colleagues to work cooperatively and find solutions,** all the while exhibiting respect and understanding for others.

Describe NCCC in one word. **Steady.** Despite the ups and downs that attend any enterprise, NCCC remains on an even keel with a sense that all will be well.

Who would you like to invite to dinner (living or not, real or fictional)? **My grandparents.** We got to spend so little time together, it would be wonderful to be with them again.

If you could listen to only one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye-FvKCZp3s.

Thank you, Joe, for all you do for the College!

FACULTY and PROFESSIONAL STAFF

GRANT AWARDED



NCCC Librarian, **Brian O'Connor**, has been awarded a grant for the “**Digitization of NCCC Historical Material**” from the **Northern New York Library Network**. Archival materials such as college yearbooks and the commemorative newspaper supplement from NCCC's opening day will be included in the project. When completed, the information will be hosted on the New York Heritage website. Dr. Tyrell, NCCC President, states, “We are grateful Brian has undertaken an initiative to catalog and preserve some of our colleges unique and

historical material. **The 50th Anniversary** of the founding of NCCC is approaching in 2017 and showcasing archives relating to the College's first half century will be an important achievement. What a great way to celebrate a milestone in our history. **Congratulations, Brian!**”

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about NCCC and the Foundation and don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or suggestions to share!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Diana".

Diana M. Fortune

Director of Development

North Country Community College Foundation is the philanthropic focal point for the College and provides an opportunity for alumni, community residents, faculty, staff, visitors and other interested parties to invest in the College, its students and its future. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.