

DEGREES OF CHANGE

a newsletter from the

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

I want to share with you what I think are some pretty remarkable statistics for our small, rural college that sits in the middle of the 6 million acre Adirondack Park. Did you know that in NCCC's 47 years **12,680 students have graduated**? Did you know that historically, almost 70% of our graduates had **no student loan debt**? Did you know that 100% of the Radiologic Technology graduates in 2015 **passed their professional certification exam on the first try**? (The national average pass rate last year was 86.4%).

Twice a year I send along to you the NCCC Foundation "**Degrees of Change**" newsletter to keep you **updated on some of what is happening at the College** and on our three campuses in Malone, Saranac Lake and Ticonderoga. I hope each time you learn a bit more about why the College is such an important part of all of our lives. And just ask around – **I bet within 10 minutes walking downtown** in any of our villages you can find someone who attended NCCC and **whose job and livelihood were transformed by the power of education!** Thanks for taking the time to learn more about our students, faculty and staff.

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 \$17,000 in scholarship support.



Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients for 2015-16

Marcus Johnson, Bernadette Michael, Philip Barker, Loni Lewis, Amelia Gelnett, Corey LaBounty, Dawn Rosenbarker (*pictured above*) and Nicole Blackburn, Schyler Bombard, Jessica Bordeau, Morgan Fountain, Macy Fountaine, Julie Kane, Becca Leroux, Stassa Neddo, Denise Russell

The Foundation wishes to express thanks to our generous underwriters who are listed on the enclosed Scholarship and Award Sponsor Honor Rolls. **If you have an interest in making a profound difference for a student by underwriting a scholarship or an award**, please call the Foundation office. Thank you!

PROGRAMS

THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER - AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE

I often highlight individual success stories in our Foundation newsletter. The remarkable accomplishments of our students continue to amaze me. Today, I also want to share the story of NCCC's Learning Assistance Center. **You may not be aware of the special attention available to all our students that often makes the difference in their success.** **Our campuses in Malone, Ticonderoga and Saranac Lake each have a Learning Assistance Center** that helps students reach their academic



goals. Whether a student has just graduated from high school or has been out in the work force for many years and is returning to college to pursue a new career path, the Learning Assistance Center is there to provide academic support and assistance.

Each day, students can access individual tutoring, assistance with general writing, reading comprehension, critical thinking and study and test-taking skills, research and basic computer assistance, help with test anxiety, stress reduction and time management. **NCCC is well-known for the personal attention students are provided to help them achieve their goals. The Learning Assistance Center is a truly important part of many students educational journey!**

ALUMNI

A SUCCESS STORY



**Linda McClarigan, RN, BSN, MSHA
Chief Nursing Officer for Adirondack Health, Saranac Lake, New York**

Linda first became associated with NCCC in 1974 when she was accepted to the LPN program while working as a nurses aide. Linda never slowed her pursuit of a higher education. While raising a family and working fulltime, she returned to NCCC and eventually earned her Associates Degree in Nursing in 1990. She later earned her BSN from SUNY Plattsburgh. Linda was not finished with her pursuit of learning and fulfilled a life-long dream of obtaining a Masters in Health Care Administration while she served as Chief Nursing Officer at Alice Hyde Medical Center. In 2012 she moved on to a new opportunity with Adirondack Health, first as a Director and now as Chief Nursing Officer. Linda has implemented a Shared Governance program for nursing staff at Adirondack Medical Center and helped staff to advance professionally. Linda always puts her patients and her staff first! Linda's career is another true alumni success story. To get to know Linda a bit more we asked her:

What do you love most about NCCC? It is community driven and provides adult educational opportunities for growth and new career opportunities.

What is the best part of your job? The patients, family members and staff! I love to ensure the patients receive the best care possible while achieving quality outcomes.

Favorite memory at NCCC? My nursing instructors and the caring and compassion they instilled in me.

Who is your hero? Florence Nightengale, the founder of nursing.

Favorite place in the world to be ? My gardens.

Thank you, Linda, for all you do for your patients and our communities!

NCCC 50th ANNIVERSARY

A REMINDER!

Just a quick reminder that NCCC's 50th anniversary will be celebrated in 2017! If you have items of historical interest for the college, great stories to share or would like to help us in planning the celebration please contact me – I would love to talk with you. Many thanks and don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or suggestions to share!



All the best,

Diana
Diana M. Fortune
Director of Development

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