

# DEGREES OF CHANGE

a newsletter from the

## NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

**Did you know NCCC was founded in 1967?** As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017-18, let me share with you a few things we now have happening at the College.

### 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 \$15,000 in scholarship support.



### **Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients for 2016-17**

Brooke Bestor, Janelle Serrano-Laporte, Wakisha Trombley, Marcus Johnson, Carly Taylor, Hannah Armstrong, Destiny Blaise, Dawn Rosenbarker, Cailyn Sauve, Suzanne Stevens, Adina Rivera-Towell, Kaitlyn Scinta, Meagan Martin (*pictured above*) and Jody Borzilleri, Jaime Fogarty, Corey LaBounty, Loni Lewis, Jennifer Ward, Robert Woods

The Foundation wishes to express thanks to our generous underwriters who make our student scholarships and awards possible. **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

### *COLLEGE BRIDGE PROGRAM - AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY*

The NCCC Bridge Program provides Juniors and Seniors in regional high schools the opportunity to complete college credit bearing courses that not only meet high school graduation requirements, but also let students earn college credit toward an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. **The Bridge Program is a partnership between NCCC and our area high schools, which allows students to pay a nominal fee of \$60 per course, as opposed to \$600+ per course.** Savings such as these are a huge benefit for students, and the challenge of the college classes help prepare them for the next step in their educational journey. The Bridge Program accounts for approximately 20% of NCCC's student population. **What an important collaboration we have with our area High School partners!**



### *WILDERNESS RECREATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - WELCOME TO THE CLASSROOM*



**30 day Fall Practicum 2016 – Experiential Learning – Need we say more?**

## POOL LIFT PROJECT

## ACCESS FOR ALL!



Because of your generosity and that of the Adirondack Foundation – Special and Urgent Needs Fund, the Adirondack Foundation – Adirondack Gives Fund, and the Cloudsplitter Foundation, a fixed pool lift will be installed at the NCCC pool before the new year. **This lift will allow the College’s pool to be available to all our area residents, including those with disabilities.** Recreational opportunities, Red Cross Swim Lessons and Lifeguarding Courses, water aerobics and NCCC student course work for our Wilderness Recreation Leadership program all depend on our pool being in federal compliance and accessible by all. **Public access to the pool at the Sparks Athletic Complex is available year-round.** Pool hours are posted on the NCCC website. Many thanks to our donors who made this upgrade possible.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

## A HALF CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

For 49 years and counting, Franklin and Essex Counties have sponsored North Country Community College to provide an opportunity for students to access a college experience at an amazingly reasonable cost. As NCCC anticipates kicking off its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this coming February, it amazes me that **what the counties and our community leaders envisioned a half-century ago is still what we aspire to today.** Here is an excerpt from the Adirondack Daily Enterprise “NCCC Dedication Day Supplement,” September 27, 1968:

*“Quality of education, marked by excellence of instruction and appropriate standards of student achievement in all curricula, is the foremost commitment of the college. The selection of faculty, facilities and a high expectancy for student performance reflect the standards of a community which honors excellence in all of education.”*

- Dr. George A. Hodson, Jr., President, NCCC 1967-1976

We look forward to honoring all those involved in making NCCC the remarkable educational institution it is at our “Founders Day” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick-off this coming February. Details will be forthcoming on our website. And with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in mind, 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. **My appreciation goes to Jacques and Alice DeMattos who recently supplied us with some archival interviews and a “very cool” commemorative coaster emblazoned with the first college logo – the snowflake! Thanks Jacques and Alice.**



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about NCCC and what makes it such a special place that is of vital importance to our region! Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

All the best,

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