

# NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

Now that summer is here, I want to share with you some highlights of the important accomplishments that North Country Community College and its students, faculty and staff have achieved over the past 12 months. I hope you will be as inspired as I am when I think about how vital it is that our region sponsors NCCC which is a life-changing resource for so many.

## GRADUATION

NCCC Commencement was held on May 11, 2013 when the academic year came to a close. How proud our graduates are and how proud our faculty and staff is of the students' success.



*“The achievement of an educational credential is a true accomplishment, but it is also a gift. It is a gift that makes a commitment to humanity. With education, we can make humanity a bit better through one additional act of kindness, through one additional creative thought that advances humanity, through one more skill acquired that brings each of us closer together than separates us further apart.”*

*- excerpt from President Tyrell's Commencement Address*

370 NCCC students were awarded degrees and certificates during the 46<sup>th</sup> Commencement

52 Associate in Arts  
193 Associate in Applied Science  
39 Associate in Science  
86 Certificate Programs

Saranac Lake Campus 223  
Malone Campus 91  
Ticonderoga Campus 56



## PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Dr. Steven J. Tyrell, the sixth president of NCCC, was inaugurated on April 5th in a formal ceremony presided over by Dr. Nancy Zimpher, SUNY Chancellor. Over 300 attendees including community members and students, governmental leadership of New York State, Franklin and Essex counties, and local municipalities and more than a dozen visiting college presidents shared the important day with NCCC.

Dr. Tyrell's commitment to education, visionary thinking coupled with a practical approach and his love of our North Country region will lead the College into a new era of excellence. Welcome Dr. Tyrell!

## NEW INITIATIVES

Many new college initiatives are underway including:

### **College / Community Partnerships**

The “Collegetown” Concept” initiative means that some NCCC academic programs, housing and student services would be located in the downtown areas of our three campus villages, thereby creating a corridor of economic development between the current campuses and the historic downtown areas. Discussions and planning with local leaders in our three municipalities continue. Currently new college housing in Ticonderoga is underway and other private-public partnerships are being discussed for Malone and Saranac Lake.

### **Access to a Four Year Degree**

New partnerships with baccalaureate institutions are being explored so graduates may be able to secure a 4 year college degree without leaving NCCC campuses.

### **Academic Programs**

New academic programs are being considered which would address the “skills gap” in the workforce of the Adirondacks and across the State.

### **“Greening” the Campuses**

Spearheaded by Foreman Chris Rdzanek, the Facilities Department and the college’s Environmental Club are working together to make our college as environmentally responsible as possible. Jim Jackson, Assistant Dean of Facilities, tells me ongoing efforts include:

- Heating system upgrades that allow room temperatures to be electronically controlled and temperatures lowered when classes are not in session
- Use of 90% recycled products in building materials.
- Zero-Sort recycling which encourages wide-scale participation in recycling efforts
- Use of biodegradable cleaning products on all three campuses.

## DID YOU KNOW?

NCCC has served Franklin and Essex Counties for 46 years. The counties’ sponsorship region is 3,600 square miles – the largest sponsorship region of the 30 SUNY community colleges.

I hope you have enjoyed learning a bit more about your community college. Thank you for your continuing interest. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have. I hope to keep in touch with you about all things NCCC in the coming months. Have a wonderful summer.

All the best,



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Director of Development

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