



NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

I have a special invitation for you! Do join me at two special events to celebrate our students' great achievements. The Student Awards for Excellence Program honors the academic, leadership and athletic achievements of North Country Community College students and Commencement 2015 sets the stage for a lifetime of success.

Such heartfelt and life changing events are few and far between, and I hope you might find some time to be part of our students' special moments. So many in our region are touched in a positive way by NCCC students, alumni, faculty and staff – **do come and help us all celebrate the importance of education!** I have included an invitation with details on dates, time and place for both events – don't forget to put it on your refrigerator as a reminder – it will be wonderful to see you.

SUCCESS STORIES

2015 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD for STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence honors State University of New York students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, including leadership, campus involvement, athletics, career achievement, community service or creative and performing arts. **This year NCCC had two deserving recipients of this distinction.**



Courtney Boyea is the daughter of Stephen and Anne Boyea of Chateaugay, NY. In May, Courtney will earn her AS in Math and Science. She represents the college as a member of the basketball, softball and soccer teams, and is the Captain of the soccer team. As an active resident hall advisor, Courtney has developed programs to engage and promote the wellness of students. She is the recipient of NCCC's Outstanding Math award and the North Country Scholar of Promise award. In addition she has been honored by Rotarians for providing *Service Above Self*. As a volunteer, she shares her energy and time with youth during NCCC's Kids Night Out.

Jedediah Brown, of Saranac Lake is the son of Geoff Brown and Janet Hulbert of Kearney, Missouri. He is receiving his AS in Wilderness Recreation Leadership (WRL), as well as an AA in Liberal Arts and Science. At NCCC, he tutors students in psychology courses, is a member of the Environmental Club and serves on the WRL Advisory Board. In the community, Jed volunteers with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Dewey Mountain Recreation Center and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. An avid hiker and cyclist, he has hiked the eastern High Peaks of the Adirondacks and is a certified bicycle tour leader.



2015 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD for EXCELLENCE in ADJUNCT TEACHING



This award is a recognition of, and tribute to, the expertise, dedication and commitment of adjunct professor **Thomas McGrath**. **Part of our Humanities Department at the Ticonderoga Campus, Tom personifies professional excellence** and serves as role model for the SUNY community. Tom states, "The students here are phenomenal. Every single class I have had here has been full of great people." This is a new award category established by the Chancellor and we are so pleased one of NCCC's own is among the first recipients. Congratulations, Tom!

FACULTY and STAFF

Becky LaDue is a faculty member in our Radiologic Technology Program. **Becky finds time to coordinate the Swim for Life program for 3rd graders** which is held at the NCCC pool each week. Co-sponsored by the Petrova Parents Club, nearly 40 children participated in the program this year. Thank you for your extra time and dedication, Becky!



CONGRATULATIONS



NCCC Women's Basketball Coach **Jerrad Dumont** was **recently honored as Coach of the Year** by the Mountain Valley Athletic Conference and the NJCAA Region III. His team ended the season with a 25-3 overall record and they were ranked No. 2 in the nation early in the season, finishing the season ranked at No. 8. This was the **first time in NCCC's history that the women's basketball program has been ranked nationally**. Not only does Coach Dumont's Women's Basketball team excel in their sport, they maintained an overall grade point average of 3.2! Congratulations, Jerrad and Lady Saints!

NCCC 50th ANNIVERSARY

In 2017 NCCC will celebrate its 50th anniversary! It is hard to believe that a half century will have passed since the college was founded in 1967, sponsored by Essex and Franklin Counties as part of the State University of New York system of public higher education. As we think about ways to celebrate the remarkable achievement of bringing post-secondary education to our region, **we are seeking items of historical interest for our archives**. The "NCCC Collection" is growing under the watchful eye of Interim Library Director, Brian O'Connor and **we encourage anyone with vintage documents, yearbooks, photographs, newspaper articles and the like to contact Brian** at 518-354-5273 or boconnor@nccc.edu. While we may not be able to accept everything, we will be grateful for the opportunity to look at whatever historical treasures you may have!



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about NCCC and those who make it such a special place. Do join us for our upcoming special events and have a wonderful summer.

All the best,

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Director of Development

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