

DEGREES OF CHANGE

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of NCCC,

Each Spring and Fall I like to share with all of you amazing information about North Country Community College. I decided that this Spring I should let our graduates speak for themselves!

ALUMNI



“I graduated in Radiologic Technology. I went on to pursue a Bachelor’s and Master’s in Health Services Administration. **NCCC was by far, the absolute best college that I attended.** For the last 22 years, I have been fortunate enough to be employed at the nation’s oldest Comprehensive Cancer Center, The Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo NY, as the Administrative Director of Diagnostic Imaging!! **It all started at NCCC.**” - Jack LaShomb 1987



“With the help of my professors at NCCC I was able to graduate in just three semesters. **My time there set me up for success. At NCCC I had the honor of learning from some of the most enthusiastic and passionate professors I ever had.** I went on to get a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism and am now living my dream as a multi-media journalist in Colorado, aspiring to one day become a news anchor.” - Chelsea Helms 2012



“I graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. After college I became a Deputy Sheriff for 5 years then a firefighter for 25 years retiring with the rank of Captain. **I give full credit to NCCC. Without my education at NCCC my path to what I consider a rewarding career in police/firefighting would never have happened.** The degree I received opened doors for me that otherwise would have been more difficult. I have many fond memories of NCCC and the faculty/staff.” - Dan LaPoint 1972

I believe these alumni stories speak volumes about the quality of education offered here at NCCC. Our Community College helps students acquire skills and build confidence to succeed in life. No matter one’s age, NCCC allows students to explore options and find their place in society without having to go deeply into debt. **A community college education is arguably the most cost effective post-secondary educational opportunity available.** Affordability and accessibility are key to students’ achieving their own goals. I extend my thanks and congratulations to these graduates, and to the faculty who taught them!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT- NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS

NCCC is always assessing student and employer needs! As a result, new programs are added to our course offerings. The College consults with advisory councils of professionals in each field as it develops the new curricula. The following three new degree programs have been approved by the New York State Education Department and will give students additional degree options starting in Fall 2016.

Child and Family Services - Associate of Science Degree



Available on both the Saranac Lake and Malone campuses, *this program can help our graduates fill the need for more social workers in our region* by developing the necessary skills to provide help to families in need of support and services. This program is a complement to the College's flagship general Human Services and Chemical Dependency Counseling degree programs, and is set up so a student can transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a career as a social worker.

Environmental Studies - Associate of Arts Degree

This area of study allows students the opportunity to pursue careers in sustainable development, environmental assessment, environmental restoration and conservation biology. This program goes hand-in-hand with our Environmental Science program that supports the region's agricultural and forestry industries, and our Wilderness Recreation Leadership program which prepares students for leadership roles as outdoor educators and professional guides. *The eco-systems of the Adirondacks can clearly benefit from the career paths graduates in all of these programs will be able to pursue.*



Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences Online – Associate of Arts Degree



In today's world, online degree programs are a must to remain competitive and offer busy students an alternative to traditional onsite classes. *These Liberal Arts programs are built to give flexibility and allow a student to explore different fields in the sciences or humanities before locking into a choice.* The course structure is equivalent to the first two years of classes at institutions offering a Bachelor of Art degree, so our students would enter on an equal footing with other juniors when they transfer.

These additional offerings expand opportunities available through NCCC for those in our region and beyond. Congratulations to our faculty for their work on preparing the new curricula.

MANY THANKS

Bob Brown, retired NCCC Professor of Social Sciences, and his wife, Pat, who managed our NCCC bookstore in the 1970's, **have donated a wonderful addition** to our Saranac Lake Campus Library: Time-Life's Collector's Library of the Civil War. Our librarian, Brian O'Connor, tells me this embossed leather binding, gilt edged, 30-volume set of books is regarded as an essential resource on the tragic conflict of 150 years ago and showcases accurate, classic memoirs by participants in the War Between the States. Our great thanks to Bob and Pat for this special gift and for their dedication to NCCC and our students over the many years!



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about NCCC, and do join us for our Student Awards for Excellence Program and Commencement 2016 in May.

All the best,

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