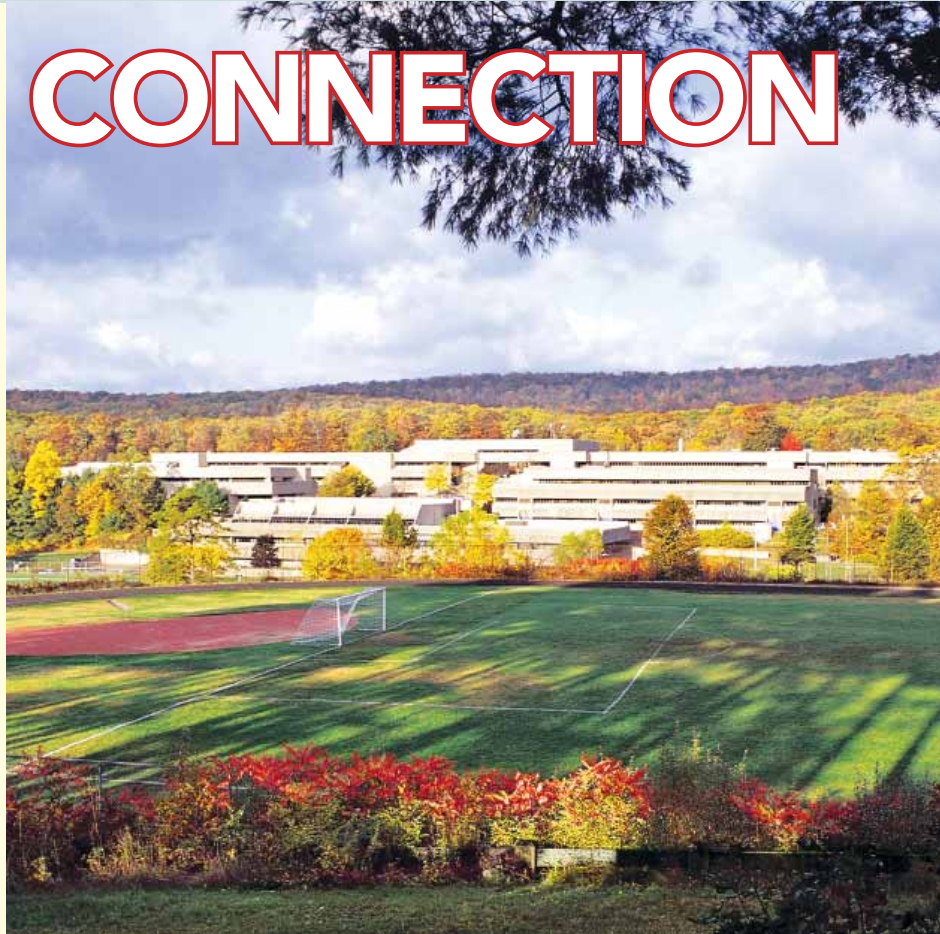


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Director's Letter

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Letter from the Director of Alumni Relations

The human side of our mission is the most important aspect of HCC. Many HCC students have challenging circumstances, yet here they find the education and support to achieve their goals and succeed—often beyond their expectations.

I wish I could take each one of you on a personal tour of the HCC campus, preferably during the change of classes, where you would see what I see every day: bustling hallways filled with students aged 16 to 80-something, and carts being rolled down the halls, loaded with audiovisual and lab equipment, on their way to the classrooms.

Serving almost 9,000 credit students annually, and over 4,000 more in noncredit courses, all HCC's resources: faculty, student tutoring and counseling services, computer labs, library, audiovisual and lab equipment, and adaptive equipment to assist students with disabilities, are in great demand.

This is why we have launched *The Gift of Opportunity* campaign—to strengthen HCC's ability to meet the region's growing demand for affordable, high quality education. We seek to raise \$4 million by June 2009 in annual (immediate) and endowed (long-term) support.

Giving to HCC is about giving something back. As one of our alumni scholarship recipients, Lina Rivera, wrote, ". . . Receiving this aid enabled me to accomplish these goals and made me want to help other students like me. I am now working at the Upward Bound Program as a tutor/mentor and working as a tutor at the HCC's Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) as well. The experiences gained at HCC allowed me to become a role model for younger students. They are setting goals now, and I want to be able to help."

Please join me and others in deciding to give something back by sending your gift today—and by pledging your continued support during the next four years of *The Gift of Opportunity* campaign. If you wish to take me up on my offer of a personal tour, give me a call (413) 552-2253 and we'll arrange a visit.

Sincerely,



Joanna Brown
Director of Alumni Relations
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What's New

You'll notice that this issue of the *Alumni Connection* sports a new look. This change reflects the college's move toward adopting a consistent and unified visual identity for all its publications. We hope you enjoy it!

We're also adding new communications to help keep you and others connected with HCC happenings. Learn more about HCC's news and events by subscribing to our bi-weekly e-newsletter *HCC Connection Online*. Go to www.hcc.edu; click on "news and events" at the top of the page to find the link. Email Kimberly Williams: kwilliams@hcc.mass.edu to be added to an email distribution list for alerts when new editions are published.

Learn how HCC community responds to Hurricane Katrina disaster and how you can help. Visit www.hcc.edu

Alumni Accept Unprecedented Challenge

Sixty years ago, when attending college was a privilege available only to the wealthy few, the founders of Holyoke Community College accepted a daunting challenge: provide affordable, high-quality college education to all who had a desire to learn, regardless of socio-economic status.

This dream has evolved into the reality of today's HCC.

This year—HCC's 59th anniversary year—the HCC Alumni Council, the board of the Holyoke Community College Alumni Association, has accepted another unprecedented challenge: to raise \$500,000 in support of *The Gift of Opportunity* campaign by June 2009.

"It is a big thing to expect our alumni to contribute at this level," said **Steven**

LeFebvre '79, co-chair of the campaign's alumni division. "I have no doubt that we will rise to the challenge and be successful. One of the most important things we can do as alumni is ensure that the opportunities there for us

"No other Massachusetts community college alumni association has ever made this large a commitment to a fundraising campaign. It truly shows how engaged our alumni are with the college's mission."

— **Joanna Brown, director of alumni relations.**

are there for others. This campaign will provide funds necessary to continue making these opportunities for education available, and I am proud to be a part of it."

"This really is an extraordinary commitment that our alumni are making," said Joanna Brown, HCC's director of alumni relations. "No other Massachusetts community college alumni association has ever made this large a

commitment to a fundraising campaign. It truly shows how engaged our alumni are with the college's mission."

The Gift of Opportunity campaign is the largest such undertaking in HCC's history. It seeks to raise \$4 million for student scholarships, tutoring, and mentoring, and for two other funds: the HCC Library fund and new Kittredge Business Center equipment fund. Pledges may be spread over the campaign's four remaining years and donors pledging \$1,250 or more qualify for named giving opportunities in the Kittredge Business Center, scheduled to open in January.

"When you get down to the heart and soul of what HCC does, it is about changing lives. My experience here in the late 70s helped me to be successful, and I want to do my part to help current and future students be successful as well," said Lefebvre.

HCC Alumni Privileges

Alumni Status

All HCC students who graduate with an associate degree or complete a certificate program qualify for alumni status. Their names and addresses are added to the HCC alumni database upon graduation.

Non-graduate former students who have completed at least nine credit hours in good academic standing may also request alumni status by calling the alumni office at (413) 552-2253 Monday through Friday, noon–7:00 p.m.

Alumni Privileges

An HCC alumni I.D. card entitles an alum to the following privileges:

- Use of the student computer labs on campus. Alumni using college computers must observe college computer use policies and follow instructions given by the college computer lab staff.
- Use of the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation, per the alumni membership fee structure (please see Bartley Center membership information on page 8).

- Use of the Career Resources Center in Frost 269. There, alumni may access online job banks, take computerized skills and interests inventories to explore career possibilities, and update their résumés.
- Use of the HCC Library. For lending privileges, alumni must also have a valid Massachusetts picture I.D.

To request an HCC Alumni I.D. card in person, visit Frost 178 Monday–Friday, noon–7:00 p.m. To request a card by mail, call (413) 552-2253 Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–

4:00 p.m. Allow one week for mail delivery.

Use of college facilities by alumni is on a space-available basis, with currently enrolled students having priority for computer, career center, and athletic resources. Due to tight parking availability on campus, alumni are required to park in student parking lots until 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, alumni may park in faculty lots F, H, K, or L.

2005 Commencement



Gloria G. Lomax '75

HCC Alumni Association President, Addresses the Class of 2005

The following is the speech that Gloria G. Lomax, president of the HCC Alumni Association, gave to graduates at HCC's 58th commencement.

Good Morning.

This is your special day. You have accomplished so much in such a short period of time. You should be most proud of yourself today. As students at HCC, you have learned to develop high expectations of yourself and others, because the faculty and staff have had high expectations of you.

Now, it is time for you to think about what success means to you. Don't just accept what success means to someone else. What does it mean to you?

For you, success might mean caring for your children, your spouse, your partner, your parents, or others. For you, success might mean owning a business, becoming a lawyer, nurse, doctor, teacher, scientist, performer, artist, or counselor. For you, success might mean making a difference in your neighborhood, community, or in the world.

Gloria G. Lomax '75, HCC Alumni Association President

Whatever success means to you, you need to value it enough to devote time to it. Each of us is given 24 precious hours a day. You can either spend those hours on things that don't matter, or you can invest them in a way that yields something beyond your imagination.

Remember, the things that you value become the cornerstone of your life. If you transfer to another college, become involved in groups that share your values. If you are going into a new workplace, be sure to look for work that is in keeping with your values.

As president of the HCC Alumni Association, I welcome you as our newest alumni. You have just joined a group of 24,000 alumni, one of the most active community college alumni associations in the country.

In the last five years, alumni have donated \$300,000 to HCC, adding new equipment to classrooms and labs throughout the campus. As an alumni donor, you can help others who follow in your footsteps. I invite you to give something back to this college that has meant so much to you.

As you leave here today, remember that we are proud of you. We wish you the best in your new endeavors and everything that life holds for you.

Gloria G. Lomax

HCC Graduates Largest Class in History

Holyoke Community College graduated its largest class yet at its 58th commencement held Saturday, June 4, 2005. Nine hundred seventy three associate degrees and certificates were awarded to 957 students.

Three alumni were honored with Distinguished Service Awards: **John M. Wilson '69**, Springfield College's assistant dean of students and director of multicultural affairs, **Patrick B. Bresnahan III '57**, owner of Bresnahan Insurance Agency, Inc., and **William J. Wagner '70**, president and CEO of Chicopee Savings Bank and member of HCC's Board of Trustees. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the achievements of individuals whose dedication and outstanding service to HCC have enhanced the value of the undergraduate experience and improved the quality of life for all on campus.

Wilson, also one of the commencement speakers, spoke of his lifelong commitment to diversity and equality and the need to end polarization in our nation. "We live during a period when America is more polarized than at any time I can remember," he said. "To end this polarization, first it is important that we vigorously work to eliminate racism, both in the way people of color are treated in this country and how our nation relates to non-white people of the world residing in the Middle East, Africa,

and South America," said Wilson. He stressed the need to address issues such as poverty, prison reform, lack of healthcare coverage, anti-Semitism, and environmental devastation. "These issues we all must face if we wish to create a better world to pass on to the next generation," he said.

Professor Frank R. Cressotti, art department chair and 2005 recipient of the Elaine Marieb Faculty Chair for Teaching Excellence, also addressed the graduates. Cressotti's message stressed opportunity and mission. "Mission fulfills opportunity," said Cressotti, "and opportunity without purpose is meaningless. You were given an opportunity, therefore, you must find your mission, embrace it, then use it," he said.

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— **Frank R. Cressotti, 2005 recipient of the Elaine Marieb Faculty Chair for Teaching Excellence**

The class of 2005 student speaker was Shawn M. Robinson, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Student Representative. "HCC students do not settle," said Robinson. "We would much rather excel. Let us



think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a pri-

The class of 2005 salutatorian was Rebecca Johnson, of Granville, Massachusetts, and the eight valedictorians included: Anne E. Bonneville, of Belchertown; Casey A. Bruno, of Westfield; Kimberly M. Galat, of Chicopee; Susan W. Hall, of Springfield; Jason A. Harink, of Springfield; Brian M. Jarrett, of Easthampton; Emma M. Jones-Higley, of Brattleboro, Vermont; Karen E. Kuhn, of Medford; and Jeffrey M. Sautter, of Florence.

vate hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefits for everyone and greater strengthens our nation," he said.

President's Bulletin



HCC President William F. Messner

Bill's Bulletin

Here are a few highlights from the most recent *Bill's Bulletin*, the president's electronic bulletin distributed to HCC faculty and staff.

FY06 Budget

This summer, the legislature passed and the governor signed into law the fiscal year 2006 budget that included a five percent increase for HCC. While this is good news, the formula-funding model adopted by the Board of Higher Education shows that the college needs an additional \$8.8 million to run its current operation. Consequently, in addition to the increase in our state appropriation, our board of trustees passed a \$3 per credit fee increase effective for the fall 2005 semester. In order to fill the revenue gap mentioned above, the board adopted a strategy of advocating for annual increases

in our state appropriation as well as supporting small, but regular increases in student fees. This approach will end the cycle of steep fee increases one year followed by no fee increases the next.

At the June meeting, the board of trustees also approved our FY06 operating budget. The operating budget highlights include new funding for 28 positions (18 faculty and 10 staff); new funding for each of the college's institutional priorities, including new dollars to support community outreach activities, faculty professional development, the purchase of new library resources, the one college initiative, student

retention, and continued investment in technology and deferred maintenance projects.

Kittredge Business Center Takes Shape

Nearly one hundred trade workers, including carpenters, plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, masons and roofers, have been busy constructing the Kittredge Business Center. We anticipate that the building will be ready for occupancy in January 2006.

Physical Plant Improvements

We have taken on a number of recent projects to improve the quality of the physical plant including power washing the exterior of all campus buildings, deep cleaning all classrooms, replacing window treatments where needed, replacing the brick patio and drainage system at the third level of the campus center, repairing campus roads and parking lots, among other renovations.

Grant Awards

The college's STEP program has been awarded a minimum of \$30,000 from the 21st Century grant program through the Holyoke School District, our second year of grant funding through this program.

The STEP program serves middle school youth in a variety of after school programs. Funding from the Holyoke School District will enable STEP to continue serving Holyoke's after school programs through tutor recruitment, training, and screening.

The Tech Prep grant has been recommended for funding for next year in the amount of \$107,000. The grant provides Tech Prep services to students at 16 high schools in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties and GCC and HCC.

We have been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Education that the following Community Services Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs have been refunded:

1. SABES (System for Adult Basic Education Support): \$379,247 per year for three years for staff and program development to the ABE field in Western Massachusetts.
2. Ludlow Area Adult Learning Center: \$129,381 per year for five years for offering evening English as a Second Language classes in Ludlow.
3. HCC Adult Learning Center: \$32,490 for FY 2006 to begin a pilot Literacy and pre-GED evening program in downtown Holyoke which will introduce distance learning.

Thanks to George Kohout, Michele Sedor, Charley Hebert, Dorothy McCormack, Adrienne Morris, Dawn Shirk, David Maloof, along with Paul Hyry from the Holyoke Public Schools, for their efforts on these successful grant proposals supporting the college's reenergized commitment to adult basic education.

BILL HARRIS '69

Television anchor and reporter Bill Harris '69 began his Emmy-award winning career in Western Massachusetts. While studying at HCC, Harris garnered valuable work experience at local radio and television stations, including WREB, an AM radio station in downtown Holyoke on High Street.

In 1967, Harris spent two years as a staff announcer at WCRX, a station that broadcast classical music where his love for classical music took root. "It was this wonderful and memorable experience that prompted me, over a decade later, to propose airing a similar program here in Michigan." "Since 1986, I have been the producer/co-host of no less than 30 televised, Emmy award-winning broadcast concerts seen not only in the Flint-Saginaw-Bay City area of Michigan, but statewide," said Harris.

After HCC, Harris transferred to Boston University, graduating cum laude with a degree in communications. While there, he continued to work on weekends and vacations for WWLP. Upon graduation, he became a director at WWLP-TV in Springfield.

During his years at WWLP (1968-1976) Harris held the positions of reporter, anchor, host of 'ETC,' " Western New England's first TV news magazine show, and executive news producer.

Harris moved to Michigan in 1977 to begin work at WJRT as a co-anchor and producer for the noon news. A year later

he was promoted to co-anchor of the early evening news. Harris continues to anchor WJRT's 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. news.

In 2004, Harris won an Emmy for his work on *The New Blue*, a six-part series depicting the intensive course offered by the Michigan State Police to train potential state troopers. Harris, along with videographer Mark McGlashen, followed three recruits as they made their way through the 20-week course. "What makes these reports somewhat different from the norm is that my photographer and I wanted to tell the story as seen through the eyes of the recruits. In the end, each piece featured a different recruit telling his or her story—recounting the hardships, challenges, expectations, disappointments, and finally, their pride upon graduating," said Harris.

Even more important to him than the Emmy he received for *The New Blue* is a collaborative project with his son Christopher: *Post Party Tragedy*. The project began with an invitation from a local high school through Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a national organization for peer-to-peer youth education and prevention of destructive behaviors and attitudes harmful to young people, including underage drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, violence, and suicide.

Harris emceed a recreation of a drunk driving accident



Bill Harris (I) and family at Emmy Awards ceremony

for a student assembly. "I was asked if it was possible to videotape the scenario for future viewing," said Harris. "Although my newsroom could not commit to the project, Christopher and I volunteered to do the shooting, writing, and editing on our own time. The result was *Post Party Tragedy*."

Post Party Tragedy has already won the International Aurora Award for instructional programming, a major award from the Michigan association of broadcasters, and was nominated for an Emmy. "Trust me when I say there are no words that express the feeling I had being nominated with my son for an Emmy and being with him the night of the Emmy awards," said Harris.

Harris has worked on many projects throughout his career. "So far, I have covered the travels and campaigns of seven presidents and two popes. I've reported on the return of soldiers and POWs

from two major conflicts, and have been assigned thousands of stories about birth, life, and death . . . and I feel I have not even scratched the surface," he said.

"As proud and fulfilled as I am in my work life, it does not compare to the pride I have in my wife of nearly 24 years, Jane, my son Chris who is employed at WJRT and will be a junior at the University of Michigan/Flint, and my daughter Nicole who will graduate in December from Michigan State University with a degree in sports journalism, and has worked for the past three years as an associate producer at the CBS affiliate in Lansing, Michigan," said Harris.

"One of my ultimate goals," says Harris, "is to return 'home' to march in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade and participate in as many of Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day festivities as possible."

Event Photos



Alumni nursing supper, March 31, co-sponsored by HCC, Berkshire Community College, Greenfield Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, and Westfield State College. Front row, left to right: Felecia Farrell; Michael Farrell; Lee Murray, nursing faculty. Back row: Juliet Farrell '03; Kelly Keane, nursing success coordinator; Fletcher Ramsey '95; Sr. Marita Callahan, nursing faculty; keynote speaker, Dr. Migdalia Rivera-Goba, National Institutes of Health; and Leona Florek, nursing faculty.

Alumni Use of the Bartley Center

The David M. Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation (Bartley Center), a 45,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, is available to HCC alumni (HCC graduates and alumni who accrued at least nine credits before leaving HCC) on a fee basis.

The Bartley Center has a three court gymnasium to accommodate basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, etc.; full locker rooms, steam baths, and saunas; and a fitness/wellness room.

The fitness/wellness room features more than 60

pieces of aerobic and weight training equipment.

You can receive an alumni membership for \$200/year, \$80/fall or spring semester, or \$70/summer semester. For an application, call the Alumni Office, (413) 552-2253, and leave your full name, address, city, and zip code, and a phone number where we can reach you.

Please contact Mike Carney, manager of fitness and wellness, for more information about the center, (413) 552-2159, or e-mail: mcarney@hcc.mass.edu.



Lourdes-Marie Torres '06, HCC Cougar, and HCC's Bilingual Admissions Counselor Harold Santiago '95 at Holyoke's Puerto Rican Parade.



Remember me? Dawn Donatini-Rivera '89 rediscovers James Ryan '71, her former first grade teacher, at the Alumni Summer Celebration.

Deborah Golas '71

Deborah Golas' '71 three-decade commitment to HCC began when she enrolled as a first-year student in 1969. After graduating in 1971 with an associate degree in Executive Secretarial Studies, she worked as the business manager for the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. When a position became available at HCC in 1972, she was eager to return to her alma mater. "I am so grateful for the opportunity the college gave me in making me a better person and successful in my career," said Golas.

"I have had the great fortune to work with individuals such as Dr. George Frost, Dr. David Bartley, Mary Rohan, and Ellen Lynch, whom I admire and from whom I learned a great deal. I look forward to HCC's future under the leadership of Bill Messner," said Golas.

During Golas' 34 years at HCC, she has worked for various academic divisions, the

ous divisions, directors, and especially the students and public. I've used my experience, skills, and knowledge to provide my best service to the college and the community."

"One of my fondest memories was when I coached the HCC cheerleading squad (1976-1982). What fun it was to work with such motivated, energetic, and talented young women who dedicated time and effort in supporting various Cougar sports teams. One of the highlight of coaching the club was when we marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade."

Golas' love for HCC does not end in the office. She met, fell in love with, and married Richard Golas, director of athletics and student life. "He made frequent visits to go over the dimensions of the soccer field with Dr. Al Sowa, chair of Math, Physical Sciences, and Technology Division, and magic hap-

Being acknowledged by the college means a great deal to me; I am proud to be an HCC alumna and member of the HCC community.

president's office, student activities, student development, facilities, the registrar's office, and the switchboard. "You could say I'm like a 'girl Friday,' having assisted the administration, deans of vari-

pened," said Golas. "Rick and I have been married more than 25 years. Our daughter Hilary is a senior at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania majoring in biology."



Deborah Golas '71

Golas now works in the Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts Division as an administrative assistant. "My commitment is to benefit the students, faculty, administration, and the public." She believes that as an administrative assistant, she frequently serves as a person's first contact with the college. And, she views HCC staff as ambassadors. "We all reflect HCC and its mission," she said.

In 1984, Golas was awarded the Pioneer Valley Women's Professional Administrators Award. In 1989, HCC presented her with an award recognizing her as an outstanding employee. "Being acknowl-

edged by the college means a great deal to me," said Golas. "It says that the work I do is valuable and appreciated. I am proud to be an HCC alumna and member of the HCC community."



Back to Business keynoters Joe and Carline McCarthy '65/'66

It's "Back to Business" for HCC Business Students and Alumni

HCC presented its third annual business division alumni day: *Back to Business*, on Thursday, April 21, 2005. Faculty member **Gerry Bates '76** originally developed *Back to Business* and has coordinated it each year. *Back to Business* is sponsored by HCC's Alumni Office and the Business Division, and brings successful HCC alumni back to campus to share their experience and expertise with current students. "*Back to Business* presenters are excellent role models for current HCC students," said John Donnellan, business professor and one of the event's organizers. "The presenters often speak of the great education that they received at HCC. Thus, students begin to see great possibilities relative to

their own ultimate success with an HCC business degree as a foundation."

Back to Business day included presentations by HCC alumni to several business classes in addition to the keynote address. Alumni presenters included:

Joseph K. Chancellor '95, attorney, presented "Law and Legalities"

Jack V. Desroches '78, executive producer for Milestone Events, presented "Being Your Own Boss. . . To Be or Not to Be? You'd Better Ask the Question"

Dawn Donatini '89, transfer counselor, Bay Path College, presented "Marketing Yourself"

Jerry Levinsky '76, attorney, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, presented "So Sue Me!"

Natalie Bys '84, assistant to the principal, Robert Hughes Academy Charter School, presented "An Administrator's Perspective on Administrative Assistance"

Cathy Olson '78, director of accounting, STCC, presented "Fiscal Management During Fiscally Challenging Times"

Greg Schneider '90, serial entrepreneur, presented "Your Management Philosophy"

Robert R. Wilcox '91, Wilcox Insurance Agency, presented "Do You Speak Accounting?"

The keynote address, "A Subway Trip to Success," featured successful entrepreneurs and HCC alumni **Carline** and **Joe McCarthy '66/'65** explaining how their hard work as Subway development agents and franchise owners led to a successful 130-restaurant franchise operation in central and western Massachusetts.

Graduating from HCC in 1966, Carline continued on to receive her bachelor's degree from Westfield State College. Joe ultimately earned a master's degree in education at American International College. The couple married in 1967, raised two children, and both went on to become teachers in the Holyoke Public School system.

After years of teaching in the public schools, the couple began considering the idea

of going into business for themselves, which led to exploring franchise opportunities. When they opened their first Subway restaurant in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1987, it was only the third in the state.

In 1988, Joe became the development agent for western Massachusetts, helping connect people with Subway franchise opportunities. At that time, there were only 1,000 Subway franchises in the United States; today, 23,000 exist worldwide. In 1990, Carline also became a development agent. The McCarthys sell franchises, help purchasers find suitable locations, and support them during the restaurant opening and thereafter.

Now development agents for 130 stores, their business continues to grow. They themselves own one restaurant, but soon expect to own six or seven. When asked to share some words of wisdom with aspiring entrepreneurs, Carline stressed how important it is to know the business you are getting into and cautioned, "It is not easy. All businesses require hard work to be profitable."

All students who attended received a free book, *Start Small Finish Big: Fifteen Key Lessons to Start-And Run-Your Own Successful Business* by Subway co-founder Fred DeLuca, courtesy of Subway.

Mary Louise McIntyre '55

Joanna Brown visited me several weeks ago, and during her visit I told her how important Holyoke Community College had been to me way back in the 1950s. I had been in a children's tuberculosis sanatorium for several years, and although I theoretically had a high school diploma, I was way behind the curve when it came to dealing with people my own age. Holyoke Community College gave me an opportunity to play "catch up" on my adolescence at the same time that it prompted me to develop my intellectual skills.

In the years since I left HCC, I encountered only one college that had the same kind of mission that HCC has. That institution is the divinity school at Howard University, in Washington, DC, that offered evening classes in theology. Its faculty noticed what I had never taken seri-

ously, that I had a bent for theological research and writing, and encouraged me to get a Ph.D. in that field. I did that, and since then I have been "straightening out" an important part of the history of the Church of England in the nineteenth century that has been very much neglected. I am very much enjoying my work, and I am grateful to HCC for giving me a fine education and to Howard University for nudging me in the right direction.

– **Mary Louise McIntyre '55, Ph.D.**

Betty LaFreniere Willard '67

I grew up on Lyman Terrace in Holyoke, the fifth of nine children and the first one to go to college. Back in 1965, Holyoke Community College was not a choice, it was the only choice for me. First of all, the price was right. Second, I could walk to school (neither my mom, my dad, or I had a driver's license). Can you imagine walking from Ward 4 to South Street, even in winter? On occasion, I did take the bus, but mostly I chose to walk and prepare mentally for the day.

When I started at HCC, I was excited and frightened. I was

lucky to be hired as a work-study student in the library. I will never forget Miss Root and the library. It sure saved me financially and got me away from my books for 15 hours a week.

Ms. Johnson (was she really old enough to teach?) was my English 101 professor. I worked hard in that class and I learned a lot. But I have to say that even though I was learning about *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and Robert Frost, I was learning much more about myself.

Dean Butler taught Psychology 101. His exams were unbelievable; the questions were long and the test was at least six pages. Dr. Jackson taught zoology. The zoology lab opened up a whole new world for me. Mr. Trace taught World History. Until then, I hated studying history of any kind. His lectures were like movies. They included more than dates and events; he could fit the entire puzzle together.

The two years at HCC went by so fast. I know it must have been hard work, but it was also fun. I started to feel that

anything I wanted was mine if I worked for it. I would have to say the professors showed me by example that hard work paid off and that education was the key. Nothing made a bigger difference in my life than knowing that I was one of many students (no matter where we came from) who were going somewhere in our lives because we put in the time and effort.

–**Betty LaFreniere Willard '67**

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Alumni Profile



Amy Gracey '04

AMY GRACEY '04

Amy Gracey '04 spent 29 years, before HCC, as a cloistered Dominican nun. Choosing a life separated from the world, her days were dedicated to silent meditation and prayer. "The cloister is an intense and demanding life style, yet there is beauty in the community," said Gracey.

I was attracted to the cloister because it was a radical way of life. I knew the life in the cloister would challenge and transform me as a person," she said. Health issues made it impossible for Gracey to remain at the monastery, so she had to leave the order she had come to love.

"But I had a plan, I knew I had a tremendous love of learning," Gracey said. She enrolled for her first semester here in fall 2004. She selected HCC because of its high transfer rate and excellent support services. After so much time in a life of quiet reflection, Gracey was worried about being able to acclimate to her new surroundings. However, Gracey's disciplined life style helped her to adjust and manage her time well as a student.

Gracey attributes her successful transition to the staff of the New Directions program and her professors. "Every professor I had at HCC was available and helpful. I really felt that they cared personally for each student," she said.

Gracey received honors from Phi Theta Kappa, National Scholars Honors Society, Who's Who in Community Colleges, and the National Dean's List. In addition, she was awarded several HCC Foundation and Alumni Association scholarships.

This past year, Gracey completed her second semester at Mount Holyoke College as a Frances Perkins Scholar. In the spring, she received the Karen Snyder Sullivan Award, a travel award given to one student each year who has not traveled outside the United States since the age of twelve. Gracey spent two months this summer traveling alone in France, mostly in the southwest region. She was hosted in Paris by an HCC alumna who lives there.

"I wanted to experience another culture," she said. "I visited the smaller villages, staying away for the tourist attractions, preferring to spend time in the southwest of France."

Gracey loves music, traveling, and writing. "My efforts and my studies in the field of English literature and anthropology are so that I may become a better writer. I am not sure where this will lead me, but I will use all I've learned, experienced, and believed in to write."

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Class notes contribution to be published in the **Alumni Connection**. Comments to the director of alumni relations (will not be published).

HCC Families

Please list the other members of your family who have attended HCC.

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1956

Arthur G. LaMirande received two standing ovations at his May 2005 organ recital at St. Joseph's Church in Hartford, Connecticut.

LaMirande, a concert organist, is now represented by Kingsdale Artist Management of Spring Hill, Florida.

LaMirande can be reached for concert engagements at: organartists@kingsdale.org. A photograph of LaMirande can be found at:

www.concertartists.info/bio/LAM001.html.

1975

April M. (Briere) Maska graduated from Glassboro State College in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She has been teaching first grade for 15 years at the Oakview Elementary School in West Deptford, New Jersey. She received a master of arts degree in elementary education/curriculum from Rowan University (formerly Glassboro State) in 2005 and is presently working on attaining her principal's certificate. She is president of the West Deptford Free Public Library Board of Trustees; chair of the Juvenile Conference Committee in Gloucester County, New Jersey, a branch of family court that hears juvenile cases for first time offenders; and co-chair and founder of the West Deptford Historical Association. Maska has been married for 27 years to C. Pat Maska. They have one daughter, Aimee Linea Maska, 26, who is the aquatics program coordinator at The West Deptford Riverwinds Community Center.

1980

Larry C. Dulong toured as a musician, playing guitar and singing, after graduating from HCC; now, he mostly plays keyboards. He has worked as a piano tuner since 1985, tuning all styles of pianos in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. He has been the piano tuner at HCC since the fall of 2000. Alumni needing their pianos tuned can contact him at (413) 467-7999. He is married and has two children ages four and ten.

1987

Michael L. Wilk has been a police officer for 13 years, and has been a school resource officer for Fairview Veterans Memorial Middle School in Chicopee, Massachusetts, for a little over a year. He is married to Tammy Wilk, and they have two children, Tyler, age nine, and Ashley, age seven.

1989

Kim P. Gifford (formerly Meyers) was married on April 23, 2005, to Steven Gifford. The Giffords reside in Easthampton, Massachusetts with Kim's son, Ryan Meyers, and Steven's son, Sean Gifford. Kim has worked at HCC for 18 years and is currently staff assistant to President Bill Messner.

1992

Attorney James E. Boyle, a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Law and UMass-Dartmouth, recently was named assistant director of economic development for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining the chamber, he

served as chief of staff for two veteran members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives: State Representative Thomas Kennedy of Brockton (2002-2004), and former Springfield State Representative Paul E. Caron (1999-2002). Boyle lives in New Bedford, Massachusetts, with his wife Maureen and their 10-month old daughter Aileen.

1992

Denise Ryan is an information specialist at NERAC. NERAC provides over 5,200 client companies with public domain information, mostly in the areas of science, technology, patents, or medicine. Ryan searches databases and the Internet in response to specific reference questions in the areas of biology, biotechnology, and medicine. After graduating from HCC with an associate degree in environmental science, Ryan earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies with a biology concentration from Mount Holyoke College in 1995 and earned a master's degree in library science from Simmons College in 2001.

1995

Julie Sullivan Kleszczynski owns a licensed day care center near HCC. She started her day care center nine years ago, after having her own children and realizing the need for high-quality day care services. She can be reached at (413) 533-9931 or kles13@msn.com.

1998

Todd Smola earned his bachelor of science degree in geography and regional planning from Westfield State College. In 1997, at the age of 20, he became the youngest elected member of his local planning board in Palmer, Massachusetts. Two years later he became the youngest elected member of the Palmer Board of Selectmen and served two years as chair. In August 2001, he was selected by State Representative Reed V. Hillman of Sturbridge to serve as his chief legislative aide at the State House, where he worked for three years. In 2004, Smola ran for a seat in the Massachusetts Legislature to replace his outgoing boss Reed Hillman. He was elected and sworn in as the new State Representative of the 1st Hampden District in January 2005. Smola has been appointed to serve as the ranking member of the Joint Committee on Public Service and the ranking member of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. He also serves on the Ethics Committee, the Committee on Personnel and Administration, and the Committee on Community Development and Small Business.

In Memoriam

Carol A. Gamache-Taylor '99
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Fall 2005 Events

Note: This issue of the *Alumni Connection* was printed before many fall events were finalized. Please visit our web site www.hcc.edu for an updated listing of campus events, or call Joanna Brown (413) 552-2253 for additional event information.

Thursday, October 13, and Friday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m.

The FOREST SUMMIT lecture series, focusing on the history, current status, and the future of the forests of the Northeast. Thursday presentation: Dr. Lee Frelich from the University of Minnesota. Friday presentation: Dr. David Foster of Harvard University and Dr. James DiMaio, chief forester of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Free and open to the public. HCC Forum. For more information, call (413) 552-2445.

Thursday, November 17, through Saturday, November 19, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 20, at 2:30 p.m.

The Cripple of Inishmaan, by Martin McDonagh. Set on a remote island off the coast of Ireland in 1934, this comedy begins with the news that a Hollywood film crew will be coming to a neighboring island. The unfolding story about a young man's desire to be in the film is humorous and unsettling and "has the clarity and power of fable," according to *The New Yorker*. \$7 adult; \$5 seniors and students. HCC Forum. For tickets, call the box office at (413) 552-2528.

Wednesday, November 16, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Fall 2005 ALUMNI EVENT

HCC alumni and their guests are invited to meet Bill Messner and members of the HCC Alumni Council in an informal setting. Bill Messner and Alumni Association President Gloria Lomax '75 will speak briefly at 5:30 p.m., but attendees are welcome to come and go as their schedules permit. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. To register, please call (413) 552-2253 or send an email to jbrown@hcc.mass.edu with a subject of "Alumni Reception 11-16-05." Casual dress. Free. Frost 309 (off Frost Lobby).

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