NCCC AT A GLANCE

FALL 2010 ADMISSIONS PROFILE
Applications 7,767
Accepted Freshmen 3,514
Accepted Transfers 420
Registered Freshmen 1,785
Registered Transfers 308

DEGREES AWARDED IN 2010-11 1,115
Associate in Arts 209
Associate in Science 275
Associate in Applied Science 486
Certificates 145

FACILITIES
Acres 272.6
Buildings 9

ACCREDITATIONS
MEDICAL ASSISTANT - CRB & CAAHEP • RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY - JRCERT • NURSING - NLNAC • SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY - ARC & CAAHEP • MIDDLE STATES • PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT - CAPTE • INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION - MSCHE

FALL 2010 ENROLLMENT
From New York State 7,376
From Niagara County 5,183
From Erie County 1,921
Other NYS 295
Outside NYS 32

2010-11 STUDENT COSTS
Full-time Tuition $1,740 per semester
Housing Rate $3,700 per semester

ALUMNI
Total Alumni with Known Addresses 23,861
Alumni in New York State 20,528
Alumni in Niagara/Neighboring Counties 9,571

2010-11 EMPLOYEES
Full-Time Faculty, Staff, Administration 303
Part-Time Faculty, Staff, Administration 406

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This past year has again been a time of growth and development at Niagara County Community College. Our Board of Trustees and our entire faculty, staff and administration at NCCC continue to be focused on our mission of providing a teaching and learning environment dedicated to excellence. We have enjoyed many successes in preparing our students for the great needs and expectations they will face now and in their future.

Helping students achieve their dreams this past year, the NCCC Foundation celebrated another milestone with its endowment. Funds from the Foundation are allocated for scholarships, faculty development, and technological and capital improvements.

While some members of our college family go about their daily duties, choosing more of an understated profile, others have made dramatic and visible contributions to their communities. Those individuals' accomplishments have been chronicled in this Annual Report.

With changes happening daily, NCCC continues to hold true to its vision of being a leader in providing a dynamic, high quality educational environment responsive to the current and ever-emerging needs of our students and community.

The Foundation and the College became leaders in fundraising in the 2010-2011 academic year. This was a record breaking year for fundraising with over $10 million raised for the Hospitality and Tourism Center project in Niagara Falls, highlighted by the donation of the 300,000 square foot Rainbow Centre Mall to the NCCC Foundation by David Cordish of the Cordish Companies in Baltimore, Maryland. $600,000 by the Lockport based Grigg-Lewis Foundation and $1.275 million by the Seneca Gaming Corporation and the Seneca Nation of Indians.

In the pages that follow, you will read how our campus community in the past year has inspired and embodied the principles outlined in our vision, amassing significant individual and collective achievement along the way, and demonstrated how NCCC managed the investment of its students, sponsors, Niagara County, the State University of New York and those of our generous contributors.
VISION
Niagara County Community College will be a leader in providing a dynamic, high quality educational environment responsive to current and emerging needs of our students and community.

MISSION
The mission of Niagara County Community College is to provide a teaching and learning environment dedicated to excellence. Niagara County Community College is committed to maintaining the hallmarks of student centeredness, accessibility, comprehensiveness, collegiality, community partnership, and life long learning. Our college nurtures and empowers its students in ways that recognize and value our common humanity, as well as the richness of our diversity. NCCC offers high quality academic programs leading to degrees and certificates that are supported by outstanding student services. NCCC provides a variety of cultural, social and international experiences, as well as community education and workforce development that supports economic development, which positively impact the quality of life. The college operates through a collegial model of shared governance and is accountable to meet the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.
Deborah Brewer was appointed Interim NCCC Foundation Director in April 2011. She has been a member of the Foundation Board of Directors for over ten years, serving as the Board Chair for the last three years. Deborah is vice-president and co-owner of JBF Express, Inc. She spent 30 years in the banking industry, most recently as a vice president at KeyBank. Deborah also managed the General Business Market for BlueCross BlueShield of WNY. She is an active member of the community and is the Chair of Junior Achievement of WNY. Deborah is a graduate of Empire State College of the State University of New York and Erie Community College. She has earned both a bachelor's degree and an associate's degree in business administration.

Dr. Greg Lamontagne was named Vice President for Academic Affairs in June 2011. He came to NCCC in November, 2010 as the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to his tenure at NCCC, Dr. Lamontagne served as dean at several two and four-year colleges in Massachusetts, including Salem State College, Bunker Hill Community College, and North Shore Community College. He has been a faculty member in the Linguistics Department at the University of Toronto and Rutgers University, where his responsibilities involved teaching and advising both undergraduate and graduate students, including the supervision of advanced graduate work. A graduate of the two-year college system, Dr. Greg Lamontagne received a Diplôme d'études collégiiales in Pure & Applied Science from John Abbott College and a B.A., First Class Honours & University Scholar, in Linguistics from McGill University. He received his Ph.D. in Linguistics & Phonological Theory from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dr. Greg Lamontagne’s principal research interests include theories of phonological representation, transforming programs and faculty to meet workplace standards, and higher education policy and practice.

Henry F. Wojtaszek was appointed to the NCCC Board of Trustees in the Spring of 2011. Wojtaszek is General Counsel for the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation and is responsible for formulating the corporation's operating plan, rules, regulations and by-laws, and preparing and negotiating contracts for services. Also among his duties, Trustee Henry Wojtaszek provides advice and guidance to the President and Chief Executive Officer and Officers of the corporation. Prior to joining the Off-Track Betting Corporation, Wojtaszek was a partner with Harris Beach PLLC from 2005 to 2010 and served on the Public Finance Group and Governmental and Quasi-Governmental Agencies Industry Team. Trustee Wojtaszek also served as City Attorney for North Tonawanda from 1998 to 2004 and maintained a general practice as an attorney from 1991 to 2004. Trustee Wojtaszek has also worked as an attorney for the United States Navy in the Judge Advocate General Program from 1987 to 1991, working as trial counsel and defense counsel in court-martials. It was during this time that Wojtaszek was awarded the Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medal. Trustee Wojtaszek graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law with a Juris Doctor in May of 1987 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York College of Buffalo in May of 1984.
NEW FACES:

- **GRETCHEN KAPLAN**
  Instructor
  Nursing

- **CARLIS POPE**
  Technical Assistant
  Admissions

- **STEVE LAMKIN**
  Grant Writer

- **AMY SCHNELL**
  Technical Assistant
  Public Relations

- **BOB McKEOWN**
  Director
  Athletics

- **MARY BETH MORSE**
  Instructor Librarian

- **KATHY ANDREWS**
  Typist
  Admissions

- **SHARON GASTON**
  Sr Typist
  Student Development

- **JESSE COLE-GOLDBERG**
  Director
  Technology Services

- **LISA MAHL**
  Assistant Director
  Financial Aid

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  Technical Assistant
  Arts & Media

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  PT Security Guard
  Operations

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  Business Office

- **LISA KILGER**
  Account Clerk Typist
  Business Office

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  Technical Assistant
  Student Activities

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  Typist
  Student Development

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  Instructor
  Nursing

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  Instructor
  Nursing

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  Instructor
  Social Sciences

- **ALBERT TERMIN**
  Instructor
  HPE

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  Cleaner

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  Student Development

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PROMOTIONS:

NAME
MARIE ALLEN
PAME DIXON
JANINE LUSS
MATT MACKAY
LYNN McINTOSH
DENNIS MICHAELS
DIANE PARKER
MARIA PASHONG

FROM
Account Clerk Typist
Sr Typist / Continuing Education
Account Clerk Typist
Computer Programmer / OIT
Account Clerk Typist
Director of Technology Services / OIT
Sr Typist
Typist

TO
Principal Audit Clerk
Principal Clerk / Admissions
Sr Account Clerk Typist
Programmer Analyst / OIT
Sr Account Clerk Typist
CIO / OIT
Principal Clerk
Personnel Records Clerk

FULL TIME RETIREEES:

ANN CATALANO
Professor
Arts & Media

NANCY DE DARIO
Assistant to the President

DENNIS DRAGICH
Vice President
Operations

ELISABETH WESTON
Professor
Social Sciences

CAROL BADGER
Cash Account Clerk
Business Office

DOLORES CIRRICIONE
Account Clerk Typist
Business Office

LORRAINE FEDRIZZI
Professor
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DARWIN HASELEY
Asst Superintendent
Building & Grounds
Facilities

BRYCE McMICHAEL
Professor
Life Sciences

CAROLYN CIANCIOSA
Professor
Life Sciences

PEGGY ELLIOTT
Professor
Humanities

THOMAS GOODNICK
Building Maintenance II
Facilities

DONALD HOUSE
Professor
Life Sciences

MONICA PULLANO
Counselor / Professor
Student Services

LINDA ROSSOW
Programmer
OIT

DIANE KASSAY
Principal Audit Clerk
Business Office

DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS:

NAME
CINDY DREW
KELLY LONNEVILLE
EVELYN MCCREACKEN
LIZ MEACHAM
DIANE MIS
MICHELLE WALSH

FROM
Wellness Center
Academic Affairs
Athletics
Advisement
Student Development
Financial Aid

TO
Student Activities
Public Relations
Financial Aid
Wellness Center
Continuing Education
Human Resources
CORDISH COMPANIES DONATE RAINBOW CENTRE AND LAND TO NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Niagara County Community College Foundation Chairperson Deborah Brewer announced at the NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala that the Cordish Companies is donating the downtown Niagara Falls Rainbow Centre as well as the parcel of land at the corner of Rainbow Boulevard and Old Falls Street to the College’s Foundation. The gift is the largest in the twenty-three year history of the NCCC Foundation and believed to be the largest ever given to a SUNY Community College.

“We are overwhelmed by the generosity of David Cordish and the Cordish Group in the awarding of the Rainbow Centre and the neighboring lot to the NCCC Foundation,” said Foundation Chairperson Deborah Brewer. “This is the largest single donation ever made to our Foundation and I cannot overstate the significance of the impact a donation such as this has on all our board members who work tirelessly to raise funds for student scholarships.”

College president Dr. James P. Klyczek and the 10-member Executive Committee of the Foundation Board of Directors worked with the Foundation attorneys to finalize the very complicated legal procedures involved in the various transactions that were necessary to convey the properties.

“The awarding of the Rainbow Centre and surrounding property to the NCCC Foundation greatly empowers the College to facilitate its mission of providing a teaching and learning environment dedicated to excellence,” said NCCC Board of Trustee Chairperson Bonnie Gifford. “This is an example of the cooperation and combined vision of the College’s Foundation Board and the College’s Board of Trustees,” added Gifford.

“This gift facilitates the development of our long sought Hospitality and Tourism Center and related Culinary Institute,” said President Klyczek. While the actual dollar value of the contribution has yet to be determined, it will be the largest gift ever donated to the NCCC Foundation according to Klyczek. “In the opinion of experts with whom we have consulted, this is likely the most valuable property in Niagara Falls and perhaps even the entire Western New York area. The proximity of the land to the Niagara Falls State Park, the Falls and the Rainbow Bridge to Canada is unequalled. We will be steps away from the majestic Niagara Falls, have incredible parking available and amazing foot traffic in front of our building. Locating our Hospitality and Tourism Center in the Falls was determined years ago, but this location couldn’t be better. The experiences our students can receive at such a location encountering tourists from all over the world is just unmatched. There is no way our Foundation or our College could possibly afford to purchase these properties and we certainly couldn’t secure enough funding to build a new structure this size – in my view, the value is incalculable.”

“I would speak for both Chairwoman Brewer and Chairwoman Gifford in saying that the NCCC Foundation can serve as a vehicle to advance not only the college’s excellent academic programs and experiences for students and faculty, but also advance the economic development of the City of Niagara Falls is amazing to all of us,” said Klyczek. “We are extraordinarily grateful to David Cordish for his kindness, great generosity, and belief in our vision.”
CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

TIM HORTONS NOW AT NCCC
Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop opened up for business on campus in November of 2010. There are two locations on campus, operated by NCCC Dining Services, featuring a full service Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop located on the first floor of the Student Center building with the hours of operation 7:30am–6:00pm, Monday through Thursday and on Friday from 7:30am–4:30pm. A second kiosk location is also open in the Henrietta J. Lewis Library next to the Art Gallery from 7:30am–1:30pm, Monday through Friday. The franchise is owned and operated by the College Association of NCCC, employing twelve full and part-time staff. Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop has been a huge success thus far on campus and continued success is expected for years to come.

SURGICAL TECH LAB RENOVATION UNVEILED
The Niagara County Community College Life Sciences Division unveiled its new Surgical Technology Lab at a ribbon cutting ceremony held in early October. The lab underwent a $95,000 major transformation with funds obtained through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act. “This newly renovated facility will give our students hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment and will help the students feel as if they are in an actual surgical environment. This will help prepare the students to enter clinical facilities,” Gemma Fournier, NCCC Surgical Technology Program Coordinator said. The lab is equipped with two OR bed set ups, six scrub sinks, two functioning OR lights mounted to the ceiling, and a SMART classroom. Over 125 students are enrolled in the Surgical Technology program at NCCC.

BLITHE SPIRIT PRODUCTION
The Niagara County Community College Theatre Department performed Noël Coward’s “Blithe Spirit” in October of 2010. The production was directed by Roger Keichner and very well received by both the on and off campus community. The performance took place in the NCCC Arts & Media Theatre and the student cast included Stefan Brundage, Corey Bieber, Annie Haselswerdt, Elizabeth Ladd, Shannon Martha, Nicole Profić and Elizabeth Marciniak. The play concerns socialite and novelist Charles Condomine, who invites an eccentric clairvoyant, Madame Arcat, to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book. The scheme backfires when he is haunted by the ghost of his annoying and temperamental first wife, Elvira, following the séance. Elvira makes continual attempts to disrupt Charles’ marriage to his second wife, Ruth, who cannot see or hear the ghost. “In this production... we find a great slice of history,” said Director Roger Keichner. “It shows a side of England that seems overshadowed by a World War. This is the Britain they were fighting for. The fun, carefree society they all wanted. Noël Coward was one of the great ways Great Britain escaped its troubles.”
CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

FREEDOM RUN WINERY PRESS CONFERENCE

Niagara County Community College announced a gift agreement with Freedom Run Winery, located in Lockport. The winery has donated an acre of the vineyard to the College. The grapes will be used in NCCC's new Winery Operations Program which will be housed in the new Niagara Falls Hospitality and Tourism Center in Niagara Falls. "We are thrilled to be partners with Freedom Run Winery in creating a hands-on working lab for our students," said NCCC President James P. Klyczek. "This is another great step in the journey to create a world class Culinary Institute for the students of NCCC and the entire region." Larry Manning, VP of Freedom Run Winery, said "It provides students with real work experience at our vineyard that will be invaluable in the industry. We are also eager to become a partner with the college in the Hospitality and Tourism Center in downtown Niagara Falls. It will give the Niagara Wine Trail the ability to attract tourists from around the world to our vineyards during the height of the vacation season." The long term goal is to produce wine under the Culinary Institute name to be used in that facility’s restaurant and sold in the Culinary Institute wine boutique.

MULLEN SPEAKS AT RECOGNITION DINNER

NCCC President James P. Klyczek awarded Empire State Development Chairman and CEO Dennis Mullen an official Niagara Falls Culinary Institute jacket at the annual college Recognition Dinner held on campus on November 20th, 2010. Mullen also received the NCCC Board of Trustee award for his dedication to the Hospitality and Tourism project, which will be located in the Rainbow Centre property in downtown Niagara Falls. Mullen was also honored by the Niagara County Legislature for his efforts and was given a framed bicentennial wall hanging and plaque from Legislative Chairman Bill Ross and Legislator John Ceretto. A crowd of four hundred and fifty NCCC employees along with invited guests and dignitaries were in attendance for the yearly event which honors those who have contributed to NCCC with years of service and exceptional accomplishments.

RENEWED SCIENTIST DR. KAKU AT NCCC

Dr. Michio Kaku, an internationally recognized authority in Einstein’s unified field theory and host of the Science Channel’s "Sci Fi Science" program, was a featured speaker at Niagara County Community College in November. He is one of the most widely recognized figures in science and holds the Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York. Dr. Kaku graduated from Harvard University, received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley, has been a professor at CUNY for almost 30 years, and has taught at Harvard and Princeton. His goal is to complete Einstein’s dream of a “theory of everything,” to derive an equation, perhaps no more than one inch long, which will summarize all the physical laws of the universe. He is the co-founder of string field theory, which is the leading candidate today for the theory of everything. Kaku is the author of several international best sellers, including Hyperspace and Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century, and Parallel Worlds, a finalist for the prestigious Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction, and for the Aventist science book award.
TIBETAN BUDDHIST MONKS CREATE SAND ART

Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery completed construction of a Mandala Sand Painting in the NCCC College Arts & Media Theatre Lobby in April. The monks were assisted by NCCC students in creating a sand painting of a Sabres logo and the new NCCC Thunderwolves logo. The mandala sand painting week began with an opening ceremony. The lamas began the exhibit by drawing an outline of the mandala on the wooden platform. Each monk holds a traditional metal funnel called a chakpur while running a metal rod on its grated surface. The vibration causes the sands to flow like liquid onto the platform. Most sand mandalas are destroyed shortly after completion. This is done as a metaphor for the impermanence of life. The sands are swept up and placed in an urn; to fulfill the function of healing, half is distributed to the audience at the closing ceremony, while the remainder is carried to a nearby body of water, where it is deposited. The waters then carry the healing blessing to the ocean, and from there it spreads throughout the world for planetary healing.

STEVE TASKER UNVEILS NCCC THUNDERWOLVES MASCOT

“Tripp” the Thunderwolf was introduced to the Niagara County Community College community in December. NCCC President James P. Klyczek opened the ceremony and welcomed the College’s Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders, students, faculty and local elected officials. Special guests included Buffalo Bills great Steve Tasker and mascots Billy Buffalo, Sabretooth, Buster Bison and Rax of the Bandits. “This is the culmination of a process which began three years ago under the leadership of now retired Athletic Director Lee Wallace,” said President Klyczek. “NCCC has worked at upgrading the Athletic programs and part of that process was creating a new logo, nickname and mascot,” added Klyczek. “The unveiling of Tripp to the NCCC community is the final step in the creation of a new and vibrant Athletic program identity.” The new mascot has been named “Tripp” by a survey of the College community and was officially introduced by new NCCC Athletic Director Bob McKeown. “The Athletic department is thrilled to add a brand new mascot to go along with our new logo and look, “Tripp” will not only make our athletic events more exciting and entertaining but will appeal to a wide variety of fans and help put NCCC Athletics on the map,” stated McKeown. Buffalo Bills great Steve Tasker addressed the crowd after the unveiling and directed his comments to the student athletes in attendance on the theme of achieving your dreams. “This brings me back to my youth and the sense of excitement you can only find on a college campus,” said Tasker. “NCCC did a great job on their new logo and mascot and Tripp will be a terrific ambassador for the athletic programs here.”
Seneca Gaming Corporation and Niagara County Community College unveiled a powerful new tourism partnership in mid June, one which both organizations feel has the recipe for long-term success. Leaders from the Seneca Nation of Indians, the gaming corporation and the college announced that Seneca Gaming has entered into a sponsorship agreement with NCCC's soon to be developed culinary institute in downtown Niagara Falls. The gaming corporation, which operates Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel on behalf of the Seneca Nation of Indians, will invest $1.275 million in the culinary institute.

“This agreement brings together two partners who have made a commitment to the future of Niagara Falls,” said Robert Odawi Porter, President of the Seneca Nation of Indians. “The Seneca Nation and Seneca Gaming Corporation are thrilled that the culinary institute is being developed just a few blocks from Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel and we share in the college’s vision for what the institute can and will add to the landscape in downtown Niagara Falls.”

In exchange for its investment, Seneca Gaming Corporation will receive certain marketing opportunities, including co-sponsorship of special events, signage and inclusion in the tourism exhibit space at the culinary institute. Students enrolled in the culinary program will have the opportunity to secure an internship with the culinary staff at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, which features six full-service restaurants and other food outlets, as well as an extensive roster of banquet events which it hosts each year. Seneca Gaming will also establish an endowed scholarship at the college for members of the Seneca Nation who wish to pursue a career in the culinary arts. Cathy Walker, Seneca Gaming Corporation President and CEO, said, “...the Seneca Nation is committed to providing educational and career opportunities to Nation members so they can realize their full potential. This partnership helps the company and the Nation fulfill that mission.”
ASSEMBLYMAN CERETTO & SENATOR GRISANTI VISIT RAINBOW CENTRE SITE

New York State Senator Mark Grisanti and Assemblyman John Ceretto joined NCCC President Klyczek on a tour of the Rainbow Centre complex in downtown Niagara Falls on January 26th, 2011. The former Rainbow Centre is the future site of the Niagara County Community College Hospitality & Tourism Center and Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. The Rainbow Centre is located in the districts of both Senator Grisanti and Assemblyman Ceretto and the tour was intended to give both a close-up look of the site of the future NF Culinary Institute. The group was joined by media representatives from the Niagara Gazette, Buffalo News, and TV stations WKBW-TV and WIVB-TV. “I’m hoping that the students that come here and learn here want to stay here, work and live in this area, and promote and grow this area,” said Assemblyman John Ceretto. “And that’s one thing we need: our youth.” “Most visitors who come to Niagara Falls spend between 12 and 20 hours here,” said Senator Mark Grisanti. “This project will help change that. Now, they may stay an extra day and spend more of their tourism dollars here instead of in Canada.”

CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE SLAUGHTER TOURS RAINBOW CENTRE SITE

In May, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) toured the future site of the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute & Hospitality and Tourism Center at the former Rainbow Centre in downtown Niagara Falls. President Klyczek and College trustees Gina Virtuoso and F. Robert Sdao took her on the tour of the first floor of the facility and reviewed the latest architectural plans for the three story complex. Congresswoman Slaughter provided $100,000 in funding for the culinary labs in 2010 and was an early supporter of the project. The project is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012 and will include a fully operational restaurant, pastry shop, deli, wine boutique and Barnes & Noble bookstore. It is estimated that the NF Culinary Institute will eventually house 1,000 students, faculty and staff.
In 2010, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority approached NCCC about the possibility of renovating the Bergholtz Creek that runs south through the campus and east of “H” Building to Saunders Settlement Road. This resulted from the NFTA’s recent construction project at the Niagara Falls Airport which changed the flow of Cayuga Creek and potentially increased bird strikes to approaching flights at the foot of the runway. The NFTA needed to find an alternate location within the Cayuga Creek watershed to accommodate displaced waterfowl and thus the proposed renovation of Bergholtz Creek on the NCCC campus. With the cost of the project and five-year maintenance of the creek the responsibility of the NFTA, the project was enthusiastically approved by the NCCC Board of Trustees in the spring of 2011. The plan would slightly change the channel of Bergholtz Creek to allow for better flow in dry years and the banks would be planted with native, low-maintenance species as selected by Carolyn Stanko, Coordinator of NCCC’s Horticulture program. The construction should be completed by the fall of 2011 and the NFTA has revised their plan to include a bridge and future inclusion of the proposed Multi-Use Trail. This would allow the future construction of the trail without further environmental issues in the creek area.

NCCC STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

NCCC’s most recent five-year Strategic Plan was finalized in 2007. The plan contains seven broad goals related to academic excellence, accessibility, facilities, institutional effectiveness, economic development, community resource, and institutional distinctiveness. Each goal was associated with between two and six strategic objectives which, in turn, were achieved through numerous operational objectives. Progress on all objectives has been monitored and updated each year by the Office of Planning and Research. An annual report is circulated at the end of each year to the campus community.

The College has now completed its fourth year of the five-year plan and has made considerable progress in meeting the strategic objectives for each of the overarching goals. Contained within one of the strategic objectives was a major undertaking related to the implementation of all of the Middle States recommendations and suggestions from NCCC’s 2006 self-study and Middle States visit, all of the SUNY Mission Review recommendations, and several objectives carried over from the previous strategic plan. In total, this comprised 138 items. The College has addressed all of these with only a small number still needing some action.

As NCCC approaches the 2011-2012 academic year, focus will begin to shift from wrapping up the few remaining issues in the current plan to the development of another strategic plan. The process will begin with a review of the College mission and vision to determine whether any modification or revision is needed. From the mission and vision, the College will set a new direction to pursue, consistent with the mission and vision, to stay current and effective in its delivery of educational and community service.
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SAL PASSANESE RECEIVES JAMIESON AWARD

Dr. Salvatore Passanese, Chair of the Life Sciences Division, received the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award in early December. The Advisory Board of the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence selected Dr. Passanese as the fifth recipient of this award. He was nominated and selected based on his passion for teaching, engaging students in the learning process, and advocating for student leadership. The award was presented to Dr. Passanese by Professor Bryce McMichael of Life Sciences and Dr. Matthew Clarcq, Chair of the NCCC Instructional Resource Center.

MATH AWARD

Richard Sweet, a 1984 graduate of Lockport High School, received the 2011 Kenneth "Ben" Raymond Award for excellence in Math. Richard received the award from Raymond at a reception held in May.

MEDICAL ASSISTING AWARD

The Advisory Committee Award for Excellence in Medical Assisting was presented to Holly La Rose (Class of 2011) at the Medical Assistant Graduate Reception held on May 5th, 2011. The award criteria are based on GPA, professionalism, demeanor/conduct with peers, patients and supervisors. Nicole Keiper (Class of 2011) was awarded the first runner up certificate.
The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching has been awarded to Professor Yvonne Baptiste-Szymanski of the Life Sciences Division and Dr. Matthew Clarq of the Social Sciences Division. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service has been awarded to Lisa Dubuc, e-Learning Coordinator. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service has been awarded to Gretchen Mittelstaedt, Stenographer in the Vice President of Student Services' Office.

Brandon May received the President's Medallion award from NCCC President James P. Klyczek at the Student Life Awards Banquet held in May. The President's Medallion is awarded to a graduating sophomore student who has contributed significantly to the development of the co-curricular programs at the college. It recognizes academic achievement as well as outstanding "out of the classroom" accomplishments.
Meet the Challenge was the message given by Niagara County Community College Keynote Speaker William “Bill” Ross at the 47th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 14th in the NCCC gymnasium. Ross, Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature and a member of the NCCC Board of Trustees, addressed the crowd of 1,500, driving home the point that determination and hard work will win the day for graduates moving on. Niagara County Legislator Renae Kimble, who is retiring after nine terms, praised the graduates for their accomplishments and offered inspiring advice as they follow their dreams. Three hundred and forty graduates walked the stage and received diplomas from NCCC President James P. Klyczek, Trustee Gina Virtuoso and Trustee Sheila Smith. The Master of Ceremonies was Board Chairperson Bonnie Gifford and participating in the program were Board of Trustee members Malcolm Needler and Henry Wojtaszek, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Luba Chliwniak and the 2011 President’s Medallion Award winner and graduate Brandon May. Also on stage were Board of Trustee members F. Robert Sdao, Edward Pawenski, and Student Trustee Charles Aquilina. Niagara County Legislators on stage were Michael Hill, Renae Kimble, Russ Rizzo, Peter Smolinski and Paul Wojtaszek.
**ATHLETICS**

**PRESIDENT’S CUP AWARD**

Mark Manganaro was awarded the 2010-2011 President’s Cup. Mark has distinguished himself as a true student-athlete at NCCC with an overall GPA of 3.76. He ended his two-year career for the wrestling team with a 28-25 record, with this past season having a 23-9 record.

He was ranked 9th overall on the NJCAA National pole at the end of the season. He was a two-time NJCWC All-Academic team recipient, and a two-time National Qualifier.

In 2009-2010, he was named Niagara County Community College’s Athlete of the Week, he placed 3rd at the Region III Championship in the 141 pound weight class, he was 2nd team all-conference, 3rd team all-region and the Coach’s Award recipient for Wrestling.

In 2010-2011, he was Region III Champion for the 157 pound weight class, he was named NJCAA Region III 1st Team All-Region and WNYAC 1st Team All-Conference.

Congratulations Mark!

**GAIL TYLEC IN ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME**

Gail Tylec was both a member and captain of the Niagara County Community College volleyball team from 1978-1980. In 1980, Gail made Niagara County Community College history when she became the first female to receive the “President’s Cup.”

Gail held the position of women’s softball coach from 1988-1990, women’s volleyball coach from 1988-1993, and men’s volleyball coach from 1999-2002. She brought the men’s volleyball team to the National Tournament for three consecutive years. She was the NCCC Coach of the Year from 1999-2000 and 2001-2002. In 1992, Gail was named the Region III Women’s Volleyball “Coach of the Year” and received the NCCC Athletic Department’s “Contribution and Service Award.”

In 1993 she was named a Niagara County Community College Distinguished Alumni.

**WRESTLING TEAM GOES TO NATIONALS**

Coach Eric Knuutila and the following nine wrestlers traveled to Spokane, Washington on February 25-26 for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament:

- Rocco Rosso 125
- Tim Coughlin 141
- David Lyons 149
- Mark Manganaro 157
- Troy Ireland 165
- Dustin Moss 174
- Paul Ciaramella 184
- Travis Taylor 197
- Kyle Gibas 285

Troy Ireland and Kyle Gibas were named to the All-American team after their performance at the National Tournament.
NEW NCCC COACHES IN THREE SPORTS

NCCC was pleased to announce the hiring of three new coaches during the 2010-2011 season. Head Coach for Men's Lacrosse, Derrick Rose, joined us from North Tonawanda High School where he was formerly the Head Coach. Derrick played lacrosse for Canisius College from 2003-2007 where he was named to the All-Academic team all four years. Anthony Ventresca, NCCC Student Development Counselor, completed his first season as Head Coach of the Golf team. Ventresca assisted the previous NCCC Golf Coach with player management and events for the last eight years. Erin Whitehead, one of the most accomplished athletes at Niagara County Community College from 2005-2007, was named Head Women's Softball Coach. Whitehead played basketball and softball at NCCC under then Head Coach Bob McKeown. She was an all-conference and all-region pitcher, and was the winner of the school's President's Cup in 2007 as its Most Outstanding Athlete.

NEW BOWLING TEAM

NCCC reintroduced Men's and Women's Bowling for the 2010-2011 season, under Head Coach Anthony Massop. Massop put together a co-ed roster of six members: freshman AJ Speier, freshman Josh Harris, freshman Mike Vekich, freshman Cara Bacelli, freshman Colleen Suita, and freshman Eve Seiler. The team traveled to many tournaments in New York and are excited to pick up where they left off in the upcoming season.

Coach Anthony Massop with new bowling squad. Left to right, top to bottom: Cara Bacelli, AJ Speier, Josh Harris, Assistant Coach Afton Brousse, Head Coach Anthony Massop, Mike Vekich, Eve Seiler, Colleen Suita
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IN MEMORIAM: NORMAN SINCLAIR

Norman Sinclair, an original member of the NCCC Foundation Board of Directors, passed away in May at the age of 87. Norm dedicated over 24 years of service to NCCC through his tireless fund raising efforts and determination to make NCCC an exceptional institution of higher education. Sinclair was the first recipient of the President’s Medal in 2008 due to his service and embodiment of the true spirit of the college. President James Klyczek: “Norm was an outstanding community member, providing strong guidance and support to a number of organizations including the NCCC Foundation. Norm served as one of the founding members of the Foundation and was completing another term as Secretary and as a member of the Executive Committee. Norm Sinclair was always very straight to the point, committed and loyal. He will be deeply missed, but his gifts to the community and those fortunate to have worked with him will live on forever.” The Lockport native was born in 1924, and retired as president of the Lockport Savings Bank in 1989, but maintained a full-time involvement in service to the community and especially NCCC. Along with the NCCC Foundation, Sinclair was President of the Grigg-Lewis Foundation Board of Directors, a trustee for the 4-H sponsors committee, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, a trustee for the YWCA and on the Lockport Town & Country Club board.
On Saturday, October 16, 2010 over 400 people gathered in the NCCC gymnasium to support the NCCC Foundation at its 20th Annual Scholarship Gala. The scholarship gala is the College's largest fundraiser with the NCCC Culinary and Pastry Arts students preparing a delectable meal showcasing their culinary talents while attendees view basket, silent and live auction items. The 2010 Gala was a monumental event, raising over $100,000 to support student scholarships as well as the announcing of the donation of the former Rainbow Mall (the future location of The Hospitality and Tourism Center) by its owner David Cordish. This donation was recorded as the largest donation to a SUNY community college. In addition to this memorable celebration, one NCCC alumnus was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Gallery. Eric L. Gansworth '86 was added to the list of 64 alumni who have exemplified achievement in community involvement, professional employment and college service. The success of the 2010 gala is largely due to the numerous volunteers, donors and sponsors. Thank you to the 2010 sponsors...

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2010 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Eric L. Gansworth, is many things to the literary and art world, such as an Onondaga poet, novelist, playwright, artist, celebrated storyteller and 2010 NCCC Distinguished Alumnus. Gansworth, a Professor of English and Lowery Writer-in-Residence at Canisius College and former NCCC faculty member, was born and raised on the Tuscarora Indian Nation. His rich lineage serves as the inspiration and premise of his numerous poems, novels, plays and paintings. Gansworth's educational endeavors began in 1986 when he graduated from NCCC with an associate's degree in applied sciences. He continued his education at the State University New York College at Buffalo (Buffalo State) where he received his bachelor's and master's degree in English. He went on to become a nationally acclaimed writer, artist and playwright, publishing nine books, producing four plays and showing his art at numerous schools, libraries and galleries. He has also been honored with awards and residency at The Seaside Institute, Institute for American Indians Arts Lannan Foundation, SUNY Diversity Grant Residency, College of Menominee National Endowment for the Humanities all campus reading, Minnesota State Arts Board Author Tour Grant, PEN Oakland Award, and National Book Critics Circle "Good Reads List" award.
ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT In 2011, the Alumni Association moved toward a goal of further alumni engagement by continuing with an annual calendar of events.

FLOWER SALE 2011 The Alumni Association raised over $800 to support student scholarships at their annual Nurses Pinning Ceremony and Commencement flower sales.

WINGSTOCK 2011 The Alumni Association held its 2nd Annual Wingstock on the evening of Commencement, Saturday, May 14, 2011, in the NCCC campus gym, featuring two live bands: Everyday People and Murphy’s Law, as well as local wing vendors competing for the best chicken wing. Over 175 people attended this event to support student scholarships.

NCCC THUNDERWOLVES 5K RUN/WALK The Alumni Association revitalized their once popular 5K run. On Friday, June 10, 2011 over 70 runners and walkers came out to participate in the run/walk.

ALUMNI MAGAZINE The newly redesigned alumni magazine was released in May of 2011, highlighting feature stories of our alumni. The bold new look and select feature stories highlight alumni success and the college success. See the latest edition of the alumni newsletter in this publication.

FACEBOOK Expanded the fan base of the NCCC Alumni Association Facebook fan page.

Gained a greater social media presence of the NCCC Alumni Association by utilizing social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr specifically to engage alumni.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The NCCC Foundation presented $233,400 in scholarship awards to nearly 150 recipients in 2010-2011.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS (DSS) This scholarship honors the most academically gifted and community minded students of the incoming freshman class and represents a total of $36,500 in scholarships over the two years. The recipients for 2010-2012 are Joseph Ditto (Niagara Wheatfield High School), Kimberly Garbus (North Tonawanda High School), Stephanie Loyd (Starpoint High School), Sara Oliphant (Lewiston-Porter High School), and Steven Wojcinski (Lockport High School).

2010 Distinguished Student Scholarship Recipients Joseph Ditto, Stephanie Loyd, NCCC Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship Committee Chair Melanie Collins Tisdale, Kimberly Garbus, Sara Oliphant and Steven Wojcinski.
The $17.1 million, 90,000 square foot Niagara Falls Culinary Institute and Hospitality & Tourism Center is scheduled to open for the Fall semester of 2012 with initially 400 students. The Institute will eventually have up to 1,000 students and faculty, a year-round student-operated fine dining restaurant, pastry shop, wine boutique, and a Barnes and Noble store.
HISTORY OF PRESIDENTIAL PARTNERS

The Presidential Partners group was formed in 1993 by then NCCC President Gerald L. Miller. Annually, a group of prospective donors were invited to join the Presidential Partners, to become acquainted with the President and be included in special activities or significant events associated with the College. The goals of the program included building relationships with donors with potential for major gifts or planned giving opportunities, and educating prestigious members of the community about the College. In return, Presidential Partners were asked to donate $1,000 to the Foundation annually to participate in this important endeavor. Initially, the Partners were comprised of a few faculty, foundation board members, college trustees and members of the community. With proceeds directly funding scholarships, the new program is co-chaired by College Trustee and Foundation Board Member, F. Robert Sdao and Foundation Board Member and NCCC Professor, James Mezhir.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND GOAL

The Presidential Partners of NCCC is a select group of individuals who recognize the special needs of Niagara County Community College, and who, in turn, merit recognition by the College for their outstanding support. In addition to a certificate of membership, Presidential Partners will enjoy a number of special privileges, including:

- Invitations to select College special events such as Commencement and theater productions as a guest of the President
- Acknowledgement at the College’s annual Recognition Dinner
- Inclusion in the College’s and Foundation’s official publications
- Members’ names are prominently displayed at the College

Presidential Partners derive the inherent satisfaction of knowing their gifts to the Foundation directly benefit students. Our goal is to have 50 Presidential Partners for the College’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 2012. If you are interested in becoming a Presidential Partner, please contact the Foundation office at (716) 614-5911.

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MyNCCC Story: Education as the Key to Success in Life

In life, we often move through our daily routines picking up “valued keys to success.” Keys may represent who we are, who we become, experiences we live, and the learning and education we receive. Those keys often unlock a world of possibilities never conceived. Kathy Dolce, NCCC retiree, and her sister Jean Doctor, long time supporters of the NCCC Foundation Scholarship program, have dedicated the past 20 years to unlocking possibilities for students at NCCC. Their parents instilled in them that “education is a key to success in life.” The Dolce-Valvo scholarship was established in 1991 as a way to thank their parents who were strong advocates of education. Kathy and Jean have recently chosen to again honor their parents’ legacy by finalizing the necessary documents to make a planned gift in their honor. As a result, the college’s art gallery will be renamed the Dolce-Valvo Art Center after their parents at a dedication ceremony planned for this September. They carry the key passed from their parents to them, hoping to unlock doors to a successful education and lives for students at NCCC. Kathy and Jean encourage you to join them in their continued journey by considering a planned gift to the NCCC Foundation, Inc. To ensure that your success can be passed on to future NCCC students, contact Deborah Brewer at the NCCC Foundation for more information, or to discuss how you may provide the key to open educational doors to NCCC’s future students.
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# NCCCC Financial Statements

## Statement of Unrestricted Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Fund Balance

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(A) Does not include the expense associated with implementation of SGAS 45 regarding the accounting for other post-employment benefits of $9,780,317, which served to reduce the fund balance on August 31, 2010, to a deficit of $29,135,999.

The Grants Office managed over $2.1 million in grant funds during the most recently completed fiscal year. To date, a total of 24 grant applications were submitted in 2010-2011. The Grants Office submitted over $5.7 million in funding requests and $2,509,706 in requests remain pending.

## FUNDING

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NCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONNECTIONS

Culinary Innovation - Hospitality & Tourism Center

INSIDE: Q&A - All in the Family | Scholarship Gala | Going for G.O.L.D.
Like a gentle breeze carrying the savory scents of the latest NCCC culinary kitchen creation, the Niagara County Community College Hospitality and Tourism Center and Culinary Arts Institute is a welcome addition to the cataract city. It was December of 2009 when the NCCC Board of Trustees approved an agreement to locate the new Hospitality and Tourism Center and Culinary Arts Institute in a portion of the vacant Rainbow Mall in Niagara Falls. Now, almost two years later the Mall has been gutted and is ready to house the $21 million dollar project which is a unique combination of education and tourism. It is a project that is also expected to generate future growth in a city that still carries world-wide recognition.

It is fitting that a Cataract city come-back would have NCCC as a catalyst with the new Hospitality and Tourism Center. From its humble beginnings in the old Nabisco Shredded Wheat building in the Falls, NCCC has beckoned the area's youth to higher education and has grown to be the crowned jewel of Niagara County. Now, with enrollment at record levels, NCCC has a new generation of students embracing a community college education and once again involving a prominent location in Niagara Falls.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of chefs, head cooks, food preparation and serving supervisors is expected to increase 6% while hotel and other accommodations industry is expected to grow by 5% from 2008 to 2018. With one of the seven natural wonders as a backdrop, students attending NCCC's new facility will learn how to work in the growing hospitality, tourism and culinary arts sector. This new vision of Niagara Falls will invite visitors to stay more than four hours in the city giving them the opportunity to watch students hone their culinary skills through the glass classroom walls, participate in culinary couples and family classes, learn about local produce, as well as watch ice sculpture carving in real time. Some will open small businesses or be employed by large hotel chains, but all resulting in job creation with tourism as the core concept.

Cordish Co. of Baltimore held the lease on the Rainbow Mall until 2056, but donated the mall and adjacent land to the Niagara County Community College Foundation. The NCCC Foundation turned
over the mall to Niagara County since the county holds land in trust for use by the College. The remaining property will be developed by USA Niagara Development and the City of Niagara Falls.

As exciting as that all is, there is more... Vice President of Workforce and Community Development; Randyll Bowen gave us a sneak peek of what’s to come. “Community Education will be hosting cooking classes and there will be retail options for patrons of the Deli, Pastry shop or Restaurant. We will also run a wine boutique that will showcase the Niagara Wine Trail and New York State wines.”

Innovative, buy local, farm-to-table and sustainable are all buzzwords in the world right now, especially the culinary arts industry. Chefs, now more than ever, are working with local farmers to bring the best quality products to the general public. In fact, that is exactly what Executive Chef and Culinary Program Coordinator Mark Mistriner ’87 is doing for the institute, identifying several local vendors for produce and meats with the goal of buying local to support local farmers.

In addition, sustainability and green technology in the building is also an important part of the design project. Cannon Design, the architectural engineering firm hired, will be building the project to LEED certification standards which is their general practice in design. In addition, NCCC project leaders are also working with NYSERDA to make green or sustainable choices ranging from windows, lights and cooking equipment.

**So what makes this project innovative?**

This state of the art facility will give students retail experience in the various retail outlets that they may not get in another program. In addition, partnering with the Seneca Gaming Corporation will provide the students a first class opportunity to do internships at a resort property. The hope is that it serves as an economic development engine, acting as a catalyst for future development in the Old Falls area.
Q: WHAT’S YOUR STORY? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
A: I have lived in Niagara County all my life and grew up in Love Canal. Most of my family has attended N-Trip for one reason or another, my six-year old son attended the child development center and my 14-year old daughter and I attend culinary classes. I just never thought of going anywhere else. I would like to say something profound and enlightening...something that makes one feel “warm and fuzzy” about N-Trip...but the truth is my sister was attending when she graduated from high school and we could carpool. My sister and I were the only ones in the family to go to college so it was all new. NCCC had secretarial administration and I heard great things about the teachers. I studied really hard and did my best on “timings” and appreciated all the strictness of the instructors. The very first thing I did the summer before September classes started was to find out how I could get a job on campus. That’s when my “hands on” education began. Working in the Public Relations office was an eye opening experience as to the runnings of an office. The people were great and I soon found myself wanting to work at the office and not go to class...for the record I didn’t do that often.

Q: WHAT WAS IT LIKE BEING A STUDENT HERE?
A: I didn’t get involved in clubs because I enjoyed working in PR. I loved the people at the college and once I got my degree I took the civil service test for a typist and stenographer and got in the top three to be hired. I had to wait for an opening and I started full-time in the Office of Institutional Advancement. This office encompassed PR, Creative Services, and the NCCC Foundation, Inc. where I had the unique opportunity to work the very first scholarship dinner! I also took part in the very successful "In Your Neighborhood" program where the college went out into the community so they would have a better understanding of what we had to offer. The College received a very prestigious award for this program as well.

Q: CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR NCCC GRADUATION?
A: I was in the “trial” December Graduating Class when the college tried a commencement in December and graduated with my AAS in secretarial administration. This was a very causal commencement during the week where a cap and gown wasn’t worn. I dreamed to go further with my education, but settled for being a “student of life” for now...

Q: WHY HAVE YOU STAYED WORKING HERE?
A: PEOPLE, PEOPLE, PEOPLE! We have some of the best people working here, many undiscovered award winners. I love what our mission is all about and really love working with students. Starting as a student in PR, moving to Institutional Advancement, then to the Faculty Resource Center, and finally to the Vice President for Student Services Office has been very rewarding for me. It has given me the opportunity to see a variety of what the college has to offer!

Q: CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED AT NCCC?
A: I won the President’s Excellence in Service Award in 1996. I was nominated by my peers and a student. The position I held at the time was in the Faculty Resource Center run by Professor Passanese. I immediately became a Lifetime Member of the NCCC Alumni Association after receiving my award because I wanted to give back to the institution that gave me so much.

Q: HAS THERE BEEN AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON AT NCCC THAT HAS HELPED MOLD YOU INTO THE PERSON YOU ARE?
A: There are many of them, you know who you are, and you’re reading this right now laughing saying you knew I would answer this question like that!!! Those people that saw my potential and let me be me and share my special qualities with the campus, helped me refine and broaden my work ethic and articulate my inexperienced statements into quality and excellent work. “It takes a village to raise a child.” I feel it takes an entire campus to help make someone “chancellor quality.” I didn’t get to where I am today by just hard work and dedication to the mission of the college. It was the people around me that helped me achieve this goal. I do have to acknowledge the tenacity of those that submitted my name for this award...not once, but twice! A BIG thank you to all those that helped me achieve this endeavor. My family has been a big part of influencing my direction in life as well.

Q: HOW DOES IT FEEL TO RECEIVE THE CHANCELLOR’S AWARD?
A: I am of course honored and was very shocked when the letter was read to me. I do what I do because I love it, not for recognition or awards. I feel the real award winners are those people in the halls and in the classrooms and the offices that do what they do against all odds and challenges.

Q: HOW WILL YOU CONTINUE TO STAY CONNECTED?
A: I will continue to volunteer for committees and get involved in projects across campus that are important. One of my goals is to serve on at least one Board to represent the college, giving back to the community is very important to me.

“I was quoted as saying "It’s because of you that I am so excellent!" when I won the President’s Excellence in Service Award in 1996. I did not mean it to sound arrogant, I was trying to convey that it takes an entire campus to assist someone to be excellent and have it be part of who they are and to continue to strive for it. That is what I have done for the last 20 years of my adventure at N-Trip...strive for excellence and remind people what a great place N-Trip really is.” - Gretchen Mittelstaedt ’90
Twin brothers, Distinguished Alumnus and their wives will lead the NCCC Foundation as they attempt another record breaking year of raising funds to support student scholarships at NCCC. Co-chairs Richard Winter ’74 and Ronald Winter ’74 are taking their sibling rivalry and distinguished alumnus titles very serious these days. No, battle lines are not drawn, instead a little healthy competition is beginning to benefit students that attend NCCC.

MISSION GOAL: RAISE MORE THAN $100,000 FOR DESERVING STUDENTS

Credentials - Ronald Winter ’74

A Niagara Falls native, Ron graduated from North Tonawanda High School before enrolling at NCCC. He earned his A.S. in the Math/Science curriculum, LA-02. He transferred his credits to the University at Albany where he earned a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Science. Med school was his destination; the law became his career.

Ron continued his education at University at Buffalo Law School, receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1981. His first legal job was as an Assistant Niagara County District Attorney, a position he left in 2001 with the title Second Assistant and Chief of Homicide.

For the past 10 years, Ron has been the Principal Law Clerk to Acting Supreme Court Justice Richard C. Kloch, Sr. in Lockport. He is admitted to practice before the courts of New York State, the Federal District Court for the Western District of New York and, since 1988, the United States Supreme Court.

Ron has volunteered countless hours on behalf of NCCC as a guest speaker in classrooms, as a Trustee (1997-2006), as a Foundation Board member, and most recently as a member of the Alumni Association Board. He has also chaired the Niagara County Legal Aid Society, was President of the Bar Association of the Tonawandas, was active in the Wrights Corners Volunteer Fire Company, is an adjunct professor of Trial Technique at UB Law School, and chaired the annual Quality Student dinner program for high school students in Lockport.

Ron is married to the former Joan Carol Schwegler and they reside in Lockport with their two daughters, Rachel and Lydia.

Credentials - Richard Winter ’74

Rick Winter is the owner and operator of Richardson Management, a local consulting and business development firm providing strategic planning and problem-solving expertise to some of Western New York’s most prominent companies. He is the co-founder of Carbon Export, LLC a New York based firm designed to help organizations in their effort to “Go Green” and provide third-party verification when defining a company’s carbon footprint. Rick is also the co-founder of Prismatic Development, Inc. an international consulting and business development company specializing in the funding, marketing and commercialization of innovative technologies. The company objective is to marry the brightest intellectual minds and concepts with members of the entrepreneurial community to form a balanced and well-managed equity partnership.

Rick Winter has had extensive experience in State and Regional government. He previously served as Chief-of-Staff of New York State Senator George Maziarz, the current chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications committee, was appointed by then Governor George Pataki to serve as a Commissioner on the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, and was appointed by the Niagara County Legislature to serve as a Director of the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency.

Rick graduated from NCCC with an associate’s degree and a bachelor’s degree from Buffalo State College. He is also the co-founder of Hats, Gloves and Love, LLC a Western New York charity that provides hats and gloves to children from underprivileged families, and the owner of Winter Jewelry, a Buffalo-based fine jewelry outlet specializing in wholesale diamond sales and custom-made diamond jewelry manufacturing. Rick is married to the former Peggy Sekera where they reside in both their Buffalo, NY and Scottsdale, AZ homes with their two sons, Elliott and Nathan who are both NCCC alumni.

Join us October 15, 2011 in helping students realize their dreams. To become a sponsor, buy a ticket or donate an item to our basket, silent or live auctions visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation-alumni/
REMARKS TO THE 2011 GRADUATING CLASS
OF NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By Niagara County Legislator Renae Kimble’74

At the 2011 Commencement Ceremony
Niagara County Legislator and Distinguished
Alumna Renae Kimble passed along some
words to inspire graduates as they move onto
the workforce or further their education.

“Thank you Trustee Needler, President
Klyczek, the trustees, faculty members, the
administration, staff, distinguished guests,
family, friends and especially to the graduating
Class of 2011. I am extremely honored to
bring you greetings on behalf of the Niagara
County Legislature, a proud sponsor of Niagara
County Community College.

We are proud sponsors because we believe in Niagara County Community College. We
believe in investing in educational excellence. We believe that we receive a tremendous
return on our investment, educated future leaders who are able to compete in today's
global economy. We believe in investing in people in an effort to better their quality of
life. We believe in investing in Niagara County Community College, in order to better a
student's college experience.

Graduates, you are the ones who have defied the odds – in spite of the hardships
you may have faced, be it as a non-traditional, an international, an economically
disadvantaged, a physically disabled, and a traditional student, or the first person from
your family to graduate; your presence here today signifies to this room of witnesses that
yes, you made it. Your hard work, sacrifice, dedication and discipline was worth it.
No one can take away from you this transformative crowning achievement in your life.
You made the choice to obtain a higher education. Education is knowledge and
knowledge is power. Now what you do with this newly acquired knowledge is solely up to
you.

Just keep achieving. Never give in, never quit, never be defeated and never give up
because the only person who can stop you is you.
Be a world changer, challenge the status quo, never limit yourself, but believe and
succeed. Believe in God, believe in yourself, and believe that you can overcome any
difficulty that comes your way because you are so prepared. You are so well prepared.
Niagara County Community College has prepared you with the skills necessary to
effectively compete in today's technologically advanced society.

Remember this is not the end of the road, but this is only the beginning. Your
graduation today marks the culmination of the blood, sweat and tears that you invested
in achieving your goal of obtaining the title of college graduate.

Your graduation today is a call to action; it is a call for you to not just believe in the
American dream, but a call to action for you to achieve the American dream.
Your opportunities are limitless. Go out there, soar to new heights and breakthrough
any obstacle that may come your way because you have taken the time to receive the tools
necessary to effectively compete in today's technologically advanced society.”

Chapel at Camp Kenan Dedicated to Honor the
Son of David Tobin, NCCC Retiree

The Friends of Camp Kenan are
pleased to honor the memory of Michael
Tobin by bringing back to life the “Old
Chapel in the Woods.” The Friends will
host a dedication and renaming of the
newly renovated Chapel at Camp Kenan
in Barker, NY, on Saturday, September
10, 2011, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. After a
dedication service, the refurbished site
will be renamed the “Michael Tobin
Memorial Chapel.”
In 1989 Michael Tobin attended
NCCC while awaiting a heart transplant.
On September 21, 1989, he received a
new heart. Although his surgery was
considered successful, his body rejected
the new heart and he passed away on
October 8, 1989.
Michael was the son of David and
Cathy Tobin of Lockport. David
Tobin retired in 2007 from NCCC as a
professor of English. Cathy Tobin retired
as a teacher in 2010 from St. Mary’s
Elementary School in Lancaster.
"I was so honored to attend the USO Woman of the Year Luncheon with Bonnie. She volunteered to put her studies and family on hold to spend a year serving her country as part of an Army RAID team. Her courage and dedication to her country are admirable. With her leadership skills and "can-do" attitude, Bonnie will do great things for the local horticultural industry and our community."

- Carolyn Stanko, Horticulture Program Coordinator

A female war hero, landscape designer, mother, scholarship recipient and recent alumna barely describes the impressive roles Petty Officer 2nd Class Bonnie Wysocki has occupied. Wysocki, a 2011 graduate and horticulture scholarship recipient, was recently honored as one of the "Faces of Homeland Security: Heroes on the Front Lines." As the only female on a 15-person Coast Guard Redeployment Assistance and Inspection Detachment (RAID), Wysocki was an inspector of hazardous materials and containers stationed throughout remote bases in central Iraq. She was honored as one of 18 Department of Homeland Security members that work at every level of terrorism prevention, securing the United States borders, enforcing immigration laws, safeguarding cyberspace in addition to preparing and responding to disasters.

But Wysocki's great accomplishments don't stop there. This spring Wysocki received a leadership award at the 45th Annual USO Woman of the Year Luncheon hosted by the USO of Metropolitan New York at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Wysocki was one of five female service members— one from each branch of the armed forces— who received the award in commemoration of their dedication, achievements, and service to the country. The Military Leadership Awards were presented by television journalist and best-selling author Rita Cosby, as well as Oliver Mendell, chairman emeritus of the USO, Rear Adm. Michelle Howard Navy, and Miss USA Rima Fakih.

After beginning her education at NCCC in 2008 Wysocki was deployed on a 10-month mission to Iraq and Kuwait. She returned from her mission to her home in Youngstown, New York and promptly began her horticulture studies again. Receiving both the Key Bank scholarship offered by the NCCC Foundation scholarship program and the WNY Nurseryman's Association scholarship, Wysocki graduated in May 2011 with an associate's degree in individual studies and a certificate in horticulture. She is continuing her service through the Coast Guard reserves. We are lucky to have her as part of our network of over 30,000 alumni!