## NCCC at a Glance

### FALL 2011 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

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### ACCREDITATIONS

- INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION - MSCHE
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT - MAERB & CAAHEP
- NURSING - NLNAC
- PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT - CAPTE
- RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY - JRCERT
- SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY - ARC & CAAHEP

### FALL 2011 ENROLLMENT

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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.

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.

For the past 50 years, Niagara County Community College has been focused on providing a quality education to area residents.

Niagara County Community College saw much success and experienced many changes during the 2011-2012 Academic Year. The College community mourned the passing of its fourth president, Gerald L. Miller, on March 2. Additionally, two long-time trustees retired from board service this year, and the Board of Trustees welcomed a new member.

Academically, College faculty and staff received many awards and accolades and our Hospitality and Tourism students and faculty made the move to their new home in Niagara Falls. SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher had the chance to experience a few of the many great programs NCCC has to offer at the SUNY Showcase in May.

Outside of the classroom, the Art Gallery was dedicated to two long-time benefactors of the College with the promise to continue the tradition of cultivating amazing exhibits. Student Life brought a coach with an inspirational story to campus. And, a best-selling author lauded our graduates for their accomplishments and inspired them to continue on their journey.

On the field, our Athletics programs took the national stage and made us proud. From the Baseball team’s second place finish at the NJCAA World Series to national berths in Volleyball, Wrestling and Golf, NCCC athletes made their mark in ’11-12.

All of this culminated with the kickoff of the College’s 50th year at Balloons Over Niagara in July. Thousands of people visited our campus to experience the majesty of almost 50 hot air balloons across the sky.

I invite you to read on to learn how the NCCC Community has awed and inspired over the last year. We are proud of all we have accomplished and look forward to beginning the legacy of the next 50 years.

Dr. James P. Klyczek
President
Vincent Ginestre was appointed to the Board of Trustees in December 2011. Ginestre is an Attorney in private practice concentrating in the areas of Surrogate's Court, Family Law, Real Estate, Civil Litigation and Criminal Law. He has been in private practice since 1974, while simultaneously holding positions as a prosecutor in the City of North Tonawanda (1974-1977) and in different areas of specialty as an Assistant Niagara County Attorney (1977-2002). He is affiliated with the Erie and Niagara County Bar Associations, as well as the Bar Association of the Tonawandas. Ginestre is a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo with a B.A. in History and the University of Notre Dame with a J.D. in Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1972.

Michael Dombrowski was named Vice President of Operations effective August 29, 2011. In his position, Dombrowski oversees all college operations including the Facilities, Maintenance and Security Divisions.

Prior to joining NCCC, Dombrowski served as the Director of Facilities/Clinical Engineering/Bio-Med at TLC Health Network where he provided leadership in project and construction management, cost containment, staff development, and long-range planning for a major healthcare system in WNY. He also has more than 8 years of experience as a field service engineer working in the Medical Devices and Hospital & Health Care industries. Dombrowski holds a BSM in Business Management from Houghton College. 
### New Faces

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"As we begin our 50th year, the administration, faculty and staff at Niagara County Community College will continue our commitment to academic excellence and will maintain a passionate dedication to ensuring that our students meet their goals."

President James P. Klyczek
Former NCCC President Gerald L. Miller passed away suddenly on March 2, 2012. Mr. Miller served as the College’s fourth president from 1989-1999. Prior to his inauguration as President, Jerry Miller served 21 years at the College as a professor of English, Speech and Theatre, Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students, Associate Dean of Developmental Learning, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Acting President. Among his many accomplishments during his tenure as President, Jerry was founder of the NOW Theater, developed the “In Your Neighborhood” campaign for the college, and started the Presidential Partners program in 1993, a scholarship giving program reopened just this past year. Jerry’s wife, Dorothy, and their son, Bill, joined the campus community for a memorial service in the Fine Arts Auditorium on July 11.

TWO LONG-TIME TRUSTEES RETIRE FROM BOARD SERVICE

A founding member of the Board of Trustees, Edward Pawenski was the longest tenured member, first appointed in 1962 by the Niagara County Legislature. He had been reappointed six times and was Chairman of the Board for 19 consecutive years. Among the highlights of Pawenski’s career as a member of the NCCC Board of Trustees was his original resolution in 1959 to establish a community college and his meeting with Lech Walesa, the leader of the Polish Solidarity Movement and former Polish President. Additionally, he was involved with the selection of the NCCC founding president, Dr. Ernest Notar, as well as all subsequent college presidents. He also served on the site committee that selected the Sanborn location for a permanent campus. In 2007, Pawenski was recognized by the New York Community College Trustees Association with the first-ever Founding Trustee Award for his dedication to NCCC. His retirement from Board Service was effective in June, 2012.

F. Robert Sdao served as a Governor’s Appointed Trustee of Niagara County Community College from 1996 to 2011, retiring in December after 15 years of service. He also served for nine terms as the board appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees Personnel Committee and served 11 years as a member of the College Association, Inc. Board of Directors of NCCC. Additionally, Sdao has served 11 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Niagara County Community College Foundation and he vigorously participates in community philanthropy and political affairs, and has participated extensively in the Foundation’s Major Gifts Campaign and served as Chairman of the Foundation Scholarship Gala. While on the Board, Sdao helped to develop innovative programs, such as the college’s on campus student housing and the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, and has contributed extensive time and expertise toward the development of key college planning documents. He has actively participated in the development of the College’s Strategic Plan and has long been a proponent of maintaining low tuition costs.

Edward Pawenski

F. Robert Sdao
The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute welcomed the first students through its doors on September 4, 2012. The 90,000 square foot facility in a portion of the former Rainbow Mall in downtown Niagara Falls is the new home to NCCC’s hospitality and tourism related programs. In addition to state-of-the-art classrooms and kitchens, the facility features a student run restaurant, deli, pastry shop and wine boutique. A culinary themed Barnes & Noble bookstore, in addition to a tourism kitchen sponsored by Wegmans, is among the other highlights. The project has received strong support throughout the State and region, including $2 million in funding from the Regional Economic Development Council. Among the supporters is the Seneca Gaming Corporation who presented the College with a $1.2 million donation earlier this year.

NCCC is also the recipient of more than $200,000 in grant funding over the next four years from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and joins a 17-state partnership led by Missouri State University to enhance educational opportunities for the grape and wine industry. The project, a part of the Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology Alliance (VESTA), focuses on the establishment of programs of study in viticulture and enology in colleges across the country to develop highly qualified technicians with industry validated credentials in grape and wine production. VESTA creates a pathway for persons interested in certified training in viticulture and enology including hands-on field experiences using partnerships with area vineyards and wineries. NCCC President Dr. James Klyczek noted that this project will enable NCCC students, as well as students from other regions of the state, to learn the skills needed to gain employment in the ever expanding grape and wine production industry. Dr. Klyczek also noted that this expansion comes at a good time for the College with the opening of the new Culinary Institute. "We are already poised for growth in our Culinary and Hospitality and Tourism programs, so adding an online learning component for the wine programs will fit in nicely with that expansion," he added.
ART GALLERY RENAMED TO HONOR RETIREE’S LATE PARENTS

The NCCC Art Gallery was renamed the Dolce Valvo Art Center on September 28, 2011 to honor the late Josephine Valvo Dolce and Joseph D. Dolce in a ceremony led by NCCC President Dr. James Klyczek. Klyczek was joined at the ceremony by Kathy Dolce and Jean Doctor, long-time supporters of the College Foundation and the Dolce’s daughters, as well as Bonnie Sloma, Chair of the NCCC Board of Trustees and Ron Winkley, Chair of the NCCC Foundation Board. Kathy Dolce, a NCCC retiree, and her sister, Jean Doctor, established the Dolce-Valvo scholarship in 1991 as a way to thank their parents who were strong advocates of education. The women note that their parents instilled in them that “education is a key to success in life” and honored their parents’ legacy once again with another recent donation to the college. According to President Klyczek, this last donation coupled with the pair’s long history of support for the College Foundation prompted the renaming of the gallery. “Because of Kathy and Jean’s unwavering support of the college and the NCCC community, we have decided to rename the art gallery after their parents,” Klyczek said. “The Dolce Valvo Art Center will be a lasting legacy to the passion for education that Kathy and Jean’s parents impressed upon them.”

NCCC SHINES AT SUNY SHOWCASE

NCCC, along with nine other regional SUNY campuses, participated in the SUNY Showcase at the Burchfield Penney Art Center on May 1. State University of New York Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and SUNY Chairman H. Carl McCall were on hand and toured NCCC’s three booths. Both were highly impressed with the displays at the Horticulture booth, where attendees received a complimentary seedling for their garden; the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute/VESTA booth, where they were treated to a cake decorating demonstration and a truffle sample; and the Recreation Studies booth, which featured the Quick Response Code project that will be utilized in the Niagara Falls State Park.

COACH HERMAN BOONE BRINGS LESSONS OF LEADERSHIP TO NCCC CAMPUS

The Office of Student Life, in conjunction with the Student Programming Board, continued its strong tradition of bringing national speakers to campus with a presentation by Coach Herman Boone on February 29 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Boone’s story of three schools merging into one to form TC Williams High School in racially charged Alexandria, Virginia is the basis for the movie Remember the Titans.

Boone related the struggles he faced after beating out local favorite and successful coach Bill Yoast of the formerly all-white Hammond High to become head coach of the Titans. He stressed the importance of teamwork and unity noting that the two coaches put their prejudices aside and worked together to unify the team. The team came together to form a bond with a common vision - to win football games - and ultimately win the state championship that season.
Pauline Soeffing and Maureen Henderson received the SBA Women in Business Champion of the Year Award for the Buffalo District in May.

**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

The Office of Student Development provides numerous services for students throughout the year, including advisement, work study, career planning and job placement. A few of the highlights from the office this year include:

- **Creating a Well Routed Student.** The College's first annual Community Service and Internship Fair took place in April and had 20 service agencies in attendance. Attendance is expected to grow from year to year as the office educates the NCCC student population on the importance of this type of experience in a competitive job market.

- **“Resumaniacs” hit the road.** Student Employment took their services out of the traditional office setting and helped students create a professional resume wherever they were -- Cafeteria, College Suites, etc.

- **In partnership with Yahoo.** Looking to fill numerous positions, Lockport-based Yahoo agreed to exclusively partner with Student Employment Services at NCCC to fill them. Alissa Shugats-Cummings organized a formidable outreach to our students and alumni and 60 on-campus interviews were conducted (57 students and 3 alumni) to successfully fill 14 available positions.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SBDC**

The Niagara Small Business Development Center (SBDC), hosted by NCCC since 1984, continues to assist new and established businesses in Niagara County and beyond. The center is on pace to work with over 520 new clients, have assisted 850 total clients, and have helped stimulate $10,000,000 in economic impact during the 2011-2012 academic year. The center also hosted nearly 1,000 training attendees for a wide variety of business workshops. Topics included international trade, selling on eBay, QuickBooks, a three part advanced business program as well as a five part business basics series.

The center’s staff was recently honored for its superior service. Pauline Soeffing and Maureen Henderson, Business Advisors, received the SBA Women in Business Champion of the Year Award for the Buffalo District in May of 2012. Pauline and Maureen have been business advisors with the SBDC for several years. Their extensive counseling provides assistance and enhances business ownership for women including monthly counseling sessions at the Canisius College Women’s Business Center. Their assistance has helped advance women’s business ownership by improving the environment and detailing opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

Pauline Soeffing was also named the 1st Runner-up for the New York State SBDC Advisor of the Year Award. This award given out in May of 2012 was based on the quality of her client counseling, the number of clients she served, and her economic impact in the community. This accomplishment is noteworthy as there are over 130 advisors in New York; many of whom work in more densely populated and economically robust parts of the state.

**MEDICAL ASSISTING LAB**

The new Medical Assistant/Phlebotomy lab was completed during the Spring 2012 Semester. The newly renovated facility tripled the program's physical space allowing for state-of-the-art mock examination rooms and computer equipped phlebotomy stations that will be used for electronic medical record simulations. The nine fully equipped setups with additional seating and new equipment purchases have expanded the ability to increase instruction and practice time for students. The project was funded through a Perkins Grant.
The Men's Baseball team finished 2nd in the Nation at the 2012 NJCAA Division III World Series in Tyler, Texas in May. The Thunderwolves, who finished 4-2 in the tournament, were welcomed back to campus for a lunch celebration on May 27. Fifth year Coach Matt Clingersmith said offense was a key factor to the team’s success. “Our offense was phenomenal throughout the tournament,” Clingersmith said. “The team showed a lot of heart and I couldn’t be happier for them.”

Women’s Volleyball player Jessica Crooks was awarded the 2012 President’s Cup by NCCC President James P. Klyczek at the Sports Awards Dinner in May. Crooks was named an NJCAA All-American after the Thunderwolves placed 6th at the National Tournament held in Rochester, Minnesota in November. She was a two-time All-Region 1st Team selection, a WNYAC 1st Team selection in 2010 and a WNYAC 2nd Team selection in 2011. Crooks was named to three All-Tournament Teams and was a two-time NJCAA Athlete of the Week recipient. She earned 1,073 points during her career at NCCC. The Volleyball team is eager to get back on the court this season after finishing sixth at the NJCAA Division III National Tournament last season.

The 2011 Thunderwolves Golf team had a strong season under first year Head Coach Tony Ventresca. The team’s entire six-man roster qualified for the Region III Tournament, finishing in fourth place. Additionally, Stosh Krjfasz, Alex Buerger and Nick Ross competed at the 2012 Region III Golf Nationals at Jamestown Community College in June.

The Thunderwolves Wrestling team finished the 2011-12 season 13th at the national tournament in Rochester, MN. Ten players qualified for the tournament including All-Americans Kris Schimek (165), second in his class, and Lance Moore (285), third place finish. Head Coach Keith Maute also received Coach of the Year honors.
Graduating sophomore Steven Siwinski was presented with the 2012 Kenneth "Ben" Raymond Award for Excellence in Math at the Department's Award Reception in May.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching has been awarded to Babette Strassburg of the Nursing Division and Professor Audrey Agnello of the Business & Hospitality Division. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service has been awarded to Cynthia Drew, Stenographer in the Student Life Office.

Mark Mistriner, CEC, Chair of the Business and Hospitality Division and Coordinator of Culinary Arts at NCCC, was recognized by the American Culinary Federation (ACF) as the 2012 Northeast Region Chef Educator of the Year during the 2012 ACF Northeast Regional Conference in Niagara Falls, April 28-30. The 2012 ACF Northeast Region Chef Educator of the Year award pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have given culinary students leadership and guidance for the future. Mistriner competed for the national title at the 2012 ACF National Convention in Orlando, Florida, July 14-17. He placed 2nd in the nation at the competition.

Sophomore Kellsie Nolan was the recipient of the 2012 President's Medallion. The award is presented each spring to a graduating student who has contributed significantly to the development of co-curricular programs at the college and recognizes academic achievement along with outstanding contribution and accomplishment outside of the classroom. In nominating this year's recipient, a faculty member described Kellsie as "the epitome of student excellence". During her time at NCCC, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a Sophomore Senator, a member of the Student Programming Board, the College Choir and a founding member and President of the Catholic Club.

Kellsie Nolan received the 2012 President's Medallion Award from Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Greg Lamontagne at the Student Life Awards Dinner.
The team from NCCC was named the 2012 Surgical Technology Scholastic Bowl Champions after defeating the team from Trocaire 94-86 in May. The NCCC team is shown with their winner’s plaque (L-R) Kathleen Pascall-Falletta, Michelle Salvalzo, Maria Ferchen and Stephanie Warren.

Humanities Professor Dr. Yu Liu has been awarded a Fulbright Lecturing/Research Award to the City University of Hong Kong for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. Dr. Liu will spend the next year studying the relationship of Matteo Ricci, the founder of the Jesuit China mission in the early modern period, with some of his closest Chinese friends. Dr. Liu’s research will allow him to develop courses for NCCC students on China and East-West intellectual interactions in the early modern period.

Six Arts & Media students were presented with the outstanding student awards in their respective fields at the 2012 Excellence in Arts & Media Awards on May 1.

The Advisory Committee Award for Excellence in Medical Assisting was presented to Noel Fotus at the Medical Assistant Graduate Reception in May. The award is presented based on GPA, professionalism, and demeanor with peers, patients and supervisors. The runner up, Ms. Stacy Bailor, received a certificate for Excellence in Medical Assisting.

Dr. Thomas Gerbasi and Dr. Chad Szymanski, Advisory Board Members, Noel Fotus, Dr. Salvatore M. Passanese, Chair of Science, Health & Mathematics/Coordinator of the Medical Assistant program.

Recently retired Professor Carolyn Cianciosa was presented with the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award in December. This award is presented annually to a faculty member at NCCC who best exemplifies the outstanding professionalism and dedication personified by the late Dr. Jamieson. Award criteria include: mentoring and support given to other faculty; continuous growth in the field of study; ability to inspire in students independent and original thinking; enthusiasm and vitality in learning and teaching; dedication to the support of academic excellence; and dedication to the college.

Professor Carolyn Cianciosa (right) accepts the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award from FRCAE Coordinator Professor Lillian Passanese.

Saleh Derbas (left) was presented with the James Mussell/Kevin Tagg Radiology Award from Rad Tech Program Coordinator Cindy Meyers.

Stephanie Loyd (right) receives the Dr. Glen Jones Radiology Award from Rad Tech Program Coordinator Cindy Meyers.

NCCC Professor and Fine Arts Coordinator Nancy Knechtel was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant to attend a one-week Landmarks Workshop titled “Georgia O’Keeffe: Santa Fe, Abiquiu, and the New Mexico Landscape” this summer in New Mexico.

NEH Landmarks Workshops provide the opportunity for community college educators to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics in American history and culture. Sponsored by the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) and funded by the NEH, the workshop provided Knechtel with the opportunity to study Georgia O’Keeffe’s art in the land that informed it during the second half of her life. Daily seminars provided by guest scholars, as well as interaction with the scholars, with on-site specialists, and with community college faculty members from across the United States were incorporated into the experience.
ational Best-Selling Author Wes Moore encouraged graduates to complete what they started as they move on in their lives at the 48th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12th in the NCCC gymnasium. Moore, a youth advocate, Army combat veteran and innovative social entrepreneur is the author of *The Other Wes Moore*, a New York Times bestseller, and the host of *Beyond Belief* on the Oprah Winfrey Network. More than 270 graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from NCCC President James P. Klyczek and Trustee Gina Virtuoso and Trustee Sheila Smith.

Board Chairperson Bonnie R. Sloma was the Master of Ceremonies, while Trustees Vincent Ginestre, Malcolm Needler, William Ross, Kevin Schuler and Henry Wojtaszek participated in the ceremony with Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Greg Lamontagne and the 2011 President’s Medallion winner and graduate Kellsie Nolan.

Also on stage were Founding Trustee Edward Pawenski and Student Trustee Emily Ertel. Niagara County Legislators in attendance were David Godfrey, Owen Steed, Dr. John Syracuse, Paul Wojtaszek and Jason Zona.
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NCCC kicked off its 50th anniversary year with the return of the Balloons Over Niagara weekend July 27-29. The festival which featured 46 spectacular hot air balloons, as well as a Balloon Glow on Saturday night, drew 15,000 people to campus over the course of 3 days.

While the weather and winds hampered a full balloon launch on Friday and Saturday, attendees were delighted to walk around the field of tethered balloons. Hundreds of on-campus spectators witnessed the full launch of balloons on Sunday morning. Friday night's activities included the Alumni 5K run, a chicken barbeque and a performance by 90 West. Saturday's highlights included a scavenger hunt, demonstrations in horticulture and pastry decorating, a tribute to military personnel and a fireworks display at the end of the night. A classic car show took place on Sunday. Dozens of artisans, crafters and food vendors, as well as live entertainment and the LP Ciminelli Kid's Corner were available all weekend.

Sponsors for the event included: Title sponsor LP Ciminelli, Niagara County, the Niagara Gazette, The Buffalo News, Certo Brothers, Hodgson Russ Attorneys, Hebeler Sales & Service, Re/Max, Saia Communications, SuperMarket Liquors & Wines, and the West Herr Auto Group.
The tentative schedule of events to continue the celebration of NCCC’s 50 years include:

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<td>September 28, 2012</td>
<td>Opening of the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute</td>
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<td>Fall, 2012</td>
<td>Retro Show of Artists in Dolce Valvo Art Center</td>
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<td>October 20, 2012</td>
<td>Gala Celebrates 50th Anniversary of NCCC &amp; 25th Anniversary of the Foundation</td>
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<td>November 9, 2012</td>
<td>Veterans Day Ceremony honoring 50 years of Service</td>
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<td>November 13 &amp; 14, 2012</td>
<td>Student Appreciation Lunch featuring anniversary activities</td>
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<td>November 17, 2012</td>
<td>Founder’s Day Dinner Celebrating 50 years of Faculty, Staff and Advisory Board Service, and the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute</td>
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<td>January, 2013</td>
<td>Unveiling of a wall mural honoring all NCCC Athletic Directors</td>
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<td>Spring, 2013</td>
<td>Spring Music Theatre Production featuring 50 Years of NCCC performances</td>
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# NCCC Financial Statements

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

### REVENUES

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<td>Other Revenues – Offset</td>
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<td>Employee Benefits (A)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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### REVENUES over/(under) EXPENDITURES (A)

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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 $2,174,652 which served to reduce the fund balance on August 31, 2011 to a deficit of $27,452,131.

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The Grants Office managed over $2.9 million in grant funds during the most recently completed fiscal year. A total of 32 grant applications totaling over $8.4 million in funding requests were made in 2011-2012.

### FUNDER

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,128,018</strong></td>
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One of the most influential people of the twentieth century has been involved with NCCC for over four decades. He was active through the dawning of the United States Air Force and has been a pilot for American legends such as President Dwight D. Eisenhower and General James “Jimmy” Doolittle. He has served NCCC as a Trustee, was one of the founding Directors for the NCCC Foundation Board and currently supports the College as a Presidential Partner.

This man, Colonel Silas Molyneaux, retired US Air Force, is as humble as his resume is long. His work history reflects events that many have only read about in school books or watched on the History Channel. Even more amazing, the Colonel’s activities since retirement include civic, educational, and Veteran involvement. He has also explored the globe through fourteen cruises around the world and a ride on the Trans-Siberian train across Asia.

When Silas was growing up in the 1930’s, widespread educational and career successes may have been rare, but for the Molyneaux family, academic and professional achievement was expected. Silas’ parents were school teachers and his father was a principal. They passed down the importance of education to their children. Two of his siblings graduated from Oberlin College and the rest, including Silas, graduated from Houghton College.

At the age of 20, Silas finished his Bachelor’s Degree and found a teaching job in Barker during the Depression era. After five years of teaching in Barker, Silas enrolled in a Doctoral program at Cornell University while simultaneously teaching in Ithaca. This suddenly changed on December 7, 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor influenced Silas to join the US Army.

In February 1943, Silas was activated as an Aviation Cadet for the Air Corps, a special section of the Army before the Air Force was an official US Military branch. By November, he graduated as a Second Lieutenant. For the next few years, Silas was stationed at various places as an instructor, including Shaw Air Force Base and the United States Military Academy, West Point. In 1946, Silas was assigned as an Aide to the Commandant of Cadets, General G.J. Higgins and then became a Staff Pilot to General Maxwell Taylor through 1947.

In 1948, he finished his schooling at Columbia University and graduated with a Master’s Degree. That same year, Silas began a new chapter in his life: overseas duty in Japan. During the Korean War, Silas flew Air Support Missions and was an Assistant to General Delmar Spivey, Commander of Air Force Japan. In 1951, Silas was promoted to Major and was reactivated in Hokkaido, Japan at the US Air Force Base.

As the Chief of the Far Eastern Studies Program for the US Air Force Academy, Silas initiated the first courses in American History, Far East History, and Russian History. He toured the Soviet Union in 1956 for six weeks in order to prepare for the Russian History curriculum. "I thought it would be a good idea to go over there and see what it was like before starting the course in Russian history. I didn't have anyone else, so I thought, I'll do it myself." He travelled throughout European Russia, taking pictures and experiencing Kiev, farms, the Black Sea and other historic focal points.

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From top to bottom: Colonel Molyneaux is dressed in his military uniform; The Colonel and his wife, Marilyn Molyneaux, pose for a picture together; Colonel and Mrs. Molyneaux smile as they enjoy one of many cruises around the world.
After 17 years in the Military, Silas was assigned to the Pentagon, where amongst other important planning and research positions, he founded the Pentagon Newspaper, *Current News*. During this assignment, on March 15, 1962, Silas was promoted to Colonel. Two years later, Colonel Silas Molyneaux retired from the United States Air Force and was awarded the Legion of Merit. Under Governor Rockefeller, he was the Commissioned Colonel of the New York Guard and transferred to State Reserve.

In 1965, Governor Carey appointed Colonel Molyneaux to the NCCC Board of Trustees. He aided with the development and decision making of the college and he is proud to be a part of an organization that “provides a quality education to all.” He says, “NCCC has been particularly good in meeting the needs of people in this area. Between providing education to kids out of high school, the technical programs, the nursing program, and now the Culinary Institute, NCCC offers a variety of programs to people beginning their education or starting a new career... That’s why people from other counties come to NCCC.” Silas is also continuously impressed with the quality of NCCC faculty and professors. “They [the faculty] do a good job of teaching. The classes are well run. The students are put first.”

NCCC was also lucky to have had the Colonel serve in another capacity as a Director for the NCCC Foundation Board. As a founding Board Member who served from 1987 through December 2011, Silas participated with financial projects, helped with the development of the new Culinary Institute, and helped with the Annual Scholarship Gala by donating antiques from around the world to the auction. In addition to his duties as a board member, above all, according to the Colonel, he “has enjoyed the high-class members and their spouses, that [he] was able to work with on the board and at the school.” Silas could tell you all of the board members names, their background, and what assets they bring to the Foundation. He is genuinely interested in people, their histories, and how they can benefit NCCC.

Today, Silas spends his days with family and friends. Card games, sharing meals at local restaurants, annual family vacations, and church services keep Silas and his wife, Marilyn, busy. Marilyn is just as wonderful as her husband and they have been lucky enough to live and travel together for more than 35 years. They have raised two children together, are incredibly close with their niece, Jayne Schaber, who also serves on the NCCC Foundation Board, and they are the proud grandparents of four beautiful grand children.

NCCC is full of surprisingly impressive people. People that, once you find out their story can leave you star struck. Colonel Silas Molyneaux is one of those people. According to President Klyczek: “Silas is a piece of living history, who exudes humility, wisdom, and philanthropy. He is a well-rounded and global visionary with a heart for advancing our region through education. He is an American hero and his service to his country, his community, and NCCC will always be valued and appreciated.”

The 2011-2013 Distinguished Student Scholar Recipients pictured are (L-R) Chelsea Callari, Holly Zuch, Jeffrey DiMayo, Christina Devantier, and Jessica Scherrer. These 5 students have been awarded full two year tuition scholarships based on their academics, community service, and loyalty to Niagara County.
On Saturday, October 15, 2011 over 400 people gathered at NCCC to support the NCCC Foundation at its 21st annual scholarship gala. The 2011 gala was a monumental year, raising over $150,000 to support student scholarships at NCCC. Deborah Karp Coder '77 and '88 was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Gallery, adding to the list of 65 alumni who have exemplified achievement in community involvement, professional employment and college service. Thank you to last year's co-chairs, Ron and Joan Winter and Rick and Peggy Winter. The success of the 2011 gala is largely due to the numerous volunteers, donors and sponsors.

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Ann Briody) Petock and Mr. & Mrs. Kurt (Diane) Schuler '78 were announced as the 2012 Scholarship Gala Co-Chairs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.
ALUMNI

- **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT** In 2012, the Alumni Association launched Affinity Reunion Groups, this time focusing on engaging our nursing program alumni. Many nurses came to the Alumni Corner at the Balloons Over Niagara event, and alumni from other programs stopped by as well!

- **FLOWER SALE 2012** The Alumni Association raised over $1,500 at the annual Nurses Pinning Ceremony and Commencement flower sales. All proceeds support student scholarships.

- **NCCC THUNDERWOLVES 5K RUN/WALK** The Alumni Association held their annual 5K on Friday, July 27, 2012 in conjunction with the Balloons Over Niagara celebration. The event was a large success as one hundred and ninety six runners and walkers came out to participate in the run/walk.

- **ALUMNI MAGAZINE** The NCCC alumni magazine, Connections, was successfully published in 2011 and 2012, highlighting success stories of our alumni, broadcasting NCCC news to our alumni, and engaging alumni through this publication. Connections is now available to read online at the NCCC website.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA** The Alumni Association expanded the fan base of the NCCC Alumni Association Facebook fan page, Twitter, Youtube, and Flickr webpages.

- **ALUMNI FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS** The Alumni Fitness Membership ID cards may now be swiped at the fitness center, enhancing the safety of members and serving as a reminder for annual membership renewal. Alumni Fitness Membership usage increased more than 33% this year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **The Foundation** awarded over $124,000 in scholarships to 197 recipients for the 2010-11 academic year.

- **The Red Coach Inn** established a new $10,000 endowed scholarship with the Foundation. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Reese.

- **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 2011-2012 are Chelsea Callari (North Tonawanda High School), Christina DeVantier (Starpoint High School), Jeffrey DiMayo (Royalton-Hartland High School), Jessica Scherrer (Niagara-Wheatfield High School), and Holly Zuch (Starpoint High School).

BE PART OF A LASTING LEGACY

In honor of two NCCC Founders, Dr. Ernest Notar and Mr. Norman Sinclair, a life sized sculpture featuring these visionaries will be erected in the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute's lobby as a testament to their dedication to the students of NCCC. The sculpture was unveiled at the NCCC Foundation Gala on October 20, 2012. The sculpture was created by local artist and NCCC alumna Susan Geissler, who completed the Freedom Crossing Monument sculpture in Lewiston in 2009.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation and be a part of a lasting legacy. All supporters will be recognized on a plaque located near the sculpture. Checks can be made payable to NCCC Foundation and mailed to: NCCC Foundation, Inc., 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn, NY 14132. You can also visit our website at http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation-alumni/sinclair_notar_sculpture.php to make a donation. Please contact Deb Brewer, Foundation Director at 716 614-5911 for more information.

![Artist Susan Geissler '74 molds definition into the life sized sculpture of Norm Sinclair.](image-url)
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NCCC ALUMNUS AND COMPANY IS OFFERED THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

NCCC Alumnus and Certo Brothers Distributing Company co-owner, Peter I. Certo ’73, serves the college as a NCCC Foundation Board Member and as a member of its Development Committee. The family business supports the college through sponsorships and donations to help raise funds for many academic and athletic scholarships, as well as Alumni and NCCC community events.

Peter’s father, Albert J. Certo was a founding trustee of NCCC and co-founder of Certo Brothers Distributing. In August of 1982, NCCC held the first annual Athletic Golf Tournament and Certo Brothers is still proudly supporting the tournament 30 years later. The Certo family has been instrumental in raising over $250,000 to fund the Albert J. Certo Distinguished Student Scholarship and the Albert J. Certo Athletic Scholarship. More than 150 students have received over $100,000 from the Certo scholarships.

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We would also like to congratulate Certo Brothers Distributing on their recent recognition by the Niagara Falls City Council, for celebrating 100 years of business. According to the Niagara Falls City Council agenda, after years in the soft drink bottling business, Certo Brothers became the first legal beer wholesaler in Niagara Falls in 1933. The company was also recognized for playing an active role in the community by supporting colleges, hospitals, churches and other noble causes.

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Dr. Salvatore Passanese, Chair of the Science, Health, and Mathematics Division of NCCC, plays a vital role in assisting faculty to take their programs to new heights. Dr. Passanese is an alumnus of NCCC and now continues his research and teaching at the Sanborn Campus. He has published several works about microbiology, biology, and health. He has received countless accreditations and awards based on his successful research, teaching, and community involvement. Dr. Passanese was the recipient of the Presidents Award for Teaching Excellence in 1984, the NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993, and The Carol Jamieson Award in 2009. He currently serves in the community as First Vice President of the Board of Directors for Niagara Cerebral Palsy.

Dr. Passanese graduated from NCCC in 1973. He attended the old Nabisco Tech campus until his last semester in the spring of 1973, when NCCC opened its doors in Sanborn. As a student, Dr. Passanese remembers feeling comfortable at NCCC. The college, just as it is today, was a high quality and affordable institution. Because of reasonable expenses, his parents could afford to put him and his two siblings through college. NCCC was special because, according to Dr. Passanese, the school “was geared toward individuals and their development.”

After his graduation, Dr. Passanese went on to receive a Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Buffalo State College and a Master’s degree in Biology from Niagara University affording him the opportunity to study at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. There he researched nosocomial infections in patients with head and neck malignancies. Subsequently, Dr. Passanese received his Ph.D. in Biology and Microbiology from St. Bonaventure University, where he received a full scholarship and teaching assistantship.

In 1980, Dr. Passanese returned to his roots and began working at NCCC. “I wanted to teach and give back to the place I came from,” he said. This turned out to be a perfect choice both professionally and personally, as he met his wife, Lillian, also an NCCC alumna and employee, while serving on a committee for the school. She is currently the Coordinator of the Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence.

Today, Dr. Passanese continues to give back and he, along with the faculty and staff of his division continue to develop curriculums, courses, laboratories, experiences, and opportunities for students. When asked what makes the Nursing and Allied Health programs so successful, Dr. Passanese replied, “The instructors. They are professionals who have a lot of outside experience. We have a great faculty.” Because many instructors are professionals from local practices and hospitals, they are able to teach students based on life experience, in addition to the textbook. In addition, several new labs have been constructed including a medical assistant lab and a surgical technology lab, where students can get hands on experience before entering the workforce. We are proud that the Science, Health, and Mathematics Division continues to grow under Dr. Passanese’s leadership. He truly is a vital part of the NCCC family.
MEMORIES FROM AN ALUMNUS OF NCCC’S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF 1965

William Paterson, member of NCCC’s first graduating class and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, has had the pleasure of watching the college morph from “Nabisco Tech” in Niagara Falls to one of the most progressive and premier community colleges in the nation.

“NCCC was fascinating. I got a sense that I was a part of something that was new,” Paterson said. As a student, Paterson recalls being challenged by his professors. “Overall the quality of the faculty was really good. They had standards and expectations,” he recalled. To put these standards into perspective, Paterson explained that when NCCC opened its doors on September 30, 1963, he was one of the original 343 students. When NCCC held its first commencement ceremonies on June 13, 1965, he was one of 137 who graduated.

As part of this ceremony, which was held in the Grand Ballroom at the old Parkway Inn on Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls across the street from “Nabisco Tech,” commencement speaker, C. Arnold Dutton, an original member of the NCCC Board of Trustees, delivered a memorable message which Paterson still recalls today. “He said that we were a million dollar class. He took the average yearly income of that time, which was $8000,” Paterson remembers. The total came out to over $1 million, but Paterson agrees that his class is worth much more than that today.

Paterson admits, before attending school at NCCC, he was an average student and did not know what he wanted to do. “NCCC polished things I was interested in. I was pointed toward teaching, writing, and communication. I was taught the intrinsic value of reading and knowledge,” he said. This passion for education led Paterson to graduate from NCCC, receive a Bachelor’s degree from Buffalo State, a Master’s degree from Niagara University and move on to a fascinating career in the education, communication, and governmental fields. Paterson was a teacher in the City of Tonawanda for 32 years, an employee of the New York Power Authority at the Niagara Power Project for 33 years, and also a Niagara County Personnel Officer (Civil Service Commissioner). The beginning of his quest for knowledge and success was launched at the dawning of NCCC.

One of Paterson’s most interesting NCCC stories is one that some will remember, but many have never known. Paterson asked, “Have you heard of the television show Route 66? They were shooting at the Parkway Inn and the title of the episode was called, “I’m Here to Kill a King.” Some NCCC students were extras for the episode, leaving the campus feeling a bit more like Hollywood rather than Niagara Falls during the shoots. Paterson went on to explain that the episode “ironically was supposed to air on November 22, 1963” but was pulled from its scheduled broadcast after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on this day. While the nation was struck with grief and a change in leadership, NCCC, on a more positive note, inducted Dr. Ernest Notar as the first President of the College, on the very same day at the Parkway Inn.

Another fond memory that Paterson holds is the urban campus vibe that energized the school and reverberated an electric feel throughout the community. For example, he said, “Crystal Lanes Bowling Alley was right on Third Street and they had a bar there. NCCC used a building close by on Third Street for classes and sometimes students didn’t quite make it to class.” Although Paterson insisted he would never do such a thing, he found this to be representative of the symbiotic relationship that the school shared with pre-urban renewal Niagara Falls. Both entities influenced one another and the “urban campus blended with the city and used the resources it had.” This upbeat energy will be rejuvenated with the opening of the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute in the vicinity of NCCC’s first campus. Paterson is very pleased to see his alma mater “come full circle back to its roots.”

One of the most touching memories that Paterson shared was “a special feeling of thankfulness and respect for Mr. Edward Pawenski,” a founding trustee member of NCCC who just recently stepped down from a 50 -year working relationship with the school. Although there were many other founding members of the school to whom Paterson paid homage, Pawenski stood out the most. “Mr. Pawenski kept plugging away at having a community college. The community owes him a debt of gratitude. He stands out because of his longevity, remarkable achievements with the college, and having an essential role in bringing NCCC into existence,” Paterson said.

Today, Paterson remains connected to NCCC by donating his time and mentoring high school and college students who plan to continue their education at NCCC. He also supports student scholarships by attending the NCCC Foundation’s Annual Scholarship Gala each year. “I try to be involved in the community. NCCC gave me a lot and now I want to give back,” Paterson said.
ALUMNUS DONATES PHOTOGRAPHS TO NCCC AND NEW CULINARY INSTITUTE

Artist, philanthropist, and NCCC Alumnus, Larry Green, who is now known in the art community as Lorenzo LaVerde, is proud to say that Niagara County Community College catapulted him into the extraordinary career of medical photography. He is known for giving back to his communities by donating his framed pieces to hospitals and now, NCCC. His artwork is calming and soothing to those who view it and his goal is to bring happiness to those who view it. However, his artistic and philanthropic nature would not be possible without the guidance of the late Joan Wolfgang.

Joan was a former member of the NCCC Board of Trustees and wife of current NCCC Foundation Board member, Jerald Wolfgang. On a personal level, Joan was a family friend to LaVerde’s parents for nearly 40 years. LaVerde looked to Joan as a mentor. and she played an active role in shaping his educational and career path. Their relationship grew when he began asking her questions and discussing various career options. Her advisement sessions led LaVerde to enroll at NCCC as a physical therapy student. “I never would have gotten to where I am without Joan,” says LaVerde.

Prior to completing his degree at NCCC, he was offered a position as the Chief Medical Photographer at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. He was employed in several hospitals as a medical photographer, including the Columbia University Medical Center where he was able to work along notable surgeons such as Dr. Oz, who now hosts his own syndicated television show on CBS and who was a regular guest on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

His talent is not limited to the medical field as he enjoys photographing other life forms including butterflies, flowers, and birds. He has travelled the world, including Holland, South America, and Florida to capture exquisite images of these subjects. One of his greatest accomplishments is the happiness and serenity that he has brought to over 20 organizations through donations of his photography.

Locally, LaVerde has donated to Mount St. Mary’s Hospital and Health Center, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, and now Niagara County Community College. LaVerde visited the College on July 2 to donate two photographs to the College in honor of Joan Wolfgang who encouraged him to attend NCCC. “Mint Julep Tulip” highlights beautiful orange and green tones in tulips found in Holland; they allude to colors of fruits and vegetables and evoke a sense of culinary delight. Another piece, which happened to be Joan’s favorite, is titled “Pink Mist.” It captures the beautiful morning dew on a whimsically layered rose, while soft shadows give it extra depth and distinction. This will be hung in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room of NCCC’s Sanborn Campus in hopes to bring inspiration to all who view it. “Donating these images show how my work has come full circle back to the College,” says LaVerde. “I am proud to give these to the school in Joan’s name. She paved the way for me to be a technical medical photographer at large medical centers.” He is also happy to be giving back to NCCC. “The college gives people a chance to find proper employment, prepare for life, and learn where they fit in life. The school is very important, convenient, and the instructors are superb. When I was there, I didn’t want to miss a minute of class” he said.

LaVerde continues to live and work in New Jersey but he hopes to move back to Western New York by fall 2012. He was happy to visit the Niagara region during the summer and he was proud to donate these inspirational pieces to the College. NCCC President, Dr. James Klyczek and NCCC Foundation Board Member, Jerald Wolfgang along with his daughter, Lynn accepted these donations.

If you have an interesting Alumni story to share, please call the Alumni Office at (716) 614-6231.
NCCCHONORS VETERANS THROUGH GUIDANCE AND EDUCATION

For 50 years, NCCC has helped to prepare veterans for civilian life and entering the job market. At NCCC, the Admissions and Student Development Office assist veterans with enrollment and growth through education. The Admissions Office aids veterans with the application process, registration, and recruitment. The Student Development Office assists veterans with career counseling, transition to civilian life, and employment skills.

Dr. Martin Drake, an admissions counselor who also focuses specifically on veterans and aids with admittance and re-enrollment at NCCC says that it is important for veterans to attend school. “They [veterans] have to transition to civilian life and the college can assist with that transition. They can refocus their career from totally military directed to more employable skills required in the civilian world. They should take advantage of the military benefits that the Government offers as a condition of their enlistment” Drake explained.

NCCC’s sensitivity and aid has helped numerous veterans over the years. One serviceman in particular, Stephen Zurenda, decided to attend NCCC after his active duty. In 1974, Stephen enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea and Germany through 1980. That same year, Stephen decided to continue his military service by joining the Air Force Reserves. He enrolled in classes at NCCC in 1981 and received his Associate’s Degree in 1984. He went on to attend the State University of New York at Buffalo until his education was interrupted because he was activated to the Persian Gulf War in 1990. Stephen says this did not deter him though. “When I returned in 1991, my college credits and transcripts were reevaluated and it was determined that I had enough [credits] and the right mix to earn a Bachelor’s. My diploma was mailed to me. It took me 17 years, several wars, and a dozen times overseas, but I finally earned my B.A.”

Stephen recalls his time at NCCC fondly. “The staff and faculty were most supportive; especially once they understood what my goals were and they helped me to achieve them” he said. He fondly remembers having class with Cultural Anthropology professor, Mr. Dominic, being active in the NCCC Veterans Association, and working out in the weight room. Stephen says he will always encourage all veterans to attend NCCC.

Niagara County Community College continues to support all veterans from all wars and from every type of service whether it’s overseas or domestic duty. The College has been designated as a Military Friendly College by GI Jobs in 2011 and also by Military Advanced Education - The Journal of Higher Learning for Today’s Servicemember in 2009 and 2010.

TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT NCCC

1. Donate an annual gift in support of student scholarships.
2. Encourage your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family’s children to consider applying to NCCC.
3. Keep the NCCC Alumni Association updated with your address, email, phone numbers, and personal successes.
4. Ask if the company or business you work for may be willing to donate needed equipment to your college.
5. Attend college functions, alumni programs, and NCCC reunions.
7. Bring special and important friends to campus for lunch and show them around. Arrange for a campus administrator to join you.
8. Coordinate a small group of friends from college and ask if they are willing to make a joint gift to NCCC to support a favorite scholarship or academic division.
9. Support “Bricks for a Solid Foundation” and donate a single brick, double brick or bench in honor of someone.
10. Participate in the alumni association and receive a year-long membership to the fitness center, discounted auto and renter’s insurance, discounts on computers, access to the library, and discounts to NCCC theatre and art tickets.
NEW NCCC ALUMNA EXPRESSES HER GRATITUDE TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

One of the newest members in the NCCC Alumni Association, Morgan Waple, is creating quite the name for herself in several different fields including academics, athletics, and community service. The 2012 graduate is now looking forward to the next step, yet keeping the path she made at NCCC in mind. "I need to be busy and I need to do things with a purpose," says Morgan. She carved her own path during her two years at NCCC and made a major impact on this campus as Treasurer of the Student Senate and a member of the Student Programming Board. She was a successful NCCC Thunderwolves volleyball athlete and one year her team even carried a 33-0 winning streak. In addition, she was a member of the NCCC Honors Program and she was the recipient of the Women of Distinction and SUNY Chancellor's awards. Because of her success as a student, athlete, and member of school clubs, Morgan was awarded several scholarships at NCCC.

An NCCC education for Morgan meant being able to test her effectiveness in different clubs, activities, and classes. Scholarships allowed her to spend more time pushing her own parameters and getting involved with college activities. Morgan is appreciative of the scholarships she received so that she could pursue these new endeavors as a student. "Those scholarships helped a lot," reveals Morgan. "I don't know how I would have graduated. It was nice to defray the cost of tuition and I am happy that NCCC has a good Foundation department to help." The Foundation is available to help direct students to scholarships that may be suited for them. The Foundation, along with its Board, Scholarship Committee, and NCCC's Financial Aid Department, are dedicated to helping each student find financial opportunities that may help them along their educational path. One of the scholarships that Morgan received was a direct result of the Annual Scholarship Gala which is held every October.

Although Morgan was honored with several financial scholarships, these awards did not influence her to slow down or coast through college. One of Morgan's favorite activities was being involved with the Teacher Education Club. Under the direction of Dr. Thomas McCully, Morgan, along with several other NCCC students were permitted to mentor, teach, and read with students at the Harry F. Abate Elementary School. Another eye opening experience that Morgan was able to be a part of was networking with other SUNY schools and area colleges through sports, Student Senate, and competitive state-wide academics. She has helped to create sister schools across the country, made connections with students from other schools in order to work together to bring better programming and activities to Colleges, joined other students from across the state to learn about different research topics and bring those ideas back to NCCC, and in addition to these accomplishments, made life-long friends and continues to keep in touch with them.

Morgan is continuing her education at Daemen College. She plans on staying connected with her alma mater and giving back to N-trip. "I am definitely going to spread the word about NCCC. This college is not a backup plan. It's a great place and I will always be happy to come back and be involved with mentoring students, helping with awards nights, and anything else I can be a part of."

Morgan shared that her father called Niagara County Community College "America's best kept secret" and Morgan agrees. "People underestimate this school and don't realize what it really is. The athletics department is amazing, and most of the professors are doctors, award winners, and authors. I have had some great learning experiences at this school." Morgan adds, "NCCC will always hold a special place in my heart...Thank you for getting me where I am today."
DEBORAH KARP CODER CLASS OF 1988

Deborah Karp Coder, Assistant Superintendent of schools in Lockport City Schools, mother and grandmother is a shining example of how one can start out small and rise through the ranks to become a respected professional in the business and financial world.

Coder, the mother of two boys began her collegiate career at NCCC in the late 1980’s. She quickly became regarded as a student of high distinction when she graduated with an associate’s degree in accounting (with high distinction) in 1988. She continued her education at Niagara University where she received her bachelor’s of business administration in accounting in 1991. Immediately following her graduation she worked as a financial reporting/accounting officer at Marine Midland Bank (now First Niagara Bank). She went on to become an accountant, treasurer, school business administrator and assistant superintendent for finance and management at Niagara-Wheatfield Central Schools, Lyndonville Central Schools, Barker Central and Lockport City Schools.

Coder, a respected business professional also received a master’s degree from State University of New York College at Brockport and is a graduate of the NYS Association of School of Business Officials Leadership Academy. She attributes her achievement to NCCC “the Smart Place to Start.”

NCCC ALUMNUS TO LEAD LAW FRATERNITY

Ronald J. Winter, a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School in 1981 and NCCC in 1974, has been elected as the chairman of the board of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International at its recently completed 59th Biennial Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. Winter was elected to the position of International Justice for a two-year term, commencing August 4, 2012. He is a Niagara County native and lives in Lockport with his wife and two teenage daughters.

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) is the largest law fraternity in the world and the second largest legal organization in the United States, after the American Bar Association. It boasts over 300,000 initiated members since its start in 1902. The Fraternity’s mission is to advance integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

Mr. Winter has been a member of PAD since his first year of law school and attended his first convention in 1978. He has been to every convention since and has served two terms on the International Tribunal (1986-90) and eight terms (1994-2002; 2004-2012) on the International Executive Board. He was Vice Justice for the past four years before his elevation to Justice.

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CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

We need your help to commemorate our 50th Anniversary! You are the success stories that allow NCCC to celebrate! We would like to collect pictures that you may have from the 1960’s, 70’s, 80’s, 90’s, and 2000’s. These photos will be displayed in a digital media production in the spring of 2013.

We also need your ideas for songs and music that take you back to NCCC. Please send us song ideas and big hits from your era at N-trip.

To submit photos and songs, please contact the Alumni Office at (716) 614-5910. You may scan and email photos to Alumni@niagracacc.suny.edu, bring them to NCCC to room A-161, or send them via postal mail to: NCCC Foundation and Alumni Office, Niagara County Community College, 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. If requested, all hard copies of photos will be returned. If possible, please include a caption with the image that includes dates and names.