## NCCC at a Glance

### FALL 2012 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

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### ACCREDITATIONS

- Baking & Pastry Arts - ACFEF
- Culinary Arts - ACFEF
- Institutional Accreditation - MSCHE
- Medical Assistant - MAERB & CAAHEP
- Nursing - NLNAC
- Physical Therapist Assistant - CAPTE
- Radiologic Technology - JRCERT
- Surgical Technology - ARC & CAAHEP

### FALL 2012 ENROLLMENT

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### 2012-13 STUDENT COSTS

- Full-time Tuition: $1,848 per semester
- Housing Rate:
  - Niagara Falls Campus: $2,500 - $2,800 per semester
  - Sanborn Campus: $3,016 - $4,151 per semester

### ALUMNI

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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 lifelong 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.

Letter from the President

The dedicated faculty and staff of Niagara County Community College continue to rise to the challenge of providing a quality education to the residents of the area.

The 2012-2013 Academic Year brought much change to NCCC. The College community mourned the passing of two of its most steadfast supporters in retired founding Trustee Edward J. Pawenski and Trustee Emeritus F. Robert Sdao. Additionally, the Board of Trustees welcomed a new member and the College welcomed two new Vice Presidents this past year.

The College faculty and staff continue to receive awards and accolades for their work in guiding our students toward rewarding careers. The opening of the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute was celebrated both at its ribbon cutting in September 2012 and again at the College's official Founder's Day celebration in November 2012. Outside of the classroom, a sculpture created by NCCC Alumna Susan Geissler was unveiled and dedicated at NFCI to two of the College's founders.

On the field, NCCC's Athletics programs continued to shine at the national level. From the Baseball team's repeat appearance in the NJCAA World Series Tournament to national tournament berths in Volleyball, Wrestling and Basketball, NCCC athletes once again made their mark in '12-13.

All of this culminated at our 49th annual Commencement ceremony with a nationally known political commentator laughing with our graduates while inspiring them to new heights upon leaving our halls.

I invite you to read how the NCCC faculty, staff and students continue to rise to great levels. We will strive to continue to create a path of excellence for our students to follow in 2014 and beyond.

Dr. James P. Klyczek
President
NCCC
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2009 - 2016

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2012 - 2019

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2012 - 2013
New Faces

James W. Ward | Board of Trustee

James Ward is currently the Executive Advisor to New York State Senator George Maziarz, a position he has held since 1998.

Ward's prior work experience includes owning a packaging design business, serving as Town Justice in the Town of Newfane, 8 years in the Niagara County Legislature, and a 3 year appointment (2004-2007) as the United States Commissioner to the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission.

Ward plays an active role in the community serving as a Director on a number of non-profit boards including: Eastern Niagara Hospitals, the Health Association of Niagara County, the Niagara County Action Program, the Niagara County Historical Society, the Town of Newfane Tourism Board, the Newfane Lions Club, the Krull-Olcott Development Committee, the Olcott Beach Community Association and the Olcott Beach Carousel Association.

Ward holds a degree from Bowling Green University in Ohio.

Eunice Bellinger | Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Eunice Bellinger joined NCCC as the Vice President of Academic Affairs on June 3, 2013. Dr. Bellinger has a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Education and an Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology from SUNY/Buffalo, as well as a B.S. in Personnel Management from Niagara University. Previously, she held positions as the Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at Geneseo Community College, Interim Provost at Massachusetts Bay Community College, CAO and COO at the Long Island Center of Empire State College, Founding Dean of the Graduate Program in Education at Abu Dhabi University, and Dean of Liberal Arts at American University in Dubai. She also has nearly 23 years of teaching experience including Professor of Social Sciences at Camp Doha, Kuwait (University of Maryland) where she received the Stanley Drazek Teaching Excellence Award (2001); Associate Professor in the College of Education at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in Kuwait; and Associate Professor of Social Science at SUNY/Alfred.

Julia Pitman | Vice President of Student Services

Ms. Julia Pitman began her position as Vice President of Student Services at NCCC on September 24, 2012. Ms. Pitman has an M.A. in Publications Design and a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from the University of Baltimore and an A.A. in Business Administration from the College of Southern Maryland. In her most recent position, Ms. Pitman served as the Dean of Enrollment Management at Baltimore City Community College. Additionally, she has experience working in admissions and financial aid, including serving as the Director of Admissions at the College of Southern Maryland and at the University of Baltimore. She has served on the Board of Directors and on the Advisory Board of the Maryland State Future Business Leaders of America and was a Founding Board Member of the Southern Maryland College Access Network.
New Faces

TERESA BAHNE
Grant Technical Assistant
NFCI

DR. EUNICE BELLINGER
Vice President
Academic Affairs

DR. NICOLE BISHOP
Instructor
Humanities

GREG BREHM
Technical Assistant
Office of Information Technology

ANGELA BROWN
Typist
SBDC

MICHIE BRUCE
Instructor
Nursing

JOSHUA CIPOLLA
Cleaner
Operations

DOMINIC FABRIZIO
Technical Assistant
NFCI

RICHARD HAUG
Technical Assistant
Arts, Media & Technology

COLLEEN JOHNSON
Technical Assistant
Student Activities

DAN KAUFMANN
Assistant Director
Human Resources

TAMMY LEWIS
Instructor
Nursing

STEPHANIE MENTH
Technical Assistant
Admissions

JULIA PITMAN
Vice President
Student Services

THOMAS SIMPSON
Director
Workforce Development

MAREN SMITH
Financial Aid Loan Clerk
Financial Aid

DESIREE WILEY
Technical Assistant
Admissions

DENYEL KOURY
Alumni Associate
Foundation

MICHELLE BRUCE
Instructor
Nursing

MONICA RIDGEWAY
Grant Program Administrator
Liberty Partnership

COLLEEN JOHNSON
Technical Assistant
Student Activities

KAREN DRILLING
Admissions/SBDC

SHIRLEY HOUSE
Admissions/SBDC

FAITH ANDRES
Technical Assistant
Student Development

Laurie Ryan
Business & Hospitality

KATRINA WHITE
Athletics/Financial Aid

RICK DEMITA
Grounds

ANGELA BROWN
Account Clerk Typist
SBDC

MARK CONSTANTINO
Professor
Arts, Media & Technology

Diane Mis
Workforce Development

GINNY JEWETT
Professor
Nursing

FRED SKURSKI
Technical Assistant
Office of Information Technology

FAITH ANDRES
Technical Assistant
Student Development

Full Time Retirees

ANGELA BROWN
Account Clerk Typist
SBDC

MARK CONSTANTINO
Professor
Arts, Media & Technology
IN MEMORIAM: EDWARD J. PAWENSKI

Former NCCC Board of Trustee founding member, Edward J. Pawenski passed away on January 29, 2013. Mr. Pawenski was the longest tenured member of the NCCC Board of Trustees, 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. Mr. Pawenski is credited for being responsible in planning and providing leadership for the establishment of Niagara County Community College. Additionally, he was involved with the selection of 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, Mr. Pawenski was recognized by the New York Community College Trustees Association with the first-ever Founding Trustee Award for his dedication to NCCC. In June 2012, upon his retirement from Board service, the Niagara County Legislature issued a proclamation recognizing Mr. Pawenski for his tireless contributions and 50 years of leadership to NCCC.

SDAO AWARDED TRUSTEE EMERITUS STATUS

The Niagara County Community College Board of Trustees awarded the title of Trustee Emeritus to F. Robert Sdao at the March 2013 board meeting. This honor was presented to recognize former Trustee Sdao's distinguished service and significant contributions to NCCC. Mr. Sdao served on the NCCC Board of Trustees from 1996-2011 and during that time held numerous leadership positions on the Board. He served as the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 2005-2010 and the Secretary of the Board from 1997-2005 and 2010-2011. Mr. Sdao also served as a member of the NCCC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors for more than 20 years.

IN MEMORIAM: F. ROBERT SDAO

Trustee Emeritus F. Robert “Bob” Sdao passed away on November 14, 2013. Mr. Sdao dedicated over a decade of service to NCCC through tireless fund raising efforts of high education and determination to make NCCC an exceptional institution of higher education.

Mr. Sdao served as a Governor's Appointed Trustee of Niagara County Community College for two consecutive terms from 1996 through 2011. He was named an Emeritus trustee by the Board of Trustees in 2013; the first such appointment ever bestowed upon a retired trustee in the history of the College. Mr. Sdao served as the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 2005-2010 and the Secretary of the Board from 1997-2005 and 2010-2011. Additionally, he served as the Co-Chair of the Facilities/Planning Committee (2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2010-2011), the Co-Chair of the Finance Committee (2005-2006), the chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee (1996-1998) and the Personnel Committee Chair (1996-2000) and Co-Chair (2000-2009). He was also a sitting member of the Student Education Committee from 1997-2003.

In addition to serving 12 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Niagara County Community College Foundation, Mr. Sdao participated extensively in the Foundation’s Major Gifts Campaign and more than once he and his wife Geri served as Chairs of the NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala. The generosity to the NCCC Foundation by Mr. Sdao and his wife Geri is reflected in an endowed scholarship named for their late son Michael Robert Sdao. The Board of Trustees Board Room is named in his honor. Mr. & Mrs. Sdao were also charter members of the Presidential Partners program to raise money for student scholarships.

In addition to service on the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board, Mr. Sdao served 11 years as a member of the College Association of NCCC, Inc. Board of Directors, and vigorously participated in community philanthropy and political affairs. He was a 1998 recipient of the Distinguished Honoree Philanthropy Award from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (WNY Chapter).
Niagara County Community College President James P. Klyczek and Board of Trustees Chair Bonnie R. Sloma were joined by Lt. Governor Robert Duffy, State Senator George Maziarz, Niagara County Legislature Chair William Ross and Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster on September 28, 2012 to officially cut the ribbon at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI), which opened as the new home to the College’s Hospitality and Tourism programs.

The $26 million, 90,000 square foot facility encompasses one third of the former Rainbow Mall on Old Falls Street in Niagara Falls, NY. In addition to eventually holding up to 1,000 students and faculty, NFCI features Savor, a year round student operated fine dining restaurant; La Patisserie, a French pastry shop; the Old Falls Street Deli, featuring traditional New York style deli sandwiches and salads; the Wine Boutique, a traditional wine store that offers wines primarily found on the Niagara Wine Trail; and a Barnes & Noble culinary themed bookstore. The Mise en Place tourism kitchen and Small Business Development Center will add to the tourism and business growth opportunities in the area.

FOUNDERS DAY DINNER AND GRAND OPENING OF NFCI

On November 17, 2012, NCCC held its Founders Day Celebration at a reception at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute and a sit down dinner at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. Over 700 guests attended this special night to celebrate:

- The 25th Anniversary of the Niagara County Community College Foundation
- The 50th Anniversary of Niagara County Community College (and thus the name of this evening’s event – Our Founder’s Day Dinner)
- Our annual recognition of our Employees and College Supporters, and
- Celebration of the opening of the Culinary Institute and Recognition of the College’s many friends and partners who helped the College achieve that goal
Niagara County Community College commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address with an event held in the Arts and Media Theater.

The event featured a reading of the Gettysburg Address by Lincoln character actor, Jeffery Bloomquist, followed by keynote speaker, Dr. Carole Emberton from SUNY Buffalo. Dr. Emberton, an award-winning historian, discussed the initially negative public reaction to the Address and how it ultimately became the ringing endorsement of freedom and American nationalism that it is today. A panel consisting of retired NCCC History professor Clyde Tyson, NCCC student and former Marine Anthony Garza and Education Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Mark Lozo responded to the keynote speaker’s remarks.

President Lincoln and members of the 155th Infantry Civil War reenactment group were on campus to meet the public prior to the event.

NFCI WINS AWARD FOR INTERIOR LANDSCAPING

The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute was named first place award recipient of the I-Plants Magazine 2013 Design Contest for interior landscaping design using permanent botanicals. I-Plants Magazine is an online magazine and the official trade journal for the interior plantscape industry.

Niagara County Community College Professor and Horticulture Program Coordinator, Carolyn Stanko, CNLP, jointly conceived the original interior landscape design with Kathryn O’Donnell, owner of Botanicus Interior Landscaping of Tonawanda, NY. The installation was completed by Botanicus. A Tuscan theme was incorporated using olive trees, grape ivy vines, rosemary and basil. An assortment of specially designed artificial trees, bushes, flowers and vines are used in the kitchens, classrooms and throughout the five-story center atrium. In addition, a first floor wall features plant portraits and a variety of bush and hanging succulents.

Entries were judged on design aspects, appropriateness for the client, space, materials, containers, use of color and innovation in design.

NCCC NAMED MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL FOR 2013

Niagara County Community College was named a “military-friendly school” for the third consecutive year. The honor comes after a data driven survey of more than 12,000 schools administered by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business and publisher of G.I. Jobs and the Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

The competitive list ranks NCCC in the top 15% of colleges, universities, and trade schools nationwide committed to doing the most to embrace military students and ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation. The list is compiled using school reviews from student veterans as well as criteria including financial aid and transition programs offered.

NCCC maintains a strong commitment to helping veteran-students make the challenging transitions from military to academic life. Veteran counselors provide assistance in navigating paperwork necessary to apply for GI Bill benefits, figuring out complicated financial aid packages and assistance with career placement. For more information contact NCCC Student Development/Veteran Services Office, visit the NCCC Veteran Services webpage: www.niagaracc.suny.edu/studentlife/development/veterans.php
This past summer, NCCC hosted a diverse group of eighty K-12 educators from around the nation as they joined with university and museum scholars to conduct two one-week explorations of the Erie Canal. Throughout the week, participants engaged with experts in history, literature, art history, music, science, and education in both classroom sessions and historic site-visits along the Canal corridor.

According to Project Director Pierson Bell, the workshop helped educators see the broad impacts of the Canal on American society. "Many people who grew up in Western New York are familiar with the Canal's importance as a transportation artery and the engineering challenges that confronted its builders. What is less known is how the Canal influenced notions of American identity and culture and, as a contributing factor to the Market Revolution, brought about social and economic transformations on a national level."

"Clinton's Ditch: the Erie Canal in Western New York" is a Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop, a series of summer programs funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. "Being selected to host a NEH workshop is a great honor," said Mr. Bell, a history teacher at Medina High School. "The grant process was hyper-competitive and Niagara County Community College was the only community college in the nation that was awarded a Landmarks grant in 2013."

The NCCC Annual Veterans Day Ceremony was led by Anthony Garza, a student in the Business Administration program at NCCC and a former a Sergeant who served 13 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The program featured a color guard and the National Anthem sung by NCCC alumnus Peter Robinson. The keynote speaker was Dr. Patrick Welch, President and Chief Operating Officer of Rembrandt Charms USA. Dr. Welch, a well-known Veteran Advocate both locally and nationally is the former director of the Erie County Veterans Service Agency. Dr. Welch, a graduate of NCCC and a retired Sergeant of the U.S. Marine Corps, was a recipient of the Purple Heart for his combat service in Vietnam.

The ceremony concluded with NCCC’s tradition of placing a wreath on the Veterans Park monument and a reception in the Notar Administration Building lobby.
Arts & Media students were presented with outstanding student awards in their respective fields at the 2013 Excellence in Arts & Media Awards on April 30, 2013.

Awards & Honors

MATH AWARD

The 2013 recipient of the Kenneth “Ben” Raymond Proficiency in Mathematics Award is Ledong Yang, pictured with Dr. Raymond at the Department's Award Reception in May. Ledong plans to major in Computer Science at the University at Buffalo.

2012-13 SUNY CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS WINNERS

Jennifer Allen  Barbara Buckman  Gemma Fournier  David Milazzo  John Strong

The Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service was awarded to Jennifer Allen, Registration and Records Assistant in the Records Department.

The Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities was awarded to Barbara Buckman of the Arts, Media and Technology Division.

The Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching was awarded to Gemma Fournier, David Milazzo and John Strong all from the Science, Health and Mathematics Division.

PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION AWARD

The 2013 recipient of the President’s Medallion was Alexandra Gancasz of Barker, NY. This award is presented each spring 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. While at NCCC, Alexandra had an exemplary academic record, with an overall GPA of 4.0, on the Dean’s List, in the NCCC Honor’s Program, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. In addition to Alexandra’s academic success, she was strongly involved in tutoring on campus and served as president of the Tutor Club, Secretary of the NCCC Student Senate, and served as an Orientation Leader.
The Niagara County Community College Thunderwolves welcomed two more 1st place Region III plaques to their already extensive trophy case under the direction of fourth year Athletic Director Bob McKeown. “I believe the strength of our program is our coaching staff, and with some of the new coaches that we added to join our veteran coaches, I feel we have one of the best staffs in all of Region III. I am looking forward to another great year of Thunderwolves Athletics.”

The women’s volleyball team had another tremendous season, racking up more than 30 wins and claiming the Western New York Athletic Conference championship. The Thunderwolves were led by sophomore Kristine Ripson, who was named both an All-American and the Region III Player of the Year after a record-setting career. Freshman Delaney Laper was an All-Region selection and named the school’s top freshman athlete. Sophomore Taylor Akins was also an All-Region choice. With the return of Laper along with several talented freshmen, fifth-year coach Joe Daigler hopes to avenge an early exit in last year’s Region III Tournament and take NCCC to its third National Tournament appearance during his tenure.

The wrestling squad continued its dominance, bringing home its 18th regional crown. Sophomores Irvin Buck and Kris Schimek were both All-Americans and regional champions. Buck was also named the Most Outstanding Wrestler in Region III. Other regional champions included freshman Kevin Strong, sophomore John Brabon, freshman Gunner Thomas and classmate Max Antone. Freshmen Barney Prince and Lance Compton were second-place finishers for Region III Coach of the Year Keith Maute. Now in his third season, Maute plans to ride a strong sophomore class to the top of the podium once again this winter.
A Magazine for Niagara County Community College Alumni

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Stay connected with the NCCC Alumni Association!

You can contact the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Office at 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132 
alumni@niagaracc.suny.edu  
foundation@niagaracc.suny.edu  
http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation-alumni/  
(716) 614-5910
A Letter from Your Alumni Office

NCCC is in the midst of its 51st year of operation. The 2012-2013 academic year was one for the record books. We reached high attendance at all alumni events, hosted record breaking fundraisers, and connected with more graduates than ever before.

I had the privilege of speaking with alumni, parents of students, and regional leaders at the 22nd Annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala this past October. This eye opening experience taught me the important role our College plays in the lives of individuals and in Western New York. I also learned how passionate NCCC employees, students, and alumni are when it comes to volunteering. Our vivacious crew banded together to pull off one of the largest galas in history, allowing the Foundation to offer more scholarship opportunities to NCCC students.

In March 2013, many first time alumni participants, as well as seasoned attendees, braved the winter and snowy roads to enjoy a night of wine and theatre at the Sanborn Campus. “Sip, Swirl and Celebrate,” hosted by the NCCC Alumni Association, featured local wine tastings from Chateau Niagara Winery, Freedom Run Winery, and Vizcarra Vineyards. After wine and hors d’oeuvres, guests were escorted to a theatre production, “Where Do We Go From Here? A Celebration of NCCC’s 50th Anniversary” which was written, produced, and performed by NCCC students. Following this event, many new and returning athletes came out to race in the Annual NCCC Alumni 5K Run/Walk on May 3, 2013. To our delight, we hosted 116 runners and walkers who helped raise funds for NCCC Foundation Scholarships. After the race, all participants, friends, and families enjoyed a barbecue and music on the front lawn of NCCC.

Wrapping up our momentous year was the 2013 Commencement ceremony where I met with many new alumni as well as parents, family members, and friends of graduates who happened to be NCCC alumni as well. Listening to coming-of-age stories, giving tours of the College, and hearing that our alumni receive, read, and enjoy our magazine, Connections, excited me to be a part of NCCC’s 51st year. We encourage you to keep the momentum going and hope you stop by again for our upcoming alumni and college events.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Denyel Koury ’07
Alumni Development Specialist, NCCC Foundation

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You’re Invited

NCCC Alumni 5K Run/Walk
Friday, May 2, 2014
Race at 6 p.m., Kids race at 5:30 p.m.
Registration/packet pick-up at 4:30 p.m.
Sanborn Campus

The fast, flat road race around the scenic NCCC campus is now a NYS Track and Field Certified Course: NY13151JG.
RFID timing by Score-This.

$20 pre-registration / $25 for day-of reg T-shirts to the first 150 participants.
Post-race party with dinner, drinks, and music. Family-friendly event.
Awards to overall male and female and top 3 in 5-year age groups.
To sign up, please visit: http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation-alumni/5k-run-walk.php

For Art Appreciators:

Please be sure to visit the Dolce Valvo Art Center at the Sanborn Campus. New exhibits are on display throughout the semester. For more info visit:
http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/academics/amt/art_gallery

For Sports Fans:
Root for the T-Wolves!
http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/athletics/
For info on NCCC men and women’s sports, games, tournaments, and stats.
Alumni Spotlight:

Two NCCC Grads Partner Up to Bring Great Food

The hustle and bustle of Larkin Square was electric. The smell of ...Vietnamese Food? No...was it Thai? Indian? The smell of...some sort of amazing cross-border culinary delight filled the air, and two very friendly food truck owners extended their hands to greet me and to talk about how their time as NCCC students has influenced their careers.

I boarded the Black Market Food Truck (BMFT) and the custom built stainless steel kitchen became our interview room. NCCC Alumni Michael Dimmer '10 and Christian Willmott '10 introduced me to their kitchen, the driver's seat and the customary window which bridges diners to their BMFT meals.

Let's start at the beginning: Mike and Christian both went the traditional route. Mike studied architecture and Christian studied pre-law at four-year schools. They both worked in the restaurant industry to put themselves through college. Upon graduating and experimenting with careers in their educational fields, they were pulled back to one common denominator: food.

They decided to follow this passion and after researching several culinary programs, agreed to attend Niagara County Community College together. "NCCC had a strong program, class selection, and the instructors were passionate. We wanted to learn the foundations. We are both happy we attended," explained Mike.

The fundamentals of the food industry were some of the most essential lessons they could learn as chefs. "Things like how a kitchen works, basic sauce recipes, the brigade system, and food cost analysis were so important." In addition, Mike also shared, "Chef John Matwijkow taught us the expectations he had for us as students; he helped form a mentality on how hard a chef should be working."

After graduating from NCCC, Mike and Christian founded The Nines Catering Company in 2011. This business and culinary venture is still in operation and offers unique and customizable menus for any occasion. As their catering and experience progressed, the guys had their eyes set on a new endeavor: The Black Market Food Truck, a gastronomical experience that not only delivers a great meal, but teaches each customer about rare flavors and dishes from around the world. They haven't stopped there, either. Mike and Christian recently debuted their newest project, The Black Market Deli, in one of Buffalo's newest concert venues, The Waiting Room. Also in the pipeline: a second Black Market Food Truck.

"NCCC had a strong program, class selection, and the instructors were passionate."

The guys get their inspiration for their food, services, and success from other local chefs and the "foodies" culture in Western New York. Mike explained "Chefs who we've looked up to for years come to our truck and eat our food; we're friends now so
that alone is inspiring enough for me to keep doing what I’m doing.”

Another great inspiration to the duo is the farm to table movement sweeping through our region. The BMFT proprietors pride themselves on serving as much local food that they are able to get their hands on. They are continuously building relationships with farmers and distributors in order to obtain more local ingredients for each dish. However, no matter what a guest eats out of the BMFT, the guys want you to know “everything is homemade, everything is from scratch.”

“In fact our newest employee is in the commissary kitchen prepping right now,” chimed Mike. The guys are currently using the old Quaker Bonnet baking facility on the west side of Buffalo. Their fresh bread is baked in an 1800’s brick oven and this large kitchen has allowed them to expand their production and options for their diners.

Owners Mike and Christian want their customers to enjoy their food and to discover new flavors. Their menu consistently offers fresh spins on sandwiches, soups, salads and other sides such as the arancini; a large crispy rice ball which features fresh stuffing options on a daily basis. The beef, spring pea and tomato cream is popular, but my personal favorite is the roasted red pepper risotto, asparagus, brussel sprout, asiago, and garlic cream arancini, which eats like a meal. Their staple item is the Vietnamese inspired banh- mi sandwich; it highlights their fresh baked bread which clutches a rotating choice of braised pork shoulder, caramel beef, or lemongrass chicken. Each sandwich is then dressed with white bean pâte, pickled carrots and onions, fresh cilantro, cucumbers, and spicy aioli. In addition to these hearty meals, the BMFT also offers its customers fresh squeezed juices to guzzle down as they enjoy their meals.

You learn a lot about food when eating around Mike and Christian. Mike’s mom is a teacher and has inspired him to be a life-long learner and a life-long teacher as well. “I have a knack for education,” he says. “That’s what I love about food. I love taking something...like a Mexican styled sandwich or something from India and knowing why it is the way it is and why the ingredients are used. I like having the knowledge and education behind the food.” It is clear the owners of the BMFT want to do more than offer a satisfying lunch or late-night snack. They want their customers to hear the story behind their plateful. The two agree, “We want to educate people about food, about local food, and about what Buffalo has to offer.”

You can find more information about Mike and Christian and their food at TheBMFT.com. You can also follow them on Twitter and Facebook for daily updates on their location, menu, and events.
NCCC faculty and staff members Michele Mistriner ’83, Sue Siegmann ’82 and Kelly Walck have a combined 38 years of experience serving on the NCCC Foundation Gala Auction Committee. These three women are passionate about their jobs and show it through their teaching, service, and passion for student advancement.

“I am involved with the Gala because I want to give back and help students,” declares Sue. Michele agrees, “I’m always interested in raising money for good causes. I stick with organizations when I know the money is going straight to the kids.” “I know how important scholarships are for students.” Kelly explains, “My daughter was a scholarship recipient and the gala helped to fund her schooling. Now she gives back by volunteering at the gala every year.”

These women are not only leaders during “gala season” but they are looked up to by many students that pass through their doorways. Michele graduated from NCCC with an Associates degree in Liberal Arts and went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree from Buffalo State and a Master’s degree in Education from the University at Buffalo. She is now a professor at NCCC in the Childhood Education program and has been for nearly a decade. In addition to teaching, Michele also serves on several committees and boards throughout the College. She claims her co-worker, “Kim Buerger got me going in the right direction when I started working here. She got me hooked on volunteering for the Foundation and I want to do it every year.”

Sue has been teaching at NCCC for 26 years. She is an Associate Professor in the Business & Hospitality Division. In addition to her Associates degree in Business Administration from NCCC, Sue also holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s in Business from Buffalo State College. She uses her business experience and education to bring interactive and influential lessons into the classroom. She is also highly involved with volunteering for college events which benefit students. Primarily, Sue is an advocate for the Scholarship Gala, as she focuses on recruiting new auction committee members and volunteers. Her influence brings many helping hands to the Foundation’s biggest fundraising event of the year.

Kelly is the Humanities and Social Sciences Division Secretary. She is regularly working to advance the development of the division, sustains necessary operations, and helps students when they are in need. Kelly brings a positive influence and energy to the auction team. She seeks donations and helps to wrap, label, move, set-up, and distribute all items during the eleventh hour. “You gain a sense of accomplishment when volunteering at the Gala and it’s all for a good cause,” she says.

All three co-chairs agree that “It’s about the kids. If you love students, then you would love this job.” Michele elaborates, “With the Gala, you see instant results. The gala gives students a chance to put their best foot forward even if they don’t have the financial means. It also teaches them to give back. I like the way the event runs and the Foundation staff is awesome to work with.” These women are beacons of influence and professionalism. They are passionate about their jobs and providing a quality education and experience for students. We are proud they are a part of the NCCC family.
2013-2014 NCCC Annual Fund Kick Off!

At NCCC, we’re all about growing. We want to break records. We want to do better. If fundraising and development were a class, we want to be the teacher’s pet; get a 4.0, and most importantly we want to see the impact of financial successes in the hands of students. With your help, students can experience affordable tuition and books, up-to-date-technology, class trips, and hands-on-experiences in real world settings across different cultures.

By making a contribution to the NCCC Annual Fund, alumni like you and me can ensure that today’s student will have improved equipment to train with, more technologically advanced labs and classrooms, excellent professors, and scholarships to help finance the growing costs of higher education. Faculty, staff, community partners, and parents agree our main interest is in our students. We want to provide a quality education, with rich academic, cultural and social experiences for each and every student, while maintaining an affordable tuition.

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The men's basketball program continued its surge toward the top of the Region III standings, winning 21 games, including a pair of victories over nationally-ranked Lakeland CC and arch-rival Erie CC. Sophomores Isaiah Johnson and Jon Marsh were first team All-Region selections. Both plan to play at the NCAA Division II level this season. Head coach Bill Beilein enters his fifth year with returning big men Jordan Street and E.J. Sandoval and a slew of talented incoming freshmen guards. The Thunderwolves, knocked off in the semifinals of the Region III Tournament three of the last four years, are looking to take the next step this winter.

The women's basketball team had a big turn-around under first-year coach Nate Beutel. The Thunderwolves went from just one win the season prior to 13 wins and a berth in the Region III semifinals. Ripson, NCCC’s President’s Cup winner as top student-athlete, was voted as the Region III Player of the Year. Sophomore Jessica Curry was also first team All-Region and classmate Nthanda Longwe was third team All-Region. With Ripson back and a large crop of talented recruits, Beutel hopes the Thunderwolves can make their first-ever appearance in the regional title game.

The baseball program keeps on making an impression in the area as it advanced to the NJCAA Division III World Series in Tyler, Texas for the third time in five years. The Region III champions racked up 36 wins under the direction of coach Matt Clingersmith, who is going into his sixth year. Freshman Russ McGibbon was a first team All-Region choice, while sophomore Mike Elwood was a second-teamer. Sophomore Mike Orlofski was an All-World Series selection after the T-Wolves went 1-2 at Nationals. Clingersmith also moved on a large handful of his players to NCAA and NAIA Division I and II schools throughout the country. With his biggest recruiting class yet along with the return of several starters, Clingersmith expects his team to compete for its first World Series title.
At the annual Athletic Awards Night held in May, Kristine Ripson was awarded the President’s Cup. Kristine was awarded Region III Player of the Year in Basketball and Volleyball. The Freshman Athlete of the Year Award for 2012-2013 was presented to Women’s Volleyball player Delaney Laper.

Grand Island won the team championship at the 16th annual Tech Wars competition hosted by NCCC. Tech Wars welcomed over 800 middle and high school students from 22 school districts along with dozens of faculty, staff and industry professionals. Tech Wars is a friendly, creative and academically-based technology competition which pits middle and high school students in multiple project-based events of skill, chance and ability. Students in local schools designed and built robots, cars and other technology-based projects that they entered into a variety of competitions against other local schools and students.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the NCCC Wellness Center, the NCCC Student Life “Promise for Tomorrow” program (Campus Suicide Prevention), and the Niagara County YWCA hosted the nationally recognized Clothesline Project exhibit in April.

The Clothesline Project featured T-shirts that were decorated by women and men who have been affected by sexual violence as a victim, survivor, friend or family member. Each shirt tells the survivor’s story in a unique way, using words and/or artwork to decorate the shirt. A new activity added to this year’s exhibit was that students had the opportunity to make their own T-shirts.

The T-shirts were color-coded to show the form of abuse the victim experienced. White represents those who died because of violence; beige represents those who were battered or assaulted; red, pink and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual abuse; blue and green represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse; purple or lavender are for those attacked because of their sexual orientation and black is for victims attacked for political reasons.

The Clothesline Project is a unique way to show the staggering, mind-numbing statistics of sexual assault and turn them into a provocative, in-your face educational and healing tool.
Rad Tech Instructor Elaine Beaudoin (left), Rad Tech Professor and Program Coordinator Cynthia Meyers (right) present Le Anne Brayley with the James Mussel/Kevin Tagg Memorial Radiology Award for the highest academic achievement.

Rad Tech Instructor Elaine Beaudoin (left), Rad Tech Professor and Program Coordinator Cynthia Meyers (right) present Lindsay Pass with the Dr. Glenn Jones Radiology Award for the highest clinical competencies.

Cherie A. Mavissakalian, Nursing program coordinator at Niagara County Community College received the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award at a ceremony held on the NCCC Sanborn campus on December 6, 2012.

The award recognizes a faculty member who best exemplifies the outstanding traits Carol possessed: mentoring and support given to all faculty, continuous professional growth, the ability to inspire students, service to NCCC and commitment to academic excellence.

Gemma Fournier, Surgical Technology program coordinator at Niagara County Community College, was recently selected as one of ten recipients of the 2012 Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologists at the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) national conference held in Washington, DC.

Fournier has been an employee at NCCC for over 17 years.

In May, the outstanding students in the Phlebotomy and Medical Assisting programs were honored at a reception in the Faculty Resource Center. Shown here (l to r) Nina Fox, Excellence in Phlebotomy Highest GPA award winner; Colleen A Robbins, Excellence in Medical Assisting Advisory Award for Highest GPA; Dr. James P. Klyczek, NCCC President; and Cameo Brahm, Excellence in Clinical Phlebotomy award winner.
Niagara County Community College held its 49th annual Commencement on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in the main gym on the Sanborn campus. National talk radio host and Lockport native, Stephanie Miller, delivered the keynote address where she shared the lessons she learned over the course of her career and encouraged the graduating students “not to be afraid to make mistakes”. “Your dreams may look different as you get older,” said Miller. “But actual life may be better than your dreams, so don’t give up.”

Over 300 students participated in the commencement ceremony and received their diplomas from NCCC President Dr. James P. Klyczek, Trustee Gina Virtuoso and SUNY Trustee Eunice Lewin.

Trustee and Vice Chairperson Bonnie R. Sloma was the Master of Ceremonies, while Trustees Vincent Ginestre, Malcolm Needler, William Ross, Kevin Schuler and Sheila Smith participated in the ceremony. Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Greg Lamontagne and the 2013 President’s Medallion recipient and graduate Alexandra N. Gancasz also were involved in the ceremony.

Niagara County Legislators in attendance were Cheree Copelin, Kathryn Lance, Owen Steed and Dr. John Syracuse.
NCCC 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 postemployment benefits of $2,045,217 which served to reduce the fund balance on August 31, 2012 to a deficit of $28,409,951.

The Grants Office managed over $1.8 million in grant funds during the most recently completed fiscal year. Twenty-four grant applications totaling over $13.5 million in funding requests were made in 2012-2013.

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The NCCC Foundation was established in 1987 to seek external funding for unmet needs at NCCC. These financial needs ranged from scholarships for students to the advancement of cultural and social experiences for students, faculty, and the community. Our talented NCCC Foundation Board Members serve in various capacities of the Board: members of the Executive, Finance, Development, Planned Giving, Scholarship, and Alumni Committees. These committees positively and constructively steer the direction of the Foundation and Alumni network.

The symbiotic partnership of the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Association continues to fuel the development and success for the mission of the College: to provide a teaching and learning environment dedicated to excellence and maintaining a commitment to the hallmarks of student centeredness, accessibility, comprehensiveness, collegiality, community partnership, and lifelong learning.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Association accomplished fundraising, outreach, and development goals by hosting several events, raising funds for scholarships, and connecting with many alumni and community partners. These accomplishments would not have been possible without our donors, guests, volunteers, student workers, and interns. Your continuous support aids in the advancement of our organization.

The beginning of the 51st academic year already shows great promise with new and exciting opportunities to grow NCCC and its impact. We'd like to invite you, the community, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and students along for the ride. With the development of the Learning Commons, various alumni events, and the ongoing campaign to raise funds for scholarships, we are excited to build off of the momentum from the 2012-2013 school year.

If you are already involved, whether it be through attending our annual gala or alumni reunions, donating to the Foundation, or volunteering for our events, we thank you for your continuous support. If you are interested in becoming more involved at the Foundation, we invite you to contact us at 716-614-5910 or visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation-alumni to learn about ways you can leave a legacy. The Foundation and Alumni Office operate by Winston Churchill's motto, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." We hope you would like to share your time, talents, and treasures for the benefit of the next generation.

Sincerely,

Ron Winkley ’78
Chairperson, NCCC Foundation, Inc.

Deborah Brewer
Director, NCCC Foundation, Inc.
At NCCC, the name “Bob Sdao” has become a household name. His presence on campus as the Senior Security Officer, a Board of Trustee, a Foundation Board Member, a Scholarship Committee Member, Co-Chair of the Presidential Partners Program and past Gala Co-Chair has allowed him to wear many hats, make many connections, and influence the progress of our great institution.

After graduating from Niagara Falls High School in 1946, Mr. Sdao attended the Erie County and Niagara County Police Academies. In 1950, his love of airplanes influenced him to serve our country and join the United States Air Force Reserves during the Korean War. Later, Mr. Sdao continued his public service as a patrolman with the Niagara Frontier State Park Police and later, Patrol Deputy and Road Sergeant for the Niagara County Sheriff’s Department. These experiences lead to his appointment as the Police Commissioner of the Town/Village of Lewiston, New York.

His law enforcement career further developed as an employee at NCCC. In 1973, he was asked to join the Security Department at NCCC under the direction of John Fitzpatrick, his supervisor on the Sherriff’s Department. After thinking about the offer for two years, Mr. Sdao began a new career at NCCC as a Security Officer. His duties included investigations, campus patrol, traffic enforcement, reports, and maintaining records. In 1988, he became NCCC’s Senior Security Officer and supervised the activities of all NCCC security officers. One of his most important duties was mentoring students. His passion for them continued, even after he retired in 1995, when he returned to NCCC to work part time as the Coordinator of Student Security. Mr. Sdao explains, “I have a great love for the college and the students. I liked working with them and developing them.”

Another love that Mr. Sdao has is his wife, Geraldine (Geri), of 57 years. The two met while she was working at M&T during her 46 year career with the bank. Throughout the years they have spent together, the couple has developed a rich and meaningful love that is contagious. Like Mr. Sdao, his wife is also a philanthropist having served on boards, committees and for community organizations. “I firmly believe in community service... in any capacity,” says Mr. Sdao. His wife agreed, “You should give back to the community where you live.”

Perhaps one of the most sustainable and generous gifts the Sdao’s have given is the creation of the Robert Michael Sdao Scholarship Fund and the naming of the Robert Michael Sdao Board Room in memory of their son, Robert “Bobby” Sdao. Mr. Sdao explains, “Long after we’re all gone, someone will receive a scholarship in his name; someone will see his name at the Board Room and will think of him. In a sense, he will have made his mark. You can make something good out of something terrible; that’s why we like to do things in Bobby’s name.”

Mr. Sdao has truly left an impression at NCCC by also contributing his time and efforts as a NCCC Board of Trustee for over 16 years and a NCCC Foundation Board Member for 20 years and counting. Mr. Sdao also served for 11 years as a member of the College Association of NCCC. In 2013, he was awarded the title of Trustee Emeritus. This honor was presented to recognize his distinguished service and contributions to NCCC. He has had the opportunity to work with every NCCC President since the founding of the College. Don’t let these prestigious and influential roles fool you; Mr. Sdao is as approachable and charming as he is esteemed. He says, “One thing I am most proud of is when I was Santa at NCCC for about 15 years.” Mrs. Sdao chimed in, “He would hand out the presents to students and would always come home with a cold.”

To Mr. Sdao, NCCC is important because it’s where students discover their interests and find their niche in life. This man has played a major part in allowing students to grow and develop their talents. He has contributed his gifts and talents for nearly four decades to promote the mission of the College and the advancement of youth. NCCC is both proud and humbled by his life’s work of protection and progress.
On Saturday, October 20, 2012 the NCCC Foundation held its 22nd Annual Scholarship Gala celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the College and the 25th of the Foundation. Over 540 guests gathered at the new Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, many for their first glimpse of the new state-of-the-art facility. The gourmet dining stations were prepared by NCCC Culinary and Baking & Pastry Arts students under the guidance of Mark Mistriner, Business and Hospitality Division Chair, and their culinary instructors. Joanne Stanton ’80 was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Gallery, adding to the list of 66 alumni who have exemplified achievement in community involvement, professional employment and college service.

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Thank you to the 2012 co-chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Ann Briody) Petock and Mr. & Mrs. Kurt (Diane) Schuler ’78. This was a monumental year, raising over $145,000 for the NCCC Foundation and scholarships. The success of the Gala is largely due to the numerous volunteers, donors and sponsors. We appreciate your numerous contributions!
ALUMNI

- Alumni Engagement - The Alumni Office began collecting and utilizing the use of email, building its fan base on social media websites, and reaching out to more alumni at college and community events. Please “like” the NCCC Alumni Association on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
- Sip, Swirl and Celebrate - The Alumni Association held this beer and wine tasting event in conjunction with the NCCC Theatre Department’s production of “Where Do We Go From Here? A Celebration of NCCC’s 50th Anniversary. Over 80 guests attended and sampled local wines from Chateau Niagara Winery, Freedom Run Winery, and Vizcarra Vineyards.
- NCCC Alumni 5K Run Walk - The Alumni Association held their annual 5K on Friday, May 3, 2013. The event was a success as 116 runners and walkers came out to participate in the run/walk and after party. Thank you to our sponsors: JBF Express, Certo Brothers Distributing, Select Line Sports, US Foods, Briody Health Care Facility, Liberty Mutual, Maple Leaf Foods, Mark Cerrone Inc., Tom Bishop ‘83, NCCC Student Senate, Bremner Foods, Dr. Martin Drake ’75, Colleen Johnson ’99, Dr. Michael LaFever ’70, Mary Kay by Jessica Pierce, Mountain Valley Water, NCCC Security, Pepsi Co., and Vivablu.
- Flower Sale 2013 - The Alumni Association sold beautiful fresh flower bouquets and raised over $1300 at the annual Nurses Pinning and Commencement ceremonies.
- Alumni Fitness Memberships - The Alumni Fitness Membership ID cards are now able to be swiped at the fitness center, enhancing safety of each member and serving as a reminder to renew the annual membership. These memberships are available to all NCCC Alumni for a $25 annual fee. Memberships include the fitness center, the pool, classes, racquetball courts, and inter-recreational sports.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS (DSS)

The DSS awards are the most prestigious scholarships given to high school seniors in Niagara County. It is two years of tuition-free education at NCCC for students who exemplify superior academics, community service, and commitment to Niagara County. The recipients for 2012-2013 are Ryan Czaja (Royalton-Hartland), Courtney Karpie (Starpoint), Joshua Vacanti (Lockport High School), Samantha Ribbeck (Wilson High School) and Stephanie Kassay (Starpoint).

SCHOLARSHIPS

- General Scholarship Information - Since 1987, donors have generously donated their dollars to fund scholarships for NCCC students. Scholarships are often named to honor the memory of loved ones. Others are named in tribute to alumni, board members, faculty, retirees, organizations, and companies. This past year, the Foundation awarded over $128,000 to 234 recipients.
- Canada Family Scholarship - A legacy has been established by Jerry Canada Jr. and Elizabeth Canada in honor of Jerry’s father and NCCC Alumnus, Jerry G. Canada, Sr. and aunt, Joan F. Canada. It is Jerry’s hope that Canada Family Culinary Scholarship will enable individuals who might not otherwise be able to attend the Institute an opportunity to do so with limited financial burden.
- Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Scholarship - This memorial scholarship was created in 1992 in memory of Robert Michael Sdao by his parents, F. Robert, NCCC Board of Trustee and Foundation Board member, & Geraldine Sdao. They established this scholarship as Bobby’s legacy to help students achieve their goals through education.
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