



North Hennepin
Community College



NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE RETROSPECT

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A New Beginning

North Hennepin Community College is a part of you. Your experiences here have helped shape the person and professional you have or will become. Whether you graduated recently or long ago, you are a part of the NHCC alumni family.

Families need to stick together and support each other — so NHCC is looking for alumni interested in working with the college to revitalize its Alumni Association. Once re-established, the association will select a board of directors and its members will advise the college on ways it can better serve and engage its alumni and identify how alumni can get involved with the campus community and current students.

The Alumni Association will provide a means for the alumni to stay connected to the college through opportunities for career development, networking, social events, mentoring, community involvement and, of course, philanthropy. We will “open the door” to all of our alumni with the hope of encouraging you to get involved in supporting the future of our college.

We are hopeful that you will share your time and resources with the Alumni Association to help the college build upon 40 years of academic excellence for all those who follow in your footsteps. If you are interested in participating in the formation of the Alumni Association, please contact Laury Anderson at Laury.Anderson@nhcc.edu or call (763) 493-0506.

North Hennepin Community College Celebrates 40 Years of Service

Since 1966 NHCC has been offering opportunities to the community through access to education – college courses, continuing education, career planning, community events and more. In its first year, the College operated out of leased space in the old Osseo High School with fewer than 450 students. This spring over 9,000 students enrolled in classes and over the years almost 150,000 students have completed college courses through NHCC. In addition, countless thousands have used continuing education courses for professional and personal development.

We are proud of our accomplishments and presence in this community. We are inviting you to help us celebrate the 40th anniversary by participating in this year’s upcoming events. You will be receiving details in the mail or you can visit www.nhcc.edu.

Keeping Alums Up to Date

Our new alumni newsletter, "The Retrospect", is an abbreviated version of what you knew as the Alumni Newsletter. This publication is full of information about our alumni family including alumni benefits, college programs, college events, volunteer and mentoring opportunities, alumni updates and more.

In addition, this past spring the College published its first college magazine which included the fall 2006 class schedule as well as a list of continuing education classes offered through the College's Center for Training and Development. This publication features the success of our past and current students, shares college news and highlights programs and classes. The new format will better communicate the many educational, professional development and partnership opportunities available to you.

Regardless of where you are in your educational or career path, North Hennepin Community College has something for you! We hope that through these publications, you will become more aware of our presence in the community and you will take advantage of what we can offer you.



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Pat (Berglund) Berg ('77) graduated with an Associates of Science in the Paralegal Program. Pat secured a position at Display Masters through the Office Education Program at Cooper High School. Although Display Masters was bought out by Exhibit Group, Pat continues her employment in the Accounting Department. Pat has been married and residing with husband, Jeff in Maple Grove for 20+ years. They have one son, Eric.

Lori Cain ('03) graduated from Augsburg College, magna cum laude, with major concentrations in religion and sociology. Lori began studying abroad in Italy in the spring of 2004. She was selected for membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociological honor society and will be continuing her education toward a Ph.D. in Sociology (tentatively at Princeton) with concentration in the Sociology of Religion and Gender Studies. Her plans are to teach at the college/university level.

Jane Dorweiler ('88) is an Assistant Professor of Biology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Jane claims that it was the initial classes in biology and the excellent instruction she received at NHCC that set her on her career path. After graduating from North Hennepin, Jane attended the University of Minnesota and in 1991 received a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in Biology. In 1996 she received her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Minnesota and was selected for a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Arizona. Professor Dorweiler is the author of numerous publications. Her research focus is on understanding the epigenetic mechanisms of gene

regulation during development and in response to environmental conditions.

Jane was named Distinguished Alumni at the NHCC Medallion Dinner on May 12, 2006.

Kim Hernes ('05) continues her education at Hamline University on a Presidential Fellowship Scholarship where she is majoring in Sociology, with a concentration in criminal justice. Kim is working on a major research project for Departmental Honors on the use of over-the-counter drugs in schools. She currently is employed as a Customer Service Specialist in the Counseling and Advising Department at NHCC. Hernes nominated Dr. Barbara J. Johnston for the Who's Who Among America's Teachers. (Johnston was recently notified that she was selected.)

Celina Martina ('03) graduated from Hamline University, magna cum laude, with a major in Spanish Education and a minor in Sociology. She has recently been hired to work with Hispanic/Latino Girl Scouts in the southwestern metro area and will be continuing her education in pursuit of a Masters degree. Celina accompanied Dr. Barbara J. Johnston (NHCC retiree) to Omaha, where Johnston was awarded a life membership to the Midwest Sociological Society.

Adetolu (Tolu) Odufuye ('02) graduated with a Bachelors degree in Biochemistry from the University of Minnesota and will be starting medical school this fall at Mayo in Rochester where she received a full scholarship.

Dan Ross ('03) earned an Associate of Arts Degree from NHCC before transferring to St.

Scholastica where he earned a Bachelors degree in Management. Just six months from completing his Masters in Management, Dan plans to attend St. Thomas and earn an MBA. Throughout his education, Dan has worked full-time. He spent 1½ years originating mortgages that lead to a management position for two joint ventures with Wells Fargo. Recently Dan was asked to partner with Financial Freedom Realty to grow and strengthen the company by creating a strong infrastructure for new agents. Dan has worked a plan with local colleges and universities to support the growth of the sales staff. Reimbursement will be provided to any NHCC student for completing their real estate courses with NHCC after they have joined Financial Freedom realty and have closed their first real estate transaction.

Scott Qualle ('06) graduated from NHCC with honors in 1993 and has gone on to receive a Bachelor and Masters degree in Business Administration. In 2004 Scott enrolled in the Building Inspection Technology (BIT) program at NHCC and in 2005 purchased a business. He again graduated in 2006 with honors and received his Associate in Applied Science Degree in the BIT program. Scott delivered the keynote address at this year's graduation ceremony May 16.

Erin Wallace ('03) graduated from the University of Minnesota with distinction, earning a medallion for her superior academic achievements. She has already been hired by a well established St. Paul mortuary. Her official role is Funeral Director. She plans to work in the metro area for a few years before returning to her home in Arkansas.

Michelle Anderson ('89) Gives "The Retrospect" its Identity

It only seemed right to contract one of North Hennepin Community College's alumni to give the alumni newsletter its new look. Michelle Anderson, owner of "Grafik Distinction", was asked to take our alumni stories and updates and create the look of "The Retrospect".

Since she graduated with an AS Degree in Graphic Design, Michelle was employed briefly at Twin Cities Signs, before accepting the Publications Director Position at NHCC. During her employment at the college, she won several district and national awards through the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Prior to attending North Hennepin Community College, Michelle attended the University of Minnesota Morris, where she received her Bachelor's degree. She worked several years as a retail sales manager, before deciding to explore her creative side. After paging through the catalog for NHCC, she decided to enroll part-time in the art program, while still working full-time. She became a full-time student in the Graphic Design Program, after the birth of her first daughter in 1988.

After working at NHCC for nine years, she decided to establish "Grafik Distinction" in 1998, which is located in Champlin, MN. Her expertise is in creative layout and design, corporate identity development, and collateral materials development. Michelle has done work for a variety of companies including health care facilities, law firms, accounting firms, manufacturing companies, and educational institutions. She has designed many high profile promotional pieces for North Hennepin Community College, including this year's invitation to "Desti-Nation Celebration", the Foundation's 23rd Annual Dinner Auction.

Michelle has been married to her husband, Dwight, for 22 years and has three daughters, Jocelyn, 17, Britta, 15 and Evon, 9. The Andersons reside in Champlin. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys reading, sewing and relaxing at their lake cabin.



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Jeff Berg ('76) is Honored with Presidential Medallion

It was clear to those attending the Medallion Dinner at Edinburgh USA that Jeff Berg takes great pride in being a North Hennepin Community College Alumni. Jeff was awarded the Presidential Medallion at the NHCC Medallion Dinner, May 12 and shared his success story. One message was clear: He largely credits North Hennepin Community College for his success.

After being told by high school counselors that he wasn't college material, Jeff chose not to take college entrance exams and felt his options were limited. He began his post secondary education at NHCC and once he started he realized he really enjoyed it. He paid better attention, tried harder and with no surprise ended with a 3.86 GPA. He gives NHCC President, Ann Wynia (who was the Political Science instructor) credit for being influential in his decision to study Political Science at Hamline University and go into law school. Jeff graduated from NHCC with an Associate of Arts Degree in 1976 and was pleased to find that all of his credits transferred. He graduated from Hamline in 1978 and Hamline Law School in 1981.

Since then Jeff has practiced law in the northwest suburbs and currently he is a shareholder in the law firm of Henningson & Snoxell, Ltd. in Maple Grove where he focuses his practice in the area of family law.

Jeff served six years on the NHCC Foundation Board of Directors and served as President for two of those years. Jeff is currently serving his last term as Past President. He and his wife, Pat, co-chaired the successful 2006 Foundation Dinner Auction. He has also served on the NHCC Leadership Academy Board. Jeff states his appreciation for the college, "made it a logical place to focus my volunteer resources."

When asked what people should know about NHCC, Jeff states "The faculty is extraordinary and continues to improve. The student body is diverse, all producing a great learning environment." When Jeff hears people say they are "just going to North Hennepin" he responds that NHCC is a great opportunity for everyone, an asset to the community and a place where people should choose to come for a solid education.

Jeff has resided in Maple Grove for 20+ years with his wife, Pat and son Eric, 14. He is a charter member of the Maple Grove Rotary Club, Past President, and Past Assistant District Governor. He is also active in Lord of Life Church, volunteers his time with Boy Scouts and has coached baseball and basketball.



A Call for 40 Distinguished Alumni

NHCC is proud of its alumni! Like a proud parent, we want to "brag" about our successful alumni. Often we don't know where those successes lie unless we hear about them from you.

Each year, the college recognizes its Distinguished Alumni. This honor is awarded to graduates of NHCC who have demonstrated superior achievement of a personal, professional or civic nature.

If you would like to nominate a fellow alumni to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, visit www.nhcc.edu/foundation or return the alumni update form included in this newsletter. Awards will be determined by demonstrating achievement in a personal, professional or civic nature.



Endowed Scholarship for Veterans is Established

Don Levens ('70) and his wife Bev, recently established an endowed scholarship in memory of his uncle, Albert D. Law. Don serves on the North Hennepin Community College Board of Directors since 2004 and is a City Administrator for the City of Cokato.

Don and Bev established the Albert D. Law Scholarship for Veterans in financial support of a veteran or a child of a veteran pursuing an education in Nursing or Health Care at North Hennepin Community College.

Albert D. Law attended Weber College in North Dakota before serving his country in World War II, where he earned a Purple Heart. After serving his term, he attended the University of Minnesota on a GI Bill.

Law pursued a career as a teacher, working seven years at Deer River Indian Reservation. During summers off, he returned to North Dakota and received his teaching license. He then taught elementary school in Columbia Heights until he retired in the early '80's. Law was a promoter of education and was active in the community.

This scholarship will be awarded for the first time in fall 2006. The application can be found at www.nhcc.edu/foundation.

Leaving a

Leaving a Legacy

Creating a legacy in your name at North Hennepin Community College is a wonderful way to help shape the future by providing scholarships and support to students, faculty and departments at NHCC through the Foundation. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving, please visit www.nhcc.edu/foundation or email DeeDee.Heitzman@nhcc.edu

Student Nurses Association Scholarship Continues to Grow

The Foundation continues to accept donations towards the newly established Student Nurses Association (SNA) Scholarship. The endowment was established this past year by the generous support of nursing alumni.

Beginning in 2007, the first SNA Scholarship will be awarded based on the investment earnings of the account. If you would like to support this or any other scholarship offered through the Foundation, call (763) 424-0916.

Nursing Alumni Updates

Nursing Alumni share where they are now and memories of NHCC. If you care to keep us up to date regarding your employment and accomplishments, complete the questionnaire found in the enclosed envelope.

Steve Adams '90

United Health Care
"the cadre of friends I had in nursing school"

Phyllis Affeldt '86

Edina Plastic Surgery, Ltd.

Jennifer Barnick '04

Chisago County Public Health
"great first year professors - Cindy Pins and Jan Hancock"

Judy Barthelemy '00

CDI
"clinical"

Melissa (Marolt) Behl '03

North Memorial Medical Center
"joining Phi Theta Kappa"

Caroline Birkholz '77

Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia, MN
"the college was still out in the country when I graduated"

Cindy Bona '85

Minneapolis VAMC (Veteran's Hospital)
"a small college, small class sizes and very personal"

Ashley (Sutton) Brunn '05

Caregivers Network

Gale Butler '76

North Memorial Home Health

Gayle Carlson '85

Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, WA
"exceptional nursing instructors"

Judy Collins-Randall '74

North Memorial Medical Center
"having to wear a skirt for clinicals"

Julie Dahl '97

Bon Secours Medical Center, Chesterfield Co., VA
"friendly and intelligent classmates"

Sally Decker '83

North Memorial Medical Center

Doris Doty '73

Retired
"graduated from the first nursing class. Dr. Idelia Loso, Dean of Students, encouraged me, 'a middle aged grandmother' to enter nursing. Supportive instructors - Miriam Hazzard and Phyllis Blake-Angel"

Therese Drey '93

Methodist Hospital
"small campus that was close to home and affordable"

Shona Elsberry '03

North Memorial Medical Center
"instructors' compassion for the students"

Lou Ann Fahlberg '75

Retired
"I returned to college and became an occupational therapist."

Jane Frieler '91

Centra Care Plaza/Dialysis
"My group was the first group in St. Cloud."

Mrs. Kyle Godette '97

St. Therese Home
"late night clinicals - bad! June Ige - great!"

Kerry Grant '76

MSN, CRRN, CWOCN
Sun City AZ

Tracey Hanson '04

Hennepin County Medical Center

Scholarship Opportunities for Re-Entry Women

Women believing in empowering women through education have made college more accessible by establishing scholarships in their name.

Long-time NHCC Professor, Dr. Barbara J. Johnston established the Barbara J. Johnston Scholarship for Re-Entry Women in 1998 with the support of an Alumni Advisory Board of NHCC re-entry women graduates.

The estate of Sarah Robinson Pollock (class of '68) established a scholarship in her name at the time of her death to promote educational opportunities for re-entry women at NHCC in 2002.

These and other scholarships are awarded annually through the NHCC Foundation. To be eligible for re-entry women scholarships, the applicants must meet certain criteria, one being age 28+. To find out more about these scholarships, visit www.nhcc.edu/foundation.

Mary Jane Young, a life-long friend of Johnston, passed away in 1989. She established endowed scholarships at the College of St. Catherine, St. Cloud State and Mankato State to be awarded annually in her name. Information regarding these scholarships can be found on each college's website.

Watch for the complete story on in the July edition of North Hennepin Community College Magazine.

Sharon A. Johnson Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Sharon A. Johnson.
est. 1990

25th Anniversary Scholarship Endowment
Established by founding members of the college faculty. *est. 1991*

Buffalo Lions Club Scholarship Endowment
Established through the support of the members of the Buffalo Lions Club. *est. 1991*

Osseo Lions Club Scholarship Endowment
Established through the support of the members of the Osseo Lions Club. *est. 1992*

Idelia T. Loso Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Idelia T. Loso.
est. 1993

Dr. John F. Helling Endowment
Established by Past President of NHCC, John Helling. *est. 1993*

Evans-Nordby Endowed Lectureship
Established by Charlotte and Keith Nordby.
est. 1993

West Suburban Industrial Supplies Business Scholarship Endowment
Established through the support of Craig and Sandi Annis. *est. 1995*

Brooklyn Park Rotary Club and Foundation Endowed Scholarship
Established through the support of the Brooklyn Park Rotary Club and Foundation.
est. 1995

Mary Jane and Chuck Thompson Health Careers Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mary Jane and Chuck Thompson. *est. 1997*

Barbara J. Johnston Scholarship for Re-Entry Women Endowment
Established by Dr. Barbara J. Johnston.
est. 1998

Barbara K. Mantini Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Endowment
Established in honor of Barbara K. Mantini.
est. 1998

Carillon Endowment
Established through the support of Alice Tessman. *est. 2000*

Alan LePage Second Chance Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Alan LePage.
est. 2000

Charles Long Physical Science Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Charles Long.
est. 2000

Beth & Jerry Sandvick Baccalaureate Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Beth Guiney Sandvick. *est. 2001*

Don Davis Law Enforcement Scholarship Endowment
Created in honor of Don Davis. *est. 2001*

Miriam Hazzard Nursing Scholarship Endowment
Created in honor of Miriam Hazzard.
est. 2001

Sarah Robinson Pollock Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Sarah Robinson Pollock. *est. 2002*

Paul and Sheila Wellstone International Student Scholarship Endowment
Created in memory of Paul and Sheila Wellstone. *est. 2003*

Eldon A. and June E. Tessman Nursing Scholarship
Established in memory of Esther J. Tessman.
est. 2003

Joseph Iten Business Scholarship
Established in memory of Joseph Iten.
est. 2004

Neil F. Sands Scholarship Endowment
Established in memory of Neil F. Sands.
est. 2005

Charlotte Howe Nordby Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of Charlotte Nordby.
est. 2005

Legacy

April Haven '00

Ofstead & Assoc. and business owner of Haven for Health "study groups with classmates"

Alison Heil '05

St. Anthony Health Center

Mary Jensen '77

Retired
"nice campus, low tuition, close to home and a nice staff"

Amy Kasper '03

Buffalo Hospital
"being on break from class when news coverage of 9/11 broke"

Tani Kaster '01

Buffalo Hospital Birth Center
"Paul Melchior making Microbiology very interesting"

Debbie Kempainen '92

Minneapolis Children's Hospital

Lori Keppel '80

Health Partners
"ugly green uniform tops"

Laura Kruger '99

Ridgeview Medical Center, Intelistaf and Nursefinders
"the people"

Melissa Lampert '00

St. Benedict's Senior Community
"the friends I made"

Jana Larson '78

Preferred One Insurance and Fairview Home Care
"all night study sessions before finals"

Nancy (Mangni) Loberg '02

North Memorial Medical Center

Roberta (Behrends) Meehan '76

Buffalo Hospital
"some of my first patients at North Memorial clinicals"

Julie Messenbrink '00

Healthpartners
"how nice the Child Care Center was"

Judy Melinat '03

Abbott Northwest
"Anatomy and Physiology"

Amy (Anderson) Morberg '98

Hennepin County Medical Center/
Peds ICU
"Cathy Campbell and being terrified of nursing clinicals"

Randy Olson '93

Northwest Anesthesia, PA

Francine Orren '97

Fairview Southdale Hospital
"supportive learning environment"

Peter Ostman '81

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital
"fellowship with other student nurses"

Moonyeen Navalta '02

Hennepin County Medical Center
"having a great time with fun and supportive friends and professors"

Claudia Page-Erdman '83

Retired
"The teachers were very understanding."

Kristin Peterson '04

A Chance To Grow
"the great team of Jan Hancock and Cindy Pins"

Julie Philbrook '02

Hennepin County Medical Center
"singing at graduation. We wrote a fun song about nursing school."

Louise Russell '83

Business owner
"www.dogbooties.com"
"stressing out over tests and Phyllis' rapid lecturing"

Greg Russell '83

Duluth Clinic, Lakeside

Jory Rohlin '84

Hutchinson Community Hospital
"a good education and good instructors. The nursing program prepared me for nursing boards."

Sheila (Gaebel) Roering '95

Employed as a nurse in Osakis

Gretchen Schumann '05

South Metro Human Services
"great professors and free popcorn and treats in the student hall"

Sara Schwie '05

United Hospital

Michele Simertz '94

Fairview Riverside
"the friends I made"

Gail Slobodnik '94

Unity Hospital and MN Gastroenterology
"scholarship awards luncheon"

Jerry Stuber '90

St. Joseph's Hospital/Kennestone Hospital, Atlanta, GA

JoAnn Spaulding '90

St. Cloud Hospital
"taking classes in the basement of a clinic"

Tordis Stevenson '98

North Memorial Health Care
"the incredible fright of starting college classes at age 40; the incredible joy of passing nursing boards and the incredible never-ending support of my kids"

Christine Sullivan '04

Childrens Hospital (St. Paul)/Caregivers Network
"hard work but fun"

Molly (Nelson) Sullivan '76

Retired from Mercy Hospital
"great instructors"

Karen Thimm '78

Home Health Care
"watching the crop dusting planes dust the adjacent potato fields and wearing nursing caps to clinicals"

Todd Truwe '91

North Memorial
"good location"

Sandy Urbaniak '73

Leola High School, Leola, SD
"friends and A & P lectures in the large hall"

Sue Wildman '95

Fairview Northland Medical Center



[over 200
scholarships
were awarded
to students
in 2006]

NHCC Scholarship Program Relies on Alumni Financial Support

By supporting the North Hennepin Community College Foundation through a donation to the Scholarship Program, you will leave a legacy of academic excellence that future generations will enjoy. In 2006, the Foundation will award more than 200 scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Scholarships encourage academic success and support those with financial needs, expanding access to higher education throughout our community.

The Scholarship program at NHCC continues to grow because of strong community and alumni support. Whether your support is through your time, financial support or participation in one of the Foundation's many fundraising efforts, it is you who makes scholarships possible.

The most popular method of supporting scholarships is through a donation to the Foundation. Your financial contribution may be tailored to meet your desires and objectives. Gifts may be designated for a specific purpose or may be given without restrictions.

Call (763) 424-0916 to make a pledge or donation using a Visa or MasterCard. You may also enclose your gift (check or money order) in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your generosity on behalf of the NHCC scholarship recipients!

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Job Placement at NHCC is an Alumni Service

Current students and alumni have an opportunity to work one-on-one with the Director of the Career Resource Center (CRC) in developing and implementing a job search. Job announcements are posted daily in the Career Resource Center. Visit www.nhcc.edu/career for positions posted on the web. Please note that positions posted in the CRC may be different from those posted online.

Job skills handouts are available on writing a resume and cover letter, networking, and interviewing skills in addition to a nice variety of books on these topics. Alumni seeking personal assistance for these services should schedule an appointment with Karen Philbin at (763) 424-0707 or email karen.philbin@nhcc.edu.

Senior Citizens can take Classes at a Discount

Did you know that if there is room in a class once all tuition-paying students have been accommodated, senior citizens may register for classes at a discount or no charge? Courses taken for credit by seniors (age 62+) are offered a reduced rate of \$15 per credit plus fees. Noncredit courses and audited courses by seniors can be taken free of

charge. Please note that noncredit courses designed and offered specifically and exclusively to senior citizens and those designed and offered as closed enrollment are not included.

The availability will be determined by the number of seats remaining as of the first day of class. If you would like further information, contact the Admissions Office at (763) 424-0719.

Alumni Scholarships Offered Annually

Alumni who graduated (AA, AS, and AAS degree recipients) from NHCC are eligible to apply for the John Helling Scholarship, including graduates of the current academic year. The award for this scholarship is \$1,000. In order to be considered, applicants may not have completed more than one term in a Bachelor's degree program.

The North Hennepin Alumni Scholarship award for \$250 is created for NHCC alumni who are continuing their education at a four year college. In order to be eligible, applicants must have earned a minimum of 20 credits at NHCC and demonstrate financial need. Recipients of alumni scholarships will have their awards forwarded to their college of enrollment.

The applications for these and other scholarships offered through the North Hennepin Community College Foundation can be found at www.nhcc.edu/foundation.

Receive Credit for Prior Learning

If you have prior work experience that relates to your area of study and want to shorten the amount of time required to get your degree, the Credit for Prior Learning Program may be for you.

Adult learners make up more than half of the College's enrollment due to flexible program options that make earning a degree possible at any stage of life. Busy adults can choose from traditional, accelerated, web-enhanced and online classes offered mornings, afternoons and evenings, weekends and off-campus at Buffalo High School.

NHCC's Credit for Prior Learning Program gives you the opportunity to earn college credits based on previous knowledge gained in the workplace. Credits are determined through testing, courses/examinations and portfolio/group assessment.

If you would like to know more about Credit for Prior Learning, call Jaime Schuster at (763) 424-0730 or email jaimeschuster@nhcc.edu.

Desti-Nation Celebration was a Big Success!

The NHCC Foundation hosted the 23rd Annual Dinner Auction "Desti-Nation Celebration" on April 28 at Earle Brown Heritage Center. Pat and Jeff Berg, both NHCC alumni, chaired the international themed event.

The event was attended by 440 guests and raised \$70,000 for student scholarships at NHCC. Although the event was "black tie admired", guests and volunteers were encouraged to embrace the theme by donning traditional attire representing different countries of the world. The evening consisted of bidding on over 250 silent and live auction items including many internationally themed baskets, a trip to Fiji, games, a raffle for a 2006 Mustang, dinner, and presentations.



2006 Dinner Auction

Jeff and Pat Berg and Ann Wynia



The event was a big success thanks to the assistance of scholarship recipients, PTK members, NHCC alumni, NHCC employees and community members who volunteered their time to assist with check in, guest assistance, bidding, table closings, check out and more. The impressive group of scholarship recipients who volunteered to help with the event was called to the stage and received a well deserved round of applause.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the auction or other Foundation activities, please contact the Foundation Office at (763) 424-0916.

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Recognizing Integrity, Innovation and Excellence in Education

NHCC faculty, staff, alumni and friends attended the 2006 Medallion Dinner, sponsored by the NHCC Foundation at Edinburgh USA. This event was designed to say thank you



2006 Medallion Dinner

for helping to fulfill the mission, vision and goals of North Hennepin Community College with exceptional classroom instruction, friendly student service, efficient behind the scenes work, successful organization of extra-curricular activities, generous contributions to the Foundation, outreach to our communities and the sharing of positive NHCC experiences.



Ann Wynia, Conrad Balfour and Robert Devereaux

Mary Jane Thompson, Jeff Berg and Keith Nordby were recognized with the Presidential Medallion. This award represents extraordinary service and commitment to the success of the college and its students. The Distinguished

Alumni award was given to Jane E. Dorweiler for superior achievement of personal, professional or civic nature. John Balfe was named Professor Emeritus for serving more than 15 years at the college and demonstrating excellence in teaching, scholarship, research and campus involvement.

Educator of the year was awarded to Julie Zieminski for excellence in classroom instruction, service to students and support of the Faculty Association and the Excellence in Education award was presented to Martha Sartoris in recognition of the important contributions of faculty in student success.

Staff Recognition was awarded for distinctive and extraordinary achievement. Recipients included: Tanuja Deonarine, Sandra Hodges, Julie Horn, Karen Roam, Heidi McManus, DeEtta Miller, Jaime Schuster and Jennifer Summer. 15 Year Service Awards were given to: Dale Bradtke, Cheryl Clausen, Renae Fry, Eunice Kistner, Dan Mason, Sheryl Olson, Irene Present, David Sawyer, Larry Schaaf and Vicki Smith.

This year's retirees include: Conrad Balfour, Mary Boutiette, Lois Carlson, Robert Devereaux, Judy Eiler, Joann Hunt, Wayne Schmidt, Darlene Sitko, Darel Swenson, Diane Tix, Roberta Trooien and Barbara Williams.

Thanks to our auction sponsors that helped make our auction a success!

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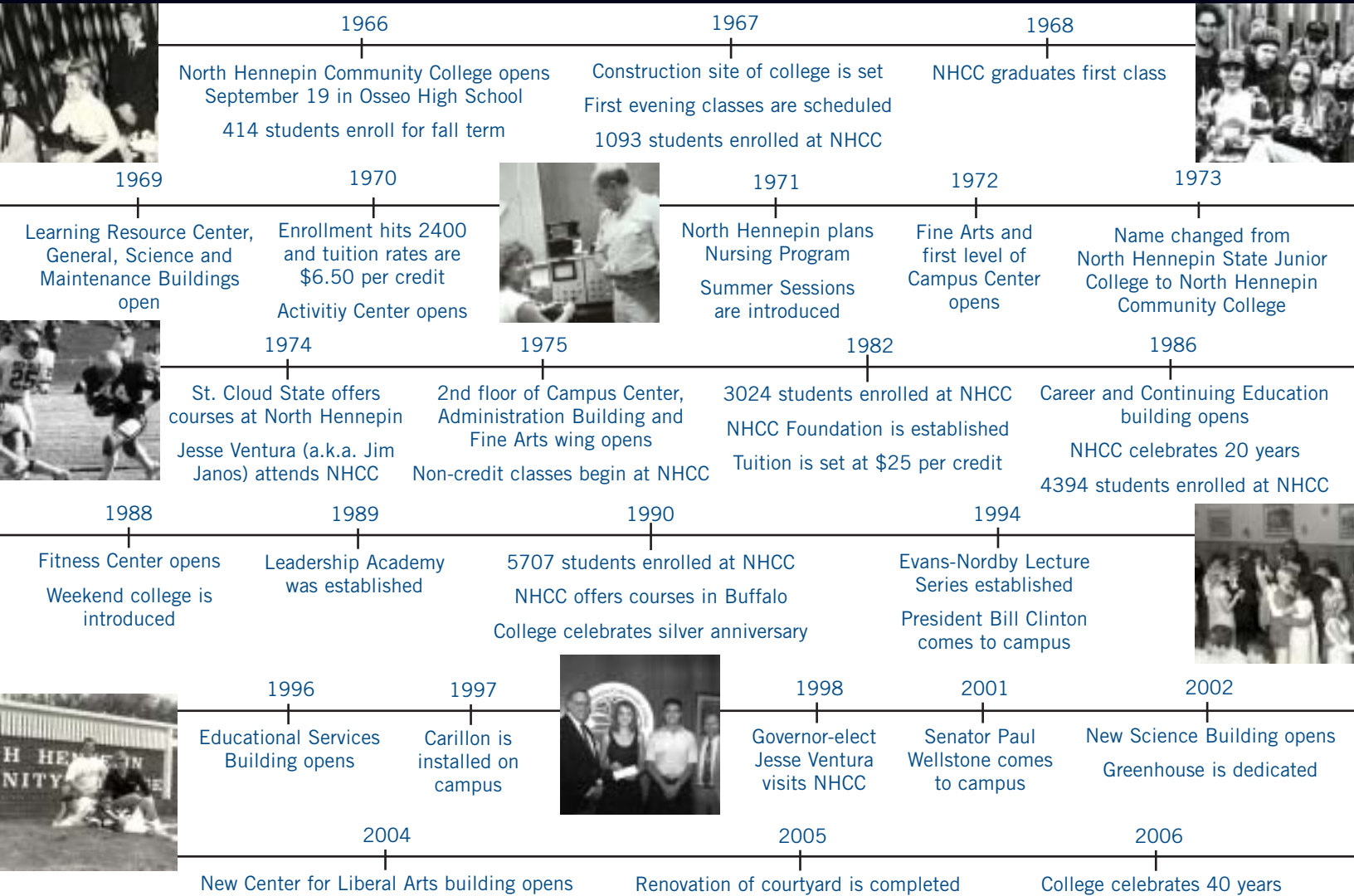
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Julien Phillips, Conrad Balfour and Bruce Lebus

Annual "Springtime Whimsy" Hits Again

The ninth annual "Springtime Whimsy" poetry and prose reading was held in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 3rd in the ES Atrium. The recitation featured NHCC's Conrad Balfour, Bruce Lebus and Julien Phillips reading selections from their own works. About forty members of the NHCC community attended this year's reading, which was dedicated to Conrad in honor of his retirement. The presentation began with Bruce and Julien reciting haikus penned in admiration of Conrad, followed by original works of poetry and prose from each of the readers. Occasionally, the readers gave insight into their inspiration or mindset at the time a piece was written and many themes were touched upon, from greek mythology to nature to current events. A retirement party in celebration of Conrad was held immediately following the reading.



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