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FOR THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Best-Ever Sports Teams
Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

As the new president of the Alumni Association, having graduated from Hudson Valley Community College years ago, I thought it would be appropriate to visit the college on the first day of classes. The excitement in the air created by the bustling students, professors, and staff members brought me back to my days at the college, reminiscent of my anticipation at the beginning of a new semester — the rush to get to class on time, the speculation as to whether my courses would be difficult, and the hope to make friends with my new classmates.

The students have much to be excited about this year with the opening of the parking garage, the establishment of TEC-SMART, and the soon-to-begin construction of the science center. Become connected and involved with fellow alumni, the college, the Alumni Association, and the Hudson Valley Community College community-at-large to share in the news and events happening on campus. You can now become a fan of the Alumni Association on Facebook, link with us on LinkedIn, and follow us on Twitter (HVCCAlumni). Hope to see you there!

Maxine Barasch ’01
Chairwoman, Alumni Association

New Foundation Chief Development Officer is Named

Rachel "Ray" Matzkin Kimmelblatt, formerly of West Hartford, Connecticut, joined the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation as its Chief Development Officer. A certified fundraising executive, Kimmelblatt comes to Hudson Valley with eight years of higher education development experience.

Her appointment is the result of a national search. She assumed the post in August.

She most recently served as director of major gifts at the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. where she raised more than $550,000 in major and planned gifts in her first five months. Prior to that, she held the position of senior development officer at the University of Hartford, directly raising more than $3 million and closing more than 50 major gifts.

Kimmelblatt replaces Marvin LeRoy, who was with the Foundation since 2004.

“I personally connect with Hudson Valley Community College’s mission of providing a high-quality, affordable and accessible education to a diverse community of non-traditional students,” Kimmelblatt said. “I look forward to working with those who are passionate about the college, including the strong and successful alumni community, and translating that passion into philanthropic investments.”

A graduate of UAlbany, Kimmelblatt received her master’s degree from Baruch College. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.
Unique Broadcast Communications Program a “Foot in the Door” for Students

Perhaps because of its size and academic scope, Hudson Valley has a history of turning out influential broadcast personalities in the Capital Region — newscasters Ed O’Brien ’76 from Channel 6 and John Gray ’83 from Fox 23 News once roamed the hallways of Hudson Valley, as did local broadcast legend Joe Condon ’66, who began his 40-year radio career at WTRY in the early 1960s.

O’Brien, Condon and Gray studied business and the liberal arts and found success in their longtime radio and television careers through a combination of passion and persistence. That’s advice not lost on a new generation of graduates, who have the benefit of completing one of the college’s most unique academic programs, one that mixes liberal arts with hands-on radio/television and journalistic training.

Since 2002, Hudson Valley has offered a two-year A.A.S. program in Broadcast Communications. What makes this program special is its meshing of the practical and theoretical. Students spend their first year on campus gaining a foundation in both written and spoken communication and their second year working at Albany’s New School of Radio and Television, where they delve into the hands-on world of radio and television production.

“This program is unusual in that it’s an agreement between a public degree-granting institution and a non degree-granting institution, the New School of Radio and Television,” said Department Chairperson Dorothy Reynolds.

More than 100 students have graduated from the program since its inception. We tracked down three recent graduates to find out what they are up to.

Darcy Miller ’04

Darcy Miller was the first graduate of the college’s Broadcast Communications program ... literally.

“I was the first one across the stage that year for graduation and we were the first graduating class for Broadcast Communications so I guess I can say I was the first graduate,” she said with a laugh.

Miller is currently the nighttime DJ at Buzz 105.7 and fills in as needed at WGNA, the region’s largest radio station. She’s worked at TownSquare Media, which runs four stations locally. “I’ve wanted to be a radio DJ my whole life. Every time I open the mic, it’s as exciting as the first time I did it. It’s amazing how excited people are to talk with you on the air and the fact that I get paid to talk to people and play music that I love. Hopefully, I’ll be able to do this for the rest of my life.”

Miller entered Hudson Valley knowing that the school was planning a Broadcasting degree. “The program was not totally finalized so I just started taking courses. When it was offered, I jumped right in.”

Craig Flint ’07

Flint was a Channel 10 “weather watcher” from age 9 forward, dutifully calling in the conditions from his home in Cherry Valley. Eventually, one of his local heroes — WTEN meteorologist Steve Caporizzo — invited him at age 11 to the WTEN studio for a visit.

It was an experience that set his career path for good. “In many ways, I drove down there and never left,” Flint said.

The 24-year-old moved from an unpaid internship to a paid intern position while still in high school and continued to work at the station through his college years. Eventually, Craig took over weekend forecasting duties at Channel 10. He currently is a fill-in weather anchor at the station and looks forward to expanding his professional repertoire, something he feels is key to success.

“If you look at where the broadcasting and news business is going, it’s becoming more interactive. People in the business now are being asked to do a lot more — shoot, edit, put your stuff up on the Web. I guess the one thing I know is that the more versatile you are, the better off you are,” he said.

Lourdes Torres ’08

The ability to speak two languages isn’t just practical. Sometimes it helps you land a job.

That’s what Lourdes Torres found out when she secured a position as a part-time bilingual producer for the New York State Senate Media Services last March. She’s been there ever since, working on video productions that can be seen on the Web, on local cable networks around the state and even on Spanish language cable giants like Telemundo and Univision.

“Honestly, I never was really interested in politics, but this is a place that can help me grow as a reporter and a producer,” she said.

“For now, I’m happy to be here and I’d like to stay for a while.”
Great Student-Athletes

The Best-Ever

Intercollegiate athletics have been a part of Hudson Valley Community College for more than 40 years, and in that long history, national and regional crowns have been earned and untold numbers of personal and team goals achieved, but who was the “best of the best” — the most well-regarded team in the history of Viking athletic endeavor?

We asked five longtime members of the college’s athletic department to weigh in on the question. Some had ready answers, others were a bit more qualified with their opinions, considering the scope of the college’s athletic program, past and present.

Here are the responses:

Phil Brown
Department Chairperson,
Physical Education Studies;
Former Men’s Cross Country,
Women’s Softball and
Men’s Bowling Coach

Brown has served as department chair since 1987. He had regional champion teams in all three sports he coached.

“I don’t know if I can give you a team that can be called ‘the greatest,’ because there have been so many,” Brown said.

With more than three decades of service to the college, he took a slightly different take on the question. Brown said a contingent of young women who played both softball and basketball during the early part of the last decade stand out for him as great student-athletes.

“There was a group of young women and many of them played both basketball and softball. In back-to-back years they were outstanding. I believe both teams went on to the nationals,” Brown said.

When you consider that basketball and softball are two of the most competitive sports at the junior college level, the basketball and softball teams of 2001-2002 do look impressive. The squads were led by

Lindsay Bradt ’02, Casey Brinkman
‘04, Meg Davis ’03, and Tanya
DeLaMater ’03.

Brown also mentioned the 2003 football team which produced future NFL starter Darnell Stapleton ’05, NJCAA Player of the Year Emmanuel Marc ’05 and Jonal Saint Dic ’05, who led the Big 10 in tackles after transferring to Michigan State, among other standouts. That 8-2 squad played in the Graphic Edge Bowl, narrowly losing to Ellsworth Community College.

“Of course, if you look at the national level, our most successful program long-term has been the bowling program,” he said. “And you can’t forget the fact that we won a national championship in ice hockey.” That national championship was earned by the 2001 squad, which traveled all the way to North Dakota to win the title.

With so many choices, Brown just had to shake his head. “I guess I don’t want to single out a team because there have been so many good ones,” he said.
Paul Bishop
Longtime Women’s Basketball and Volleyball Coach

Bishop was one of the originators of women’s athletics at Hudson Valley, taking the 1970 intramural basketball program to the intercollegiate level the following year.

Here was a ready answer — almost instantaneous after the question was posed — the 1993 women’s basketball team.

“There was real unity on that team. They worked together,” he said. “Individually, there were one or two players who excelled but it was a group of seniors who really played well together. I don’t think we had more than one or two juniors on the whole team.”

Bishop said that senior-laden group had made it to the national tournament the year before but came up short in the tournament. Perhaps that taste of national prominence fueled their run the following year. “What I remember is that we had two or three teams in our region that were ranked nationally.

Jefferson was very good. I think they were the number one ranked team in the country heading into the (national) tournament. We ended up beating them by one point in the regional tournament and then beating them again in the national tournament.”

The Hudson Valley team (25-2), which was hosting the national tournament, went on to topple Quinsigamond Community College (Mass.) to win the national title. Bishop earned the NJCAA national “Coach of the Year” honors after the 1992-93 season.

Also mentioned: Bishop, who had success in both volleyball and basketball through the years, recalled some of the great baseball teams fielded by former coach and athletic director Joe Purello.

Joseph Prest
Men’s and Women’s Bowling Coach Since 1986

Prest has the longest tenure of any athletic coach at Hudson Valley.

“I think my 1995 women’s team was the best women’s team I’ve ever had,” Prest said of his first national championship squad. “It was deep and probably the team with the most talent overall. Going into the second day of the national tournament we were in second place but 340 pins down. We came back the next day and won by 400 pins. That doesn’t happen too often and it showed...
the kind of team this was. They had a goal and they never gave up.”

That squad included Heather Selig, Erin Barkman ’95, Katie Lucey ’97, Katie Skiff ’96 and Wendy Veve ’95.

Earlier this year, Prest won his second national title with the women’s team and has racked up a half-dozen regional championships and numerous appearances at the nationals through the years with his men’s squads. “That’s what got me hooked back in 1986. It was the first year we went to the NCAAs with the men’s team,” he said.

Don Schmidt
Former Athletic Director

Schmidt came to the college in 1959 as athletic director and head basketball coach. He held various roles in the athletic and academic arena until his retirement as a senior vice president in 1986.

The late 1960s were a banner time for Hudson Valley baseball. In the mind of former athletic director Don Schmidt, the 1968 squad, which made it to the quarterfinals of the Junior College World Series, was the best of the best.

“A year earlier Nassau beat us by one run to win the Regionals, but the following year Joe Purello took the squad all the way to the nationals out in Grand Junction, Colorado,” he said. “They won two games and made it to the quarterfinals.”

Schmidt recalled that Hudson Valley Community College’s Mike Houck pitched the first victory in the nationals and Richard McDonald ‘68 beat the host Grand Junction squad in the second game. “I remember that it was a tight game; one of the most exciting baseball games I’ve seen.”

Schmidt also recalled the basketball teams from the earlier part of the 1960s as standing above the pack. “I don’t remember if it was 1963-64 or 1964-65, but the team with Jack Washington and Will Hammett ’66 was very good,” he said. “A lot of those teams coached by Bob Kirchberger were very good.”

Tom Rogan
Professor of Physical Education; Former Head Coach of Track and Field and Soccer Teams

Rogan has been associated with the athletic program and Physical Education department for 42 years.

Not that it should come as a surprise, but Tom Rogan has strong feelings about the track and field programs he led to multiple titles throughout the years. Without a current track program, folks might not remember how dominant those squads were, but he remembers.

“Well, we had a track and field team that went undefeated from 1975 to 1980. We lost one meet in 1980 and then went undefeated again through 1985,” he said. “I think that says a lot right there.”

Of all those dominant squads however, Rogan said the 1975 team was probably the most outstanding. According to a fading mimeograph he still keeps in his office, the ’75 squad was “the first undefeated team in HVCC history.”

“I ran the numbers and it was pretty amazing,” Rogan said. “Just the field side would have won the Region III championships. We wouldn’t have needed the runners, and the other way around. They outscored the next-best team two-to-one.”

That squad featured Jim Bowles ’75, who would later compete in the 1976 Olympic marathon trials; shotput specialist Jimmy Gazzillo ’75; middle distance runner and miler Ray Bigrow ’76; longtime Shenendehowa coach Matt Jones ’76; and decathletes Rick Van Alstine ’77 and Jimmy Cromer ’76.

Current faculty member Ronald Mulson also was a member of that squad. He still calls Rogan “coach.” “Talent-wise, that team was stacked, but it was really a unique group of guys,” Mulson said.

Hall of Fame

The Hudson Valley Community College Athletic Hall of Fame includes nearly 60 coaches, student-athletes and teams from five decades of Hudson Valley athletics. You can visit the Athletic Hall of Fame in the lobby of the McDonough Sports Complex.

Several of those interviewed for the piece, including Schmidt, Rogan, Brown and Bishop, are already members of the Hall of Fame, as are many of the teams and athletes mentioned.

Every few years, the college’s athletic department solicits nominations for the Hall. If you have a suggested nominee, contact the Athletic Department at (518) 629-7328.

Go to Facebook now and vote for your favorite team!

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Q&A with the New Coaches

Three new coaches will head up intercollegiate teams at the college this year. Cathie Olf became the inaugural coach of the new women’s golf program this spring; elite road runner Chuck Terry takes over as head of the women’s and (new) men’s cross country program; and Jason Houghtaling left the Wagner College coaching staff to be the Vikings’ interim head football coach.

We asked each coach three questions about their programs and where they want to lead them.

What do you hope to accomplish with the team in the coming year and where is your area of focus as you look toward the season?

Cathie Olf: As the newest women’s sport at the college, my goal is to field a full competitive team. Women’s golf is gaining in popularity and I feel that our team could be very successful if we could get more numbers. Anyone is welcome to try out for the women’s golf program as long as they have a desire to learn. Ultimately, my goal is to have our team qualify for NJCAA Nationals.

Jason Houghtaling: My focus for this year’s football team will be on building a foundation of trust between all players and coaches. We will try to have a team of student-athletes that get the job done in the classroom and on the football field. Obviously, our goal is to go out there and be competitive with whoever our opponent is that particular week.

Chuck Terry: As a fall sport, the cross-country team season presents a unique challenge in that it’s also the first semester of college for the majority of these student athletes. I want to allow my runners time to get acquainted with their new college schedules and the responsibilities that come along with being on a collegiate team. We will compete against many of the same schools at invitational meets throughout early September. As they begin developing closer relationships together as teammates, I also look for our runners to establish a healthy camaraderie amongst their peers from these rival colleges.

What drew you to the opportunity to coach at Hudson Valley?

Cathie Olf: I was a high school coach for 20 years but left coaching to pursue other interests. I was interested in getting back into coaching and a friend told me about the new women’s golf program and the coaching position. I loved the philosophy of the college regarding academics first, then athletics. Too many times it’s the reverse! I knew that this was the place for me. Academic success will help athletes become successful in life.

Jason Houghtaling: I was drawn to Hudson Valley because of the opportunity to be involved in education at the community college level. Football is an extension of the great education they are receiving here at the college. Another reason I was so excited with the opportunity to come to Hudson Valley was that I am an Upstate New York guy, and this feels more like where I grew up than where I had been living for five years. Becoming a head football coach has always been a dream of mine, and this was the perfect opportunity.

Chuck Terry: Coaching at Hudson Valley provides the opportunity to work with junior college athletes of a higher maturity level and focus. There’s tremendous potential in recruiting from the talented athletes within the Capital District and Section 2 area. Hudson Valley should have a strong cross-country program given the rich history and continuous accomplishments of our area high schools.

What’s the one core value you’d like to instill in your players?

Cathie Olf: Responsibility is a key core value that I would like to instill in my athletes: They need to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. I need them to know that it’s part of life to make mistakes, but that they shouldn’t make excuses. They need to step up, admit they were wrong and try to do better the next time.

Jason Houghtaling: I want to instill in these student-athletes a core value of honesty. They need to understand that if they are honest with themselves and the people around them, life becomes much easier.

Chuck Terry: Student athletes need to constantly be looking ahead and preparing for their next step, whether it’s training to peak for a championship race at the end of season, or transferring to a four-year institution upon graduation. They each need to keep focused on their long-term goals, while developing friendships and knowledge throughout the process.
Foundation Scholarships Established
Beloved Family Members

Three scholarships have been recently established with the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation in honor of beloved members of the college community. The scholarships have been established by Dan and Tracy Aunkst of Clifton Park in memory of their aunt, Elizabeth DeFeo; by Pioneer Bank board members and friends in memory of John M. Scarchilli ‘74; and by Deborah Kufs in memory of her husband, Robert Kufs ‘90.

In Honor of a Lifelong Love of Learning

Elizabeth DeFeo loved to learn and had a lifelong interest in education. That is how Dan Aunkst remembers the aunt who lived on the second floor of his parents’ two-family Schenectady home while he was growing up.

“...Betty used to help me and the other children in my family with homework,” Dan recalls. “One time I couldn’t get the answer to a question and said it didn’t matter. Aunt Betty said it certainly did matter, and in a gently prodding manner brought out encyclopedias and other reference materials to guide me in researching the answer. That example stayed with me throughout my years of schooling. The student who got B’s and C’s was as special to Aunt Betty as the one who got straight A’s. More important to her was that you pursued your education and continued your learning. She applauded the accomplishments of everyone we knew.”

DeFeo, he said, went to work at General Electric directly after high school in the early 1940s and never did continue her formal education. However, she continued to learn by reading newspapers, books and magazines. She was always impressed that her education at St. Joseph’s Academy in Schenectady qualified her to work at GE and, in her 50 years there, she moved through the ranks from the typing pool to administration by learning all she could about the industry.

“Sharing her love of learning with family and friends, Aunt Betty valued the importance of education and the continuation of learning throughout life,” said Dan Aunkst. “That love and interest is what the Aunksts hope to honor with the scholarship to a currently enrolled student in any curriculum who demonstrates a strong determination to succeed academically and whose GPA is between 2.0 and 2.75. While the first scholarship will be for $500, the Aunksts plan to enhance the award to as much as $3,000 for future recipients.

“It was her kindness and generosity that made an indelible impression on those who knew her. She taught me that everyone has a responsibility to give back. By establishing The Elizabeth DeFeo Scholarship, we can help a student pursue his or her educational goals.”

A Passion for Positive Thinking

John Scarchilli ‘74 grew up in Waterford and went on to serve in the United States Army Field Artillery from 1971 to 1973 before completing his Hudson Valley degree in accounting in 1974. Afterward, he attended Siena College and began working for Pioneer Bank upon graduation in 1977. He held several positions there before being elected President and CEO in 1997, and he served in that post until his death in June 2010.

Scarchilli was known to his friends and family as man of integrity, with strong leadership qualities and a relentless passion for positive thinking. He was dedicated to Hudson Valley Community College in recognition of the valuable education he received here, and also served on many community boards, including Community Hospice, the Commission on Economic Opportunity, The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, and the Troy Downtown Collaborative.

The Pioneer Bank Scholarship in Memory of John M. Scarchilli ’74 will be awarded to Hudson Valley Community College students enrolled in the School of Business who demonstrate financial need and who reside in Albany, Rensselaer or Saratoga counties. Preference will be given to students interested in pursuing a career in banking. Special consideration will be extended to students whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

“My colleagues and I on the Pioneer Bank Board of Trustees felt there was no better way to honor John Scarchilli’s legacy in the Capital Region business community than to endow a scholarship in his name at the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation,” said Donald Fane, who serves on the Pioneer Bank board and the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees. “John was a long-time supporter and alumnus of the college and he truly believed in the college’s mission.”

Encouraging Wise Choices

Robert Kufs, a community volunteer from Schenectady and a former employee of General Electric, took advantage of a reeducation program and entered Hudson Valley Community College’s Automotive Program with the intention of using the degree when he retired from GE. He worked full-time at night and attended class full-time during the day to finish on time. Unfortunately, Kufs passed away prior to retiring.

His wife, Deb, who is coordinator of the Paramedic program at Hudson Valley Community College, honors
him with this scholarship. Through donating to the fund, family and friends will remember him as someone who always encouraged others to make positive choices and follow their dreams.

“I wanted to honor my late husband, Robert Kufs, because he demonstrated to his daughters and throughout his life, that life is made of choices and that we should follow our dreams,” said Deb Kufs. Noting that her daughters went into traditionally male-dominated careers largely due to the encouragement of their father, Mrs. Kufs said women entering the auto technology field will be given preference for this scholarship.

The Kufs Scholarship will be awarded to an incoming, full-time student enrolled in the Automotive Technology Program.

Transforming Lives

Each year, the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation annually awards approximately $200,000 in scholarships to more than 150 students. Another 250 scholarships go to high school juniors and seniors enrolled in Hudson Valley’s College in the High School Program, through which they can obtain college credits and experience college-level work in advance of high school graduation. All awards are based on a variety of criteria, including need, academic performance, civic involvement, and academic program; the awards range from $200 to full tuition and can include the cost of books and fees.

The Foundation manages 165 scholarship funds with a total market value of $2.9 million. The Foundation received $652,000 in scholarship funding in 2009-10 alone.

Currently enrolled students can apply for scholarships in the fall and spring of each academic year. High school seniors entering Hudson Valley in the fall can apply in the spring of the previous academic year.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the college’s Foundation is always expanding scholarship opportunities. To learn more about establishing a scholarship or to donate to a scholarship fund, visit foundation hvcc.edu, call (518) 629-8012, or e-mail foundation@hvcc.edu.

A minimum of $15,000 is needed to establish a named endowed scholarship. For a complete listing of scholarships, visit https://www.hvcc.edu/foundation/scholarship.html.

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and the college’s Alumni Association. This year, the luncheon took place on Sept. 23 at Franklin Terrace in Troy.

Thomas L. Amell ’87, Eastern New York regional president of First Niagara Bank, received the Otto V. Guenther Career Achievement Award from the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association for his dedication to the college, its alumni and the Capital Region community.

Terri Lewis ’74, president and CEO of Select Dental Staffing LLC, was presented the 1953 Award for Distinguished Service to Hudson Valley Community College by an Alumnus. She was recognized for her work with the college’s Human Services program. Lewis has long been a mentor for dental hygiene students and graduates, and serves on the advisory committee for the college’s Dental Hygiene program.

Richard M. Amadon Sr., retired from Verizon Communications, took the 1953 Award for Distinguished Service to Hudson Valley Community College by a Non-Alumnus. He was honored for his work on the Foundation’s Board of Directors and as a former member of the college’s Board of Trustees.

John M. Daniels ’90, president and CEO of L&P Media, was given the Dr. Frank J. Morgan Jr. Humanitarian Service Award. Daniels has long been an active member of the Capital Region community, serving as a volunteer for such groups as the Capital District YMCA and the Seton Health Foundation.

Michael Such ’77, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Public Administration at Hudson Valley, received the Dr. Joseph J. Bulmer Award for Service to the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation by a College Employee. Such was recognized as a donor and for his efforts on the Foundation’s employee campaign.

For its financial contributions to the college’s School of Nursing, Capital Communications Federal Credit Union (CAP COM) received the Corporate Excellence Award. Paula Stopera ’77, president and CEO of CAP COM, accepted the award on behalf of her company for its commitment to the college, its alumni and the Capital Region. CAP COM recently made a $100,000 commitment to support the college’s Nursing program and students pursuing Allied Health degrees.
Architectural technology graduate **Amanda Marie Mnich ’10** of Clifton Park (above) carried on a family tradition this spring. Mnich represented the third generation in her family to receive a degree from Hudson Valley. With a college that’s only 57 years old, this might be the first family to achieve that feat. And if three consecutive generations isn’t enough of an accomplishment, Amanda, her father and grandfather each completed similar degrees in engineering or architectural technology.

“She grew up in a family where people got tools for their birthday,” said her grandmother, Ellen Mnich. “She was surrounded by people who fixed things themselves, lawn mowers, washing machines. Whatever was broken, they figured it out, and she was right there with her father handing him the screwdriver.”

The Clifton Park resident headed off to Alfred State this fall to pursue a bachelor’s degree in architectural technology. Her father, **William Mnich Jr.** (at left), graduated in 1986 with an electrical engineering technology degree and moved on to complete his bachelor’s at SUNY Institute of Technology in Utica. He’s currently working for a global data systems corporation.

Bill’s father, **William Mnich** (above), was among those in the first graduating class on the “new” campus in 1961. A first-generation American and the son of immigrants from Poland, he was also the first in his family to go to college. Bill Sr. worked at several companies in the region and recently wrapped up a 25-year career at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

All three generations of the Mnich family were at Amanda’s commencement ceremony this spring. According to Ellen, the wife of Bill Sr., the number of Hudson Valley grads in their extended family “is a mile long.”

“Hudson Valley is one of those schools that rewards people who work hard and can get the job done. It’s not how you start the race, it’s how you finish and I’d say the college has done pretty well for our family. It’s the American Dream, watching one generation achieve more than the next,” she said.

Hudson Valley has had a small part in making the Mnich family dream come true.
Hudson Valley Community College and GLOBALFOUNDRIES are jointly sponsoring an information session to discuss career opportunities at GLOBALFOUNDRIES. The event is targeted to alumni and students of the following Hudson Valley Community College academic programs:

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Chemical Technology
- Electrical Construction and Maintenance
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Engineering Science
- Heating and Refrigeration
- Math and Science
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology

The event will be held at the college’s newest facility, TEC-SMART, on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. TEC-SMART, formally known as the Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies, is located at 345 Hermes Road in Malta, NY and is located in the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Saratoga Technology and Energy Park.

TEC-SMART features more than a dozen state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories that will be used to train the workforce in semiconductor manufacturing and green technologies, including photovoltaic, home energy efficiency, geothermal, alternative fuels and wind energy.

GLOBALFOUNDRIES is in the midst of constructing its “Fab 8,” a new semiconductor manufacturing facility located at the Luther Forest Technology Campus in Saratoga County, New York. Once completed, Fab 8 will stand as the most technologically advanced semiconductor manufacturing facility in the world and the largest leading-edge semiconductor foundry in the United States. The construction and ramp-up phases for the new $4.6 billion facility are expected to take approximately three years to complete, with volume production expected in 2012.

The fabrication plant will create approximately 1,400 new, direct semiconductor manufacturing jobs at full scale production, providing an estimated annual payroll of more than $88 million.

Officials from both GLOBALFOUNDRIES and Hudson Valley Community College will be on hand at the event to discuss career opportunities and academic opportunities available at the college that could enhance opportunities for alumni who may wish to apply for jobs at the facility.

Individuals interested in attending the information session are asked to RSVP to (518) 629-7271 or m.purtell@hvcc.edu.
Alternative Fuels (Certificate)
This one-year certificate program is for both the established automotive technician looking for advancement and the potential student interested in the alternative fuels field. Topics include automotive electricity, fuel systems, technical math, and courses in hydrogen power and hybrid engines.

Disability Studies (Certificate)
This new certificate program is ideal for those who are interested in working with the disabled in a variety of settings. Electives provide flexibility in addressing specific areas of interest, including mental health, developmental disabilities, alcohol and substance abuse, educational settings or deaf culture.

Digital Media (Certificate)
This one-year certificate program is designed for those who wish to enhance the skills used in the digital creation of Web content, animation, digital design for print media and digital video production.

Physical Sciences (A.S. degree)
This transfer-based program is for students who wish to begin their path to advanced degrees in chemistry, physics or earth science here at Hudson Valley. Following a core curriculum in the first year, students have the opportunity to pursue a concentration in chemistry, physics or earth science during the second year.

Wind Technician (Certificate)
With the wind energy industry growing each year, Hudson Valley answered the call for the increased need for wind technicians. Graduates of this certificate program are trained to be part of a wind turbine installation crew, to perform warranty maintenance or to work as operation and maintenance technicians doing routine scheduled maintenance and troubleshooting.

To view videos about these new programs, go to www.youtube.com/HVCC1953.