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Root, Root, Root for the Home Team
Alumni Gather for ValleyCats Game

Designed to Last
Hudson Valley Grads Set Standards for Clough, Harbour’s Success
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The fraternal ties among 12 Kappa Sigma Kappa brothers who were members of the Class of 1969 were so strong that the students asked their dean, advisor and “brother,” Dr. Frank J. Morgan Jr. to help them find a college that would accept them as transfer students — together.

“Dr. Morgan called Mount Saint Mary’s, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and pleaded the group's case,” recalled Kappa Sigma Kappa Brother Joe Boland ’69, who was president of the Student Senate.

Boland recounted Morgan's pitch to the admissions officer: “I can give you a couple of brains, a couple of athletes, and a this and a that… but you have to take the whole group.”

The admissions officer took the deal, and Boland and his fraternity brothers began the next chapter of their education together. While at Mount Saint Mary’s, the Kappa Sigma Kappa dozen founded a new chapter of the fraternity, which Boland describes as “social, but still service-oriented.”

Fraternities and sororities have been gone from Hudson Valley for decades, but memories and ties stay strong. Boland, of Troy, and about 10 of his fraternity brothers get together at each other’s homes in the Capital Region during the year, and take a trip together each fall.

Last spring, at a reunion of about 40 Kappa brothers at the Country Grove Inn, they decided to pay formal tribute to the man who helped keep them together. Boland passed the hat, asking for donations toward a memorial brick honoring their beloved “Doc” Morgan, who died in 2000.

“He was the most intelligent man I ever met, with interest and knowledge in the broadest range of topics,” Boland said of Morgan. “He combined that intellect with tremendous kindness and goodness, and gave everyone he met unlimited time and attention. I think he was a saint.”

The memorial brick will be part of the President’s Patio and walkway, which will encircle the east wing of the Guenther Enrollment Services Center. The project is scheduled to be dedicated in the Spring of 2005.

For information about purchasing a brick to honor a colleague, friend, favorite professor or a loved one, visit www.hvcc.edu/50/brick or call (518) 629-8012.

On the cover: Hudson Valley grads lead the team of engineers for Clough, Harbour at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium. From left to right: Lorraine E. Harden, P.E., Project Engineer; Derrick D. Langley, Engineering Designer; Mia Tedesco, Administrative Assistant; William A. Harbour, P.E., Partner and Executive Committee Member, former Chief Executive Officer; James D. Ryan, P.E., Partner and Executive Committee Member.
Clough Harbour & Associates’ Richard Amadon Jr. ’87 believes it was the practical, hands-on learning that made his education at Hudson Valley invaluable toward his future. A Civil Engineering Technology student, he teamed with classmates in the annual Steel Bridge Competition (see Page 6 for this year’s results), tested soils, and learned surveying by using the campus as his training ground.

Alvin Bryski chaired the department then, and Amadon recalled him as “very integral to my education.” Bryski was influential in Amadon’s transfer to Manhattan College, where he received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering; he also has an MBA from RPI.

Now CHA’s regional manager for the southeast, Amadon helped establish the firm’s Atlanta office in 2001. “It’s a fun job so far because we’re in our infancy here, and it’s an eye-opener to be a small fish in a big pond,” he said.

Amadon’s extended family is from the Troy area, and he hopes to bring his wife and two young children back to CHA’s “big pond” in the Capital Region at some point — perhaps as a “big fish” himself.
Distinguished Alumnus: From left to right, Pioneer Savings Bank Chief Executive Officer John Scarchilli, a member of the Class of 1974, is joined by Kenneth B. Colloton, the recipient of the college’s 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award; Hudson Valley Alumni Association President Peter D. Semenza ‘84; and college President Marco J. Silvestri, Ph.D. Colloton, a 1974 graduate who is regional president and New York State market executive for government banking for Bank of America, was honored at a luncheon held at the college in May. The event was sponsored by the college Foundation and Alumni Association, and underwritten by Bank of America, the Capital District YMCA and Northern Industrial Services of Albany.

1960s
Richard M. Conklin ’61 moved to the Florida Keys last year after retiring from IBM. He now enjoys life on Flamingo Island where he is a columnist for local newspapers, reviewing restaurants and night life.

Joseph D. Condon ’66 was awarded the national “Danny Thomas Humanitarian Award” from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for his outstanding support and determination in leading the fight against childhood cancer.

Paul F. Conroy ’64 reports he retired from the federal government in 1996 as a senior executive criminal investigator. Paul currently works as a contract investigator for several agencies in the Washington, D.C.-area. He is a proud husband of 35 years to Judy, father of two daughters and grandfather to two grandsons. Paul says, “Life is good in Virginia, but we still vacation at Schroon Lake.”

After 39 years of service in government and the defense industry, Steve LaPaugh ’66 retired as an aerospace engineering supervisor from the United States Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate. He and his wife, Paula, live in Newport News, Va.

Patricia Fonda ’69 is a nurse manager of an inpatient psychiatric unit for children at St. Vincent’s Catholic Medical Center in New York City.

After receiving her degree in dental hygiene and actively practicing clinical hygiene for 25 years, Kathie A. Urena ’69 decided to go back to school to pursue a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene from SUNY Farmingdale. She writes that going back to school is “the best decision I ever made” and being “older, the second time around” is much more interesting and much more fun. After completing her first year, Kathie is proud to report that for the first time, she has a 4.0 GPA. She offers this advice for anyone who is considering going back to school: “If I can do it, you can do it. You’ll never regret it.”

1970s
Chris Picklingis Williams ’70 is a charter member of the Pi Mu Epsilon chapter at Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg, where she graduated with a master’s degree in education. Chris is teaching calculus and pre-calculus at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, Penn.

John Scarchilli ’74 was the 2004 recipient of the Heart of Hospice Award.

1980s
Prudential Manor Homes, Realtors has hired Lawrence Callahan ’80 as a sales associate in its Niskayuna office.

Wayne Bonesteel ’82 was promoted to civil engineering department manager at Erdman Anthony and Associates, Inc. in February 2004.

The Times Union featured alumna Barbara Niznikirk ’83 and her work as a veterinary technician at the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society Animal Shelter in Menands, in fall 2003.

Anthony Commissio ’85 was honored as one of the Capital District Business Review’s “40 Under Forty” for 2004. Anthony has been in the formal wear rental and retail sales business for 15 years, and has owned Capital District Tuxego, Inc. in Latham for seven years.

Stephen T. Adams ’87 and his wife, Kate, welcomed their first child, Jack Hudson, on March 28, 2004.

David Mysliwiec ’87 is a tax manager at T.M. Byxbe, Co. in Albany.

Jacqueline Peters ’87 is employed as a laboratory technician at St. Clare’s Hospital in Schenectady.

Gregory Sorrentino ’87 was honored as one of the Capital District Business Review’s “40 Under Forty” for 2004. Greg is the chief financial officer for the Center for the Disabled in Albany.

Craig Sanders ’88 and his wife, Aletta, are the proud parents of two children, Braeden “Brady” Craig and Jaigh Lauren-Rose. Craig is vice president for emerging markets with Meshnetworks, and also is busy with his real estate development company, Pari Passu.

Mary Morawski ’89 is a special education/employment specialist at St. Coleman’s Home in Watervliet.

Alycia Courter ’89 returned to Hudson Valley Community College as the assistant for financial analysis for the Faculty Student Association. Alycia will graduate from the University at Albany with a bachelor’s degree in accounting in December.

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Christopher M. Maloney ’99 is engaged and planning a June 18, 2005, wedding.

Kim E. Scott ’99 is the assistant to the director of libraries at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she also earned a master’s degree in technology communications.

James Sasko ’91 was honored as one of the Capital District Business Review’s “40 Under Forty” for 2004. James founded Teakwood Builders, Inc., which is a comprehensive construction company that assists clients from inception of their projects through the building process.

Kevin M. Carney ’93 is the co-owner and director of safety and maintenance of Udder Angels Childcare and Preschool in Alexandria, Indiana. He is currently studying family and consumer science at Ball State University.

Melissa M. Coon ’93 is the director of graduate and adult admissions at The Sage Colleges.

Penny Woods Sweetra ’93 currently works as a human resources specialist for Paper Magic Group, Inc., in Ellysburg, Pa.

Sharon Holbrook Ryan ’93 and her husband, Matt, welcomed their second child, John McNally, in May.

Margaret “Maggie” Chandler ’94 is a staff nurse at Wellstar Health Systems in Austell, Ga., and is currently enrolled at the University of Phoenix.

Daniel J. Mahoney ’96 has recently written and illustrated his second children’s book, The Perfect Clubhouse, which details his childhood memory of building a clubhouse.

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2000s
Brian Bradke '00 received a national science fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic for summer 2004. Through this fellowship, Brian spent the summer assisting the chairperson of the orthopedic biomechanics department with data analysis and also had an opportunity to publish papers and travel to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

David A. Bright, Jr. '00 is an ultrasound/radiologic technologist employed with a C-130 crew chief with the 109th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard.

Joshua Baggett '01 is currently employed with the Glenmont Job Corps and is a part-time student at The Sage Colleges.

Alma Kanic '01 is a program assistant for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program in New York City. Every year, Hudson Valley Community College participates in this program, which allows German scholarship students to spend the entire year at Hudson Valley, studying on campus in the fall and then interning with the New York State Assembly in the spring.

Joyce Pupello '01 is currently living in Palo Alto, Calif., and working as a traveling nurse at Stanford University Medical Center.

Oleg Smolovich '01 accepted the newly-created position of staff estimator with the Estimating Department of MLB Construction Services, LLC. In December 2003, Oleg graduated from the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Adam Stallmer '01 received a bachelor's degree in biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is currently studying at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse.

Amy Mangione '02 recently completed a bachelor's degree in forensic psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Grace Novak '02 graduated from Russell Sage College in May, where she was also named a Kellas Scholar.

Al Kolar '03 is a business machines specialist with Staples in Bennington, Vt.

Joshua James Couts '04 is a C-130 crew chief with the 109th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard.

Caitlin Degnan '04 received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. While at Hudson Valley, she was a President's List student and vice president of the Student Senate. She plans on studying psychology at either the University at Albany or Siena College.

Tim Kindlon '04 received the first-ever State University of New York Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Kindlon, a guard and captain of the basketball team, earned Second Team All-Conference and Third Team All-Region III honors in 2003-04. He is attending Hartwick College this fall.

Alberto Marriaga '05 is a service representative with Ground to Air Catering in Albany.

Kelly Shupe '04 is studying psychology with a minor in early childhood education at Daemen College in Amherst and hopes to become a school psychologist. Since graduation, she has spent her time working for the YMCA “Y-time” after-school program at School 12 in Troy, and for Vanderheyden Hall in Wmantskill.

Morgan Vittengl '04 received the first-ever State University of New York Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Vittengl was a starting tackle for the football team, and earned First Team All Northeast Football Conference honors and Second Team All-American accolades in 2003. He is attending the University of Massachusetts.

Marriages
Stephen C. Deitz, Jr. '98 to Kelly Sue Kearney
Crystal Pacarella '92 to John Charland
Jennifer Jean Carlone '93 to John A. Mainello III
Melissa M. Robertson '93 to Travis J. Coon '94
Deborah Elaine Brown '96 to Richard Bryan Robison
Brian Filaracki '97 to Jessica Zielinski
Stephanie J. Van Pelt '98 to Nicholas J. Fitzgerald
David A. Bright, Jr. '00 to Angela McGrath
Jason Sidoti '01 to Katrina M. Gonzales
Rebecca Ann Armsby '02 to Michael Dee

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Play Ball! The Hudson Valley Community College Alumni Association hosted an alumni night at a Tri-City ValleyCats game in July. Baseballs autographed by Houston Astros pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte were raffled off at the game. The winners included, from left to right: Kelly Carney ’04, and her son; John Robideau ’02, and his sons; Brian Sugrue ’96; Shane Holcomb ’02 and his son; and Deborah Kufs ’98.

Naomi Rae Brown ’02 to Jason Richard Walsh ’01
Kevin John Gicewicz ’02 to Amy Elizabeth Hoyt
Kathleen A. Morris ’93 to Raymond Roberts, Jr.

Engagements
Kim Mosall ’93 to Timothy Cox
Jill Zeto ’93 to Nicholas Kaiser
Maria Fatato ’99 to Daniel D’Amelia
Thomas F. Rogers ’99 to Wendy L. Baluch
Doyle Kevin Shaver, Jr. ’99 to Shelby Lynn Slingerland
David James Bullett, Jr. ’00 to Lauren Marie Valente
JoAnna Rose Scavullo ’01 to Robert W. Zink, Jr.

Mentor
(n.) 1. a wise adviser. 2. a teacher or coach.

Hudson Valley's Mentoring Program is looking to partner alumni with current students interested in the graduates’ careers. The professionals, in turn, will offer the students insight, guidance and assistance in their areas of expertise.

Interested? Contact Deb Spence, at (518) 629-7326 or e-mail her at spencdebd@hvcc.edu.
Three faculty and staff members received the 2004 State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Phil Brown, chairman of the Physical Education Studies Department, and Christine Helwig, director of Community and Professional Education, were honored for Excellence in Professional Service, and Diane Jasinski, a professor of mathematics, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Scott Hathaway '88, David Soldini and Carol Wilber each received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Hathaway is an assistant professor in the English, Modern Languages and English as a Second Language Department. Soldini is an assistant professor in the Business Administration Department and a practicing attorney. Wilber is an associate professor at the Educational Opportunity Center.

Hudson Valley has achieved energy independence and is keeping local air cleaner and safer by burning landfill gas and natural gas to produce electricity for the entire campus.

The college's cogeneration plant, built and operated by Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., powers the 90-acre campus and its 17 buildings. The college is the first institution in the SUNY system to operate “off the grid.”

In April, Governor George E. Pataki and State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno joined officials from the college, Siemens, and other state and local dignitaries to celebrate the plant’s activation.

Hudson Valley was the only community college that participated in the 2004 American Society of Civil Engineers’ National Steel Bridge Competition.

The bridge team, composed of nine Civil Engineering Technology students, ranked 18th out of 44 institutions, besting schools such as Texas A&M and Columbia University. North Dakota State University won the competition.

The team advanced to the nationals after finishing third (ahead of RPI) in a regional competition. The competitions test students' knowledge and skills by having them design, build and assemble a bridge that is about 1/10th the scale of a real structure.

All three Hudson Valley spring sports teams competed in the Region III tournament for the first time since 1999.

The baseball team won more games in 2004 than any other team in Region III history, finishing the year with a 42-10 record and ranked third in the final NJCAA Division III poll.

The softball squad posted its 17th consecutive winning season, finishing with a 25-10-1 mark. The Lady Vikings competed in the Region III title game for the second time in three years.

The lacrosse team won its final seven games of the regular season, and participated in the Region III tournament for the first time since 1999. The Vikings finished the year with an 8-3 record — their best since 1993.
2003-04 Annual Fund a Success: Donations Nearly Quadruple

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation has raised nearly $100,000 through its 2003-04 Annual Fund appeal, close to four times the amount raised in 2002-03.

The Annual Fund is used to enrich the educational experience for students in many ways, including through the purchase of vital classroom equipment, and the funding of innovative academic initiatives and curriculum development.

The single largest gift to the Annual Fund was a $20,000 leadership gift from the Allstate Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The Allstate Corporation.

“By providing a Foundation grant to Hudson Valley Community College, we are helping the college to continue to deliver cutting-edge educational programs and facilities to the students of New York,” said Vincent A. Fusco, Allstate’s New York Field Vice President. “The Allstate Foundation is proud to partner with Hudson Valley in educating our leaders of tomorrow.”

The Foundation solicits donations to the Annual Fund from the college’s many constituencies, including employees and alumni, and community leaders and businesses throughout the Capital Region.

Thirty-eight leadership gifts — each a minimum of $1,000 — were made to the President’s Circle component of the Annual Fund, and employees contributed more than $20,000 to the fund.

Help us meet our goal for the 2004-05 Annual Fund. Visit foundation.hvcc.edu today and click on Ways to Give.

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation’s 10th annual Golf Classic netted $40,000 — more than double the amount raised in 2003 — to benefit athletics and other college needs. U.W. Marx Construction was the presenting sponsor of the event, held in July at The Country Club of Troy.

There are a variety of ways to contribute to Hudson Valley Community College:

- Call (518) 629-8077 to make a pledge or contribute using a Visa or MasterCard.
- Send your gift in the enclosed envelope.

All gifts made through the Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please call the Foundation at (518) 629-8012 to discuss the following methods of giving:

- Planned Giving
- Gifts in Kind
- Memorials and Honorary Donations
- Volunteering
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Scholarships
- If you’re a Hudson Valley or New York State employee, you can make a gift to Hudson Valley Community College via payroll deduction.

For more information, contact your agency’s payroll officer or call the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation at (518) 629-8077.

Generous Gift: From left to right, Hudson Valley Community College Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving Aimee A. LaLiberte; Vice President for Institutional Advancement Sarah M. Boggess and President Marco J. Silvestri, Ph.D. are presented with a $20,000 charitable donation from the Allstate Foundation by Vincent A. Fusco, Allstate’s New York field vice president, and Brian M. Pozzi, regional counsel for Allstate’s New York Region.
Hudson Valley Alumnus and U.S. Rep. John E. Sweeney ’79 gave the keynote address at the college’s 50th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 22. He donned the New York Yankees cap because one of the seven principles that he shared with graduates — along with “Telling it like it is” and “Love your family” — was “Always, always be a Yankees fan.”

Calendar of Events

Heritage Society Dinner
Thursday, October 7, 2004
Begins at 6 p.m.
Wolfert’s Roost Country Club
Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany

John Buono Farewell Reception
Tuesday, November 16, 2004
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center
Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

22nd Annual Troy Victorian Stroll
Sunday, December 5, 2004
Noon - 5 p.m.
Downtown Troy
More information to come.

Fall 2004 Scholarship Reception
Monday, December 6, 2004
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center
Meeting Rooms 1-3

Distinguished Alumnus Award Nominations
Deadline: Friday, December 30, 2004
To learn more or to download a nomination form, visit www.hvcc.edu/alumni/nomination

Please call (518) 629-8012 or visit our Web site at www.hvcc.edu/alumni for more information about alumni activities and events on campus.

What’s new with you?

We would love to hear from our alumni so we can share your news in future editions of The Valley View.

Submit your class note online at www.hvcc.edu/alumni/news_notes, or via mail to: Aimee A. LaLiberte, director of alumni affairs and annual giving, Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, 80 Vandenburgh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180.


Dental Hygiene graduates from the Class of 2004 show off their smiles.