Fall 2007

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An Inconvenient Truth: An Update
Noon, Wednesday, Nov. 7
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
Dr. Steven A. Leibo provides an update on the issue of global climate change, discussing possible solutions and answering questions about the subject.

Peripheral
Artist talk: 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
Reception: 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8
Teaching Gallery
Exhibition: Nov. 8 – Dec. 20
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Scott Brodie’s deadpan paintings of everyday objects engage the viewer with their lush colors and seemingly detached view of his subjects.

Laurie Anderson: Stories About Stories
7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9
Maureen Stapleton Theatre
Tickets $15. Call (518) 629-4TIX.

Laurie Anderson is one of the most important artists of our time. In a new lecture series, Anderson reads from some of her most well-known stories and discusses where they came from and how they were used in her multimedia work.

Violence and Terror in Darfur:
Politics of Race, Religion and Resources
1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium
Dr. Adeline Igho Apena facilitates an understanding of the current situation in Darfur and provides guiding paths to solving the humanitarian crisis.

2007 Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon scheduled
The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and the Alumni Association will hold this year’s Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon at noon, Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy.

Since 1984, Hudson Valley Community College has recognized accomplishments of its alumni and supporters with the Distinguished Service Awards. Through these awards, which include five categories, the Alumni Association honors both alumni and non-alumni who have distinguished themselves through their service to the college or the greater community.

This year’s luncheon will recognize: Bob Allen ’63, president of C.T. Male Associates; Peter D. Semenza ’84, president of the Hudson Valley Alumni Association; Dr. Robert H. Hill ’01, chairman of the college Board of Trustees; Conly L. Ellis ’94, Albany City Councilman, and Tony Levins, regional manager of Raytheon.

If you would like to attend this year’s event, or nominate someone for a future award, please contact Aimee LaLiberte, director of advancement services, donor relations and alumni affairs, at (518) 629-8077 or alumni@hvcc.edu.
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With Brian Vlieg, Department Chairperson of Individual Studies, Liberal Arts and Science

Question: What type of student will benefit from the Honors Program?
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Answer: Given the specialized nature of the program, class sizes for honors track courses will be a maximum of 24 students. Special scholarships also will be available for 20 students entering this program.

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Starting this fall, Hudson Valley students can enroll in a two-year associate’s degree program in Architectural Technology. Graduates will be prepared for immediate positions in the architectural industry, or transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor’s degree and become a licensed architect.

The program builds upon a core of electives that have long been offered through the college’s Civil Engineering Technology program.

“Graduates of the Architectural Technology program will have a competitive advantage for employment opportunities. They’ll be qualified to work in architectural design and planning firms, development corporations, construction companies and other similar firms,” said Dr. Christine LaPlante, chairperson of the Construction, Industrial and Mechanical Technologies Department.

Other new academic offerings for Fall 2007 include:

- Photovoltaic lab on campus.
- The Path toward a career in architecture can now start at Hudson Valley Community College.
- Responding to the need for insurance industry professionals, Hudson Valley worked with local insurance executives to create this new option through the Business Administration associate’s degree program.

Students will be prepared for jobs such as underwriters, appraisers and other insurance claims positions through the coursework focusing on personal and commercial types of insurance. The curriculum also details how an insurance agency works.

Fifteen area insurance agencies—including the region’s three largest, Rose and Kauffman Inc., Cool Insurgrs Agency Inc. and Marshall and Szabo Inc.—have expressed support for the new program.

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Four faculty and staff members received the 2007 State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. Susan Gallagher, director of distance learning, and Dr. Kathleen Sweener, director of student development, were honored for Excellence in Professional Service. Dr. Laura Ann Mastrangelo, professor of biology, and Dr. Mark D. Tenney, associate professor of math and engineering sciences, were honored for Excellence in Teaching.

Six members of the Class of 2007 received the State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

Sandra Aguilar, an engineering science graduate from Schenectady, Anh N. Le, a math and science graduate from Albany, Rahkeman Morisi, a business administration graduate from Albany, Donna Raymond, an individual studies graduate from Nassau, Sarah Spellman, an associate professor of math from Schenectady, and Sarah Worden, an individual studies student from Wynantskill, received the awards.

Two Hudson Valley alumni sign with National Football League teams.

Rashad Barksdale ‘04 was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft in April, making him the first Hudson Valley student athlete drafted by an NFL team since Jay Kearney was a sixth round selection by the Green Bay Packers in 1994.

Barksdale was released by the Eagles in August but was then immediately signed by the Kansas City Chiefs, where he will play defense back this season. He weighs 350 lbs.

Barksdale was an outfielder on Hudson Valley’s 2006 NCAA baseball team and was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in June 2005. He was later released by the Royals.

Darnell Stapleton ‘08 was signed as a free agent contract by the Pittsburgh Steelers immediately following the NFL Draft. He made the team’s final 53 man roster in August and will be a backup offensive guard for the Steelers this season. He weighs 330 lbs.

Stapleton played tackle for the Hudson Valley football team in 2003 and 2004, helping the Vikings to consecutive Northeast Football Conference championships and a combined 16-5 record. He then transferred to Rutgers University, where he was a Rimington Award finalist, given annually to the nation’s top collegiate center.

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Hudson Valley’s academic degree programs in the energy, building and engineering technologies are some of the most expensive on campus, noted Donald E. Fane, senior vice president of Callanan Industries Inc. and honorary chair for the event. The cost to educate students in these degrees tops the $40,000 mark, with tuition and related fees not even beginning to approach half that amount.

By creating an endowment fund to support these specific programs, the college will be able to offset this financial gap and advance the growth of these critical programs for the longer term.

“Simply put, the college needs our help. The greater community needs to come together to establish an endowment for the college’s energy, building and engineering programs to ensure their-strength during this exciting time of growth across these professions,” said Fane, who also serves as a member of the college’s Board of Trustees.

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More than 170 golfers participated in this year’s event. A foursome representing the Times Union—Matti Clarke, Mike Daniels, Vince Premisi and Al Raccard—won the Trustees’ Cup, which is presented to the foursome with the lowest gross score; the foursome had a score of 57. Another foursome—Arien Cartrette, Joe Daley, Albert Hanley and Steve Frazee—won the President’s Cup, which is awarded to the foursome with the lowest net score; that foursome had a score of 55.

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The cost to educate students in those degrees tops the $40,000 mark, with tuition and related fees not even beginning to approach half that amount. By creating an endowment fund to support these specific programs, the college will be able to offset this financial gap and advance the growth of these critical programs for the longer term.

“Simply put, the college needs our help. The greater community needs to come together to establish an endowment for the college’s energy, building and engineering programs to ensure their strengths during this exciting time of growth across these professions,” said Fan, who also serves as a member of the college’s Board of Trustees.

For information about the endowment fund, contact the Foundation at (518) 629-0882 or foundation@hvcc.edu. You can also visit www.hvcc.edu/foundation/excellence to read a case for support and download a sponsorship agreement form.

Foundation Golf Classic has another record year

T HE Hudson Valley Community College Foundation’s 13th Annual U. W. Marx Inc. Golf Classic, held July 29 at the Country Club of Troy, proved to be a record event, netting more than $64,000. This is the fourth year in a row the event has netted and grossed more money than the year before. Proceeds from the event benefit the Foundation’s Annual Fund, which assists the college in addressing unmet needs and taking advantage of expected opportunities. Golf proceeds in the past have funded scholarships, technology enhancement, campus beautification and special programs for disabled students.

“The growing success of our golf tournament is a testament to the fact that the college plays an integral role in the Capital Region economy,” said Foundation President Sarah M. Boggs, who also serves as the college’s vice president for institutional advancement. “Corporate support is crucial to community colleges across the country, and Hudson Valley Community College is no exception. We are incredibly grateful for the support that business leaders and community members provide for this event year after year.”

More than 170 golfers participated in this year’s event. A foursome representing the Times Union—a foursome—accepted the winner’s trophy for lowest gross score at the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation 13th Annual U.W. Marx Inc. Golf Classic from professional golfer Keith Forgus and Richard Amardan, member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

For information about the Foundation’s Annual Fund or to join the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, visit www.hvcc.edu/foundation or www.hvcc.edu and click on the link to subscribe to our e-newsletter.

Six members of the Class of 2007 received the State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

Susan Gallagher, an individual studies major from Glens Falls, N.Y., was honored for Excellence in Professional Service. Dr. Kathleen Sweener, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Mark D. Tenney, associate professor of math and engineering sciences, were honored for Excellence in Teaching.

Sandra Aguilar, an engineering science graduate from Schenectady, N.Y., was honored for Excellence in Professional Service. Dr. Laura Ann Mastrangelo, director of distance learning, and Dr. Kathleen Sweener, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Mark D. Tenney, associate professor of math and engineering sciences, were honored for Excellence in Teaching.

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Joseph Sarubbi, a professor and department chair of the Building Systems Technology Department, was invited by the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommitteee on Energy and the Environment to testify on June 19 about the need to invest in developing a workforce for the renewable energy field, particularly in the area of solar cell technology.

A leader in the field of solar cell education and training, Sarubbi testified before the committee as it considered increasing federal funding to create training and workforce development programs for solar and other renewable energies. In August, the House passed legislation that would strengthen such workforce training programs.

Hudson Valley Community College has offered solar cell—formally known as photovoltaic—training since 2005, when it partnered with NYSERDA to create the first-of-its-kind photovoltaic installation and maintenance training program in the region.

Hudson Valley Department Chair Joseph Sarubbi testified before the U.S. Congress this summer about renewable energy.

Two Hudson Valley alumni sign with National Football League teams.

Rashad Barkdale ‘04 was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft in April, making him the first Hudson Valley student athlete drafted in an NFL since Jay Kearney was a sixth round selection by the Green Bay Packers in 1994.

Barkdale was released by the Eagles in August but was then immediately signed by the Kansas City Chiefs, where he will play defense back this season. He wears number 35.

Barkdale was an outfielder on Hudson Valley’s baseball team in 2003 and 2004 before transferring to the University at Albany where he played two more years of baseball. Barkdale then walked on to Albany’s football team and immediately earned a starting cornerback spot for the Great Danes.

Danmill Stapleton ‘08 signed a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers immediately following the NFL Draft. He made the team’s final 53 man roster in August and will be a backup offensive guard for the Steelers this season. He wears number 72.

Stapleton played tackle for the Hudson Valley football team in 2003 and 2004, helping the Vikings to consecutive Northeast Football Conference championships and a combined 16-5 record. He then transferred to Rutgers University, where he was a Rimington Award finalist, given annually to the nation’s top collegiate center.

Barkdale and Stapleton are the fourth and fifth Hudson Valley student athletes to play a game in the NFL, joining Kearney, Mark Catano and Leander Knight.

Hudson Valley Community College Foundation held a second gala to fund the college’s Energy, Building and Engineering Technologies programs.

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2007 Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon scheduled

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and the Alumni Association will hold this year’s Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon at noon, Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy.

Since 1984, Hudson Valley Community College has recognized accomplishments of its alumni and supporters with the Distinguished Service Awards. Through these awards, which include five categories, the Alumni Association honors both alumni and non-alumni who have distinguished themselves through their service to the college or the greater community.

This year’s luncheon will recognize: Bob Allen ’63, president of C.T. Male Associates; Peter D. Semenza ’84, president of the Hudson Valley Alumni Association; Dr. Robert H. Hill III, chairman of the college Board of Trustees; Cony L. Ellis ‘94, Albany City Councilman, and Tony Levins, regional manager of Raytheon.

If you would like to attend this year’s event, or nominate someone for a future award, please contact Aimee LaLiberte, director of advancement services, donor relations and alumni affairs, at (518) 629-8177 or alumni@hvcc.edu.

Success After a Second Chance
Hudson Valley scholarship program reaches $1 million mark

The path toward a career in architecture can now start at Hudson Valley Community College.

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Hudson Valley’s Viking welcomes a father and son to the college’s Orientation Day, held Saturday, Aug. 25. More than 2,100 new students, their parents and other family members attended the event, which featured a series of workshops designed to acclimate students to the campus and give them, and their family members, strategies for academic and collegiate success. The Fall 2007 semester began Monday, Aug. 27.