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Commencement 2018 Fact Sheet

Graduation Numbers

Total number of students eligible to attend Commencement: 2,010

Total number of students eligible to graduate with honors (cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher): 453

Total number of students who have been named to Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students at two-year colleges: 198

International Graduates

Foreign countries represented in the graduating class:

Afghanistan	Ghana	Netherlands
Albania	Guinea	Nigeria
Australia	Guyana	Pakistan
Bangladesh	India	Philippines
Benin	Indonesia	Russia
Brazil	Iran	Sudan
Burma	Iraq	Thailand
Cameroon	Ivory Coast	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Jamaica	Turkey
Dominican Republic	Japan	Turkmenistan
Ethiopia	Liberia	United Kingdom
French Guiana	Malawi	Vietnam

Oldest and Youngest Graduate

Oldest: Abdul Alamin, 67, Entrepreneurship certificate

Youngest: Jake Pawlush, 17, Individual Studies A.A. degree

Veterans of the Armed Forces

There are 76 graduates who either self-identified as being a member of the military on the admissions application or are veterans using education benefits. There are 14 students (18% of the veterans graduating this year) who are identified as graduating with honors.

Online Students

Online students: 273 students were coded as online students during at least one of their semesters here (24% increase over last year).

Demographics

82% (1,619 graduating students) are from the Capital Region. The breakdown is as follows:

Albany County - 664 (33%)

Rensselaer County - 491 (24%)

Saratoga County - 298 (15%)

Schenectady County - 166 (8%)

Departments with the largest graduating classes

Business Administration - 252 (combined AAS/AS)

Individual Studies - 196 (combined AA/AS)

Liberal Arts and Science: Humanities and Social Science – 128

Criminal Justice - 126 (combined AAS/AS)

Computer Information Systems - 112

Electrical Construction and Maintenance – 85

Nursing - 69

Engineering Science – 62

Human Services – 56

Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technical Services – 54

Early Childhood - 47

Mortuary Science - 43

There are 22 graduates in the college's three honors program - Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Science, and Math Science. HonorScholar students receive scholarships equal to up to 75 percent of their tuition cost.

This year, we have our first graduates in the Community Health Navigation certificate, Early Childhood Administration A.A.S. degree, Early Childhood Administration certificate and Cybersecurity A.S. degree programs.

Family relationships in the Class of 2018

Mother and daughter graduating together

Erin Vaughan, Business Administration

Marissa Vaughan, Early Childhood

Mother and son graduating together

Kathleen Paquette, Nursing

Jacob Paquette, Nursing

Husband and wife graduating together

Scott Carpenter, Business Administration

Shannon Carpenter, Business-Business Administration

Aaron Jenner, Nursing

Charlyssa Jenner, Individual Studies

Sisters graduating together

Devon Gratton, Business-Business Administration

Taylor Gratton, Business-Business Administration

Kayla Lysogorski, Mortuary Science

Sandi Lysogorski, Dental Hygiene

Bella Nortey, Business Administration

Naa Nortey, Surgical Technology

Ember Sheffer, Digital Media

Maya Sheffer, Health and Wellness Studies

Brothers graduating together

Steven Kwak, Mechanical Engineering Technology

Daniel Kwak, Mechanical Engineering Technology

Samuel Marsh, Architectural Technology

Zachary Marsh, Automotive Technical Services

Robert Santaski, Electrical Construction and Maintenance

Justin Santaski, Electrical Construction and Maintenance

Brother and sister graduating together

Michael Barbato, Business-Business Administration

Kathleen Barbato, Radiologic Technology

Nicholas Cannizzo, Mortuary Science

Alexis Cannizzo, Mortuary Science

Alexander Cherniwchan, Engineering Science

Chantelle Cherniwchan, Business-Business Administration

Joshua Fuchs, Criminal Justice

Katarina Fuchs, Human Services

Brendan Haverty, Criminal Justice

Shannon Haverty, Business-Marketing

Nicholas Meredith, Individual Studies

Sydney Meredith, Individual Studies

Theodore Korenowski, Business-Business Administration

Josephine Korenowski, Biotechnology

Kevin Maher, Criminal Justice

Colleen Maher, Human Services

Michael McCann, Engineering Science

Megan McCann, Engineering Science

Twin sister and brother graduating together

James Harrigan, Physical Education Studies

Kathryn Harrigan, Liberal Arts and Science: Humanities and Social Science

Louis Vendetti, Entrepreneurship

Loren Vendetti, Early Childhood

Twin sisters graduating together

Carrie Rose Mulligan, Coaching

Jo Ann Mulligan, Liberal Arts and Science: Adolescent Education

Lauren Rector, Individual Studies

Whitney Rector, Individual Studies

Twin brothers graduating together

Arsilan Zahid, Biological Sciences

Shergil Zahid, Biological Sciences

College Wrap-up 2017-2018 Academic Year

Dr. Roger A. Ramsammy Appointed Seventh President of HVCC - The State University of New York Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Roger A. Ramsammy as the seventh president of Hudson Valley Community College on Nov. 15, 2017.

Ramsammy comes to Hudson Valley with more than 30 years of higher education experience, including academic and administrative leadership positions at three of the largest multi-campus colleges in the United States. He is the former president of the West Campus of Miami Dade College and previously served as provost and chief academic officer at Northern Virginia Community College. Prior to that, at Palm Beach State College, he was professor of Microbiology and Anatomy and Physiology, chair of Biology, associate dean of STEM and dean of Academic Affairs.

College Offers New Community Health Navigation Programs - Community health navigators serve as a liaison between clients and the healthcare system at large. Serving as coaches and facilitators, they work in the community directly with patients, providers and other healthcare professionals to connect clients with services and provide support for those navigating the healthcare landscape.

These two new credit-bearing programs – an A.A.S. degree and certificate - are the first of their kind to be approved by the NYS Education Department and will hopefully serve as a pilot for creating similar programs at SUNY community colleges statewide.

CAMS Building Groundbreaking; to Help Region Train Skilled Workers - Hudson Valley Community College held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new \$14.5 million, 37,000-square-foot Gene F. Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills (CAMS) on Wednesday, April 11, on campus at the college.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are approximately 900,000 more manufacturing jobs today than in 2010, but the country's manufacturing companies are struggling to hire qualified employees necessary for business and economic growth. With this new facility, Hudson Valley is even better positioned to help fill the shortage of well-trained, skilled craftspeople and help manufacturing firms to expand, create new jobs and contribute to the ongoing economic growth of the Capital Region.

Two Longtime Faculty Members Hit Plateaus - This year, one Hudson Valley professor marked a milestone that no faculty member before him can claim: English professor James Slattery has taught at Hudson Valley for 50 years. His accomplishment was recognized at the college's annual Meritorious Service Awards where he became the first and only college employee to receive a 50-year pin. When he took to the stage to accept that pin, his one simple remark said it all: "Thank you. I truly love Hudson Valley."

But later this spring another long-tenured faculty member also set a remarkable milestone – Tom Rogan retired from the Physical Education faculty as he hit the 50-year anniversary. Rogan will be remembered for his incredible fitness – he never missed a day of teaching in 50 years – and his impressive coaching records.