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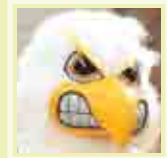
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[Wendy Larson Loggia]

JCC Helps Write The Book For Random House Editor

| by Dave Emke '01 |

Wendy Larson Loggia '87 is doing her part to help develop a love of reading for many young people in today's world.

As executive editor of Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House, Loggia greenlights commercial and literary titles aimed at children ages eight and up. She's been with Random House in New York for 17 years, editing well-known titles including *The Magic in Manhattan* series, *Going Bovine* and *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*.

But when she brought her own love of books to Jamestown Community College in 1985 as a graduate of Jamestown High School, Loggia said that she had no dreams of ever ending up in a career in publishing.

"I took a number of English classes, but it was the basic freshman requirement classes," she said. "At the time, I

was thinking of pursuing a major in political science or international studies."

Loggia said she chose to attend JCC because she had finished near the top of her high school class, allowing her to attend the college tuition-free through the USA Scholarship program. She said that while she planned to transfer to a larger program, taking two years of general education courses at JCC seemed like a wise financial decision.

But she discovered more than a financial benefit to the decision, she said. The college provided her opportunities during her two years there that other schools may not have been able to give her. For example, she spent the first semester of her sophomore year studying abroad in London.

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~Wendy Larson Loggia '87

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Dear Graduate,

Recently, I was taking care of some personal business at a county office. As so often happens, the person handling my matter looked at my name, then looked up at me, thought for just a moment and said, "Aren't you the president of JCC?" When I responded, "Yes, I am," he immediately said, "Well, that's my alma mater and I have wonderful memories about my time at JCC."

He went on to share some stories, compliment a few faculty members, and ask me what was new at the college. I have to tell you this is always music to my ears and I don't think I will ever grow weary of hearing our graduates tell me about the positive experience they had while at JCC.

In this issue of the alumni magazine you will have an opportunity to not only learn about what is new at JCC, but also to read about some of your fellow graduates who have their own JCC stories to share. You will see why I am so proud of our graduates and the impact they are having on their communities.

When we say that JCC is an integral part of the community, what we are really saying is that it is each JCC graduate who makes this college such an important part of our community. We are grateful for all that you do in sharing the JCC story.

Best wishes,

Gregory T. DeCinque
President

Accounting Professor Puts Down Roots In Local Area

With a love of accounting and a love of her hometown, teaching the subject at Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus was a natural choice for Cindy Hinz.

"I am very community-minded, involved in a wide array of volunteer activities," she said. "I thought JCC was a perfect fit for me, because it is giving back to the community. These are students, for the most part, who are from the local area and working to improve their station in life, and I really believe that I can contribute to that."

Hinz, who grew up in the nearby town of Portville, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia before returning home. She worked as a cost accountant at an oil refinery in Bradford, Pa., and also taught at St. Bonaventure University before arriving at JCC, where she has taught for seven years.

She said most students who take her courses are business majors, but only a small number may have aspirations of a career in accounting -- a field that "nobody really thinks is glamorous," she admits. Other students may hope to work in marketing, finance, or other business-related fields.

Hinz said that she hopes that all her students leave her classroom with an appreciation of how accounting will help them in whatever career they choose.

"I would love for all of my students to come out with the same love for accounting that I have, but I'm practical and I know that's probably not going to happen," she said. "If they can appreciate it, that would be a step in the right direction."

The first step toward building that appreciation, she said, is showing students that accounting is not math. Rather, it is an understanding of how to make numbers work for you.

"It's interpreting," she said. "Some of my students have a phobia about math coming in ... so I think it's a matter of making them feel more comfortable."

When former students reach out to her and tell her that they are now finding success in current schooling or in their jobs because of what they learned in her classroom, Hinz is proud -- both of what she taught and of what the student accomplished.

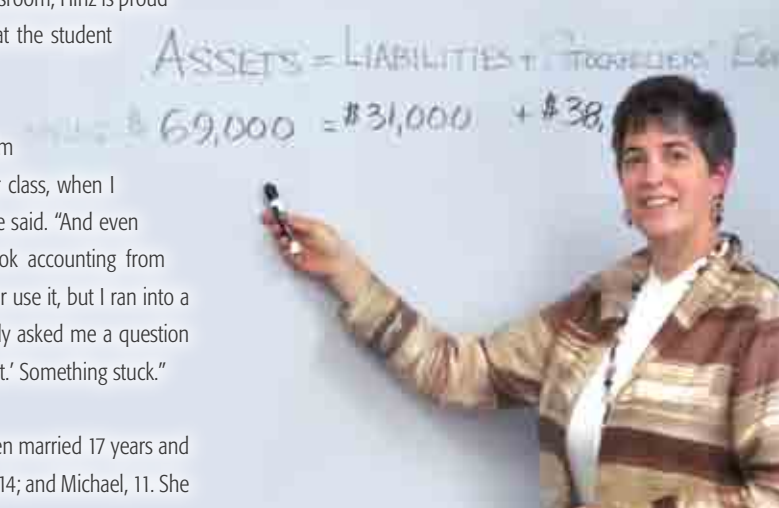
"I love getting the feedback from them when they say, 'Hey, I got it from your class, when I transferred I was so well-prepared,'" she said. "And even the occasional person who says, 'I took accounting from you five years ago and thought I'd never use it, but I ran into a situation the other day where somebody asked me a question and I knew what they were talking about.' Something stuck."

Hinz and her husband, Daniel, have been married 17 years and have three children: Mary, 16; Matthew, 14; and Michael, 11. She

is active in the United Way of Cattaraugus County, serving as the organization's vice president, and is a member of the Olean Food Pantry board as well as a volunteer. She is also active in the local Boy Scouts district along with her sons.

She said that putting her roots down in Cattaraugus County is important to her, and being a part of the Jamestown Community College family is a big part of that.

"This is home and this is where we are going to stay, which is why JCC is such an attraction," Hinz said. "It is integral to helping keep people in the community. If we can educate them here, we have more of a chance of keeping them here."



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JCC Helps Write The Book For Random House Editor

“It was a wonderful opportunity to do that at an early age,” Loggia said. “I think most four-year colleges probably offer something along those lines in your junior or senior year.”

Loggia also credited the JCC faculty for giving her support and encouragement during her two years at the school. She named Kathleen Johnson, her study abroad adviser, and sociology professor John Hearn as two particularly memorable faculty members. Loggia, a student in the honors program, said the respect for students provided by faculty, Hearn in particular, was admirable.

“I really loved his class, the way he treated students as adults in a college classroom setting,” she said of Hearn.

She also recalled being involved in a JCC Uncommoners production of “Maydays” during her sophomore year, her first-ever attempt at theater.

“I had zero experience being on stage, but it was such a welcoming environment, and it was a good way to meet other people,” she said of the play. “If you were at a larger university, I’m not sure you could just step in and actually have a role in a theater production without ever having stepped a toe on stage before.”

Loggia said getting to know new people was an important aspect of the JCC experience for her, as the Jamestown native thought she would already know everyone on campus when she arrived. What she discovered instead was a sea of unfamiliar faces.

“It was eye-opening,” she said. “It was surprising to me to meet people from all the various communities in the area who you didn’t really connect with before.”

Saying she thought she was a “big city person” before attending JCC, Loggia learned that she really was a small town girl. However, her time at JCC helped her grow and allowed her to understand that she could eventually spread her wings.

After graduating from JCC, Loggia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University at Buffalo and later earned a master’s degree in English and American literature at Hunter College. She said JCC helped provide the springboard to her career by giving her the confidence to know that she was making the correct decisions in her life.

Loggia said that when she transferred to Buffalo as a junior, she never felt as though she was at a disadvantage to students who had been there all along. In fact, she said, having had the ability to get started in college -- and build positive character values at the same time -- without spending tens of thousands of dollars a year was “a really positive thing” for her.

“I think JCC does a nice job of rewarding people who’ve done well in school and then encourages and supports them, making you feel like you can go to a larger university and you will do well there,” she said. “JCC enables you to try a lot of different things, and you have a chance to explore a lot of different possibilities.”

Warhol Screenprint Donated To JCC

An original Marilyn Monroe screenprint by Andy Warhol has been donated to Jamestown Community College’s Weeks Gallery by Ken and Lois Strickler.

The donation was made in honor of retired JCC English professor Robert Hagstrom, one of the primary forces for creating a gallery space at JCC. Mrs. Strickler, a fellow student of Warhol’s at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, worked with Hagstrom to establish a gallery for fine arts.

In 1968, the Stricklers invited Warhol and several friends to visit their home in Jamestown after he presented a lecture at JCC. Warhol reciprocated by inviting the Stricklers to visit his New York City studio, The Factory, where he presented the Marilyn screenprint to Mrs. Strickler. The print was signed “To Lois. XOXO. Andy.”

The Stricklers were founding sponsors of the Weeks Gallery’s Global Collection of Photography and were jointly awarded the John D. Hamilton Award by the JCC Foundation for their contributions to the arts.

According to James Colby, JCC’s director of exhibitions and galleries, Hagstrom “developed a university or urban-like arts center vision and drew community-wide support to fund and construct the Community Cultural Center with the state-of-the-art Weeks Gallery. Lois served by his side all the way.”

Hagstrom provided the leadership as the gallery initiatives moved forward with college, community, gallery board, and Sheldon Foundation support. Mrs. Strickler, who served on various JCC gallery committees, led the gallery development committee during the transition from the college’s first gallery, the Forum Gallery, to the Weeks Gallery.



[Robert Hagstrom, Lois Strickler, and Ken Strickler.]



Natalie Merchant

JCC Receives Major Federal Grant To Support Student Success

Jamestown Community College has been awarded just under \$400,000 in federal grant funds from the United States Department of Education’s Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) for the 2011-12 academic year. It is anticipated that similar funds will be available for a total of five years.

The program helps eligible institutions of higher education expand their capacity to serve low income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability.

“We are extremely grateful to Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer and Congressman Brian Higgins for investing in our region by championing this grant,” said JCC President Gregory T. DeCinque. “Our elected officials recognize JCC’s strengths and, by supporting this grant, have indicated their belief that higher education is a key to economic vitality.”

“Student success is the unifying element of the projects to be supported by this grant,” said Marilyn A. Zagora, JCC’s vice president and dean of academic affairs, who will serve as the project coordinator. “When students enroll at JCC, we make a promise to connect them to their goals, and this grant will connect them to success by providing varying forms of academic support.”

According to Dr. Zagora, the three key strategies to be developed by the funds are strengthening student technology competency to prepare them better for the workforce and/or transfer, enhancing student persistence, and enhancing access to higher education through expanded distance learning opportunities. In each of these areas, the focus will be to build upon the foundation in place at JCC to provide additional opportunities which will place students in the best position to succeed in their academic efforts and beyond.

“The activities funded through this grant will give our students a competitive advantage as they transfer to attain bachelor’s and graduate degrees and as they enter the workforce,” said Dr. Zagora. “Through this grant, we will be able to invest in new technology to support diverse academic programs across the college. Among the areas targeted for technology support are nursing, media arts and digital audio production, and engineering science and mechanical technology. In addition, we will be investing in our faculty by providing training opportunities to fully utilize new equipment and other instructional technologies.”

She also noted that increased availability of distance learning technologies, including interactive television and online programs, will allow the college to optimize availability of academic courses and programs and

address access issues commonly identified as barriers to education in JCC’s service areas.

While the college already has strong academic support in its learning centers and libraries, the new funding will also make achievement coaches available to students identified as likely to benefit from customized assistance to help them reach their academic goals.

“Achievement coaches on each JCC campus will offer needed support to selected cadres of students to connect them to the financial, cultural, social, and academic resources deemed necessary to assure them the greatest possible success at JCC,” said Eileen Goodling, vice president and dean of student development. “A significant body of research indicates that those students who are helped in developing information networks which connect them to the personnel and other resources of a college have a much greater likelihood to achieve success and completion. We at JCC are excited at the prospect of having the resources available to provide such a considerable opportunity to our students.”

Jean Schrader, assistant dean of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and Tammy Smith, interim assistant dean of student development, will serve as activities co-directors for the project.

“This federal investment for JCC helps prepare students for the jobs of the future,” Senator Gillibrand said. “We must ensure that every hardworking student has the opportunity to achieve their full potential, and become the leaders that New York needs to compete and win in the global economy.”

“A well-educated workforce is key to America’s economic prosperity,” said Congressman Higgins. “This funding will make a huge difference in Jamestown Community College’s ability to give students the skills they need for success after graduation.”

“This important investment will ensure that JCC can continue to expand upon the high quality services it offers to the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus communities so that western New York students will be prepared for the technologies they will encounter in the workplace of the 21st century,” Senator Schumer said.

Natalie Merchant Receives Award

Singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is awarded by the Jamestown Community College Alumni Association. This award is presented to outstanding JCC graduates who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement and in service to their community.

Natalie Merchant graduated from JCC, and was the lead singer in the alternative rock group the 10,000 Maniacs starting in 1981. She left the group to pursue a solo career in 1993.

The award was presented to Ms. Merchant as part of a community reception held in her honor on July 12, 2011, at the Dr. Lillian Vitanza Ney Renaissance Center in Jamestown.

Join Jamestown Community College’s Recruitment Team

Do you live in the Buffalo, Rochester, Pittsburgh, or Syracuse area? JCC’s recruitment team is looking for alumni willing to represent the college at regional college fairs and other events.

If you’re willing to play this important role for your alma mater, contact Nelson Garifi, JCC’s executive director of marketing and academic initiatives, via e-mail at nelsongarifi@mail.sunyjc.edu.

GRAD SAYS

JCC Helped Him Find Footing In Business World

| by Dave Emke '01 |

On a daily basis, dozens of young people enjoy the indoor skate park at Suburban Blend on Pine Street in downtown Jamestown.

Pete Scheira '01, owner of the facility, said the positive influence the park has had in the lives of those young people in the few short months it has been open has been "mind-boggling."

"What a transformation I've seen in their personalities, their skateboard skills, and just their all-around well-being – it's amazing," he said. "The youth are the future, and that's what keeps it going for me."

Just over a decade ago, Scheira was a youngster not unlike many of those he sees skating at his indoor facility today. He said he chose to attend Jamestown Community College because he wasn't ready to move away from his hometown quite yet, but he knew that the school would prepare him for whatever journey he would travel in life.

"I knew JCC had an excellent two-year program ... and I knew a bunch of members of the staff, and I had heard nothing but great things," he said.

Scheira studied business administration at the college, and upon graduation he chose to pack up his things and move across the country to California. He landed a job at Wave Rave Snowboard Shop in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., a premier snowboard shop on the West Coast.

Though he started on the company's lowest rung, Scheira said he was able to move up the ladder quickly because of the skills he had learned at JCC – climbing to the level of manager by the time he left to come home to Jamestown in 2007.

"Just knowing how to run a business from the bottom up, there are so many different little things and aspects and angles that it requires," he said. "JCC pretty much taught me everything."

Scheira said that he hadn't considered himself "the fastest learner" when he arrived at JCC. Professors, including calculus instructor Brian Johnson and business instructor Jim Chimenti, were especially instrumental in getting him to reach his full potential, he said.

"Anytime I needed extra help or had any type of question, they went out of their way to help me out," he said. "I had a really difficult schedule, because I was on the JCC golf team too. I missed a lot of classes, and they were definitely very helpful."

By the time he reached the business world, Scheira had hit his stride. When Wave Rave became one of the first snowboard shops to go headfirst into the world of e-commerce, Scheira jumped onboard when other employees were hesitant. His initiative was rewarded.

"I just kind of took the bull by the horns and learned what I needed to learn, and immediately it was a huge success," he said. "I just saw a huge opportunity, and it was a huge turning point in my life."

When an opportunity presented itself for Scheira to purchase Suburban Blend in Jamestown, he capitalized. He has turned the business around through e-commerce as well, and it now sells snowboards, skateboards, and related equipment internationally.

Scheira moved the business to its current location, the former Jones Bakery building, on Pine Street in 2010. Though the new building has about the same amount of retail space, it offers the business more backstock and office space for its online operation. The new building also afforded the opportunity to construct the indoor skate park, which opened in 2011. Scheira has been using the space to create promotional videos, which he is posting on YouTube and which have drawn skateboarders from around the Northeast to Jamestown to use the facility.

"It's what the city really wants – they want people coming in, they want tourists," he said.

Doing it all on a two-year degree from JCC, Scheira said that he encourages anyone who is thinking about higher education to consider community college as a starting point. And with a little effort, he said, it can help them get wherever they want to be in life.

"College is your responsibility ... but no matter your learning capacity, all it takes is extra hard work," he said. "As long as you work hard, it will show."



SUBURBAN BLEND



FLOWERS, HULTQUIST FOUNDATION, RALPH C. SHELDON FOUNDATION HONORED BY JCC

The JCC Foundation annual recognition event took place on November 10 at the Jamestown Campus. Thomas I. Flowers, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Price, Flowers, Malin and Westerberg and president of the Hultquist Foundation, received the John D. Hamilton Award. The Community Partner Award was presented to the Hultquist Foundation and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation.

The Community Partner Award recognizes the vital role of organizations that work collaboratively with JCC to provide educational, social, cultural, and civic enrichment for the area. JCC President Gregory T. DeCinque thanked members of the Hultquist Foundation and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation for their role in JCC's success by providing support for many projects throughout the college's history.

The program included a video about the college's new Science Center, with remarks by faculty and students who described the features of the new facility, the impact it will have in science education, and the vital role played by the Hultquist Foundation and the Sheldon Foundation in providing funding for the construction.

Accepting the Community Partner Award were Linda V. Swanson, executive director of the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, and Barclay Wellman, president of the board of trustees. Thomas I. Flowers, president of the board of trustees, accepted on behalf of the Hultquist Foundation.

The John D. Hamilton Award was established by the JCC Foundation in 1995 to recognize individuals whose contributions exemplify those of Mr. Hamilton, a trustee emeritus of JCC. Mr. Flowers served on the JCC Foundation board as president from 2000 to 2003, and as a board member from 1991 to 2003. He is also a past president and former board member of the Chautauqua County Humane Society, the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, and the Estate Planning Council of Jamestown.

"I had the pleasure of working with Tom in his role both as president of the JCC Foundation as well as on a number of major financial projects that Tom so expertly handled for the college and the Foundation," said Dr. DeCinque. "In all my time in this community I have never met a more forthright, honest, sincere, and thoughtful person than Tom Flowers." A special tribute to Mr. Flowers was presented by Samuel P. Price, Jr., Esq.

The JCC Foundation is a private, non-profit organization formed in 1983 to manage contributions made on behalf of JCC and to allocate the funds to JCC programs or events which are not included in the college's operating expense budget. JCC Foundation funds are used to support scholarships, faculty development, cultural events, acquisition of instructional resources, and special programs for students, faculty, and the community.



[Constance and Thomas Flowers]



[Standing: Miles Lasser, board member, Sheldon Foundation, Michael Moots, JCC Foundation Executive Director, Peter Sullivan, board member, Sheldon Foundation, Gregory T. DeCinque, president, JCC. Seated: Linda V. Swanson, executive director, Sheldon Foundation, Barclay Wellman, president, Sheldon Foundation board of directors.]



[JCC President Gregory T. DeCinque, Hultquist Foundation board members William Wright, Robert Rohm, John Plumb, and Thomas I. Flowers, and JCC Foundation Executive Director Michael Moots.]

[JCC Student Natalie Marsh]

Changing Lives

Your annual fund gift will support life-changing scholarships, along with operational and academic resource needs at JCC. Please join other alumni and friends by supporting today's students.

A gift envelope is included in this issue for your convenience. For more information about giving opportunities, visit www.sunyjcc.edu/jccfoundation or contact the JCC Foundation at 716.330.1010 or elizabethbooth@mail.sunyjcc.edu.

WEBER KNAPP ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP AT JCC

The Weber Knapp Company has endowed an engineering scholarship at JCC that will provide two years of full New York state resident tuition for eligible students majoring in engineering while at JCC.

Applicants must meet the requirements of JCC's Unified Student Assistance (USA) Scholarship program. USA eligible students are first time, full-time students from JCC's service area who graduate in the top 20% of their high school class with a Regents diploma. USA scholars also must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average while at JCC.

Rex McCray, president and chief executive officer of Weber Knapp, said, "Local manufacturers like Weber Knapp seek to hire and retain qualified engineers, and such demand is expected to grow in the future," said McCray. "Local engineering students should be encouraged to return to our community when they have completed their college education, and to live and work here among family and friends. We at Weber Knapp hope this new scholarship will help attract local engineering students to our company as a possible future employer and career opportunity."

McCray encouraged other local manufacturers to endow engineering and business scholarships. "By establishing such scholarships, local manufacturers and businesses can create relationships with our talented young people early

in their academic careers. Those relationships can develop into future employment and career opportunities. JCC's engineering and other academic programs are perfect for establishing such relationships."

The Weber Knapp Company, which has corporate headquarters in Jamestown, was purchased recently from a British firm by local owners McCray and Donald Pangborn, senior vice president of engineering. McCray earned a bachelor's degree at Edinboro University and attended engineering classes at JCC. Pangborn earned his associate's degree in engineering science at JCC before transferring to the University of Detroit for his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

The recent purchase and the new scholarship endowment express the company's commitment to its employees and to the local community.

For information about establishing a scholarship at JCC, contact JCC Foundation executive director Michael Moots at 716.338.1051 or MichaelMoots@mail.sunyjcc.edu.



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class NOTES

Thomas Erlandson, Ph.D. '60 was elected to serve on the Chautauqua County Legislature, District 8. A retired JCC faculty member, Dr. Erlandson taught biology, natural resource conservation, and geology courses for 27 years. He served two previous terms on the County Legislature, from 1986-89.

60'S

John Bauer '71 received the 2011 Axel W. Carlson Award from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. The annual award is given in recognition of volunteer service in the community. Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi announced a proclamation of John Bauer Day in the city in recognition of Mr. Bauer's community service.

70'S

Sam Teresi '80 was re-elected as mayor of the City of Jamestown. He was first elected to the position in 1999, and previously served as director of development for the City of Jamestown, and as executive director of the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation.

80'S

Thomas Lombardo '83 earned a doctor of education degree at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Lombardo is a professor of engineering and technology at Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL, where he has worked since 1989. He is married to the former Lisa Morey of South Dayton and has a son, Joseph.

Randy Merrill '94 was recognized as an editing engineer for the Grammy Award winning recording, Messiaen: Livre Du Saint-Sacrement. He transferred from JCC to SUNY Fredonia, where he received a degree in sound technology. He worked at Eastman School of Music before moving to New York City to work as a technical engineer at Avatar Studios. He joined Scott Hull Mastering as a production engineer, and is currently a staff engineer at Masterdisk in New York City.

90'S

Justin Myers '01 has joined the Popli Design Group in Penfield, NY as the group's new civil engineer. After earning his associate degree in engineering science at JCC, he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He has more than seven years of related experience working on design for educational facilities, residential properties, and commercial buildings.

2000'S

Michael Taylor '01 was re-elected to the Jamestown City Council, where he serves as chairman of the public safety committee and serves on the parks, recreation and conservation and housing committees. He is employed by the Jamestown Public School system, and is co-founder of the Chautauqua County Gospel Mass Choir.

Michael A. Barczak '10 is an Air Force airman. He graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

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Green Card Member—\$20 per year

(Cattaraugus County Campus and Jamestown Campus)

- Alumni social events
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(Jamestown Campus)

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Reunions

Class of 1952

Members of the class of 1952 invite other graduates from the 1950s to join them as they celebrate their 60th anniversary next year. Ann Dahl Luce '52 and Sally Nelson Black '52 are planning the festivities.

Planning is under way, and those who would like more information are encouraged to contact the JCC Alumni Relations Office, 716.338.1056, or elizabethbooth@mail.sunyjcc.edu.



Class of 1962

The JCC Class of 1962 will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Sandy Howard Low '62, Margie Smith Fuchs '62, and Tom Swanson '62 invite alumni from the classes of 1961, 1962, and 1963 to join them for a reunion.

Reunion weekend will take place on August 3-5, 2012. Those who would like to learn more about the reunion are encouraged to contact Sandy Howard Low by email, slow0528@yahoo.com, or by phone any day after 12 noon, 716.763.4244.

JCC, Three Others Receive \$3.35 Million Grant

JCC, Finger Lakes Community College, Tompkins-Cortland Community College, and Delaware Technical and Community College have been awarded a \$3.35 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The funding comes from NSF's Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) program, in which there are three levels of funding. The grant, which was awarded the highest level of funding, will support the expansion of undergraduate research opportunities at the four community colleges as well as the dissemination of undergraduate research nationwide to other community colleges.

"Only two of these grants are awarded every year nationally, and it is the first Phase III TUES grant ever awarded to a community college," says Jacqueline Crisman, associate professor and coordinator of JCC's biotechnology program and one of the co-investigators on the grant. FLCC has the lead role in administering the grant on behalf of the other three partners.

Dr. Crisman emphasized that JCC's biotechnology program has a vibrant undergraduate research component with research opportunities for students during the academic year and through its Summer Undergraduate Research Institute. The NSF grant will provide research supplies and paid internships for biotechnology students and will support national workshops and mentorship activities for other community colleges across the nation.

Dr. Crisman also noted that funds provided by the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, the John R. Oishei Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education, and Promega Corporation, plus other donations to support JCC's new science facility, allowed JCC to purchase close to \$500,000 in new biotechnology equipment.

"Without these gracious awards, we would never have received this grant," said Dr. Crisman.

Half of all college students in the nation attend community colleges, making a rigorous two-year curriculum a national priority if the U.S. is to stay competitive in the sciences, explained Jim Hewlett, professor of biology and head of the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI), based at FLCC.

"Given the community college's increasing role in preparing transfer students to four-year colleges, we need to give students the skills and knowledge necessary to become future biologists," said Hewlett, who applied for the grant on behalf of FLCC.

In the first year of implementation, the project team, led by Hewlett, will select 16 community colleges to participate in an extensive program that begins with three-day workshops in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and the District of Columbia.

At the workshops, Hewlett and faculty from Tompkins-Cortland, JCC, and Delaware Technical and Community College will help them design, implement, and assess undergraduate research programs at their institutions. The Council for Undergraduate Research, a national organization with similar goals, will provide additional support.

The grant will then support these institutions (supplies, equipment, faculty, and curriculum development, stipends for student research assistants) for the remaining three years as their plans take shape on their respective campuses. The Social and Economic Sciences Research Center at Washington State University will evaluate the project as it unfolds.

FLCC's work with the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative was featured in the September 16 issue of the journal *Science*, the most cited journal in the life sciences.

[JCC biotechnology professor Jacqueline Crisman, Ph.D., seated, illustrates biochemical concepts to students.]



Construction Started for Third Residence Hall

With support from Chautauqua County and City of Jamestown, JCC will add a new 120-bed facility to the two residence halls which opened in the fall of 2008. Completion of the facility is expected in July 2012, and applications for fall 2012 are currently being accepted.

Shown breaking ground for the new residence hall are Jamestown City Council President Gregory Rabb, JCC board of trustees member and buildings and grounds committee chair Mary Ellen Bonner, JCC board of trustees chairman Lance Spicer, JCC President Gregory DeCinque, Chautauqua County Legislature Chairman Fred Croscut, Chautauqua County Executive Gregory Edwards, and Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi.



JCC's Workforce Development Program Recognized

Jamestown Community College ranked third in a list of workforce development programs published in the July 22nd issue of *Buffalo Business First*.

The annual ranking, based on the number of programs offered by area colleges and universities and the number of participants in those programs, listed 21 western New York institutions.

A total of 5,337 individuals from 71 regional public and private organizations in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania participated in 398 contract training programs offered by JCC's Center for Continuing Education during the 2009-10 academic year.

The programs – a mix of workforce development and customized job skills training courses – were provided through Jamestown and Cattaraugus County campuses and North County and Warren extension centers.

The programs ranged from customized management and leadership training, social media and computer-related training programs, welding techniques, continuous improvement methods, and training needs analysis to skills assessment for credentialing needs.

Topping the *Business First* list were Bryant & Stratton College and Erie Community College.

Net-the-Work

J o b N e t w o r k G r o u p

By Rita Freeborough, M.Ed.
Employment Development Specialist

Networking, the process of making contacts and meeting people, is one of the most important activities that job seekers must master to be successful when looking for employment.

To help alumni and students begin establishing a business network, Jamestown Community College has created a *Net-the-Work* Job Network Group. Area alumni and current students, along with college staff and faculty, are invited to participate.

Meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Carnahan Center on JCC's Jamestown campus.

Participants will have the opportunity to share a brief introduction, talk about the status of their job search, and share information about regional employers and job openings. Net-the-Work members are encouraged to bring their resumes.

Every meeting will feature a guest employer to talk about specific job-related topics.

The first Net-the-Work Job Network Group meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. in room 120, Carnahan Center, on JCC's Jamestown Campus.

For additional information, contact Rita Freeborough at 716.338.1066, or ritafreeborough@mail.sunyjcc.edu.

Hosts Needed for JCC Interns

| by Jessica Kubiak, Director of Academic Initiatives |

What was your most memorable learning experience? Most likely, it involved hands-on work, ill-defined problems, figuring things out as you went along, and a patient, knowledgeable mentor. Very likely, it was an internship.

Internships are short-term, supervised learning experiences in a professional environment. An internship can be paid or unpaid, can be virtual or face-to-face, and may last anywhere from a few weeks of full-time work to a semester or more of part-time work. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement in which employers gain project assistance and a fresh perspective, while students obtain experience in their field and the chance to draw connections between academics and “real life.” Internships leverage everyone’s strengths and result in significant, relevant learning.

Would hosting an intern work for your organization? If you can define a project or set of tasks that would improve your productivity and give a student the chance to learn, you are ready to take on an intern and make a positive difference. Students who complete internships report increased understanding of workplace expectations and an increased dedication to their studies. Faculty sponsors who oversee internship activities and assign supplementary academic work see the same results.

Many JCC alumni already host interns on a regular basis, and continue to provide ongoing internship opportunities. These alumni report strong satisfaction with student skills and frequently recruit interns for permanent positions.

Internships can take place in any field or type of organization. While a handful of JCC’s academic programs require internships or field placements, students from all programs may complete credit-bearing internships, provided minimum academic requirements are met.

To learn more about hosting an intern, call 716.338.1381 or e-mail JessicaKubiak@mail.sunyjcc.edu. Or, if you’re ready to host an intern, complete the Internship Opportunities web form at www.sunyjcc.edu/internships/opportunities.

Members of JCC’s Jamestown Campus Alumni Association, along with Eileen Goodling, Vice President and Dean of Student Development, welcomed the new Jayhawk mascot to campus. The Alumni Association provided lead funding for the new mascot costume, which was worn by Jayhawks basketball team member Xavier Kennedy. Shown from the left: Eileen Goodling, Steve Riczker, Ann Cappalino, Nick Manno, Liz Petiprin, Pat Phillips, Gail Coyle, Xavier Kennedy, Katie Smith, Dennis Webster, Julie Hull, Arlene Christopherson, Linda Manno, and Leasen Oste.



Wright A. Brunson, Jr. '51, was the first person to graduate from Jamestown Community College. He returned to address graduates in 2000, shared a story about his career as an aviator in the United States Navy, and said “JCC opened the doors to a wonderful life for me.”

Alumni Days at Peek n’ Peak Resort Saturday, February 4 & Monday, February 20

JCC alumni, along with their family and friends, are invited to enjoy a day of winter sports at Peek n’ Peak Resort. This special group offer allows our alumni to take advantage of great discounts on lift tickets and rental packages, and enjoy the use of a private club room.

Full day lift tickets can be purchased at a discount of \$20 off the regular price! For all the details, plus a reservation form, please visit www.sunyjcc.edu/alumni, or call Elizabeth Booth at 716.338.1056.





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JANUARY 27 & 28

Alumni Association Mystery This annual event raises funds for scholarships at JCC. *Details are available at www.sunyjc.edu/alumni or by calling 716.338.1056.*

JANUARY 30 & 31

Auditions for *Doubt*, the JCC Uncommoners' spring performance, Scharmann Theatre, 7 p.m. *For more information, call director Robert Schlick, 716.338.1153.*

FEBRUARY 4

Alumni Ski Day JCC alumni, along with family and friends, are invited to enjoy a day of winter sports at Peek n' Peak Resort. *See page 11 for details.*

FEBRUARY 5

Concert by Scythian Cutco Theatre, Cattaraugus County Campus, 2 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of lively Celtic rock with the band Scythian. *Admission is free and open to the public.*

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MARCH

Doubt, performed by the JCC Uncommoners, Scharmann Theatre, at 8 p.m. on March 16, 17, 22, 23, & 24 and 2 p.m. on March 18.

spotlight EVENT

ART PARTY AT THE WEEKS GALLERY • FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Material/Ethereal Constructs: exhibition in the Weeks Gallery by artists Judith Olson Gregory and Dianne Baker, gallery talk at 6:30 p.m..

Celtic rock group Scythian takes the stage at Scharmann Theatre at 7 p.m. The post-concert ArtParty includes music by Amanda Barton and Bill Ward, hors d'oeuvres, and wine and beer tasting.

Visit weeksgallery.sunyjc.edu for more information.
For tickets call the JCC box office, 716.338.1187.

Scythian

