



HCC FOUNDATION UNVEILS NEW LOGO

With this issue of the HCC Foundation Newsletter, we are pleased to unveil our new logo - a contemporary interpretation of the traditional column that has been our trademark for many years.

This new logo is intended to reflect not only our ongoing commitment to the supportive role of the Foundation, but as importantly, the progressive approach we take in addressing the evolving needs of the students and college we serve.

HCC PRESIDENT DR. JANIS M. HADLEY TO RETIRE

After ten years of dedicated service, Dr. Janis M. Hadley has announced that she will retire from her position as President of HCC on September 1, 2006.

A special celebration in her honor will be held at the HCC Foundation Annual Meeting on September 12, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the College Atrium. Information on this event is forthcoming.

Anita Gliniecki, Dean of Academics, has agreed to take on the role of Interim President while a search for Dr. Hadley's replacement is undertaken.

Dr. Janis M. Hadley,
HCC president since 1996.



HCCF BOARD ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR MAJOR GIFTS CAMPAIGN

The Board of Directors has announced its plan to launch a Major Gifts Campaign this summer. According to Board Member Paul Antinozzi, who has agreed to Chair the campaign, "This campaign is going to open doors. It will open doors for students by creating more scholarships, tutorial, mentoring, career planning and placement opportunities. And - it will open doors to the business and civic community by becoming a forum that focuses on how our mutual success is inter-dependent."

Mr. Antinozzi added that, "The timing of this couldn't be better, as we approach the College's 40th Anniversary, the new building construction, and implement the Achieving the Dream grant. We are delighted to have the enthusiastic support of President Hadley and Interim President Gliniecki. I look forward to working with my fellow Foundation Board Members and others within the college community to make this campaign a success."

The Board will work in conjunction with the Clements Group, L.C. of Salt Lake City - highly regarded specialists with proven expertise in assisting community colleges in analyzing and quantifying their needs, analyzing their funding sources and in developing strategies and processes to make their visions become realities.

For more information about the campaign, please contact Mr. Antinozzi at 203-377-1300 or Maureen Dowdle at 203 -332-5078.

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Our Mission

The Foundation provides financial assistance to the College and its students beyond the fundamentals provided by the State of Connecticut, and assists the College in becoming a unique educational resource for its students and the community. The Foundation also serves as a vehicle generating funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for parents enrolled, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art.

SPECIAL EVENTS RAISE AWARENESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION

The HCC Foundation Board of Directors hosted two major fundraising events this year that will enable the Foundation to increase its budget for tuition scholarships. “We are delighted with the results,” said Maureen Dowdle, HCC’s Director of Institutional Advancement. “The funds raised allow us to award several additional scholarships to help HCC students achieve their educational goals. We are extremely grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make these events realities, as we are to all who came to support them.”

International Wine Tasting

The second annual International Wine Tasting, held in the College Atrium on November 18, proved to be an even greater success this year than last, drawing more than 200 people from the college and the community.

Attendees sampled an impressive array of food donated by twenty area restaurants, and sipped wines from around the world that were provided by local distributors. New England Beverage Company coordinated the wines. The festivities included a silent auction and musical entertainment by HCC’s Hernan Yepes and German Bermudez. Geoffrey Sheehan, Assistant Professor at the College was the emcee.

The event’s success was due in large part to the extraordinary effort put forth by Board Member Marianne Laska, who chaired the event for the second year in a row. “It was very gratifying to see hard working volunteers from both the College and the community join with business supporters in the area to make this event a reality,” Mrs. Laska stated. Pitney Bowes was the Presenting Sponsor and Pullman & Comley, Merritt Insurance and Bigelow Tea were Silver Sponsors. Bronze Sponsors included D’Addario Pontiac, Buick, GMC/D’Addario Nissan, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dowdle, Leask & Leask, P.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laska. The *Connecticut Post* was the Media Sponsor.

Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Inn at Longshore in Westport was the site for the first Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. Held on April 2, the event featured women’s fashions by Posh of Fairfield and Talbots of Westport, all modeled by Housatonic students, staff, department chairs and administrators including Academic Dean Anita Gliniecki and HCC President Janis Hadley. The models were escorted by Humanities Department Chair Peter Ulisse and Interim Dean of Students Hernan Yepes. Diane Farrell, former First Selectwoman of Westport, served as Mistress of Ceremonies while the Wayne Hiller Jazz Trio provided musical entertainment.



Interim Dean of Students, Hernán Yepes, escorts student model Carolina Tandayamo.

Other supporters of the event included Ricci’s Salon/Spa/Academy, Camillo’s Tuxedo Specialist of Norwalk and Bigelow Tea. A number of area businesses contributed to the gift bags and raffle prizes. The *Connecticut Post* was the Media Sponsor.

Foundation Board Member Marianne Laska chaired this event as well, and graciously attributed the event’s success to the generosity of Posh, Talbots and other sponsors and contributors, and to the commitment of time and effort put forth by the models and their escorts.



“It was a lovely event that truly showcased Housatonic Community College through its faculty, students and staff. It definitely has the potential to become yet another successful annual fundraiser for the Foundation,” she said.



Eleanor Chaloux and Janet L. Janczewski, HCC Foundation Director, enjoy the festivities at the Fashion Show with Event Chair Marianne Laska.

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Student models, Jessica Ricco, Sofia Rolin and Tammy Cobaugh pose for the camera.



Virginia Giuffré, HCC Foundation Director and Dr. Janis Hadley share a light moment at the fashion show.

Judith Lawrence, HCC Foundation Scholarship recipient, models fashions from Posh to their best advantage. (left)

Faculty, staff and student models assembled for a group photo at the conclusion of the show. (below)



FOUNDATION SUCCEEDS IN SECURING NUMEROUS GRANTS

Last fall, enrollment at HCC reached 4,371. Many of these students will require some form of financial assistance during their course of study. In an effort to meet their needs and the expanding needs of the college, the Foundation has continued to actively pursue grants from private and public foundations. Recent activity includes the following:



Harding High School students visit the Yale University Art Gallery as part of their Peer Docent program training.

- The Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation awarded \$10,000 for the Housatonic Museum's Peer Docent Program.
- The Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation also renewed its support of the College's Peer Tutoring Program with a grant of \$10,000.



Jessica Taylor, Bassick High School senior, shares a discussion with Anita Bright, Middle College Pilot Program instructor.



Bassick and Harding High School students participate in a Middle College Pilot Program math class.

- The Foundation has received nearly \$60,000 in multiple grants to support our Middle College Pilot Program, which is undertaking its second year of operation and expanding from 40 to 60 students. Our partners in the program's first year include the Charter Oak Challenge Foundation and The Fairfield County Community Foundation, as well as the Bridgeport Priority School District, GEAR UP (Bridgeport), GEAR UP (State of Connecticut), the Ralphola Taylor Center (YMCA) and a number of individual donors.
- The Bridgeport Public Education Fund will provide \$15,000 to provide transportation and book subsidies to students in need during the 2006-07 academic year.

- The Westport Young Women's League pledged \$3,250 for the Early Childhood Laboratory School.

- The Inner City Foundation for Charity and Education pledged \$10,000 for scholarships for students in need.

- The Foundation received a planning grant of \$50,000 funded through the Nellie Mae Educational Foundation and the Lumina Foundation for Education in connection with "Achieving the Dream" – a grant initiative of national significance designed to address retention issues and increase the success rates of students at community colleges.



HCC LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AND ADDRESSES EMPLOYMENT NEEDS WITH NEW PROGRAMS

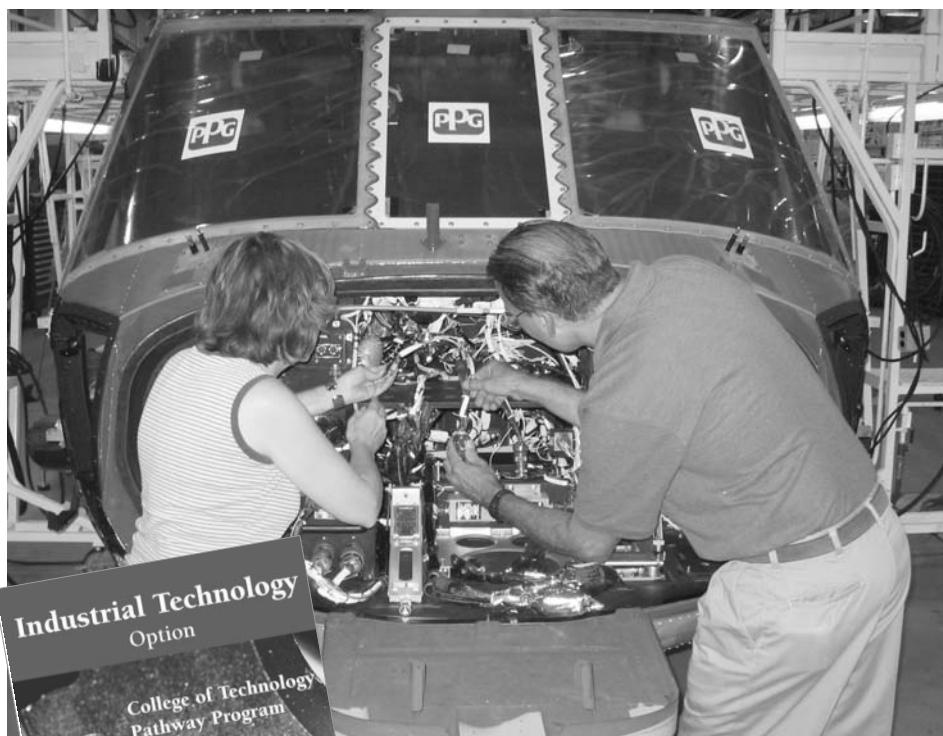
- Near & Far Aid Association awarded a \$10,000 grant for scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year.
- Additional grants for scholarships include \$1,000 from the Weller Foundation; \$1,000 from the Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation; \$1,000 from the Frank DeLuca Foundation; \$1,000 from Law Firms for a Greater Bridgeport; \$2,000 from the Barden Foundation; \$1,500 from Milford Automatics Foundation; \$2,500 from CT Women's Forum of CT; and \$10,000 from the Pitt Foundation.
- The Housatonic Museum of Art is the recipient of a \$3,609 award from The CT Commission on the Arts for the Peer Docent Program and a \$30,000 award from the Werth Family Foundation for the Peer Docent program and *Illustrate CT – People, Places, and Things* Project Catalog.
- The Wachovia Foundation awarded \$10,000 for scholarships.

Barbara P. Johnson, HCC Foundation President and Foundation Director Marianne Laska accept a \$10,000 Wachovia Foundation scholarship check from Donald Rotzien, Executive Vice President and Donna Milne, Vice President from Wachovia. Pictured far right is Dr. Janis M. Hadley, HCC President.



This year, HCC implemented two new Certificate Programs in Computer Information Systems: Networking and Technical Web Design. According to Anita Gliniecki, Dean of Academics, "These certificates were implemented to meet employment needs – maintaining a business network or developing a company's web page are becoming expectations of those working in a company's technology area."

The college also implemented the Industrial Technology Program to meet the request of local manufacturers for a program to train new employees and to train current employees so that they could be promoted within the company.



Foreseeing the need for a qualified workforce, Sikorsky has pledged a grant of \$20,000 to supplement the implementation of the new Industrial Technology Program.

This introductory CAD course introduces students to the drawing field. Key areas of emphasis include technical drafting practices, procedures and processes, the visualization of multi-view drawings, CAD literacy and the application of CAD to various engineering fields.

Students are responsible for completing the vast array of drawing assignments using their CAD workstations. These drawings in combination with homework assignments, group design projects, quizzes and tests serve as a measure of student mastery/proficiency.

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Deborah S. Breck, Attorney, Pullman & Comley, LLC. As chair of the firm's Trusts & Estates Department, Debbie focuses her practice on estate planning and related elder law issues, counsels individual and corporate clients concerning their rights and responsibilities as fiduciaries with respect to estate and trust administration and represents executors, trustees, conservators, creditors and beneficiaries in contested matters involving estates and trusts. Debbie is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; a member of the CT Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the CT Trusts and Estates Council and the Estate Planning Council of Lower Fairfield County.

Active in civic affairs, she serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fairfield County Community Foundation Professional Advisors Council and the President's Council of Visiting Nurse Services of CT, Inc. She and her husband, Mike reside in Fairfield and are the proud parents of two daughters.



James Garland, Operations Manager, Park Project – United Way. Jim is Operations Manager for The Park Project - a federally funded grant working with the DCF and the Bridgeport Board of Education to help children who have serious emotional and behavioral health issues. Prior to that, Jim held senior financial and development positions in higher education.

Jim is active in the community where most recently he served as the Vice Chairman of the Bridgeport YMCA and President of the South End Community Center. Jim is currently on the Board of the Community Capital Fund and International Performing Arts. He lives in Bridgeport with his wife, Sooyeon - a marriage and family therapist, and sons Jason, 7 and Arin, 5.



Steve M. Gold, Partner, Shipman & Goodwin. Steve is an attorney with one of the largest law firms in Connecticut. As a member of the firm's Business Law Department, his Stamford-based practice encompasses corporate and finance law, mergers and acquisitions.

An active member of the community, Steve has served on the Board of Directors and as counsel to the Stamford Symphony Society, and as general counsel and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Nursing and Home Care (VNA) of Fairfield County and continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Women's Business Development Center. In addition, Steve has served as pro bono counsel to many civic organizations. He lives in Westport with his wife, Susan.



Maria A. Stolfi, First Vice President of Compensation & Benefits, People's Bank.

Founded in 1842, and headquartered in Bridgeport, People's Bank is a diversified financial services company providing consumer, commercial, insurance, retail investment and trust services to personal and business banking customers.

Including her five years of service to People's Bank, Maria's career in human resources management has spanned 25 years. Throughout that time, she has been an active contributor to the betterment of the communities where she has lived and worked. She has served as a board member of a youth hockey organization, served on several PTA's and has been a longstanding member of the religious education committee for her local church.

Maria lives with her husband of 20 years and three children in Cos Cob.

Thomas Sheehan, Esq. Kleban & Samor, P.C. Tom practices in the Taxation and Trust and Estates Practice Group, which includes business and transaction tax planning as well as wealth preservation and estate planning. He provides advice and counsel concerning all types of tax planning opportunities and issues for closely-held businesses as well as corporate and partnership matters of all types. Tom spends a significant portion of his practice providing sophisticated estate and income tax planning for individuals and executives and coordinating their business and personal aspects to achieve favorable results.

Tom is the former chairman of the Tax Section of the Young Lawyers' Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and is a current member of the Executive Committee of the Tax Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. He is a graduate of Providence College, Roger Williams University School of Law and Boston University School of Law.

He and his wife, Jacqueline Sheehan, live in Easton with their daughter, Mary Margaret and their yellow lab, Erin.



Ronald P. Robert, Manager of Organizational Talent, The United Illuminating Company. Prior to joining United Illuminating, Ron worked for several Fortune

500 companies in the Financial Services and Publishing Industries in various Human Resources capacities.

Quite active in the community, he serves on academic boards at Gateway Community College and Stone Academy and is a member of the Board of Directors of Liberty Community Services - an organization that works with the homeless in New Haven.

Ron has a Bachelors degree from Assumption College in Psychology and a Masters from Springfield College in Industrial Psychology. He and his wife, Evelyn live in Yardley, PA with sons, Marc and Jeff.



FOUNDATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF ANN H. LIEM

Only months after resigning from the Board, Ann H. Liem passed away unexpectedly on February 7, 2006. Ann had been an active member of the board for four years, and had brought enormous insight, enthusiasm and dedication to that role. She is greatly missed by her family, friends and all who worked alongside her.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED THIS FALL

In addressing the growing concern over the continuing shortage of nurses, the Foundation is pleased to announce that three HCC graduates will be awarded financial assistance as they pursue their degrees in the field of nursing. This year, Agathe Mezile was awarded the Nursing Supplemental Assistance Award and Nyla Petrahai was awarded the Salvatore Curiale Scholarship.

As a result of the generosity of an anonymous donor, a new tuition scholarship will be awarded for the first time this year to HCC's Eleni Tucker, who will begin nursing school in the fall. According to Maureen Dowdle, who accepted the funds on behalf of the Foundation, "This scholarship is being offered out of the donor's concern over the shortage of nurses, and in recognition of the excellent level of nursing care his late wife received during her hospitalization."



Maureen Dowdle, HCC Director of Institutional Advancement joins Nursing Scholarship award winners (left to right) Eleni Tucker, Agathe Mezile and Nyla Petrahai.

HCC EXPANSION PLANS ARE FINALIZED GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED FOR FALL 2006

Since September 2004, HCC staff has been engaged in planning for a new building – one which will almost double the size of the college. The new structure (temporarily named the "Sound Building" because of its proximity to Long Island Sound) will be the result of a complete rehab of the former Sears building and the construction of an additional 20,000 square feet of new space.

According to Dr. Paul S. McNamara, Dean of Administration, "This \$55 million dollar project will add more than 170,000

gross square feet to the college campus, and will enable HCC to accommodate approximately 5,500 students, compared to the college's previous high of 4,700."

One of the primary goals of the project is to provide significantly more space for students as well as expanded instructional space. There will be thirty additional general purpose classrooms, ten computer classrooms, open computer laboratory spaces, a fully renovated teaching theater to house the growing theater arts program, foreign language labs and ESL labs. There will also

be spacious new student activities areas, student lounges and quiet study areas.

The space will include a wellness center, a versatile events center that will seat approximately 500, and display spaces for the Museum's world-class art collection. Security will be housed there, and three academic departments will be relocated to the building as well.

The groundbreaking is scheduled for this fall, with the project's completion expected in the fall of 2008.

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

If you haven't made your contribution to the Annual Appeal, please do so now.

Funds from this effort will be used to provide much-needed financial assistance to deserving students and to support

strategic initiatives and capital improvements that enhance HCC's ability to thrive as a quality academic institution. An envelope is included for your convenience.

Thank you!

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HCC NEWS

HCC PREPARES TO CELEBRATE ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Get ready for big things this fall, when Housatonic Community College celebrates its 40th anniversary as an independent academic institution.

That milestone will be marked by special events and activities designed to highlight where we've been, and most importantly, where we're headed in the future.

HCC is starting an Alumni Association, and we want to re-connect with you! Start by telling us your fond memories of HCC – individual attention from faculty and staff, support and respect for students, quality and affordability, diversity, whatever you personally found meaningful. Please call Linda Bayusik '96, Alumni Association Coordinator at (203) 332-5058 or e-mail her at LBayusik@hcc.commnet.edu.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 17

INTERNATIONAL WINE TASTING EVENT
TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Housatonic Museum of Art Upcoming Exhibitions

June 8/July 28 2006

Visions from the Heart: A Juried Exhibition for Artists with Disabilities

Presented in celebration of The Kennedy Center's 55th year. This exhibition is sponsored in partnership with the Barnum Festival.

Plastic Princess: Barbie as Art

Traveling exhibition organized by Montserrat College of Art and curated by Leonie Bradbury.

September 2006/November 2006

Standing on One Foot

Curated by Barbara O'Brien, Independent curator and Editor of *Art New England*.

November/December 2006/January 2007

Stones in the River

Sculptural installation by German sculptor Matthias Alfen.

February/March 2007

Recent Acquisitions/Highlights from the Collection

New works and important works from the Museum's permanent collection.