I am delighted to present the 2011-2012 President’s Report on behalf of the faculty, students and staff of Dutchess Community College. As you will see, it was another exciting and rewarding year, and we are privileged to continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the local higher education landscape.

This Report highlights some of the people, programs and services that make DCC one of the most highly regarded community colleges in the state. If you are among our almost 40,000 alumni, have taken credit or noncredit classes, have family or friends who work at the College, or are otherwise connected to our campus, you are likely to recognize many of those featured in this publication.

Your community college continues to have a profound and positive impact on the quality of life in our region. I am pleased to note that more than 10,300 students enrolled at DCC in fall 2011, keeping pace with the prior year’s record-breaking enrollment. According to the latest figures, 36% of Dutchess County high school graduates who choose to continue their education, do so at DCC. The College also is proud of serving students who return for an education in adulthood, and the more than 3,000 community members who take advantage of continuing education, personal enrichment and customized workforce training programs offered through our Office of Community Services each year.

As the area’s college of choice for those who want an enriching, affordable start on a bachelor’s degree – as well as those interested in pursuing a career after earning an associate degree – DCC has earned a reputation for providing a quality education that opens doors to remarkable opportunities. Our board of trustees, faculty and staff work each and every day to ensure that DCC students are poised for success when transferring to top-four-year colleges and universities and entering the workforce. We’ve also worked diligently to make higher education more accessible by keeping tuition the lowest in the state when transferring to top four-year colleges and universities and entering the workforce. We’ve also worked diligently to make higher education more accessible by keeping tuition the lowest in the state when transferring to top-four-year colleges and universities and entering the workforce.

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President’s Breakfast Highlights Programs, Services, Trends in Higher Education

A near 200 Dutchess County business and community leaders, friends and donors gathered in January for the 19th Annual DCC Presidents’ Breakfast, which affords an opportunity for guests to visit campus and hear about the College’s activities over the past year.

In one of his first public appearances since taking office, Molinaro spoke about what the College is doing, and the important role it continues to play in our region. He added that DCC has proven itself to be an asset to students and the county as a whole, playing a role in creating jobs and preparing students for transfer to four-year schools.

The President’s Breakfast was sponsored by TD Bank and hosted by the Dutchess Community College Foundation, which raises funds for student scholarships and academic initiatives. The Foundation granted more than $300,000 in student scholarships last year.

Utility Company’s Lant Named Businessperson of the Year

Nearly 200 guests came to DCC in June for the 2012 Poughkeepsie Journal/Businessperson of the Year luncheon to honor award recipient Steven V. Lant, chairman, president and CEO of CH Energy Group.

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Enrollment Hits 10,000+ Mark for Second Year in a Row

DCC welcomed 10,316 students to campus in the fall of 2011, matching the previous year’s record-breaking enrollment. According to the latest figures, 36% of Dutchess County students who elect to continue their education after high school attend DCC, and of those who graduate from the College, 90% either transfer to a four-year school or find work right away.

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A New Chapter in the History of DCC Begins: Students Move Into First On-Campus Residence Hall

When 465 excited students – boxes, suitcases and supplies in hand and parents in tow – moved into Conklin Hall on August 25, it marked a momentous event in their lives, and in the history of DCC. Six years in the planning, the new, on-campus, suite-style residence hall is the first at any community college in the region, although more than half the community colleges in the state now have – or are in the process of building – student housing. It is expected that in the next four years, all but a handful will offer housing to enable students to combine the quality, affordability and other benefits of a community college education with the experience of living away at school.

Unlike most freshman and sophomore housing, Conklin Hall has large suite-style units (averaging 1,100 square feet) with assorted bedroom configurations, two bathrooms, kitchenette (with full-sized refrigerator, microwave and sink) and living room. It also features lounges on each floor, a multi-purpose atrium, fitness center, laundry facilities, cable television and wireless Internet service and other amenities. The residence hall – which the DCC Board of Trustees named in honor of President Conklin’s 20 years of service to the College and his vision in bringing student housing to campus – is conveniently located near academic buildings and adjacent to Parking Lot D.

Seeing their new home-away-from-home for the first time, students and their parents clearly were impressed by its design, spaciousness and amenities. “This looks like a really great place to live while I’m going to DCC,” said student Ashleigh Graham-Clarke as she moved in. “I never expected it to be so nice!” While students were excited about their accommodations and meeting their roommates, parents were particularly impressed by the building’s safety and security features, including 24-hour security, video monitoring of public spaces, noncombustible construction, sprinklers throughout, central entrance with controlled access and on-site staff supervision, including a Director of Residence Life, three graduate assistants and 10 resident assistants.

The building also incorporates geothermal technology for heating and cooling, as does Bowne Hall, an administration/academic building on the campus.

“The residence hall will create a living and learning environment that fosters academic and personal growth,” said President Conklin. “Experience shows that having a residence hall on a community college campus also enhances the environment for commuting students, as there is more participation in clubs, lectures, plays, concerts, athletics and other activities that benefit the entire student body.”

The $33 million, 136,000 square foot residence hall is owned and operated by the DCC Association, which secured tax-exempt bonds for the project with the assistance of the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency; construction was financed by M&T Bank. Construction services were provided by: Kirchhoff-Consigli Construction Management (project manager); Liscum-McCormack VanVoorhis LLC (architect); The Chazen Companies (civil engineer); Erdman Anthony (electrical and mechanical engineer); and Johnson Controls (geothermal system).

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Conklin Hall was held in August. Speakers at the event included DCC Board of Trustees Chair Thomas LeGrand, President Conklin, County Executive Marc Molinaro, Ray VanVoorhis of Liscum-McCormack VanVoorhis LLP and Joseph Kirchhoff of Kirchhoff-Consigli. It was noted that Molinaro, as well as Liscum, McCormack, VanVoorhis, Kirchhoff and many of the employees on the construction team are DCC alumni.

The building opened to full occupancy. Limited space availability is expected for the spring semester and applications for next fall will be available in January. Visit www.sunydutchess.edu/dorm or e-mail studenthousing@sunydutchess.edu for more information.

Family, friends and DCC staff members made sure everyone had the help they needed on move-in day.

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Each floor has a 1,000-square-foot lounge.

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Thousands Attend College Commencement

DCC celebrated its 53rd Commencement May 17, graduating almost 1,200 students. The ceremony was held under sunny skies on the Falcon Hall North Lawn on DCC’s main campus; more than 4,000 were in attendance. In addition, the ceremony was streamed live on the Internet and viewed by hundreds of friends and family members across the country and abroad.

Associate degrees and career certificates in 47 programs of study were conferred on 1,176 graduates, who ranged in age from 18 to 65. Associate in Science degrees were awarded to 42 percent of the students; 25 percent received Associate in Applied Science degrees; 22 percent received Associate in Arts degrees; and about 9 percent earned certificates. Almost 39 percent of the class graduated with honors, having achieved a 3.2 GPA or higher.

In his address, President Conklin congratulated the graduates and recognized the family members, friends, faculty and staff who supported and encouraged them as they pursued their education. He also noted the importance of faculty and staff members who are committed to the success of DCC students.

“When I talk to former graduates about how Dutchess Community College has changed their lives, they always mention one or two faculty or professional staff who had a special impact on them and encouraged them to excel,” said Conklin. “That support and encouragement – that of their families – will serve today’s graduates well in their future educational and professional pursuits.”

The keynote speaker was James Fedorich (’67), County Attorney for Dutchess County and member of the DCC Foundation Board of Directors. Other speakers included DCC Board of Trustees Chair Thomas LeGrand, faculty member Dr. Laura Murphy and Student Government Association President Tony Beaudoin.

Academically Speaking

Thirty-nine Dutchess Community College freshmen were awarded the 2011 Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence last fall. When combined with the Conklin scholars who began at DCC in fall 2010, a record 80 students benefited from the initiative last year. The Conklin Scholarship provides full tuition for any Dutchess County high school student who graduates in the top 10% of his or her class. Conklin scholars have gone on to top four-year colleges — including Cornell, RPI, Smith, Vassar, Marist and SUNY schools — after graduating from DCC.

The scholarships were established 17 years ago through the DCC Foundation and subsequenty funded by Charles and Mabel Conklin.

Members Welcomed into Business Honor Society

Delta Zeta, the Dutchess Community College chapter of business honor society Alpha Beta Gamma, welcomed 19 new members in April. The inductees were: Elizabeth Balachova, Sam Beal, Melissa Faby, Dominic James Frank, David Freeman, Karen Gallagher, Jordan Paul Gould, Bruce E. Hotaling, Kristin R. Lukats, Alexander Nelson, Victoria Pampaloni, Salman Punjani, Denka Quinz, Chelsea D’Andrea Schwarze, Timothy E. Smith, James Sunco Jr., Darenia Velez, Linda Williams-Nguyen and Robert Wilson Jr.

ABG is an international business honor society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage academic achievement among two-year college students in business curricula. To be eligible for membership in the Delta Zeta Chapter at DCC, a student must be enrolled in a business curriculum and have completed 15 credit hours with at least 12 hours of work taken in courses leading to a business degree and have demonstrated academic excellence by attaining a 3.5 GPA overall, as well as in business courses.

Pinning Ceremony Recognizes Graduating Nurses, Honors Profession and Tradition

One hundred graduates of the Dutchess Community College Nursing Program received pins May 10 during a ceremony celebrating the completion of the challenging curriculum. The Pinning Ceremony, attended by hundreds of the students’ family members and friends, signified their transition from hard-working students to professional nurses ready to begin their careers.

Nursing Club President Alyson Hammer made the introduction, followed by greetings from President Conklin, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs Carl Dent and remarks from DCC Nursing faculty. More than 70 percent of the nursing staff in local hospitals and health care facilities have graduated from the program.

County’s Top Graduates Earn Full-Tuition Scholarships

Members of DCC’s Student Government Association work to enhance both the campus environment and the community in which they live. Last year, the SGA and student clubs raised almost $17,000 for deserving community organizations.

Some of the groups that benefited from the fundraising efforts included The Twin Tower Orphan Fund, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Dover Elementary School Supply Drive, the Hudson Valley AIDS Walk, the American Cancer Society, the Dover Elementary School Supply Drive, the Hudson Valley AIDS Walk, the American Cancer Society, the Animal Aid, Dutchess County ARC and the Dutchess Outreach Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. Efforts included The Twin Tower Orphan Fund, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Dover Elementary School Supply Drive, the Hudson Valley AIDS Walk, the American Cancer Society, the Animal Aid, Dutchess County ARC and the Dutchess Outreach Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie.

The DCC Bowling Team helped raise money for the Students-for-Students Emergency Fund. From left to right are Chris Michael, Lydia Hughes, SGA President Luke Gervais-Cierniak, Rich Colin and Kelly Ann Hackett.

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Lecture Series Brings Luminaries to Campus

Dr. James Waller, professor and Cohen Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire, came to DCC in December to discuss “Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing.”

In Waller’s presentation and book of the same name, he explored both historic and current acts of genocide and the multiple factors that influence human behavior and can lead to acts of mass killing.

His book was short-listed for the biennial Rafael Lemkin Award from the International Association of Genocide Scholars. In addition, Publisher’s Weekly praised the book for “clearly and effectively synthesizing a wide range of studies to develop an original and persuasive model of the process by which people can become evil.”

The lecture was arranged by DCC History Professor Dr. Werner Steger, recipient of the Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The event was sponsored by the DCC Foundation.

Vassar College Sociology Professor Diane Harriford came to DCC in March to give a lecture about the importance of broad-based education titled “Liberal Arts and the Community College Student.”

The discussion focused on how diverse cultures can illuminate new opportunities for students, and advanced the belief that college should be viewed as more than a place to build skills before starting a career.

Dr. Harriford had been an assistant to former Congresswoman Bella Abzug. She also worked closely with the Coalition of Labor Union Women. Currently, Dr. Harriford is involved in the National Women’s Studies Association among other groups. She has taught sociology, women’s studies and African-American studies at Vassar for more than 20 years.

The lecture was presented by the Llelanie Orcutt Endowed Faculty Chair and facilitated by Dr. Navina Hooker, a professor in DCC’s department of English and Humanities.

Jeff Shesol, historian, communications strategist and former speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, gave a presentation called “Supreme Power: FDR’s Court Fight - and Barack Obama’s” in April.

Shesol discussed the battle between President Franklin Roosevelt and the conservative majority of the Supreme Court, which rejected the major principles of the president’s New Deal, prompting Roosevelt’s subsequent strategy to pack the court with liberals. In addition, Shesol talked about President Obama’s relationship with the Supreme Court and its decision on campaign spending and deliberation on health care reform.

His most recent book is called “Supreme Power: Franklin Roosevelt vs. The Supreme Court.” His previous book, “Mutual Contempt: Lyndon Johnson, Robert Kennedy and the Feud That Defined a Decade,” was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year and a Washington Post Critic’s Choice. He was Deputy Chief Speechwriter for President Clinton, playing a leading role in creating two State of the Union Addresses among hundreds of others between 1997 and 2000. A Rhodes Scholar, Shesol earned his master’s degree from Oxford University.

The lecture was sponsored by the Handel Family Endowed Faculty Chair to Perpetuate the Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Dutchess Community College and the Gillespie Forum. Shesol was invited to campus by Dr. Andrew Riester, head of DCC’s History, Government and Economics Department.

More Than $100,000 in Scholarships Awarded at Annual Honors Convocation

At the Honors Convocation in May, 150 students either starting their second year at DCC or graduating and entering four-year colleges in the fall, were recognized for outstanding achievements and received scholarships totaling more than $110,000. More than $1.1 million in scholarships has been awarded by the DCC Foundation in the Convocation ceremonies since they began 16 years ago.

The scholarships are funded by individuals and organizations to reward academic excellence, and many donors and faculty members were on hand to present the awards. To learn more about establishing a scholarship, contact the DCC Foundation at (845) 431-6402.

Constitution Day Lecture Examines Culture in New York City Public Schools

Johanna Miller, assistant advocacy director and public policy counsel of the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU), gave a lecture on Sept. 19, 2011 titled “Criminalizing the Classroom” to mark Constitution Day.

Miller discussed the police presence in New York City public schools in relation to the number of guidance counselors. Approximately 5,200 officers patrol the schools, which amounts to the fifth largest police force in the U.S., while just 3,000 guidance counselors are on staff. That ratio, Miller suggested, illustrates the priorities of the public school system and has created a crisis in education that has led to large numbers of dropouts.

Constitution Day Citizenship Day celebrates the September 17, 1787 ratification of the Constitution.

Students Excel in Research Competition

Four students from Dutchess Community College were honored during the summer at the Beacon Conference for Student Scholars at Two-Year Colleges, a program created to highlight outstanding academic research and writing. Chris Perez, Linda Fiore, Jonathan Fiore and Jocelyn Alvarez presented their projects covering unemployment, symbolism painting, the wealth of nations and single parenting, respectively.

The Beacon Conference was established in 1993 when 10 community colleges in the eastern U.S., including DCC, partnered to recognize the achievements of outstanding students in academic research and writing. Funding came from the American Association of Community Colleges and the Kellogg Foundation. DCC hosted the conference in 1995, 1999 and 2006. There are 20 categories into which entries may be submitted, and the top three papers in each category are selected to be presented at the conference. Students work with mentors at their school to prepare their submissions, and readers from member colleges score the papers and select the winners. The three presentations in each category are judged at the conference by an expert in the subject from local four-year colleges and universities. DCC’s mentors were Dr. Lucia Cherici, Margaret Craig and Noreen van Valkenburgh.

Financial Aid Office Sails Through Review

In June, DCC was notified that during a routine online program review conducted by U.S. Department of Education officials, its Financial Aid Office was found to be in complete compliance with all federal regulations. This certifies that DCC’s Financial Aid Office maximizes grant, work study and federal loan opportunities for students while following all federal guidelines.

“We administer about $19 million in federal financial aid programs annually,” said Director of Financial Aid Sue Mead. “These funds make a college education possible for many of our students, and we take very seriously our responsibility to serve as a reliable and valuable resource.”
Science and Technology Program Celebrates 25 Years

The College of Science and Technology, a three-year program at DCC, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2012. C-STEP Coordinator Wendy Bahlinger welcomed current and former students as well as participating faculty members to a dinner and recognition program in May. C-STEP was created to assist underrepresented student populations in coursework leading to employment in scientific, technical and health-related careers. DCC’s C-STEP office provides free professional tutoring as well as a variety of counseling services to students.

Student Success Boosted by Skills Programs

DCC’s SmartStart, FOCUS and Educational Opportunity programs all helped increasing numbers of students with an academic or financial need pursue higher education and successfully adjust to college life.

A record 160 students graduated in August from SmartStart, a summer initiative of skills-building classes for incoming freshmen who need extra help to place into college-level courses. Classes focus on mathematics, reading, writing and study skills. SmartStart students graduate at a rate double that of students who are eligible for SmartStart but don’t participate. During the year, the program earned two awards from a national organization of student-affairs professionals. Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education recognized SmartStart with a Grand Award and Gold Award for Excellence in the category of Careers, Academic Support, Service Learning and Community Service. The Excellence Awards recognize the contributions of members who are “transforming higher education through outstanding programs, innovative services and effective administration,” according to the organization.

The College’s FOCUS program also centers on student success, but is held during the school year. Seventy-three percent of fall 2011 FOCUS students registered for the following semester, compared to 60% of those who qualified, but chose not to participate in FOCUS.

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides counseling and tutoring to students who are financially and academically disadvantaged. A ceremony commemorating EOP students’ successful completion of the academic year was held in May.

Students Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

A total of 187 DCC students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international honor society in a ceremony in May. DCC’s Alpha Pi-Kappa chapter of PTK invites students to join who have a 3.2 GPA or if they have a total of 12 hours of college-level work completed and maintain a 3.2 GPA throughout their community college career.

Phi Theta Kappa inductees sign a book signifying their membership in the honor society.

College Fair Attracts Crowds

DCC English Professor John Desmond hosted a program on campus in October 2011 as part of the Poughkeepsie area’s Big Read, an initiative created by the National Endowment for the Arts aimed at emphasizing the importance of reading in American life.

Desmond analyzed the 1940 film adaptation of "Our Town," analyzing cinematic and narrative elements and changes that were made between the creation of author Thornton Wilder’s original play and its debut on the screen. The Big Read project was administered by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, with a host of community partners, through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and with support from local sponsors.

Happenings

DCC Celebrates Diverse Cultures

Each year, DCC faculty, staff and students volunteer their time to bring to campus programs and events that celebrate diversity. The college community and the public at large enjoy a number of entertaining and educational presentations and activities.

A gospel concert, Kwanzaa celebration and Lyricum presentation on the Freedom Riders were just some of the activities offered this year by DCC to celebrate Black History Month. Another highlight was a talk and book signing by renowned children’s book illustrator James Ransome, who along with his wife, author Lera Cline-Ransome, discussed the creative and collaborative process involved in bringing a book to print.

The College’s annual celebration of Women’s History Month in March featured many Lyricum speakers. Marist College Professor Dr. Joanne Myers presented a lecture called “What Would Eleanor Do?” It explored Eleanor Roosevelt’s journey into feminism and activism, illuminated how her advocacy of universal human rights might have evolved in today’s world of social media, and offered suggestions about what citizens can do today to make a difference.

The following week, Salon.com senior writer Rebecca Traister gave a presentation called "Big Girls Don’t Cry,” focusing on her coverage of Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin and Michelle Obama during the 2008 presidential campaign and the treatment of the slate of female candidates by the media at large.

DCC’s annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration from mid-September through mid-October included fun and enlightening events such as a poetry and music show, a food festival and a lecture called “In the Beginning … Myths and Gods of the Hispanic World,” which explored the cosmologies and the mythical origin of New World civilizations. A Lyricum program called “Spiritfires, Latin Lovers & Banditos: The Myth of the Hollywood Latino Stereotype” offered an insightful and personal perspective that addressed Latin stereotypes and images in film.

In what was a highlight of the month, an exhibit of photos by Michael Sibilia called “Reflections on the Holy Week in Suchitoto, El Salvador” was held in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery.

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Lyceum Programs Entertain, Educate

Internationally recognized writer, lecturer and terrorism consultant Jeffrey D. Simon came to DCC in September to discuss the current trends in terrorism and the best responses to combat what has been called an “endless conflict.”

Richard Yaffe, Harvard Business School graduate and founder of the My Money Workshop, came to campus in October for a presentation on budgeting ideas and everyday money decisions that college students can make to put them in the best possible financial situation.

A cast member from MTV’s “Real World: Boston” talked to DCC in November. Cyrus talked voting and politics with students on behalf of MTV’s Rock the Vote initiative.

Author Daniel Soddiqui came to DCC in November to talk about his tour across the U.S., working 50 different jobs in 50 states, and the perspective he gained learning about the lifestyles and work of so many Americans.

Renowned holocaust scholar Alan Steinweis came to Dutchess Community College in April to give a presentation called “Becoming a Professional Anti-Semite: Three Biographies from Nazi Germany.” Steinweis was invited to campus by Dr. Werner Stager, DCC history professor.

Steinweis is professor of history and Director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont. He is the author of “Studying the Jew: Scholarly Antisemitism in Nazi Germany” (2006) among other books.

The lecture was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities at DCC and supported by the Aaron and June Gillespie Forum and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Steinweis was invited to campus by Dr. Werner Stager, DCC history professor.

Campus Marks Earth Day

The Bios Club and the Campus Activity Board, with the assistance of Dutchess Radio and Outdoor Adventure Club, hosted Earth Day activities in April. The day included live music, food, games with an environmental theme and a presentation on exotic animals.

Family Festivals Offer Free, Fun Entertainment

Many talented and engaging performers were welcomed to campus by the Office of Student Activities during the fall and spring semesters to perform for children and adults on Saturday mornings as part of the College’s free Family Festival program.

“The Lazy Fox” by Spring Valley Puppet Theater, “The Science of Magic,” “The Sleepy Hollow Halloween Show” and “Winter Wonderland” were presented in the fall, while spring shows included “Jack and the Beanstalk” by Crabgrass Puppet Theatre, “Fire on the Mountain” by Flying Ship Productions and “Shadow Tales” by Rick Adam.

The Family Festival series reflects DCC’s commitment to engaging young children and offer fun, educational and interactive programs for families.

Arts Across Campus

Art Gallery Features Work in Varying Mediums

Throughout the year, members of the campus community and general public enjoyed various exhibits featured in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery. Works range from those created by students, to pieces by regionally and nationally known artists.

Student artwork from spring and summer was featured in the gallery in September 2011, and in January, works from the fall art classes were exhibited. Both exhibits featured photography, drawings, ceramics, graphics, paintings and more selected by art faculty members.

DCC art instructor Lynne Palumbo exhibited herform quilt-inspired drawings in November and December of 2011.

In February, artist Monica d. Church displayed a selection of paintings, collage and photography she created over the past 15 years. Church is the associate director of the James W. Palmer ’90 Gallery at Vassar College and a former technical assistant and art instructor at both Vassar and DCC.

Steinweis’ lectures were accompanied by photographs of historic buildings in New York City. To celebrate the opening, photographs of historic buildings in New York City were featured in an exhibit by Barbara Atz, a former technical assistant and art instructor at both Vassar and DCC.

The Masquers’ Guild brought “Brighton Beach Memoirs” to the stage in March. The classic Neil Simon play tells the story of Eugene Morris Jerome, a teenager coming of age in Brooklyn during the 1930s. DCC’s performance was directed by Wayne Pyle.

In April, students in the Performing Arts program staged Henrik Ibsen’s classic drama “Hedda Gabler.” The story focuses on Hedda, whose quest to escape a loveless, ordinary existence takes her through a series of manipulations and ultimately leads her to once again gain control over her life. The play was directed by Ilizar Wing.

In December, the Masquers’ Guild presented the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Musical Revue. It featured classic music from an assortment of Broadway shows past and present. Performers ranged from community actors to students from DCC’s own Masquers’ Guild and Performing Arts department productions. More than $2,000 was raised for the charity.

History Professor George Stevens lectured as part of a New York City landmarks photo exhibit.

Students Hit the Stage

Members of the Dutchess Community College Performing Arts program and Noel Masquer’s Guild performance troupe teamed up to present “You Must Miss Me, Kate” in November. The musical is a play within a play that chronicles the interactions of performers in a production of William Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew.” It features lyrics and music by Cole Porter, including favorite tunes such as “Another Op’nin’, Another Show,” “So In Love” and “Tom, Dick or Harry.”

The production was directed by Professor of Theater Steve Press with musical direction by Music Program Chair Dr. Christopher Brelochs, vocal direction by Elizabeth Gerbs and choreography by Grace Obee.

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Holiday Sounds

Musical selections ranging from holiday favorites to contemporary and popular works filled the campus during four concerts in December.

The DCC Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Consort performed instrumental works including classical, contemporary and popular pieces, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Brelochs and Helen Avakian. The DCC Winter Choral Concert featured the DCC Chorus and Chamber Choir, conducted by Elizabeth Gerbs, and included performances of classic holiday and sacred music. The Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra performed pieces by world famous composers as well as holiday favorites. The last concert featured students of voice, piano, saxophone, guitar and more who performed selections in a wide variety of styles from classical to jazz to musical theater.
Awards and Honors

Faculty, Staff Recognized for Milestone Anniversaries

Twenty-one members of the College’s professional staff were recognized for milestone length-of-service achievements in January, including nursing Professor Madeleine Bashoff, who was honored for 35 years.

Other faculty and professional staff recognized for milestone service anniversaries were: 30 years – Timothy Decker, Susan Mead, Ansamma Varkey; 25 years – Carolyn Lampack, George Stevens; 20 years – Michelle Ekne, Jacquelin Griffin-McNeil, Richard Wiker, Joseph Norton, Russell Ping, Camilo Rios, John Troise, Anthony Zito; 15 years – Mark Condon, Stephanie Roberg-Lopez; 10 years – Mary Buglion, Lucia Cherciu, Doris Diaz-Kelly, Manuel Sairitupa, Jody Sterling.

Honored for 10 years of service were Stephen Doland, Donna Duncan, James MacBrien, Joan Nesel, Richard Redder, Teresa Schaab and Gregory Starzyk.

25 years of service were William Angevine, Daniel Downey, Harold Hathaway, Joanne Kase and Maryanne Kinsella. Members with 20 years of service were Mary Jane Gardner. Recognized for 30 years were Margaret Arthur, Charlotte Johnson, Douglas Lyke and Marie Viuino. Honored for 25 years of service were William Angevine, Daniel Downey, Harold Hathaway, Joanne Kase and Maryanne Kinsella. Members with 20 years of service were Mike Cahoun Jr., Margaret E. Elmore, Jody Herz and Mary Mazzella. Celebrating 15 years were Michael Avezzano, Paul Neul and Wayne Womack. Those honored for 10 years of service were Stephen Doland, Donna Duncan, James MacBrien, Joan Nesel, Richard Redder, Teresa Schaab and Gregory Starzyk.

Five-year honorees were David Fishman, Betsy Hoffman, Brendan Manwaring, Lynette Patrice, Loretta Polhill, Richard Walkup and David Williams.

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Awards and Honors

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Liberal Arts and Sciences Honors Students Receive Awards

Fourteen students who graduated May 17 from Dutchess Community College’s Honors Program in Liberal Arts and Sciences were presented awards earlier in the month to celebrate their academic achievements. The Honors Advancement Sequence challenges students with an enriched liberal arts education and an upper-level interdisciplinary seminar. The sequence is designed for students who, upon completing the program, intend to continue working toward a bachelor’s degree.

The honorees were Nicholas Cinelli (Poughkeepsie), Cate Diaz (Wappingers Falls), Steven Dunstan (Wappingers Falls), Krista Dykeman (Wingdale), Brianna Fong (Poughkeepsie), Kai Germaino (Millbrook), Megan Gillen (Staatsburg), Emma Hogan (Pleasant Valley), Francisco Kondor (Poughkeepsie), Kristen Manuz (Poughkeepsie), Lindsay Parko (Hopewell Junction), Jennifer Remling (Clinton Corners), Sarah Sjoholm (Beacon) and Sean Tucker (Staatsburg), Emma Hogan (Pleasant Valley), Francisco Kondor (Poughkeepsie), Kristen Manuz (Poughkeepsie), Lindsay Parko (Hopewell Junction), Jennifer Remling (Clinton Corners), Sarah Sjoholm (Beacon) and Sean Tucker (Staatsburg).

The Richard Reitano Scholarship in Political Science was awarded to Francisco Kondor. Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Mikko Manner presents the Xavier H. Verbeck Memorial Award to Emma Hogan.

The College’s civil service, DCC Association and cafeteria employees were honored by Dr. Conklin for length-of-service achievements.

History Professor Dr. Werner Steger with Honors Program students in May.
DUE Honors Student Academic Achievement

Dutchess United Educators (DUE), the teachers union of Dutchess Community College, honored 37 students in May at the 27th Annual DUE Awards for Academic Excellence.

Twenty-two students were nominated by professors for individual DUE Awards, while 15 other students received special awards, which are given by entire academic departments or in honor of past DCC faculty and staff members.

The 22 individual award winners were: James Bagiagicas (Hyde Park), Iyanette Bernabel (Poughkeepsie), Christine Caragezi (Highland), Alyssa Douglass (Poughkeepsie), Michelle Halbhargove (Wappingers Falls), Kelsey Hilliard (Poughkeepsie), Emma Hogan (Pleasant Valley), Jessica Jackson (Hopewell Junction), Kevin Jayne (Pleasant Valley), Vanessa Jimenez (Breath), Amma Kearney (Poughkeepsie), Aislin Krouser (Poughkeepsie), Kathy Lederman-Miller (Poughkeepsie), Roberto Muzo (Pleasant Valley), Berlin Naramanapane (Poughkeepsie), Candace Neder (Poughkeepsie), Paul Parnes (West Point), Victoria Prashad (LaGrangeville), Marissa Testor (Pleasant Valley), Kyle Teller (Hyde Park), Tyler Wallace (Pleasant Valley) and Morgan Yu (Poughkeepsie).

The 15 special award winners were: Barbara Cady (Poughkeepsie), the Department of Behavioral Sciences Award; Jennifer Almay (LaGrangeville), the Department of Business Award; Francis McGrath (Haldane), the Department of English and Humanities Award in Creative Writing; Adam Carlberg (Wappingers Falls), the Department of Mathematics, Physical and Computer Sciences Award in Mathematics; Alykson Hammer (Breath), the Department of Nursing Award; Judith Lopez (Poughkeepsie), the Founders’ Award in Memory of Cynthia Feldman; Stephen Burgess (Poughkeepsie), the Visual Arts Award in Memory of Lowell Butler; Michelle Lee Williams (Rhinebeck), the Visual Arts Award in Ceramics in Memory of Lynette McQuarry; Kasey Calvin (Fishkill), the Physical Sciences Award in Memory of Richard P. O’Connor; David Mery (Poughkeepsie), the Biological Sciences Award in Memory of Rochel Stein; Amanda Harter (Poughkeepsie), the Business Technologies Award in Memory of George H. Faust; Geralin Amanzor-Gomez (Beacon), the Academic Excellence Award in Memory of Sabra Toback; Kristen Munoz (Poughkeepsie), the Academic Award in Honor of Mary Louise Van Winkle; Tristan Zukowski (Poughkeepsie), the Political Science Award in Honor of Richard Rettano; and Jose Feliciano (Kingston), the Legacy Award in Honor of Lewis Krevid.

Athletes Earn Academic Honors

Brace Hottinger, Francisco Kondor, Rajon Miller, Kristen Munoz and Adler Souza were awarded academic awards from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The following students received DCC all-academic honors for the fall 2011 or spring 2012 semester: Ryan Atkins, Frank Backer, Ilyanette Souza were awarded academic awards from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Seven Earn Chancellor’s Awards

Seven members of the DCC community earned 2012 SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence. Susan Howes Conrad, associate professor of Geology, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. She joined DCC’s full-time faculty in 2000 following seven years as an adjunct professor.

On a trip to the Dominican Republic this summer she helped build school classrooms in a rural village and explored sustainable agriculture and water resources with Bridges to Community, a non-profit community development organization. In previous summers she participated in outreach work with Appalachian Service Project.

Conrad has served in leadership roles at the College as chairperson of DCC’s Women’s Activities Committee and Professional Staff Development Committee, and as Vice Chair and Member-at-Large of the Professional Staff Organization. She also serves on the steering committee for “Math and Science Matter. Especially for Young Women.”

Marta Newkirk, assistant dean of Student Services, was awarded the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. She has been employed with the College since 2000 and is responsible for coordinating and implementing student services that support the academic mission of the college and collaborating with members of the faculty and administration on behalf of students.

She is an active member of the DCC Curriculum Committee and in the past has served on the Professional Staff Organization Executive Board. Newkirk also is a board member of the Mid-Hudson Association of Women in Higher Education, and is involved with the Poughkeepsie Day Nursery and the United Way of Dutchess County.

Five DCC students received the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. Barbara Cady of Poughkeepsie, Jesse Fuerst of Pleasant Valley, Emma Hogan of Pleasant Valley, Maria McGee of Germantown, and Lindsey Panco of Hopewell Junction were among the 257 students from 64 SUNY campuses presented with the honor. The Award was created 15 years ago to recognize students for excellence in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts and career achievement.

Retirements

The College extends many thanks to the following employees for their dedication and hard work, and wishes them well in retirement. Collectively they represent approximately 300 years of service.

The retirees are: Margaret Arthur (Allied Health and Biological Sciences); Madeline Basshof (Nursing); Karen Blonder (Nursing); Paul Brown (Business); W. John Dru (Administrative); David Houghtaling (Human Resources); Everest Jones (Housekeeping); Richard MacNamee (Chemistry); Phyllis Maiseif (Mailroom); Susan Moore (Scheduling); Marleene Staffa (Physical Plant); and Anita Young (Admissions).

DCC Welcomes New Employees

The following new employees have joined the DCC staff: Michael Adams (Speech); William Anderson (Administrative); Michael Araujo (Business); Susan Bariati (Nursing); Eileen Black (Community Relations and Graphics); Jean-Michel Camagne (Chemistry); Catherine Camplisson (Administration); Virginia Carrig (Scheduling); Esther Cournt (Human Resources); Edward Cox (Safety and Security); Luke DerBoghosian (Building Maintenance); Katherine Espinoza (Biological); Jim Jaminal (Housekeeping); Helen Kimmie (Nursing); Nicole Klowit (Chemistry); Barbara Lynch (Purchasing); Adrienne McGinley (Nursing); Weldon McWilliams (History); David Meyer (Building Maintenance); Mark Orton (Building Maintenance); Ryan Peterman (Instructional Media); Patricia Phillips (English); Vincent Prinzivalli (Mailroom); Coreen Sims (Human Resources); Alyson Stewart (Allied Health and Biological Sciences); Manrique Wilder (Instructional Media); Scott Wilkie (Housekeeping); and Jennifer Yanotti (English).
**Sports**

**Volleyball**
The volleyball team, comprised of all freshmen, pulled together to develop as a team and improve their play throughout the season. Setter Sammy Rapoli earned an Honorable Mention for Region XV and was named to the All-Conference First Team. Katrina Moore, a middle hitter, earned a spot on the All-Conference Second Team.

**Cross Country**
The cross country program exceeded all expectations in 2011. Region XV runners-up the previous year, the team captured the Region XV Cross Country Men’s Team title before falling in the 2011 NJCAA Championships. The women’s team was led by Brittany Hilton, who won the 2011-12 Chancellor’s Award for best Junior College Women’s Cross Country student athlete.

**Soccer**
Despite a slow start and only two returning players, the men’s soccer squad finished with a 5-8-0 record, including wins in three of the last four matches. Cody Stetler was named to the All-Region First Team, Adir Souza, Francisco Melo and Mackenzie Keller were named to the All-Conference Team and Francisco Kondor earned the Conference Sportsmanship Award.

**Baseball**
The baseball team saw the season improve to a 10-10 conference record, and finish with an overall record of 15-22. Three players received post-season recognition and were named to the All-Region team: Steve Maile, 2B; Mike Rooney, OF, and Brian Craft. The team also placed student athletes at schools such as Pace, Salve Regina, Mount Saint Mary, St. Thomas Aquinas, SUNY New Paltz and Oneonta to continue their careers as student-athletes. With a strong core returning, the 2013 season is expected to be a successful one.

**Softball**
The Lady Falcons Softball Team went undefeated in regional play. The squad finished the season with a 20-5-1 record, winning Region XV. The team traveled to the NJCAA D3 championship series held in Rochester, Minn. The team was seeded 8th going into play and went 1-2 in the series finishing 7th for a rank of 9th in the country. Jess Meiller was named Region XV player of the year and second team All-American.

**Women’s Basketball**
In what was a rebuilding year for the squad, the members of the women’s basketball team played with a great deal of heart and determination throughout the season. Nicole Battistoni was voted first team honorable mention within the league, knocking down 38 three-pointers and scoring 234 points on the season. Dominique Douglas had 161 rebounds to go along with 51 blocks on the year. Kristen Duffy was awarded the team Sportsmanship Award by all the league coaches, which was a great honor to go along with 127 points on the season and 20 three-pointers in 12 games played.

**Bowling**
The bowling team included both men and women, all competing in Men’s Division events. The team was led by captains Frank Backer and Bill Picklo. Other team members were Vincent Moran, Erin Corea, Alex Rossi and Will Illcromna. In the Region XV Championship Tournament, the team earned the Runner-Up position. Backer and Moran, who captured the Double’s Championship, also were nominated for the All-Tournament Team.

**Young Minds**
Dutchess Community College is committed to offering educational activities to help young people in our community discover challenging and rewarding career paths in science, math, architecture and other areas. The College works with schools throughout our region to encourage development of problem-solving skills and spark healthy competition.

**Magnetic Attraction**
The semiannual Magnetic Levitation (MAGLEV) competition for middle and high school students was held in November and broke all previous participation counts, with approximately 150 students. The competition is sponsored by DCC’s Department of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technology and led by Dan Bartulo.

Participants design a car that uses magnets to levitate itself and a propulsion system, such as a battery-powered fan, a wind sail or a balloon. The students then built the cars and raced them on tracks lined with oppositely charged magnets to keep the vehicle afloat. The first place division winners were Andrew Mamarella from General Electric Middle School; Elisabeth Miner, Sirishi Reddy, Sidney Scoricak and Juliana Zuczkowski from Union Vale Middle School; Joan Calderon from Webutuck Middle School; and James William of Red Hook High School.

An additional competition was held in April of this year to accommodate the increased interest in the program. First-place division winners were Kate Zichetti and Ben Kock of Lenni Avenue Middle School; Kara Bajcar, Carter Misch, Simra Aitz and Maria Kusior from Union Vale Middle School; and Vasilii Bhutani from Todd Middle School.

**Math and Science Opportunities for Girls**
Through science, technology, engineering and math have been historically male-dominated fields, the enthusiasm of the hundreds of girls who attended the D3’s Young Women’s Math and Science Matter … Especially for Young Women! program might signal a coming change in those professions.

The program offers hands-on workshops in science, technology, math and engineering developed by DCC faculty and is designed to engage girls in activities that highlight opportunities in those fields. Students conducted experiments, examined fossils, studied the mind and more.

And the Dutchie Goes to …

DCC’s annual celebration of high school theater, the Dutchie Awards, was held in May and once again featured trophies, speeches and excitement around.

High school faculty, students and families from 10 local high schools first watched a video montage of the performances before winners in several categories were announced and acceptance speeches made. Winners took home individually inscribed “Dutchie” trophies or honorable mention certificates.

The awards were created to honor excellence in local high school theater productions. Judges were DCC Performing Arts Program Chair Sue Austin, Marion Putnam, Marion Putnam Program Chair Christopher J. Broccoli and Professor of Theater Steve Press.

High schools that took home awards were Brewster, Coleman, Cornwall, T.O. Roosevelt, Middletown, Middletown, Newburgh Free Academy, Our Lady of Lourdes, Red Hook and Stissing Mountain.
DCC’s Office of Community Services and Special Programs served more than 8,000 students last year with credit-free courses in career and vocational training, workforce development, GED and ESL, professional and personal development, leisure activities, crafts, sports and fitness and youth programs.

Dean of Community Services Named

Virginia Stoeffel was appointed as the new Dean of Community Services and Special Programs. She served as an assistant dean of Community Services for five years and was the director of continuing education at St. Vincent’s College in Connecticut prior to joining DCC in 2002.

She is responsible for overseeing the non-credit division of the College, including workforce training courses and seminars, continuing education, vocational certifications and enrichment courses, pre-college preparation, including GED, ESL and job readiness, and special programs such as the Music School at DCC and summer children’s academies.

Dr. Carol Stevens, the former Dean of Community Services, was appointed Vice President and Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management last year.

Hospital Professionals Continue to Boost Skills

Due to increased demand, DCC offered two Patient Care Technician (PCT) courses in the past year. The program is an eight-week non-credit class that was a partnership between the College, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board. The duties of a PCT center around providing support to the nursing staff. Classroom work was done at DCC, while lab work was performed at the hospital. Attendance at the summer 2012 course topped each class held in prior years.

Class Highlights Solar Energy

The College’s Office of Community Services continues to create “green” courses and provide up-to-date sustainable energy training to businesses. In March, a credit-free course focused on solar panels and how to design and install a photovoltaic system.

State Grant of $100,000 to Fund Job Training

In August, DCC was awarded $100,000 to help fund workforce training programs for local businesses. The money was secured by State Sen. Steve Saliand.

DCC’s Office of Community Services has offered customized training solutions for local businesses for many years, and the grant allows companies to utilize these programs at a reduced cost. Since 1994, Saliand has helped to facilitate more than $1 million to fund these services at DCC, which have helped an estimated 5,000 workers from more than 150 companies participate in approximately 200 training programs.

More Than 800 Trained Through SUNY Grant

Two consortia, one consisting of healthcare providers, the second of manufacturing companies and other businesses, utilized State University of New York Workforce Development Training Grants to send 884 employees to programs offered by DCC.

Nearly 500 employees of companies that comprise the Dutchess/ Putnam Healthcare Consortium participated in 31 programs that optimized their skills in clinical development, supervision, customer service, computers and more. The second group was made up of 395 employees from manufacturing and other companies. Participating businesses reported that training in management development, business writing, business communication and other skills had a direct and immediate impact on job performance.

‘Kids on Campus’ Offers Summer Fun

DCC’s Office of Community Services brought back the popular “Kids on Campus” summer program again this past year, offering morning, afternoon and full-day sessions for children ages 6-18. Focuses included arts and crafts, sports, music, computers and other exciting areas.

“The Kids on Campus summer program got a great response last year, and we were delighted to bring it back,” said Virginia Stoeffel, Dean of Community Services. “After receiving suggestions from parents and educators, we put together offerings that not only were fun, but educational as well.”

Sessions began in June and ran through mid-August and included golf, arts and crafts, nature and environment, computer programming, sports and games and more.

The “long” task exercise was just one of many performed in the theater workshop held as part of the “Kids on Campus” program.

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One of the past year’s Patient Care Technician classes graduated in April.

Friday Night Family Classes are just some of the offerings of the Music School at DCC.
Five Honored at Gala, Funds Raised for Scholarships

The Dutchess Community College Foundation’s annual Gala was held in March and drew more than 450 guests to honor five outstanding individuals and raise funds for student scholarships.

Charles Liscum, Michael McCormack and Raymond VanVoorhis from DCC’s class of 1978, including the new DCC residence hall and other academic, commercial and health care facilities.

“Dr. Conklin became president of Dutchess Community College in 1992, and for the past two decades his vision and leadership have been instrumental in making DCC the college of choice for residents of Dutchess County. A record number of students are taking advantage of the quality education offered at DCC, while paying the lowest tuition in the state. The opening of the Washington Center for Science and Art, the creation of the President’s Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the renovation of the Francis U. and Mary F. Ritz Library, the construction of DCC’s first residence hall and multiple awards for campus art and green initiatives are some of the achievements during Dr. Conklin’s tenure.

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The Dutchess Community College Foundation’s 23rd Annual Golf Tournament.

Golf Tournament Raises Scholarship Funds

Dutchess Golf and Country Club was packed on Aug. 13 with foursomes getting the course for a good cause – student scholarships. The Dutchess Community College Foundation’s 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, in memory of Jack Orcutt, raised approximately $60,000. Jack Orcutt was DCC’s first director of student activities and a founding member of the College staff.

Orcutt understood that education was the development of character, a quest for values and the raising of visions, not merely the collecting of facts and honing of skills. Through the tournament, his memory continues to change lives.

There are so many deserving students at DCC, and funds for the scholarships to support these students come in part from events like this. The tournament sponsors and players should be commended for supporting our students,” said DCC Foundation Executive Director Trish Prunty.

At this year’s event, the team of Mark Felzenzer, James Fera, Al Torreggiani and Ray VanVoorhis took first place. The longest drive competition was won by Julia Hamilton in the women’s class and Brian Viola in the men’s, while closest to the pin was won by Pete Setaro in the men’s class and Lila Lynch in the women’s.

The Event sponsor was Lelane Orcutt, the Ace sponsor was Marshall & Sterling, the Giveaway sponsor was The Chazen Companies, the Hole-in-One sponsor was Mercedes-Benz of Wappingers Falls, and the Eagle sponsors were Meyer Contracting Corp., SSD, Inc., Deluxe Building Systems, Inc., Shirley Breenton, Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis LLP and Key Interiors.

TheDCCFoundation’sBoardofTrusteesatADecembermeeting.

More Than 3,000 Attend Craft Fair

The Foundation hosted its 40th Annual Craft Fair on Thanksgiving weekend, drawing more than 3,000 visitors and 100-plus artisans and specialty foodmakers. Some vendors traveled from across New York state, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to offer unique items to local residents looking to kick off the holiday shopping season. Items for sale included jewelry, fiber arts, clothing, candles, soaps and oils, paintings, photographs, toys, collectibles, ceramics, porcelain, floral arrangements and works in glass, metal, leather and wood.

The winning golf foursome was, from left, James Fera, Mark Felzenzer, Al Torreggiani and Ray VanVoorhis.

Foundation Receives Art Donation

Longtime painter and Dutchess County resident William Clutz donated five paintings to DCC last summer. “Garden” is acrylic on canvas, “Picnic” is oil on canvas and “River AM,” “Station Lunch (Poughkeepsie)” and “Lake Side” all are pastel paintings on paper. The pieces were donated in memory of John Sheehy.

Clutz has painted for approximately 50 years. His work has been exhibited throughout New York City and the east coast and is part of public and corporate collections across the country.

Foundation
DCC Snapshots

DCC’s Fire Science program holds two test burns every year to demonstrate different firefighting techniques and technology.

The Student Government Association presented Dr. Conklin with a plaque commemorating his 20 years of service to DCC.

DCC’s Cross Country squad. The men’s team took home the Region XV title this past season.

Almost 1,200 students graduated in May.

State-of-the-art microscopes were added to DCC’s science labs during the past year.