Million Dollar Gift From SRC and SRCTec

SRC, an independent, not-for-profit research and development organization and its subsidiary, SRCTec, pledged a $1 million gift to Onondaga Community College’s Reach Beyond capital campaign. The gift, the largest in the history of the College, is pledged for Onondaga’s Presidential Scholars Program, specifically the new SRC Presidential Scholarship. The gift also establishes the “SRC Arena” on the campus.

The centerpiece of the Reach Beyond campaign, the Presidential Scholars Program will provide a full scholarship to Onondaga Community College for all Onondaga County high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class. The program was announced by Onondaga Community College in 2007. SRC, formerly Syracuse Research Corporation, pledged $525,000 to the program in February 2008. The $1 million gift brings SRC and SRCTec’s support for the Presidential Scholars Program to $1.525 million within a 16-month period.

“All of us at Onondaga Community College – especially our students – are deeply grateful to the employees of SRC and SRCTec for their incredibly generous support for this institution,” said Onondaga Community College President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D. “Their life-changing investment in local students demonstrates a deep commitment to access to higher education for all local citizens, access that is vital for continued economic growth and community prosperity,” said Onondaga Community College President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D.

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Athletic Field Named

Family and friends of Board of Trustees Chair David W. Murphy gathered on the College’s new athletic field in April as it was officially named in his honor as David W. Murphy Field. A bronze relief featuring an etching of the field along with a likeness of Chairman Murphy was unveiled at the dedication.

“David Murphy’s dedication to this College has been nothing short of exemplary,” said Onondaga Community College President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D. “For years to come, David W. Murphy Field will serve future generations of Onondaga students who will proudly cheer for and represent this College in athletic competition, an important component of the full college experience,” she added.

Welcoming and congratulatory remarks were delivered by Dr. Sydow; Board of Trustees Vice Chair Connie M. Whitton; former Onondaga County Executive Nicholas J. Pirro;

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Message From the President

In his highly acclaimed book, The World is Flat, New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman addresses the skills necessary to prepare the workforce for new middle class jobs. Friedman refers to this group as “The New Middle,” noting that there are skills that make workers “less vulnerable to the downward pressures of outsourcing, automation, and technological change...”

In Central New York and throughout the nation, we know increasingly well that we live and work not on an isolated island of commerce but in a global neighborhood where the flattening forces of change place enormous pressure on organizations and individuals to compete. Friedman points out that those who will succeed in this new economy possess among other skills, the ability to collaborate, synthesize and adapt. These skills are core to the mission of a community college.

Collaboration - The very nature of community college classrooms – small class sizes and faculty who are passionate about teaching – foster collaboration. Fewer students in a classroom means that faculty can – and do – utilize collaborative learning techniques in the classroom and involve students in group projects outside of the classroom to foster the ability to work together to accomplish common goals. This experience, which is often not possible in other colleges and universities except in upper-division and graduate courses where classes are smaller, is provided to freshmen and sophomores at Onondaga Community College. Employers throughout the business community demand that employees possess the ability to work effectively in teams, and Onondaga Community College graduates enter this workforce well prepared for teamwork.

Synthesis - The ability to find commonality and connections among seemingly disparate subjects is highly prized in the community college environment. Students, regardless of major, are exposed to a core general education curriculum consisting of mathematics, social sciences, sciences, the arts, and other disciplines necessary for a well-rounded, educated individual. Some institutions, particularly those in the for-profit technology school sector, do not expose students to this core curriculum. The global marketplace heavily favors those with a broad base of adaptable skills and knowledge that can be synthesized to develop and implement solutions to real-world business problems. Onondaga Community College graduates are highly adept at applying their knowledge and skills in the workforce.

Adaptation - In 2004, Onondaga Community College conducted extensive research regarding our “promise” to students and to the Central New York community that we serve. Students reported that one of the traits they value most about Onondaga’s programs is creativity. On the surface, this can be perplexing as our 11,000 students are enrolled in nearly 50 programs of study, including highly technical programs, such as architectural technology and engineering science. Further review of the research and subsequent discussions with students revealed that they perceive creativity to be a defining characteristic of the Onondaga curriculum as a whole, and that creativity is broadly emphasized as a necessary skill for success. Likewise, our students bring a creativity that is born of experience. Often they have had to be creative, and have had to adapt, in order to succeed. Our students piece together financial aid, juggle jobs, meet family obligations, manage aging parents, and a multitude of other priorities while simultaneously engaging in the rigors of college life. It is this real-world experience of community college graduates that provides significant value to today’s workplace.

While lingering economic challenges are resonating across all sectors of business and education, these challenges are highlighting the extreme value of community colleges in American higher education. For it is community colleges, and our unique ability to infuse skills of collaboration, synthesis and adaptation in 21st century workers, that are helping to secure our collective success in this new “flat world.”

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D., President

Donald M. Mawhinney Jr., Esq., Receives Honor and Reappointment to Board

The longest-serving Trustee in the 64-campus State University of New York system, Donald M. Mawhinney Jr., Esq., began his 48th year of service to students and the community as he was reappointed to the College’s Board of Trustees by County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney and the County Legislature on March 12.

“Through his years on the Board, Don has provided a steady hand of leadership and is a formidable advocate for the Board’s role in serving and supporting our College and community. I am certain that Don will continue to serve as a strong asset to the entire Board of Trustees.”

—David W. Murphy, Board of Trustees Chair

“The value of Trustee Mawhinney’s 48 years of faithful service to Onondaga Community College and the people of Central New York is simply beyond measure,” said Onondaga President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D., who also attended the committee meeting. “He is an inspiration to us all.”

“We are fortunate that we have such a committed supporter of our community college in Don Mawhinney,” said Onondaga County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney. “As a founding member of the OCC Board of Trustees, his guidance and knowledge are of great advantage to the college and community alike, and I am grateful for his continued service to Onondaga County.”

Trustee Mawhinney was appointed as a founding member of the Board of Trustees in 1961. In his nearly five decades of distinguished service to Onondaga, he has served in multiple leadership roles and has held the positions of board chair, vice-chair, secretary and chair of various board committees, including chairman of the construction committee for the Onondaga Hill campus. In 1980, he incorporated the OCC Foundation, serving as a founding member and President of its Board of Directors. Mawhinney was also a leader in establishing the College’s nationally accredited Children’s Learning Center.

Trustee Mawhinney was also recently honored with the Anne M. Bushnell Memorial Award for Special Achievement. This is the highest award that the New York Community College Trustee association (NYCCT) can bestow on a present or former trustee to recognize extraordinary leadership and achievement demonstrated by a trustee, as well as outstanding contributions to his or her college or the community college system as a whole.
Message From Board Chair
David W. Murphy

There have been glimmers of light recently at the end of the economic tunnel but we all share in the concern about the stability of our economy both here at home and around the world. Central New York has not been unscathed economically, but the strong base and remarkable resilience of this community, especially compared with others around the country, continues to pay broad dividends.

Our citizenry is one of the most educated in the nation with more than half of our adult population having at least some college, and 35 colleges and universities located within 100 miles of the city center (source: Syracuse/Central New York Executive Profile 2008, Syracuse Economic Growth Council). Onondaga Community College, one of the most efficient community colleges in the state according to cost per student expenditures, has an important role in ensuring that our workforce is educated and ready to compete.

The student body at Onondaga – 11,000 strong – consists of people from our community rather than those who come here only to attend college. While our region’s impressive population of college students effectively contributes to economic impact, it is students who remain here after graduation who will propel us forward. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of Onondaga students remain in this area to live and work following graduation. Furthermore, students benefit from higher earnings, thereby expanding the tax base and reducing the burden on state and local taxpayers. In the aggregate, Onondaga students generate about $43.3 million annually in higher earnings due to their education (source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc., 2008).

Onondaga Community College is chartered as a public institution and has proven itself to be an excellent steward of public funds. These local and state funds are increasingly hard to come by although the need, as demonstrated by double-digit enrollment growth, remains. This has necessitated significant efforts to fill the gap through increasing entrepreneurialism on the part of the College. Entrepreneurial endeavors, demonstrated most notably in the College’s three residence halls and its effort to raise private dollars through the $6 million Reach Beyond capital campaign and other fundraising efforts, must be priorities to ensure that Onondaga Community College meets ever-growing student and citizen demand.

Onondaga County’s workforce and Onondaga’s community college are among the very best in the nation. Strong investment by the public, individuals, companies and organizations will ensure that both of these highly coveted assets endure.

Sincerely,

David Murphy, Chairman

Chairman Murphy was recently presented with the 2009 New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Trustee Leadership Award, which is presented to a “trustee who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the community college mission through exceptional leadership, inspired vision and outstanding professional contributions in support of the goals and accomplishments of the college.” Congratulations!

New Sustainable Master Landscape Plan

It’s more than just letting the grass grow. Onondaga’s 280 acres are undergoing what are noticeable changes to the campus landscaping.

For many years, Onondaga, like most colleges, universities, and organizations, maintained a largely grass landscape that is carefully mowed on a weekly basis. In fact, for approximately a six-month period between May and October, the Grounds crew at Onondaga typically mows 55 acres of grass each week.

As part of the College’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, and in keeping with The American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment letter signed by Dr. Sydow in 2007, the implementation of the sustainable master landscape plan will reduce the College’s dependence on lawn-mowing and return portions of the campus landscape to a more natural state of grasses, meadows and wildflowers.

This effort complements other campus sustainability initiatives such as purchasing renewable energy, minimizing waste and maximizing recycling efforts, and reducing energy consumption.

Small bright green flags are in place indicating areas that are being returned to a more natural state. While some areas of the campus may look a bit unkempt initially, natural re-growth in these areas will occur over time. The Grounds crew will continue to mow those areas adjacent to roadways and sidewalks as necessary for recreation and other purposes.

“As an educational institution that attracts more than 60,000 visitors annually, this is a tremendous opportunity for us to educate the larger community around us about the importance of sustainable landscaping, which is very common in many areas of the country already,” said William Emm, chief financial officer, whose responsibilities also include the Facilities department.

Murphy Field Dedication

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Deputy County Executive Ed Kochian (representing County Executive Joanne M homosex); New York State Assemblyman Albert Stirpe; Congressman Daniel Maffei; Chairman and CEO of Pioneer Companies Michael P. Falcone and Onondaga Athletics Director Robert McKenney.

To view a photo slideshow from this event, go to sunyocc.edu and click on “News and Events.”

Workforce Development: Fueling the Local Economy

Now more than ever, the economy is making front page headlines. It’s top of mind for everyone from employers and employees to unemployed jobseekers. People are looking for solid footing during uncertain times. Employers are investigating ways to retain their existing workforce; employees are looking for opportunities to advance in their current jobs; and the unemployed are looking for ways to train for the jobs that are in demand now.

Enter Onondaga Community College. Most people think of Onondaga as the place to earn a two-year degree. And that’s certainly evidenced by the 38,000+ alumni who have attended from the College since 1962.

But as the “community’s college”, there is another critical service that Onondaga provides that may not be as well-known. Through the comprehensive efforts of the College’s Workforce Development office (a part of the Continuing and Extended Learning division), Onondaga is uniquely aligned to meet the needs of employees and employers in the Central New York community.

Partnership With CNY Works

Funded through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, CNY Works is a local, not-for-profit corporation that, according to their website, works to “provide a single point of entry for workforce information.” In addition to providing job retraining through skills assessments and resume writing workshops, CNY Works offers computer classes in partnership with Onondaga Community College (taught by Onondaga professors through a Perkins Grant.)

According to David Wall, director of corporate and public partnerships at Onondaga, CNY Works is often the first step if a person has been laid off or if they want retraining to find a new career through the Department of Labor. Simply put, for people who have been laid off, CNY Works is an invaluable community resource.

“Based upon the evolving demands of the economy - largely driven by technological advancement, globalization and changing demographics - skills development beyond high school has become vital as individuals evolve throughout their lifelong workforce skills,” said Lenore S. Sealy, executive director of CNY Works. Congratulations!
Alumni Profile: Art Rees, National Grid
Evolution of A Campus – Through The Eyes of An Alumnus

Art Rees remembers his first accounting class. It was held in the maintenance building in the early 1970s. Back then, he says, if you didn’t get to class fast enough, you might find yourself sitting behind a pole. Much has changed since then. In fact, while it can be argued that the central mission of the College – to provide high-quality education accessible to the community - has remained a constant over the years, the face of the campus is light years away from that small campus on a hill that Rees remembers nearly four decades ago.

When Rees came to Onondaga, he had no idea what he wanted to do. Newly married with a young child, Rees took some classes and gravitated toward accounting. There was one professor in particular, Mr. William Markovitz, who took a personal interest in his success. “I remember how he (Markovitz) and his wife went out of their way to take my wife and me out to dinner to talk about life after a two-year college,” says Rees. “I thought it would end after a two-year degree and I’d get a job as a clerk somewhere. But he said that I had potential, and he encouraged me to go even further.”

Markovitz encouraged Rees to consider transferring to Le Moyne College after graduation. Rees followed his advice, attended and graduated from Le Moyne and then began a successful career. He’s now an accounting professional at National Grid, but he says he’s never forgotten the kindness of Professor Markovitz.

Art Rees is one of many alumni who are actively giving back to the College that gave them their start. He has created an endowed scholarship in Markovitz’s name. “He had the confidence in me that I lacked about myself back then,” says Rees. “I feel totally indebted to him; he was absolutely instrumental in my life.”

Rees is actively involved in the College’s Capital Campaign: Reach Beyond, but he says that overall it’s important to give back. “The first two years, I feel, are the most important,” says Rees. “I really believe that the educational experience I had at OCC made a huge difference in my life.”

Rees returns to campus as often as he can. In fact he returned in the early 90s to get a degree in photography – just because it had always interested him. He says he’s amazed at the transformation of the campus over the years, and he’s particularly looking forward to the new sports arena.

“The fact that I was able to see this [campus] grow from one small building to the spectacular campus that’s here today is just amazing to me. But when I think back to those people who actually set up the community college back in the 1950s, they had such foresight,” says Rees. “They saw something that wasn’t even in existence. And I think that’s what is going on today. There is foresight in looking toward the future. And I’m just so happy to be a part of that.”

To learn more about the Reach Beyond campaign, go to sunyocc.edu/reachbeyond.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

David Abrams, Music, was awarded “Best in Category” by the Syracuse Press Club in the category of “Critiques.” The award was presented at the club’s annual Awards Recognition Dinner event. Dr. Abrams’ winning entry was a review of a Syracuse Symphony Orchestra Classics Series concert and was published in The Post-Standard last fall. Over the years, Dr. Abrams has won eight Syracuse Press Club awards, including the prestigious Robert Haggart Memorial Award for Best Column.

Kate Bellefeuille, Financial Aid, earned a master of science in management from Keuka College.

BJ Bellen, Disability Services Office, recently co-authored an article which was published in the national publication, Community College Times. The article focused on how Onondaga is creating best practices to improve service to students with disabilities. In particular, the article focused on students who have autism and Asperger’s Syndrome. She co-authored the article with associate vice president of student services, Stephanie Reynolds.

Mark Bremer, Biology, co-authored a research article that is currently in press. The article involves conservation biology research conducted in Costa Rica over a number of years.

Rob Bridge, Music, performed as part of the College’s band “The Treblemakers” at the annual Rockin’ the Red Cross Battle of The Bands in April. The 16-member band kicked off the event with a rousing performance of “Dance to the Music.”

Malkiel Chosed, Ph.D., English, delivered a paper “Modelling Cross-Disciplinary Relationships to Effect Institutional Change” with Professor Nina Tamrowski at the Gulf-South Summit on “Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education” in Baton Rouge, LA earlier this year.

Patrick Kenny, Social Science, completed his PhD. in philosophy from the University of Rochester.

John LaRose, Men’s Tennis Coach, recently achieved his 400th career victory.

Tina May, Human Services, co-presented “Modeling Cross-Disciplinary Relationships to Effect Institutional Change! with Professor Nina Tamrowski at the Gulf-South Summit on “Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education” in Baton Rouge, LA earlier this year.

Kevin Moore, Music, played two Lunch Hour recitals at the Everson Museum; one was a piano four-hand recital with Katharine Ciarelli. The other was an all-Beethoven Sonata recital with Andy Zaplatynsky, Concertmaster of the Syracuse Symphony. Moore played the second of eight all-Beethoven recitals two times in an ongoing Beethoven Sonata Cycle, once at Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY and once at Onondaga. Moore had his composed choral piece, The Prayer of St. Simeon (Nunc dimittis) premiered by the OCC Concert Choir in their Spring Concert conducted by Professor Richard McCullough and accompanied on piano by Katharine Ciarelli.

Terry Mulhauser, Health and Physical Education, performed as part of the College’s band “The Treblemakers” at the annual Rockin’ the Red Cross Battle of The Bands in April. The 16-member band kicked off the event with a rousing performance of “Dance to the Music.”

Thomas Murphy, Criminal Justice, was chosen by the Onondaga County Bar Association as a Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award winner.

Katherine Perry, Admission, was a guest speaker at Fayetteville-Manlius High School’s Junior Parent Night and presented the topic “Access for All: The Benefits of a Community College Education.”

Stephen Pierson, English/Reading/Communication, was promoted to associate professor effective this fall. He also gave a paper at the Thirteenth Annual Mikhail Bakhtin Conference in London, Canada, at the University of Western Ontario. The paper was titled, “The Question of a Dialogic Lyric Reconsidered.”

Stephanie Reynolds, Student Services, recently co-authored an article which was published in the national publication, Community College Times. The article focused on how Onondaga is creating best practices to improve service to students with disabilities. In particular, the article focused on students who have autism and Asperger’s Syndrome. She co-authored the article with BJ Bellen, coordinator of the Disability Services Office.

Laurel Saiz, English/Reading/Communication, presented “Tracking the Evolution of Text Using Innovative Internet Resources” at the 18th Annual Conference on Instructional Technologies: “Engaging Minds: Innovative Teaching and Learning” in May at SUNY Oswego. She also met with leaders of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, California, in March, to discuss Onondaga’s Honors Capstone course, “Darwin in Discourse: The Cultural Impact of the Theory of Evolution,” taught by Saiz, Biology Professor Thomas Keenan and Philosophy Professor Patrick Kenny.

Sheila Sicilia, Computer Studies, performed as part of the College’s band “The Treblemakers” at the annual Rockin’ the Red Cross Battle of The Bands in April. The 16-member band kicked off the event with a rousing performance of “Dance to the Music.”

Nina Tamrowski, Political Science, co-presented “Modeling Cross-Disciplinary Relationships to Effect Institutional Change” with Professor Tina May at the Gulf-South Summit on “Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education” in Baton Rouge, LA earlier this year. She also co-presented “Students as Poll-Workers: Partnering with Federal and County Government to Grow Student Civic Engagement” with Gloria Hefferman, coordinator of service-learning and volunteering.

Jane Tanner, Mathematics, presented “What’s Puzzling You?” at the Madison, Wisconsin Area Technical College’s Mathematics Awareness Month Celebration in April. It was a lead-off presentation to the “Who Wants To Be A Sudoku Master 2009” competition held during the celebration. She made the same presentation at Southern New Hampshire University for the New England Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges (NEMATYC).

Scott Titus, Public Affairs, is the recipient of the 2009 SUNYCUAD (Council for University Advancement and Development) Charlton Scholarship which provides registration and all expenses to the SUNYCUAD Annual Educational Conference to be held this summer in Lake Placid, NY.

Angela Weiler, Library, completed a review of the Web site “ Wired for Books” for CHOICE magazine. She is also serving as Conference Chair for the State University of New York Librarians Association Conference and was elected First Vice President of the association.

Chuck Wilbur, Men’s Lacrosse Coach and Admission Counselor, was recently inducted into the Cicero-North Syracuse High School athletics hall of fame.

The OCC Latin Ensemble performed as part of the College’s band “The Treblemakers” at the annual Rockin’ the Red Cross Battle of The Bands in April. The 16-member band kicked off the event with a rousing performance of “Dance to the Music.” Music student and lead vocalist Gabrielle Spossey won an award for Outstanding Vocals.

The Public Affairs Division at Onondaga was recognized with six 2009 Awards for Excellence by SUNYCUAD (Council for University Advancement and Development). The awards were in recognition of the Arts Across Campus: Arts, History and Music events; Continuum; the 2007-08 College annual report; visual design for Arts Across Campus publications; and internal communications.
Three Onondaga Employees Honored as 2009 YWCA Diversity Achievers

Onondaga Community College was an official sponsor of the 2009 YWCA Diversity Achievers Luncheon held in April at the Oncenter. Three Onondaga employees were honored for their commitment to the YWCA’s mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

Corey Hudson
Director, Educational Opportunity Program

Kathie Briggs, M.S., M.A.
Disability Services Specialist

Yvonne Fish-Kalland, D.A.
Associate Professor, English Department

Alumni at National Grid Giving Back

In March, Onondaga alumni who work for National Grid attended a special breakfast as part of the Reach Beyond campaign’s outreach to alumni and the local corporate community.

Onondaga President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D., provided the group with a brief update on the exciting things happening on campus, and acknowledged the wonderful support of National Grid for the campaign and the impact of alumni on the College and the broader community. Also attending were members of the National Grid executive team including Kathy Lyford, vice president of operations, who discussed the strong educational partnerships between National Grid and the College.

In addition to facilitating the morning’s discussion, OCC Foundation board member Melanie Littlejohn, vice-president of business services, talked specifically about National Grid’s support of the Sankofa Project – a program that offers targeted support to traditionally under-represented students at Onondaga. Onondaga alumnus Jim Kelly, who also serves as an adjunct professor of electrical engineering technology, spoke about a new Lineman/Utility Worker certificate program. And alumnus Arthur Rees ’78 (see Alumni Profile on previous page) described the educational experience he had at Onondaga as ‘pivotal’. His experience was the inspiration behind an endowed scholarship, the William E. Markovitz Accounting/Business Administration Scholarship, which he created in memory of a favorite professor.

To learn more about the Reach Beyond Capital Campaign and how you can participate, go to sunyocc.edu/reachbeyond.

Robert G. Koolakian ’64 is a consultant and historian for Hanover Square Preservation Committee aiding in the preservation and restoration of Syracuse’s first National Landmark Preservation District. He authored the book, “A Struggle for Justice”, a unique account of the beginning of the American Committee for Independence of Armenia, as told in the surviving papers of three accomplished Armenian-Americans from Syracuse, NY.

Thomas V. Leshendok ’65 served with Army special forces in Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. After his tour of duty, he earned a bachelor’s degree in geology from SUNY Binghamton. Thomas worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Conservation Division of the U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Land Management. He retired in 2003 as deputy state director for mineral resources for the State of Nevada and was recognized by the Department of the Interior with the Honor Award for Meritorious Service in 2004. With great sadness, the College learned that Thomas passed away in November 2008.

Stanley D. Chesniski ’68 is employed by Re/Max Masters located in Camillus, NY and was recently awarded the Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) designation by the New York State Realtor Institute.

Lyle G. Hamm ’68 retired from Taconic Hills Central School District in Crayville, NY after teaching music for 34 years. One of his former students, who won two Grammy Awards, presented him with one of her Grammy nomination medallions. Lyle says he loved Onondaga and that he has fond memories of classes on the top floor of Midtown Plaza and French horn lessons that were taken at Crouse College.

Douglas H. Earley ’71 shared that he lost his first wife in 2000, remarried in 2002 and reports that the newest member of his family is his four-year old daughter. Doug is currently “semi-retired” and works as a part-time emergency department nurse in the emergency department at St. Clare’s-Dover General Hospital in Dover, NJ.

Theresa M. Nichols ’72 was named to the board of directors for the Women Business Owners Connection, the premier organization in CNY for women in business that supports and advances the success of women entrepreneurs.

Stephen J. Salanger ’73 retired in November 2008 from the New York State Thruway Authority where he worked for 32 years. He was a toll collector supervisor at the time of his retirement.

Pollyann T. Young ’73 is a nurse practitioner at the Bellevue Academy School-Based Health Center administered through the Syracuse Community Health Center, Syracuse, NY.

Glenn M. Race ’74 received the prestigious Leadership Award from Prudential California Realty (PCR) in October 2008. This is the highest honor bestowed upon a leader in the organization and recognizes industry leaders who represent the company’s core values and demonstrate operational success. Glenn joined PCR in 1997 and served as the residential sales manager in Modesto, CA for five years. He served as director of Career Development for his work on a highly successful PCR pre-license, live Real Estate course and the implementation of an effective “100 Days to Greatness” new sales professional program. He has more than 35 years of real estate experience and has earned the prestigious Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager (CRB), the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), the Graduate of Realtors Institute (GRI) and the Certified Career Development Specialist (CCDS) designations.

Mary Jean B. Piraino ’75 earned a bachelor’s degree in history and psychology from Syracuse University, a master’s degree in labor studies from the University of the District of Columbia, and a degree in human resource development from Marymount University, where she has served as an adjunct professor. She is currently assistant to the president at United Food and Commercial Workers International Union in Washington, DC. She is a supporter of public education and credits Onondaga for providing her with the firm foundation that led her to success in academics and her professional career.

Richard A. Penhall ’76 has worked in the fields of steam fitting, heating ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing and electricity and has been employed in those fields of work at several local businesses including Crouse-Hinds, General Electric, Carrier, VanDuyne Home and Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center. Rick has been an active member of the Manlius Fire Department for more than twenty years. He is now a self-employed technician and is Mayor of the Village of Manlius, NY.
The annual OCC Foundation Scholarship Reception was held May 5 in the Gordon Student Center Great Room. The event was a celebration of the giving spirit of the community and the achievements of our alumni, while also recognizing the most recent recipients of OCC Foundation scholarships and awards. As is tradition, the new inductees of the Alumni Faces Program were presented. This program was initiated in 2006 to provide a unique way for Onondaga to publicly recognize the accomplishments of OCC alumni, to serve as proof of the unlimited success all may achieve with an Onondaga education, and to ultimately inspire current and future students. An attractive display features these notable alumni in the Gordon Student Center.

Congratulations to the five honorees for 2009:

Helen B. Q. Anderson ’72, Humanities Community and College Advocate

After raising three children, Helen Anderson came to Onondaga Community College to pursue a Humanities degree and earned high honors. She was the first graduate from the new Onondaga Hill campus. After Onondaga, she earned a B.A. and M.S.W. from Syracuse University, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Mrs. Anderson was a deeply committed community advocate and volunteer for numerous organizations. In her heart, she felt her greatest personal achievement was as a member of the Onondaga Board of Trustees for 23 years, serving many years as Chair and playing a pivotal role in the College's expansion and growth. The Onondaga Community College family is extremely grateful for Mrs. Anderson's service and leadership. Helen Anderson passed away on January 19, 2009.

Michael J. Ancillotti ’82, Graphic Arts Advertising Executive

After earning his degree at Onondaga, Michael Ancillotti pursued his dream of a career in advertising and marketing by continuing his education at Syracuse University, earning a B.F.A. from the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Mr. Ancillotti's talents and motivation led him to build a successful 25-year career, including more than 20 years with one of Syracuse's premier agencies, Latorra, Paul & McCann. As an agency Principal and Executive Vice President of Account Services for LP&M, Mr. Ancillotti's expertise in a variety of industries and markets has resulted in multiple awards for regional, national and international campaigns. His artistic vision and solid management skills have inspired a most successful career.

Daryll C. Dykes, M.D., Ph.D. ’84 Mathematics and Science Spine Surgeon

A top spine surgeon at Twin Cities Spine Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Daryll Dykes acknowledges his supportive family, friends, and teachers for their invaluable contributions while both he and his wife – also a top surgical specialist – raised their family and pursued their educational dreams. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Dr. Dykes attended Onondaga and proudly lists his associate’s degree with high honors at the top of his impressive vitae. He credits the College with inspiring him to achieve his life’s goal in medicine. Dr. Dykes went on to earn bachelor’s, medical, and doctoral degrees in Syracuse before pursuing several post-graduate fellowships in Minnesota. He has authored numerous professional publications, is a prominent member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and has dedicated his life's work to patient care, education, mentoring and biomedical research.

Lucille D. Browning ’84, Business Administration International Community Ambassador

When a United States Air Force assignment brought her husband and family to Syracuse, Lucille Browning quickly decided to begin studies at Onondaga Community College. Her associate’s degree in business and a master’s degree from Syracuse University opened the door to the International Center of Syracuse where she served as Executive Director for more than seven years. Ms. Browning represented Central New York and our nation in hosting international visitors and dignitaries and promoting citizen diplomacy. Ms. Browning brought students from many foreign countries to study at Onondaga Community College as part of the Freedom Support Act Undergraduate program. Receiving numerous professional awards for her outstanding leadership, Lucille Browning has showcased the friendly people and outstanding quality of life in Central New York to the world.

Hon. Joseph E. Fahey ’69, General Studies County Court Judge

First admitted to the New York State Bar in 1976, Judge Joseph Fahey began his legal career as a senior staff attorney at the Hiscock Legal Aid Society, and went on to private practice as a partner in the Wiles and Fahey Law Firm in Syracuse. While pursuing his passion for law as a practicing attorney and inspired by his love of politics, Judge Fahey was selected a Commissioner of the Syracuse Board of Education in 1985 and selected Board President. His expertise in criminal law and his desire to serve in a judicial post led to his election in 1996 as a County Court Judge by the citizens of Onondaga County for a ten year term and re-election to that post in 2006.
Your Chance To Make History  by Barbara Rivette, Historian

Personal, impactful memories of OCC can become part of the College's 50th anniversary that will be celebrated in 2011 and 2012. Students always have a unique perspective that is so important and will be represented in Onondaga Community College's history. Your recollections will provide an insight into the teaching and learning that has made and continues to make Onondaga such a special place.

The College hopes to collect not only memories, but photos and memorabilia as well that will enhance the material that the College already has archived in Coulter Library.

The College's ambitious anniversary effort was launched seven years ago by President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D. Initially, trustees, faculty, retired faculty and staff were interviewed about their Onondaga experiences. Personal stories were shared as part of the College's first days in downtown Syracuse at Midtown Plaza, while others recalled their days during the move to the Onondaga Hill campus.

The entire “history” project is being overseen by a committee of faculty, retired faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community which meets regularly.

Barbara S. Rivette, local historian and Onondaga County resident during all of Onondaga Community College’s history, is now researching and writing about the College’s first 50 years, guided by the committee’s outline. In addition to using material found in the archives and photograph files, she has conducted additional interviews with county officials, College trustees, faculty, staff and alumni to lend perspective to the narrative. Concluding the history will be ‘a look ahead’ as Onondaga enters its second half century.

Don’t miss your opportunity to become part of history. Although 2011 seems far away, Onondaga Community College needs to hear about your recollections TODAY so they can become part of this significant anniversary celebration. Please e-mail Anita Murphy, alumni coordinator at murphya@sunyocc.edu or call (315) 498-6058. You can also share your recollections and stories online at www.sunyocc.edu. Click on the ‘Alumni’ link at the bottom of the page.

“I met my wife in the OCC cafeteria.”

“I never would have gone to law school without OCC!”

Message From Foundation Chair Allen J. Naples

I would like to extend my thanks to all who have made generous gifts to Onondaga Community College. Your support makes a college education possible for many who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

The Reach Beyond campaign is all about local investment with a local return, and leveraging the power of the community to support our common interests. We continue to achieve new milestones on the way to the campaign’s $6 million goal, with gifts and pledges nearing the next milestone of $5 million. With SRC’s historic $1 million gift, we surpassed the $3.5 million mark for the Presidential Scholars Program, the centerpiece of the campaign. I am pleased that the program has attracted the attention of so many donors, as it truly represents an investment in the future of Central New York.

I would also like to thank members of the Foundation Board of Directors and the College Board of Trustees, who continue to be engaged in helping us forge new partnerships. The circle of campaign volunteers continues to widen, and with so many leaders involved, we’re looking forward to continued success. Thank you all for your tireless support on behalf of Onondaga Community College and its students.

Sincerely,

Allen J. Naples, Foundation Chair

Alumni NewsNotes

Brian P. Cooney ’89 has had a very successful radio career in several radio markets and now lives in New York City where he does voice-over work for movie trailers, network television spots and radio imaging spots for stations all across the country. Check out www.brianconey.net for his work, or watch the OCC Reach Beyond Campaign video at www.sunyocc.edu to hear Brian in action.

Patricia McAfee ’89 is the founder of Onondaga Stroke Survivors, a group that shares their experiences over lunch at different restaurants in the Syracuse area.

Tracey M. Schumacher ’90 is a licensed real estate salesperson and a member of the team at RE/MAX Realty Plus in Clay, NY where she is a multi-million dollar producer.

Walter M. Pendock ’91 earned a bachelor's degree from Greensboro College and is president of Art World Digital, Inc., East Syracuse, NY.

James S. Alvarez ’93 was honored by the American Red Cross at their Real Heroes Breakfast held in December. James received the Good Neighbor Award along with three others deemed as heroes for risking their lives to save others during an apartment building fire in Camillus, NY. James is an officer with the Camillus Police Department.

David H. Fulkerson ’93 was recently hired by JGB Properties LLC as a videographer, editor and director of photography at WCNY Television in Syracuse, NY. He previously worked as a photojournalist for WSTM NBC3 in Syracuse.

Gina Potenza ’94 is director of information systems at Laboratory Alliance of Central New York and was recently appointed as a member of a subcommittee of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute.

Douglas J. Beachel ’95 was recently hired by JGB Properties LLC as a project manager where he manages the development of several residential parcels of land in the Syracuse and Cooperstown areas. Doug has ten years experience in the real-estate and entitlement development fields. Prior to becoming a part of JGB, he worked as a land manager at Eldon Homes, Inc., Syracuse, NY and Ryan Homes, Inc, in Rochester.
Christopher M. Grosso ’94 and his wife are proud to announce the
birth of their first child, Leah Victoria. After living in England for a while,
Christopher returned to New York state and worked for a few production
companies. He recently started his own video production company,
Take Two Visual Media, located in Brewerton, NY. To learn more visit:

Lisa A. Jensen ’94 retired as a nuclear plant operator for the Constellation
Energy Group where she worked at the Nine Mile Point facility in Oswego,
NY. Prior to that, she worked locally for National Grid. Lisa says she’s
euly enjoying her retirement and enjoys spending time with her family which
includes 20 grandchildren.

David J. Wicker ’94 was named account executive with Exhibits And
More of Liverpool, NY. Previously, he was employed by ShoreMaster Inc.

Syeisha M. Byrd ’01 is a member of the Syracuse Boys and Girls Club
since the age of five and was named Unit Director of their Central Village
in November, 2008. During that year she also received the 2008 Professional Youth
Worker of the Year Award from the Onondaga County Department of Aging
and Youth. She was featured in an article in the ‘Caught Doing Something Good’
section of the March/April 2009 issue of Central New York Magazine.

Nicholas A. Fruscello ’01 owns his own mobile communications
company, “Mozeo,” and was recently selected as a “Greater Syracuse 40
under 40” recipient. This award recognizes him for his accomplishments
in business and involvement in the community.

Lynn M. Leckie ’02 works as a campus mentor for the Access Program at
Onondaga Community Living, Inc, an agency founded in 1987 that provides
services to adults with mental retardation and other developmental
disabilities within the Syracuse area and nearby communities.

Christina M. Buza ’04 is the branch manager of the Syracuse Employee
Federal Credit Union on the Syracuse University campus.

Eric M. Taylor ’04 is employed by C&S Companies of Syracuse, NY where
he is a LEED-accredited professional engineer and a member of the
company’s facilities group.

Yolanda Johnson ’06 was one of 13 black business leaders recognized
as 2009 Spirit of Entrepreneurship honorees in a ceremony at the Greater
Syracuse Chamber of Commerce in February. Yolanda is owner of Hot Coca-Cola’s Beauty Supply which has two locations and 12 employees. She is
currently working on opening a third site.

Tania F. Aouad ’06 is currently working at the Barnes and Noble
Bookstore on the Onondaga campus where she is taking part in their
bestseller program which gives her experience in running a business. She is
a graduate of Le Moyne College where she earned a bachelor’s degree
in sociology and criminology.

Cassidy L. Alexander ’08 has been studying music at Nashville’s
prestigious Belmont University. After a performance of Cassidy singing
her song “Down by the Bonfire” was sent to Country Music Television
(CMT) by a friend, she went all the way to the eighth round of CMT’s
online Music Madness competition.

Daniel P. Miller ’08 is currently working with a teen self-injury group
under the auspices of a local counselor and volunteers with a related
suicide hotline for teens. He is looking forward to going back to school at
SUNY Brockport in late 2009.

Judith A. Yap ’08 is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in respiratory therapy
at SUNY Upstate Medical University and is still supporting Onondaga,
volunteering as a trainer for the OCC Student Ambassador program.

Onondaga is on
Twitter and Facebook

You can now follow Onondaga
Community College on Twitter. Just go
to www.twitter.com/OnondagaCC to find
out about upcoming news and events.

Become a fan of Onondaga on Facebook as
well. Just log onto www.facebook.com
and search Onondaga Community College.

The Home of Champions

Women’s Lacrosse

The Onondaga women’s lacrosse team finished their historic run by defeating
Monroe Community College, 9-7, to capture the 2009 NJCAA National Championship
in the program’s first season of existence. In beating Monroe the Lazers also avenged their
only loss of the season, in the Region III finals a week earlier. Lauren Welch was named 1st
Team NJCAA All-American at attack and was also named the Region III Player of the
Year. Midfielders Amanda Cizenski and Emily Pierson were also named 1st Team
All-Americans. Welch, Cizenski, and Pierson were also 1st Team All-Region selections,
and were joined by midfielder Elizabeth Manipole. Defenders Jamie Handley and Gabrielle
Dewey and forward Lyndsay Malecki were named to the All-Region 2nd Team.

Men’s Lacrosse

Onondaga’s men’s lacrosse team began their season ranked
No. 1 in the country with big wins against colleges Essex
Community College (25-5) in Baltimore, Md., and Nassau
Community College (10-9) from Long Island. A sweet victory,
given that Nassau is the team that beat Onondaga in last
season’s national championship.

Seven 2009 seniors earned scholarships to play at a four-year
school, said Coach Chuck Wilbur. Those students include
Shaun Church (New York Tech); Ed Prevost (North Carolina);
Vinnie Alexander (Le Moyne College); Desi Gonzalez
(Limestone College); John Gabriel (New England College);
Jon Fiorillo (Manhattan College) and Jeremy Thompson
(Syracuse University).

Men’s Basketball

The Onondaga men’s basketball season finished with the
National Junior College Athletic Association Region III
Division III Quarter-Finals. The team played a great game
leading into overtime, but ultimately lost to Hudson Valley
Community College.

Under head coach Dave Pasiak, Onondaga reached post-
season play for the ninth consecutive year. The team also
qualified for regional play for the eighth consecutive season,
and is the only school in the Mid-State Athletic Conference,
and one of just three in its region, to accomplish these feats.
Men's Tennis

The 2009 men's tennis team captured their third consecutive NJCAA Region III Division III championship by taking first place in 8 of 9 flights in the regional tournament. As a result, the Lasers advanced to the NJCAA Division III National Championships in Texas, where they finished in 3rd place.

Women's Tennis

The spring season ended on a high note with seven wins and two losses. "We finished third place in Region III," Coach Doug Annable said. "Our biggest victory of the season was defeating Broome Community College, the Region III champions, 5-4, the second time we played them this year."

Looking ahead, the team is planning to compete in the nationals tournament this fall. "Our upcoming season is shaping up to be yet another good one," Annable said. "We are looking forward to competing for the Region III Championship and heading to Nationals in Tucson, Ariz."

Cicero-North Syracuse High School Hall of Fame Inducts Coach Chuck Wilbur

- 1995 graduate of Cicero-North Syracuse High School; three-year member of the Northstar varsity lacrosse team; served as captain and led his team to the Section III championship game; one of the top 10 scorers in school history.
- Attended Herkimer Community College: two-time All American attacker; named Region III Player of the Year.
- Attended Hobart College: named Most Valuable Player.
- Head Coach at Onondaga Community College: three NJCAA national championships in 2006, 2007 and 2009; turned out 39 Academic All-Americans.

Workforce Development

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director of CNY Works. "Onondaga offers a wealth of opportunities in response to this need through its role with secondary, career, technical and higher education."

Beginning this fall, Workforce Development will offer 'for-credit' college courses through Onondaga's own Computer Studies faculty and CNY Works. This means that upon completion, the student will have completed viable coursework which can be applied to many degree programs, if they so choose. Otherwise, if they choose not to pursue a degree immediately, the computer coursework will certainly benefit anyone entering the workforce.

JOBSplus

JOBSplus at Onondaga offers coursework and counseling to help people who have been laid off and are currently on public assistance get jobs and more importantly, keep them. In partnership with the Onondaga County Department of Social Services, this program is among the premier programs of its kind anywhere in the country.

Each person is assigned a job coach who helps them move along the path toward employment, which is the ultimate goal of JOBSplus. They offer skill-building workshops, resume preparation and other workplace-specific activities.

According to director Janice Mayne, among the big six counties in New York state (Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Monroe, Erie and Onondaga), JOBSplus is a leader in entered employment as a percentage of their total case load.

"Our mission is to make everything in the public assistance system about employment," said Mayne. "It validates that we are staying true to our mission."

Anyone applying for public assistance in the county is mandated to participate in JOBSplus. Depending on an individual's circumstances, JOBSplus counselors conduct job search workshops and structured job searches. For those who don't hold a high school diploma, General Education Development, or GED, -prep classes are offered. There are also many opportunities for people to participate in unpaid work experiences in the county and at local not-for-profits.

"Why would we ever deny someone the opportunity to work? It's our job to help people access the job market and ultimately enjoy self-sufficiency."

– Janice Mayne, director of JOBSplus

"JOBSplus is a unique program that integrates skills development with college-level work to help people move successfully into the job market," said James Sunser, associate vice president of continuing and extended learning. "There's really no other program like JOBSplus that ties social services with a community college."

Mayne says one of the toughest challenges her team faces is helping people overcome obstacles that may hold them back. Things like finding suitable child care or getting needed treatment for those in recovery. "Our job is to help people remove or overcome the obstacles they face and help them discover that they can succeed in the workforce and ultimately become economically independent."
Onondaga Receives $100,000 Grant For Veterans

Onondaga Community College is one of 20 institutions nationwide to receive a Success for Veterans Award Grant in the amount of $100,000 from the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Wal-Mart Foundation. The College was chosen from the nearly 250 campuses that applied for the grant program.

Onondaga plans to use the grant to enhance and expand academic and social services and resources for veterans and their families. The grant was awarded to colleges that operate model programs advancing access and success in higher education for veterans and their families, according to a joint press release from ACE and the Wal-Mart Foundation.

"Onondaga is committed to meeting the needs of veterans and we recognize the significant contribution that veterans and military personnel make in choosing to serve our nation, as well as the valuable professional and life experiences they bring to the classroom that enhance learning for all students," said Onondaga Community College President Debbie L. Sydow, Ph.D. "Therefore, it’s absolutely essential that we continue to improve the capacity of educational institutions – and in particular the capacity of community colleges, which serve as a gateway to education for a growing number of veterans – to help veterans succeed."

Among the efforts this grant will support include: the creation of online veteran-specific orientation programs; expansion of the existing on-campus Office of Veterans’ Affairs; the enhancement of prospective student outreach efforts; and increased capacity for counseling and psychological services. Paul Holzwarth, also a veteran, manages the Office of Veterans’ Affairs at Onondaga.

Workforce Development

Working With Local Employers

The largest piece of the Workforce Development puzzle is the partnerships established with local employers. By creating customized training programs, Onondaga is meeting the needs of local businesses that are choosing to invest in their existing workforce through on-the-job training and retraining.

One such partnership was with the Onondaga County Board of Elections in 2008. The College provided specific training on high-tech poll machines for hundreds of county poll workers – including many Onondaga students – in preparation for the November election. In total, they taught 103 class sessions resulting in 2,400 poll workers trained and 880 people trained specifically on the new voting machines.

Another partnership the College has is with the Anheuser-Busch plant in Lysander, NY. With a continued focus on process improvement, the company sought out Onondaga to administer predetermined training courses for a number of their employees. "This investment of training represents the confidence we have in this plant," said general manager of Anheuser-Busch’s Baldwinsville brewery Steve McCormick. "We’ve chosen to invest in our existing workforce with the same eye on results that we’ve always had as we advance into a higher-technology environment."

Centro, the bus transit service within Onondaga and surrounding counties, has also benefited from a partnership with Workforce Development. When Centro began to move away from diesel fuel and toward alternative fuel vehicles for their fleet, they turned to Onondaga to create a customized computer training program designed specifically for Centro’s transit mechanics.

Onondaga provides customized training programs for many local organizations including:
- Centro
- Anheuser-Busch
- Destiny USA
- Verizon
- National Grid
- Loretto
- Advantage Travel
- Sensis
- Onondaga County Board of Elections

According to Jim Mahan, assistant fleet manager at Centro, nearly half of Centro’s current employees will retire over the next 10 to fifteen years, which means there’s a great need for training and retraining of their workforce.

"There’s really no such thing as a ‘transit mechanic’ in the same way there is an ‘auto mechanic,’" says Mahan. "‘Transit mechanics have to be received specific training on the computer to perform diagnostics. The quality of Onondaga’s instruction more than met our needs.”

While many employers will pay for their employees to get retraining, there are many others, including Centro, who turn to outside sources for funding assistance. These sources include the Central New York Workforce Development Institute.

Central New York community. And their business is only growing as an increasing number of workers and employers realize that in an unstable economic climate, education is still a wise investment.

Workforce Development has multiple projects in place including a partnership with Rochester Institute of Technology to offer Lean Six Sigma training (a highly popular business improvement methodology) on campus. The College is also working with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) to offer training in photovoltaics in response to the growing “green economy.”

“‘The customized training options are flexible and designed to meet the needs of the community,’ said Sunser. ‘It’s more than just saying ‘here’s what we have,’ but rather – what do you need? And how can we help?’"

To learn more, contact Workforce Development at (315) 498-7243.

Onondaga Community College has one of the largest Veterans’ Affairs offices in New York state and has been serving veterans and their families for nearly four decades.

"Onondaga’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs provides direct services to more than 400 student-veterans each year," said Stephanie Reynolds, associate vice president of student services at Onondaga. “This grant will enhance and expand our ability to meet the needs of our current student-veterans, prepare for the growing number of veterans expected to enroll in the coming months, and assist them with the transition from military life to civilian life as they work toward achieving their educational goals.”

Paul Holzwarth, Veterans’ Affairs

From left to right: Dr. Sydow, instructor John Ott, graduate Paul Kunzelman, graduate Carl Graf, graduate Ken O’Mara and general manager of Anheuser-Busch’s Baldwinsville brewery Steve McCormick.

"We are proud to partner with Onondaga Community College – a first class institution," said Mary Ellen Mangino, regional director of Central New York Workforce Development Institute. “From ‘lean’ techniques to ‘green’ technologies, Onondaga delivers cutting-edge training and education to the CNY Workforce.”

From January of 2008 through January of 2009, Workforce Development taught more than 380 classes and served nearly 5,400 people in the..."
High-Tech and Hot Careers: Making the Connection with Local Employers

At Onondaga’s Career and Applied Learning Center (CAL Center), both students and alumni can obtain internships, view the “CALink” database of local job opportunities, or participate in volunteering and service-learning opportunities to expand their learning outside the classroom. The CAL Center also offers free resume-writing workshops, interview practice sessions, job fairs, and panel discussions with local employers.

Recently, two very popular panel discussions were held on campus for students and alumni. The first focused on the growing high-tech career industry. The second, focused on the topic of emerging careers in environmental and green technology.

There, students learned from company representatives about starting salaries, job growth, and the required qualifications.

“Panel discussions and the job fairs give our students and faculty the latest information on companies in Central New York that are growing and that have job opportunities for our graduates,” said Dianne Fancher, director of the CAL Center.

These companies are also describing career paths for students. For example, many companies offer tuition reimbursement for people who want to complete a four-year degree. This is key to planning future career goals, says Fancher. If a student can see that they can earn a two-year degree, get a job and then pursue a four-year degree with partial or sometimes even full tuition reimbursement from their employer, that’s a real plus.

“OCC continues to provide INFICON with highly educated, technical candidates that have made significant contributions to both technical and management growth of our corporation”

- Michael A. Vinciguerra, director of human resources at Inficon

Among the many well-known local employers in attendance were:
- King and King Architects
- C&S Companies
- O’Brien and Gere
- National Grid
- Sensis Corporation
- OP-Tech Environmental Services
- Inficon
- Seneca Data

SRC Gift

Dr. Sydow, SRC President Bob Roberts, and Campaign Co-Chair Allen Naples also announced that the College’s new arena, part of the Onondaga Arena and Sports Complex to be completed in late 2011, will be named “SRC Arena.” The arena will feature flexible seating for up to 10,000 people and will serve as the location for major college and community events, including athletics, the arts, ceremonies and other local and regional opportunities.

SRC President Bob Roberts said, “SRC and SRCtec are taking a strong stand in our philanthropic efforts related to science and technology education. We firmly support that a better future for the company and the community will be achieved by encouraging youth to study in these disciplines. The goal is to educate a new workforce that will have a positive economic impact and provide a continued workforce to Central New York. I hope our gesture inspires others to join this noble effort. We’re also very humbled that the SRC name will forever be associated with stimulating education through the SRC scholarship.” Roberts also serves as co-chair of the Reach Beyond campaign with Allen Naples, chairman of the OCC Foundation Board and President of M&T Bank.

“The commitment of Bob Roberts, SRC and SRCtec has been tremendous. These organizations are leading the way through their support of higher education and the pivotal importance of all students to earn a college degree. I commend the entire SRC team for their leadership, and challenge other area businesses to follow SRC’s outstanding example,” said Naples.

Retirees

January – May 2009
- Nancy Barnett, Information Technology
- Karen Bender, President’s Office
- Charles Carnrite, Financial Services
- James Drake, Food Service/Hotel Management
- Leonard Foster, Buildings
- Kathleen LaClair, Human Resources
- Diane Lawrence, Management Services
- Nancy Licata, Electronic Media Communications
- Howard Leo, Chemistry/Physical Science
- Susan Mitchell, Biology
- David Muir, Social Science
- Theresea (Terri) O’Hare, Food Service/Hotel Management

Fall 2008
- Theresa Ancona, Student Central
- Kathie Briggs, Disability Services Office
- Marjorie Johnson, JOBSplus!
- Alamgir Kabir, Custodial
- Linda McNamara, Library
- Margaret Schmidt, Student Central
- Sharlyn White, Buildings
- Janice Woodford, Student Central

Retirees: Save the Date
Onondaga Community College
Annual Retiree Luncheon
Saturday, June 27
Formal invitation to be mailed soon
Celebrating National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week (April 20-26) was a great success at Onondaga Community College. Students, faculty and staff participated in a full range of service projects on the campus and in the Syracuse community including:

- WCNY Annual Telephone Auction
- March of Dimes Walk for Babies
- Habitat for Humanity
- A food drive
- Operation Gratitude: Letters to Soldiers

Twenty-one students and family members made up Team Onondaga at the March of Dimes Walk for Babies at Onondaga Lake Park on Sunday, April 6. Onondaga volunteers raised more than $800 to support the March of Dimes in their efforts to ensure that all babies are born healthy.

In Memoriam

Faculty, Staff & Administrators:
Frances H. Baker
Janice G. Gabriel
Joseph E. Roesch, Ph.D.
Frederick G. Schwartz
James F. Spencer
Joseph J. Zampini

Alumni:
Joseph C. Ascioti ’67
Scott L. Bartucca ’93
Linda M. Granzow ’88
Daniel J. Haryan ’68
Eunice J. Toomey Leahy ’70
Thomas V. Leshendok ’65
Mark A. Moriarty ’74
Linda Moser Preeman ’94
Gordon C. Quonce ’08

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OCC Foundation Board:
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Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27

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