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How Our Alumni Got There From Here

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Futures Inspired
Over its 60-year history, Holyoke Community College has developed a reputation for preparing students for transfer to an array of quality, four-year colleges and universities. HCC graduates are recognized as having received a university caliber education, and that high-quality education stands them in good stead as they transfer to the baccalaureate level. A vivid reminder of this legacy was provided at the college’s recent 60th birthday party. More than 300 individuals, many of them alumni, crowded into the Bartley Center to celebrate the college’s birthday. On the lips of many were plaudits for the education they received at HCC, and for the way it transformed their lives. Those of us who work at the college were heartened to receive direct feedback from so many alums regarding the positive academic and social impact that the institution had had on them. As we plan for the future, a critical focus for us will be on maintaining the quality of education for which the college is justifiably proud while providing access to our services to new populations who are playing an increasingly important role in the life of the region.

—William F. Messner

Celebrating the college’s 60th anniversary on June 7 was a team effort, especially when it came to lighting the candles on the 60-foot birthday cake. Lighting candles for each of the six decades of our history were some of HCC’s special friends. Seen here are two of our honored candle-lighters: Maureen Gazda ’05 and Kathleen Frost Burke, the granddaughter and daughter, respectively, of HCC’s founding president George Frost.
Dear alumni,

In this issue of the Alumni Connection, we focus on one of HCC’s chief strengths: educational excellence. This point is eloquently expressed by the success of our many alumni, three of whom are featured in this issue.

Sheila Donohue ’81, Jerry Levinsky ’73, and Susan Hall ’05 each found the resources at HCC that they needed to go on to exemplary success. Sheila is now a top executive at IBM, Jerry is senior legal counsel for the Western Massachusetts office of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, and Susan is a junior at Wellesley College. Each of them traveled a somewhat bumpy road before they came to HCC, but all of them excelled at their college studies, thanks to the support, encouragement, and talent of our faculty and staff.

Sheila’s, Jerry’s and Susan’s stories are unique, but contain common themes that exemplify the spirit of Holyoke Community College:

• HCC’s small classes provide a setting in which each student is involved in the learning process.
• HCC’s faculty members are superb teachers, committed to student success.
• HCC’s staff consistently “go beyond the call” to assist students whose life challenges could easily have derailed their educational ambitions.

My anecdotal sense, gathered through conversations with hundreds of alumni during the past eight years, is that more than 90 percent are satisfied with the education they received at HCC. This hunch is confirmed by the recent graduate survey, conducted by HCC’s Office of Institutional Research. For instance, in the class of 2005, 98 percent of respondents said they would recommend HCC to friends or family who are interested in attending college; 94 percent of the respondents who transferred to other colleges said they feel that HCC provided them with “good to excellent preparation” for their current college programs.

Please join me in welcoming Diana Stiles, our new director of development. In the coming weeks, many of you will have the opportunity to meet Diana, whose enthusiasm, creativity, and talent are welcomed additions to our work. Please feel free to contact Diana at (413) 552-2746.

Sincerely,

Joanna Brown
Director of Alumni Relations
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P.S. This year, the HCC Theater Department and Electronic Media program will hold a reunion for all former students who have participated in either the HCC Players or the Electronic Media Program. Get on the mailing list by emailing to jbrown@hcc.mass.edu with “HCC Players/EM” in the subject line or visit our new alumni pages at www.hcc.edu to view event information and to sign up for the event online.

The Frost Society

Created in memory of HCC’s first president, Dr. George Frost, this society recognizes individuals who have made a provision in their estate plans for the HCC Foundation, Inc. Membership is offered to all who make such bequests, regardless of the amount. All donations are greatly appreciated. Frost Society members receive personal invitations to college events and are recognized in the Foundation’s annual report. With the recent additions of Heather Sabin ’93, Gregory R. Dubreuil ’88, and Nadine A. Dubreuil ’85, the Frost Society currently has 22 members. If you would like to join, please contact Erica Broman, executive director of the HCC Foundation (413) 552-2747 or ebroman@hcc.mass.edu.
Long before she stepped onto the HCC campus, Susan W. Hall was dreaming about where she would finish her undergraduate education.

“I got on the mailing lists for Smith College and Mount Holyoke because they both had programs for non-traditional students. I had been getting their stuff for 15 years,” says Hall, 41. “I would read through their brochures and imagine what I’d do. It allowed me to dream.”

In 2005, when Hall graduated from HCC, those dreams turned into real-life choices.

The Springfield native had been accepted at both of her “dream schools” and wait-listed at a new contender: Wellesley College. Never one to take the easy road, Hall chose Wellesley.

“I was wait-listed due to deficiencies in math,” says Hall, who just finished her junior year at Wellesley. “They wanted me to take college algebra, preferably pre-calculus. Just to make sure, I took them both.”

Dreams and determination have always fueled Hall, a single mother who aggressively climbed the corporate ladder at AT&T and graduated as a valedictorian from HCC. But before she came to HCC, her journey through higher education was bumpy. Her first attempt at college—after graduating from Classical High School in 1983—stalled when she became pregnant with her daughter Whitney, now 21. Over the next two decades, Hall took classes at private and public colleges from Massachusetts to Maryland. Each time, the experience left her wanting something more.

“I never felt like I was at that place where I was going to be a part of the community, where it was all going to work,” she says. “Then I came back to Springfield in 2001 and I got a course bulletin from HCC. I started reading every little thing and thinking: I can do this. I can get to where I want to go.”

Inspired as she was, Hall still had her moments.

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That work paid off for Hall, whose eloquence has garnered praise far beyond academia. A volunteer in Deval Patrick’s 2006 gubernatorial campaign, Hall struck up an email correspondence with Patrick’s wife, Diane, that continues to this day. It was one of Hall’s emails—sent on the eve of the historic victory—that the governor-elect used as inspiration for his inaugural speech. In that email, Hall asked the first-lady how the Patrick administration would nurture the lessons learned during the campaign. According to a *Boston Globe* article written the day after his election, Patrick paid tribute to Hall’s query:

“She (Hall) said everything I’m trying to say tonight,” Patrick said.

Says Hall: “I’m just savoring the moment.”

"At first, I was overwhelmed by the tests, the reading, the paper-writing, the whole college thing," she says of her first semester at HCC. She says it was her professors—Kim Hicks, Diane Beers, Mark Clinton, Don Hanover, among others—who helped her flourish.

“Mark Clinton and Don Hanover’s classes really helped raise my critical thinking and writing skills,” she said. “And the Honors Colloquium was every bit as challenging as my work at Wellesley.”

“I took Diane’s African-American history class and loved it. She was such a great lecturer, so well prepared. Phenomenal, really. And, as a person, she really engaged me...Kim was my toughest critic as a writer. She was always asking me ‘What do you mean by this?’ and that made me work harder to articulate my points.”

-Kathleen E. Moore ‘98
Persistence pays off

Persistence pays off: a lesson that many HCC students have learned: persistence pays off.

That’s what Jerrold S. Levinsky discovered in 1972, when his first application to Rutgers University’s Livingston College was rejected.

“I got on a bus and went to New Jersey. Completely unannounced, I walked into the admissions office and asked the director why,” says Levinsky, a native of Longmeadow. “He said that to get into Livingston College from out-of-state, they were looking for students with A averages. It’s not that I had failing grades, but I didn’t have all As. He told me to go someplace else and apply as a transfer.”

That “someplace else” was Holyoke Community College, where Levinsky’s native intelligence flourished.

“I had never done that well in anything associated with math and science, but that semester at HCC, I began to see the relationship between math and ideas,” he says. “I still have my course notebook from that semester. I’ve never let it go, because everything I’ve done since then is grounded in what I did that semester.”

That’s saying a lot.

In the 34 years since Levinsky enrolled at HCC, he has completed his undergraduate studies, earned a law degree, enrolled in a doctoral program, and taken a job at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), where he now serves as senior legal counsel for the Western Massachusetts office. He has even taught college courses in law.

“I never worked so hard as I did that semester at HCC—in part out of a fear of failure, in part out of desire to learn... I had never felt so genuinely excited.”

Levinsky entered HCC in the fall of 1973, fully intending to remain for two years. His plans changed when he received his first semester grades: all As.

Transcript in hand, Levinsky made another unannounced trip to the admissions office of Livingston College. The scene was like an out-take from the Wizard of Oz:

“I pulled out the grade report from HCC, and, as the admissions director was looking at it, I said ‘I can do this,’” Levinsky recalls. “This was the same guy I’d seen before. He was half-smiling, but he was probably thinking ‘This guy is nuts.’ Then he said their policy was to only accept transfers coming in at two years. I said, even more emphatically ‘But this is where I want to go, and I can do this.’ He said he would hand my transcript to the admissions officers.”

Levinsky headed back to Western Massachusetts, disappointed but undeterred. He would finish his studies at HCC before making another trip to New Jersey.

He had settled into the long wait when, a week later, the letter arrived.

"Congratulations. You are hereby invited to join..."

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Sheila M. Donohue doesn’t harbor regrets, but the IBM executive does have what you might call “retroactive fantasies.”

“I wish I’d taken another year at Cornell and completed the business/JD program,” says the 1981 HCC graduate. “They had a combined program, and it’s just another year. Think of what I could have done.”

In the 26 years since she graduated from HCC, Donahue has completed an undergraduate degree in European intellectual history at Mount Holyoke College, earned a juris doctorate from Cornell University, and nimbly climbed the corporate ladder at IBM, where she now serves as the senior negotiator for global contracts.

But Donohue, who only recently returned from a three-year work assignment in Paris, doesn’t live in the past. Neither, too, does she suffer idleness gladly.

“I’m very goal-oriented person. When I don’t have a goal, I feel like I’m floundering,” she says. “I already had the plan when I came to HCC. College was something I already knew I was going to do.”

For Donohue, the key to college success was support. At home, she received that support from an extended family that helped her with childcare. At HCC, she found it in the classrooms, where teachers fed her nascent curiosity and encouraged her ambitions. She refers to the late Miriam Sajkovic as her “unofficial advisor” because the two often chatted about Donohue’s dream of transferring to Mount Holyoke College. Donohue never took a class with Sajkovic, however.

“If there were support programs at HCC then, I didn’t have time for them. I was constantly going – to work, to classes, to see my children,” she says. “But everyone was so supportive that I got what I needed.”

“People (customers) were always saying ‘What’s a smart girl like you doing in a place like this?’” says Donohue. “I was thinking the same thing. I thought I’d ruined all of my chances, that there was no way to get back on track.”

Donohue didn’t stew very long. By 1978, she had convinced administrators at Enrico Fermi High School to schedule a GED test, which she aced in one try. Though the tests were normally graded by computer, Donohue’s test had a handwritten note on it: “highest score ever.”

Sheila Donohue was back on “the plan.”

That determination was evident from an early age, when Donohue, one of seven children, began hatching "the plan." 

“When I was in grade school I had a little blue pamphlet that had biographies of each of the presidents,” she says. “I said to myself ‘I don’t know what a lawyer is, but if you are a lawyer, you get to be president.’ I always kept that in mind.”

A top student, Donohue was well on her way to realizing that goal when, as a high school senior, she met and married her husband. Two children and a divorce followed in fairly quick succession. At 22, when her high school classmates were graduating from college, Donohue was waitressing at the Mountain Laurel, juggling two toddlers as a single parent.

That fall, Donohue enrolled in a cultural anthropology class at HCC “just to see if I could do it.”

“I realized I hadn’t changed at all,” she says. “I was a good student in high school and I saw that I could be a good student in college.”

Portland Press Herald & Maine Sunday Telegram

“Editor’s note: Sheila is one of the many HCC alums who have chosen to express their gratitude by creating a scholarship or award. The Vincent and Patricia McElroy Award, named after Sheila’s parents, is given out each year to a graduating HCC student who is continuing her education at Mount Holyoke College.”
Dear Alumni,

A few months ago, I had the supreme honor of addressing the graduating class of 2007. It is something I do every year, but it never gets old. When I am standing at the podium, I can see that this is a very powerful moment in their lives. After the celebration subsides, they will embark on new adventures—as students at four-year institutions, as valued contributors to our economy, as dynamic minds affecting every aspect of society.

They are, at graduation, shedding their identities as HCC students. Now, they will adopt a new identity that I hope they wear proudly: HCC alumni.

As anyone who was there can attest, graduation day was sweltering. The HCC Alumni Association provided all of our 867 graduates with bottled water. This act of generosity was only a fraction of what the HCC Alumni Association has done for HCC’s students, but many of the students in that crowd were probably unaware.

Our advocacy might surprise you, too.

In the first three years of the Alumni Association’s five-year fund raising campaign, we have raised more than $467,000 in gifts and pledges. These funds have supplied the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development with the best in technology. The funds have also provided the latest equipment for other classrooms and labs throughout the campus. Some funds have been earmarked for endowed scholarships, so that future students will have a chance to flourish. Two HCC alumni, Ed Mazar ’78 and Dr. Richard Leon Provost ’49 recently established endowed scholarships. We thank them for remembering HCC with such a lasting gift.

If there is one thing that I have learned in my life as a former HCC faculty member, as an HCC alumni donor, and as your Alumni Association president, it is that if you are generous in all that you do, you will make a profound difference in the world.

Please consider making a difference by becoming an alumni donor today.

Gloria G. Lomax ’75
President, HCC Alumni Association
Retired Professor of Early Childhood Education
(413) 552-2073

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Around Campus

867 receive degrees and certificates at HCC’s 60th commencement
On June 2, HCC celebrated its 60th commencement under sunny skies at the O’Connell Memorial Field. The two-hour program featured four student orators, seen here flanking President Messner, (from left): Asamnew T. Anbessie, Victoria Mitchell, Kimberly Boyd, and Paul V. Condarcuri. Commencement was also the occasion for announcing the four individuals who received 2007 Distinguished Service Awards: Northampton resident Kay Althoff ‘82, West Springfield resident Robert Gilbert, and Amherst residents Alfred Charbonneau ’54 and Vanessa Rivera. The award annually recognizes individuals from the community who have made significant contributions to the college.

HCC Welcomes Deb Orre and Diana Stiles
In March, the college welcomed Deb J. Orre as the new dean of Nursing Education. A doctoral candidate at the University of Massachusetts, Orre took over from Springfield resident Patricia Triggs, a retired HCC nursing administrator who had served as HCC’s interim dean of Nursing Education during the search process. Orre comes to HCC from Mount Wachusett Community College, where she served as the dean of Health Sciences since 2001.

In May, Diana Stiles joined the Office of Institutional Development as the new director of development. A native of New York City, Stiles received her BA from Vassar College and has also done graduate work at the Divinity School at Harvard University. Stiles and her son, Sebastian, live in Hatfield.

HCC teams up with NASA
In April, HCC was accepted as a member institution in the Massachusetts chapter of NASA’s Space Grant Consortium. The announcement means eligible HCC students will be able to participate in NASA-sponsored internships and research opportunities. Three HCC students, Malissa Vyce, John Chicoine, and Mark McDonough were subsequently accepted into the research program based at UMass this past summer.

CAPS turns 30
In April, the college celebrated an important milestone, as the Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) marked its 30th year.

HCC is the only community college in western Massachusetts to join the consortium, which includes 15 educational institutions statewide. The consortium is one of 52 nationally that funds the development and use of space-related educational outreach activities. HCC Dean of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics X. Ran Duan will serve as the campus liaison for the program.

Formal announcement of the new connection was made by Jeffrey Hoffman, a former NASA astronaut who heads up the Massachusetts consortium from his offices at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Those recognized were: Claire Bouley, retired English and Modern Languages faculty; Carrie Buckner ’77, retired tutor coordinator; Hannah Gray, retired dean of Academic Support; Isabel Huskey, current dean of Student Services; Elaine Ironfield, retired vice president of Institutional Development; Robert Lussier, ’88, current CAPS tutor; and Tom O’Brien, ’75, current CAPS tutor.
AROUND CAMPUS

Rufus Reid headlines HCC jazz festival
World renowned jazz musician Rufus Reid headlined the 10th annual HCC Jazz Festival, March 30-31. Reid joined up with the Amherst Jazz Orchestra as well as several HCC music students to make the weekend festival sizzle.

A native of Atlanta, Reid has received numerous awards and recognition for his work, including the 2005 Mellon Jazz Living Legacy Award, the 2006 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship, and the Charlie Parker Jazz Composition Award. A noted jazz educator, Reid’s book “The Evolving Bassist” is widely recognized as having set the industry standard for the bass method. It was recently released on DVD.

HCC names 2007 Marieb Awardees
In May, the college announced that ESL faculty Eileen F. Kelley and Pamela Kennedy were chosen as the co-recipients of the 2007 Elaine Marieb Chair for Teaching Excellence. Named after retired HCC anatomy and physiology professor Elaine Marieb, the award was established in 1990 and is given annually to a faculty member for excellence in classroom teaching. Kennedy, a 21-year college employee, chairs and teaches in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Kelley has taught in that program since joining the college faculty 20 years ago.

Also in May, HCC Graphic Designer Jack Scanlon was recognized by the college as the Outstanding Non-unit Professional (NUP) Staff Member of the Year, and Linda Sullivan, a clerk in the Science, Engineering and Math department, was recognized as the 2007 Classified Staff Member of the Year.

HCC named “Best in Valley”
The 2007 Valley Advocate’s Readers Poll confirmed what we’ve known all along: from Northfield to Longmeadow, HCC is the best community college going. This, according to the readers of The Valley Advocate. If you read the paper’s “Best of” issue, you might have seen this photo, which announced HCC’s new honor to the world. In past years, HCC was recognized as the best community college in the greater Springfield area. This year, the award recognizes our popularity in a much larger service area.

Seen here, from left are HCC students Lisa Rawding, Joy Marshall, Hussein Abdallah, Amanda Meli, and Campus Activities Coordinator Vivian Ostrowski
I learned from Dr. Sajkovic, outside the classroom as much as inside, have stayed with me. They have, in fact, given direction not only to my career but to all aspects of my life. More than anyone else, Miriam Sajkovic taught me to think, to feel, to think about feeling.

I regret that I did not stay in touch with Dr. Sajkovic much beyond a few years after leaving HCC. I last saw her in 1970, when I paid a call to my then-fiancée. Dr. Sajkovic told me that she thought she was “a keeper.” She was right, of course. My year at HCC was one of the most intellectually stimulating years I’ve ever had, anywhere. This was due, in large part, to the stimulation and excitement brought by teachers like Dr. Sajkovic and the late Herbert Michaels. I was lucky enough to get in touch with Dr. Michaels a few weeks before he died. I regret I did not have that chance with Dr. Sajkovic.

- John Burgess ’68

I was fortunate enough to have Miriam Sajkovic as my professor for Philosophy 101. Mrs. Sajkovic posed the question, “How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?” to the class as an assignment. After a couple of weeks of receiving wrong answers (like, “an infinite number”) and befuddlement from the class, Professor Sajkovic finally went through her answer, step by step. “Her brilliant answer, though complex, made perfect sense. Unfortunately, I can’t remember what her answer was, but I would like to! Could you please include my question in the next issue of the Alumni Connection? Could you include my e-mail address so that people could respond?” (You can email Laura Martin to tell her the correct answer to: lamaalias@peoplepc.com)

- Laura Martin ’91

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1956
In October 2006 Arthur LaMirande was appointed organist of St. John's Church in Elizabeth, NJ, the largest Episcopal Church in New Jersey. Since that appointment, LaMirande has been a busy man. He gave an organ concert there on April 1, an all-20th century Easter Season concert at NYC’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral on April 29, and another concert at Singapore’s Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on May 8.

1973
Teresa LaFreniere was one of 11 support staff employees from Massachusetts honored recently at a State House ceremony, where she received the 2007 Probation Employee Recognition Award. LaFreniere, a probation operations supervisor, has worked at Hampshire Probate and Family Court for more than three decades. Chief Probation Officer Bill O’Riordan said LaFreniere has maintained the same enthusiasm for her job she had when she first started. He added, “Terry began in an old-school era with pencils, erasers, and mimeograph machines, and now she thrives in her job surrounded by high-tech equipment and new age expectations. Teresa has assisted thousands of people over the years by explaining procedures and court orders and providing general direction. She does this in such a calm manner that it has helped to ease the stress of those coming into the court,” said O’Riordan.

1979
Rosemarie K. Garreffi-Carlsmith has opened psychotherapy offices in Nashua and Wilton, NH, after completing 17 years of community mental health service. She specializes in treating additions, from alcoholism to eating additions, and in diagnosing mental health disorders, ranging from depression to schizophrenia, in persons age 16 and older. She may be reached at (603) 673-1364.

1983
Marilyn Kalish is the owner of the Vault Gallery in Great Barrington. After studying with Frank Cressotti at HCC, Kalish transferred to the University of Hartford. A practicing artist for 23 years, she serves on the HCC art department advisory board. In 2004, Kalish opened the Vault Gallery, in which she shows the work of major American artists. She encourages HCC alumni to visit the gallery at 322 Main St. in Great Barrington, to call at (413) 644-0221, or see her work at www.vaultgallery.net.

1989
Marion E. Duncan received her LPN certificate from Springfield Technical High School in ’67. She was an LPN for 22 years before coming to HCC, where she received her A.S. in nursing in 1989. She has been in the nursing field for 40 years, and is still doing per-diem skilled nursing visits, at the age of 73.

1992
Attorney James E. (Jim) Boyle currently works in the Government Affairs Department of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as the Assistant Director of Economic Development. In this role, he analyzes and prepares legislative, public policy, and regulatory data, testifies on behalf of the chamber before committees and boards at all levels of government, and directly lobbies members of city, state, and federal government. Jim resides in New Bedford with his wife Maureen and their two children, Aileen and Donovan.

1994
Gina M. Barry, an attorney in the Estate Planning/Elder Law Department of the Springfield-based law firm of Bacon & Wilson, P.C., has been honored as a “2007 Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Stars.” She was also chosen as a Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2006.

1999
Maria T. Lopez is a mortgage loan officer at Chicopee Savings Bank in Chicopee. Lopez, who is fluent in English and Spanish, handles all aspects of mortgage lending, from home purchases and construction loans to home refinancing. Lopez also advises first-time home buyers about how to improve their financial record, if they do not currently qualify for a mortgage. She can be reached at (413) 598-3190 or mlopez@chicopeesavings.com.

2003
Rennie Silva ’03 and Joshua Root ’04 were chosen as two of the first Peace Corps members to serve in Cambodia. Seen here are, from left, Silva, Ronald Tchetter, the director of the Peace Corps, and Root. The two HCC grads teach in secondary schools—Silva in Battambang province, near Thailand, and Root in Kompong Cham province, east of Phnom Penh. Root graduated from Cornell University in December 2006 and is hoping to publish his senior thesis “Fight Town: A Ringside Perspective of Class, Immigration, and Conflict in the Paper City, 1850-2000” sometime soon.
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Remember these guys?
(from left) Former Lt. Governor Donald Dwight, former HCC President David M. Bartley ’54, and former Holyoke Mayor William Taupier were the featured speakers at the 60th Anniversary Gala, June 7.

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