

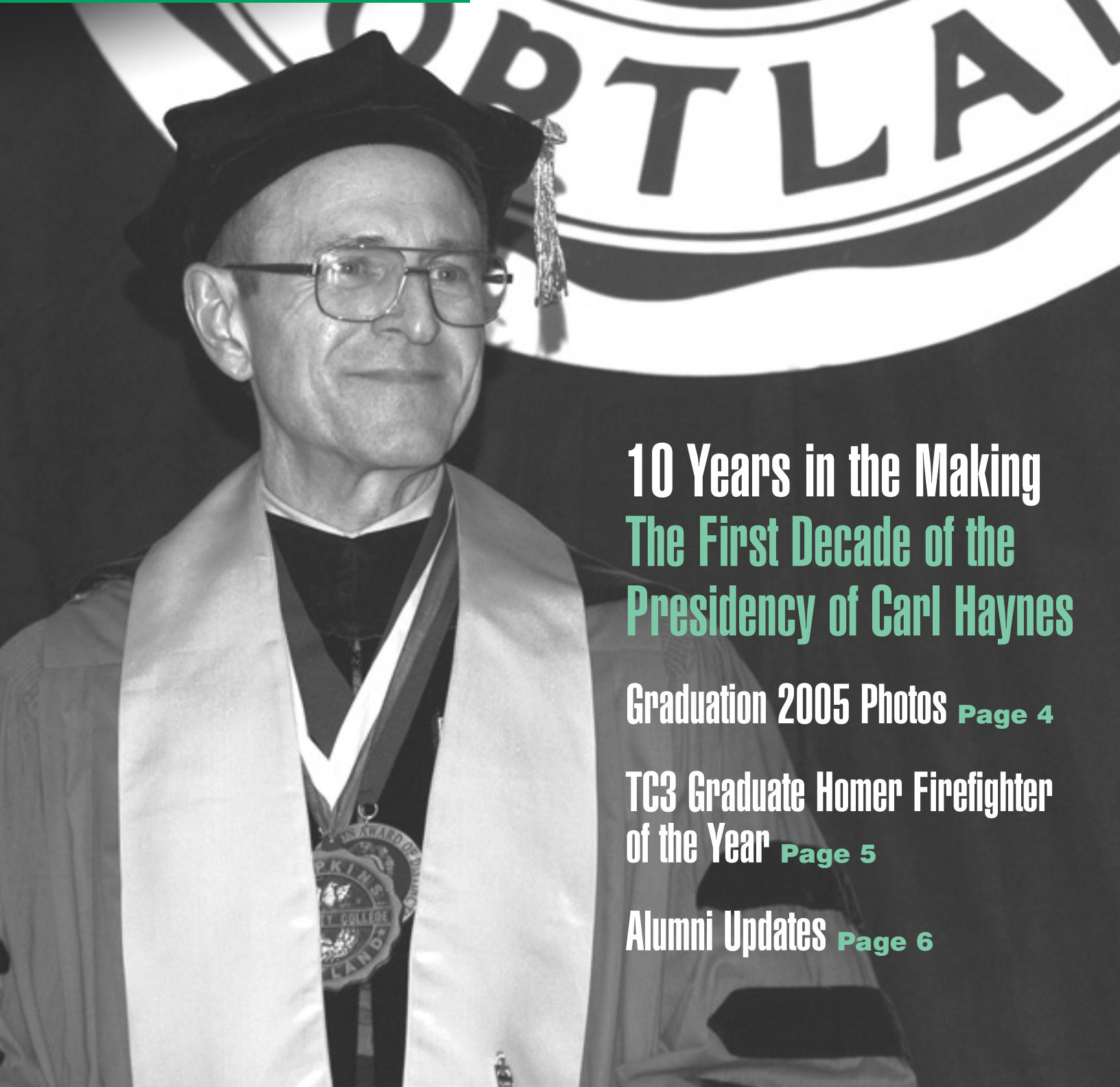
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Ten Years Later

Sometimes you have to go through hard times to get to good ones. On May 25, 1995, Carl Haynes was appointed the third president of Tompkins Cortland Community College, and stepped into a firestorm. Enrollment was on a slide as part of a nationwide trend and the college was forced to cut staff positions for the first time in its history. But, as is his nature, Haynes refused to see a dark cloud without looking for the silver lining.

"That was a huge wake-up call for the whole institution," he says looking back. "We realized we had to do things differently. It created a culture that was more open to change." And change it did, with Haynes leading a college-wide restructuring that changed the way things are done. His mantra was "Think outside the box." Despite being one of the smallest members of the State University of New York system, TC3 was on the crest of the Internet wave, jumping in headfirst and establishing itself as a leading institution in terms of both quantity and quality of online education. The result has been TC3's consistent ranking as one of the top-five SUNY institutions in terms of online enrollment, a factor that has been significant in the college's growth.

Haynes' vision often extended well beyond Dryden and the campus environment has changed as a result. Thanks to his strong encouragement, TC3's international program grew from being a fledgling program in the early 90s to a model for the entire SUNY system. As the global connections program blossomed, the increase in diversity on campus enhanced the learning experience for the entire student population. "Providing a global education is vital," says Haynes. "If you're not giving students the global education, you are doing

them a real disservice." Today, it's rare for a student to graduate from the college without having taken several classes with students from another country, exposing all our students to new cultures and cultivating the open-mindedness for which Haynes is known.

Under Haynes' leadership, TC3 has been recognized as a Learning College Champion by the League for Innovation. He credits the faculty and staff, saying his management style is simply to "get good people and get out of their way."

The college's commitment to being learning centered has also emerged in the past decade. On the surface, it seems self evident that a college is learning centered, but as Haynes says, "when you peel away the onion, it's very complex to ask at each decision point 'does this enhance learning and how do we know'."

Haynes' focus on the future continues to serve the college well. He led the college and the Foundation toward building on-campus student housing and he has been the driving force behind the recently approved campus master plan. In addition to an athletics facility, the project includes a major renovation of our current building to create classrooms and learning space. With preliminary work underway, Haynes only needs to look out the window to see his vision of the future taking shape.

The results are hard to argue with - TC3 is providing more services to more people, with new degree programs, enhanced business development programs, and record enrollment over most of the past eight years. These are better times than Haynes' first months as president. But there is much to be done as the college marches toward the future.

The Spirit of the College

Endless Possibilities



We want you to think of the possibilities this fall as TC3 launches the public phase of the first capital campaign in College history. "Think of the Possibilities: The Campaign for TC3" seeks to enhance private support for the College's Master Plan including a new Learning Commons, a Digital Media Center, a Conference Center, and a new building addition for athletic programming.

The campaign commences at a high point in the College's history. In recent years, the college has more than doubled its student enrollment, strengthened its academic and co-curricular programs. TC3's successes have provided the impetus for the College to strive for the next level of academic excellence, according to President Carl E. Haynes.

"TC3 is a shining star among SUNY's community colleges, and the Campus Master Plan and resulting capital campaign, aims to ensure that we continue to not only meet but exceed the educational needs of our sponsoring communities," said Haynes. "Throughout our 37-year history, this college has been extremely fortunate to be lead by dedicated trustees and supported by a college community, alumni, and community members who believe deeply in our mission. Together, as we look to the future, we must provide current and future students with the best faculty, technology, and educational opportunities that this College can possibly offer because our students deserve nothing less."

The largest philanthropic gift in TC3's history launched the campaign's quiet phase, when BorgWarner provided the lead gift for a conference center on campus. Since then, TC3 has received an unprecedented number of generous gifts from the College community, the Foundation Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, area businesses and friends that have propelled the campaign past its halfway mark.

Campaign Chair Roger Wood, who got his educational start at a sister SUNY community college, was happy to lead the campaign when asked. "TC3 provides an important educational link in Tompkins and Cortland counties. I am grateful for

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what they provide and look forward to continuing our partnership with them."

"I am heartened by the private support the campaign has generated in its quiet phase, said Wood. "TC3's campaign leadership is committed to ensuring this campaign's success, and I'm extremely confident that the College will attract even greater support during the public phase."

The public phase signals an important transition during which TC3 seeks to broaden its support among key constituencies such as the College's alums. "Those of us who graduated from TC3 have benefited enormously from the College's supportive learning environment and talented faculty who give students the individual attention they need to excel," said Debbie Amidon, Alumni Association President. "During the campaign, I hope to communicate with my fellow alums about how much their participation means to the campaign's success, and most importantly, to the future of TC3."

TC3 will host a series of campaign kickoff events beginning with a public launch celebration on September 28. "The theme of our campaign, Think of the Possibilities, reflects both the entrepreneurial spirit of the College and the dreams of tomorrow. Our remarkable progress to-date gives us great confidence that we are doing the right things for the College and the community " says President Haynes.

Graduation Day!

*36th Commencement
Thursday, May 19th, 2005*





TC3 Hero

TC3 graduate firefighter of the year.

"Never in a million years would I have dreamt that I would be a firefighter, much less firefighter of the year," says Kim McMasters, Homer's 2005 Firefighter of the Year. She received her award in April.

McMasters joined the department in February 2004. "I've only been a firefighter for about 18 months," says McMasters, "and I was totally flabbergasted that I was selected for this honor. It's a huge honor and was a big surprise."

McMasters attended Oswego State and received an education degree, but she really didn't want to teach. So she returned home and enrolled in TC3's nursing program. "Others always thought I had what it took to help others, but I wasn't so sure! It took me a little longer to realize that I enjoyed helping others and could do so in my career."

So becoming a volunteer in the Homer Fire Department was just another natural step for her. Her best friend who has been a firefighter for about 20 years inspired her as well as others that she knew in the department. As a clinical nurse, she had previously vaccinated many of them and they encouraged her to become involved with them.

"I love doing it," says McMasters. "Many people do not realize the time, training and effort volunteers provide. It's tough getting up in the middle of the night and leaving your family for training or a meeting. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the fire department work."



Kim McMasters, Homer's 2005 Firefighter of the Year.

McMasters is a 1994 TC3 nursing grad, a program she calls "fabulous." For the last 8 years, she has worked for the Cortland County Health Department as a clinical nurse. She, along with two others, oversees immunization clinics as well as tuberculosis testing. Even this job has changed a lot as the number of clinics the county offers has decreased. Now there is a larger educational component of her job as they work to ensure that area physicians are up-to-date with constantly changing requirements.

In addition to her part-time work, she is the mother of two, Karlee 9 and Andrew 7. She and her husband Don, live in Homer in a home they are "constantly restoring."

