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Nancy S. Lieberman Extension Center

TC3 President Carl Haynes with Roy Deaheimer at the Nancy S. Lieberman Extension Center - Ithaca

Tioga Place Grand Opening

On Friday, November 10, Tompkins Cortland Community College's new Ithaca extension center was celebrated with a grand opening event.

The ceremony included the dedication of the facility as the Nancy S. Lieberman Extension Center. Dr. Lieberman was one of TC3's original employees, working from 1968 to 2000. She served as the associate dean of continuing education for 15 years, during which time she was the catalyst for the college opening its first extension center in Ithaca. In recognition of her work in establishing TC3's presence in Ithaca, the new home of the college in downtown is dedicated in her honor.



*TC3 President
Carl Haynes*



“(Lieberman) served as the associate dean of continuing education for 15 years (and) was the catalyst for the first extension center in Ithaca.”

TC3 Tioga Place, located at 118 North Tioga St., marks the first time TC3 has had a permanent home in downtown Ithaca and represents a significant improvement in the quality of the learning space available to students and local businesses receiving customized training through TC3.biz. The former M&T Building was purchased by the TC3 Foundation from Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation early in 2006. Two floors of TC3 Tioga Place were renovated to serve as the home to TC3's Ithaca extension center and Empire State College. Several other tenants still have space in the building, most notably the local branch of M&T Bank, which still occupies the ground floor.

In addition to the dedication, attendees were able to tour TC3's and Empire State College's expanded facilities on the fifth and sixth floors.

Capital Campaign Update

Think of the Possibilities, the Campaign for TC3 is almost complete. We have raised well over \$2.8 million of our \$3 million goal. Thank you for your support – with your help we are making this a reality!

If you would like to join our many supporters to the campaign, there is still time just contact the TC3 Foundation at foundation@TC3.edu or call 607.844.8222, Ext. 4366.

Just Think ...

Foundations of Excellence

TC3 is one of 14 community colleges across the nation participating in a thorough guided self-study and improvement process for students' first year. The objective is to enhance an institution's ability to realize its goals for student learning, success, and persistence. This is the first year that community colleges are included in the study.



The centerpiece of Foundations of Excellence is a model for first-year excellence comprised of a set of principles that are termed Foundational Dimensions.® These Dimensions, developed collaboratively with over 300 institutions, guide measurement of institutional efforts and provide an aspirational model for the entirety of the beginning college experience from initial contact with potential students through admissions, orientation,

and all first-year curricular and co-curricular experiences.

"It's important that we start to look at how students transition to college," says Cornelia Rea, co-chair of TC3's steering committee. "This study gives us an opportunity to look across departments. It enables us to look within academics, outside academics, and student life.

"We believe it's especially important for community colleges to do this study because often our students are first-generation college students," Rea says. "We need to provide some structure for our students in their first year."

Foundations of Excellence is a process that:

- revitalizes a campus' approach to the student's first year.
- moves the retention conversation to a more intentional focus on educational quality.
- moves away from a piecemeal approach to the first year toward an intentional comprehensive approach.
- focuses on institutional behavior rather than student behavior.
- is grounded in more than three decades of reform and research conducted by its principals.
- engages faculty, in addition to other constituent groups, in first-year reform efforts.
- links academic and student affairs in a collegial process.
- involves institutional research / assessment professionals.
- extends beyond unit-level assessment to institution-wide assessment.
- utilizes qualitative assessment supported by quantitative data and external support.
- can be integrated with accreditation-related assessment measurements.
- results in a plan for change leading to significant first-year improvement.

The college steering committee has targeted the end of July to have its final report completed.

The Foundations of Excellence process is the signature work of the Policy Center on the First Year of College. The center was founded in 1999.



With the completion of our fifth residence hall, TC3 now has 549 beds available for on-campus housing.

... and ...

TC3 received a grant in collaboration with Disclthaca to develop and build a disc golf course, the first such course of its kind in our area.



Biotechnology

Changing careers or looking to start one? Got an idea or need to develop one? Ever wonder how biotech start-up companies start up? We have you covered.

It has been two short years since the biotechnology degree program received approval from SUNY and the New York State Education Department for TC3 to offer certificate and associate of science biotechnology degrees. This spring our first class of graduates is continuing its educational pursuit beyond TC3. They include Chia-Chia Yu, Ashsott Shahnazaryan, Scott Freyburger, and Michael Johnson.

Yu arrived from Taiwan with a bachelor in animal science. Even before completing her certificate of biotechnology, she enrolled in a master's program at Fordham University on scholarship.

Shahnazaryan came over from Armenia with a degree in genetics and some graduate experience. Ashsott recently completed the requirements for the associate of science in biotechnology. Presently Ashsott is "touring" the United States while he decides his next step.

Freyburger already has a bachelor's degree, graduating from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry in paper engineering. His interest peaked toward waste water management so Scott has gone the extra mile to complete the associate of science degree and begins graduate work this fall at Cornell University in civil and environmental engineering. He plans on traveling to India upon graduation from Cornell.

Johnson began the program last year and upon graduation with an associate of science degree, plans to pursue medical school. Mike is applying to Cornell University to complete his bachelor's of science.

As the first graduating class exemplifies, participants in the biotechnology program contribute an array of talents, aptitudes, and educational backgrounds. Currently, eight more students are in the program. Based on projects conceptualized during Intro to Biotech 101, there may be a need to begin filing "Invention Disclosure Statements" for patents. Dr. James Jacob, program chair for biotechnology relates, "If the student is willing to be mentored and motivated to learn, they come to realize their potential to succeed."

The biotechnology program has collaborated with the digital photography and graphic design programs to print the Bioartistic Impressions calendar, while also working with CollegeNow Tech Prep to provide professional development workshops on biotechnology. Plans to go "global" and offer Intro to Biotech as a synchronized webcast are in the works.

It may not be today, this month, or the next five years, but we hope the next biotech feature story refers to a biotech alum who may initiate building a biotechnology natural science lab by the ponds....Just Think!

**Scott
Freyburger '07
TC3 Biology
Student**



"The biotechnology program at TC3 has given me the knowledge I need to perform at the highest level in a laboratory setting. It gave me the confidence to apply to graduate school at Cornell and apparently they were impressed by the courses in the program because I got accepted."

Scott Freyburger (2007)

"I am interested in the biotech program because I want to be a researcher in the future. Dr. Jake's classes, such as genetics and microbiology, are very informative and interesting. This program provided me not only the background knowledge in the biological field but also practical techniques, which are my stepping stones toward my goal."

Chia-Chia Yu (2007)

Alumni Updates

Kudos

1996

Sergeant William Carpenter (Criminal Justice) of the City of Cortland police department was awarded the Cortland County Lawman of the Year on February 12. He received the award for his work on a child abuse case and a counterfeit money scam. (see photo page 7)

1997

Cindy A. Cute (Business Administration) was promoted to vice president corporate personnel/human resources at Tompkins Trustco, Inc. Cindy joined the bank in 1989 and held various positions at the bank, including teller, customer service representative, branch manager, and personnel coordinator.

2004

Christopher Julian (Communications & Media Arts) screened his film "Invisible Ink" November 30, 2006 at TC3. Julian directed, produced, and edited the film.

2006

Nathaniel Adams (Hotel and Restaurant Management) transferred to Niagara University and was one of 10 students to be selected for an internship in the hotel industry in Lake Como, Italy.

Engagements

2001

Darcie Marlene Holmes (Liberal Arts-Social Science) and Eric Jon Munson announced their engagement. A December 23, 2006 wedding was planned.

2002 & 2004

Alexandra H. Salce (2002 Liberal Arts-Social Science & 2004 Paralegal) and **Eric M. Mulvihill (2002 Communication & Media Arts)** announced their engagement. A fall wedding is planned.

2003

Hilary Marie Hulbert (Liberal Arts-Social Science) and Brian Kelly announced their engagement. A September 1 wedding is planned.

Rebekah Lynn Heath (Communication & Media Arts-Broadcast Journalism) and James Patrick Barr announced their engagement. A September 22 wedding is planned.

Monica Donielle Knapp (Liberal Arts-General Studies) and Roger Wynn Williams announced their engagement. A July 7 wedding is planned.

Weddings

1991

Elizabeth Mary Tucker Albro (Nursing) and Michael Asa Lynch exchanged wedding vows April 2, 2006. The couple lives in Cortland.

1996

Karen Marie Burda (Business Administration) and Hansford Kevin Hill were wed on October 2, 2006. They are living in Concord, N.C.

1998

Elizabeth C. Stevens (Criminal Justice) and Kevin J. McCord, Sr. were married September 23, 2006. The couple resides in Trumansburg.

1999

Haley Aselin McCarthy Graves (Liberal Arts-General Studies) and Kevin Robert Dossinger exchanged wedding vows October 7, 2006. The couple lives in Ithaca.

2001

Kristina Eleanor Thomas (Business Administration) and Eric Justin Keener were wed on May 13, 2006. They live in New Port Richey, Fla.

2005

Angela Sears (Chemical Dependency Counseling) and Travis Romano were married September 2, 2006. The couple resides in Dryden.

Births

1993 & 1998

To **Eric Hamilton (Liberal Arts, 1993)** and **Jennifer Dexter Hamilton (Recreation Leadership, 1998)** of Cortland, a daughter, Olivia Rachel, 7 lbs., 15 oz., September 18, 2006.

1994

To **Charlene Rossman Urtz (Liberal Arts-Social Science)** and Michael Urtz of Cortland, a son, Carter James, 7 lbs., September 18, 2006.

1996

To **Sergeant William Carpenter (Criminal Justice)** and his wife Renee Carpenter, a daughter, Sophia, 7 lbs., February 12, 2007. (see photo page 7)

ALUMNI UPDATES (cont'd)

1999

To **Stacey Banewicz (Engineering Science)** and John Banewicz of Cortland, a son, Joseph Thomas, 7 lbs., 3 oz., September 14, 2006.

2002

To **Lisa Aghabelcian Seyfried (Business Administration)** and Matthew Seyfried of Cortland, a daughter, Leah Nicole, 9 lbs, 6 oz., September 25, 2006.

Condolences

It is with deep regret that we share the loss of the following friends.

1976

Francis E. Oakley (Business Administration) of Ithaca passed away September 27, 2006. Frank served his country for over 20 years in the U.S. Army and at the time of his honorable discharge, he achieved the rank of master sergeant. Frank worked at Cornell University and at the Seneca Army Depot as a security guard.

1979

Kevin P. Stearns (Hotel Technology) of Valois passed away November 16, 2006. Kevin worked as a photographer for university photography at Cornell University. Kevin obtained the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps., having served his country with distinction for four years.

1985

Robert J. Baron (Mechanical Technology) of Georgia died October 15, 2006. Robert served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He returned to Cortland after his military service and took a position with Smith Corona as a mechanical design engineer. Robert most recently was employed by International Safety Instrument in Georgia.

1992 & 2000

Meggan Ann Nowalk (Criminal Justice & Nursing) of Syracuse passed away October 4, 2006. Meggan was employed by Crouse Hospital as a registered nurse.

1993

Pamela Gillespie (Nursing) of Ithaca passed away August 29, 2006. Pamela had been employed in the intensive care unit at Cortland Regional Medical Center.

Alumni Board

Benjamin Curtis (Construction Technology, 1984) of Trumansburg has joined the board. Ben works for the Village of Lansing.

Jason van Staveren (Photography, 2004) of Ithaca has joined the board. Jason works for Buzz Entertainment Guide.

New Association Members

Welcome New Alumni Association Members:

Annual Membership

Karen L. Moshier (Paralegal, 1992)

Sylvia J. Cadwell (Nursing, 2006)

Michael M. Terwilliger (Business Administration, 1989)

Robert D. Becker (Liberal Arts-General Studies, 2006)

Annual Membership Plus

Susan F. Miller (Liberal Arts and Sciences-Social Science, 1983)

Mercy D. Francis-Harris (Human Services, 2006)

Aidan L. Chambliss (Graphic Design, 2006)

Lifetime Membership

Deborah K. Shigley (Business Administration, 2000)



College Updates

College Kudos

At the 2006 annual meeting of the Ithaca Downtown Partnership, the TC3 Foundation was given an award for "Economic Development Champion" for our effort with "TC3 Tioga Place." The Foundation was one of six other individual/organizations in the community to receive an award.

Additionally, Tompkins Cortland Community College was recently the focus of a case study prepared by the DocuWare Company highlighting how the college has used technology in handling all student records.

New TC3 Staff

Susan Smith - Senior Account Clerk, Budget & Finance.

Sheila Abbey – Secretary, Alumni & Development.

TC3 Foundation

New members:

Michael Chernago

Richard Van Donsel, Esq.

Thomas Ruane

Eugene Yarussi

Retiring members:

Harley Albro, Director Emeritus

Donald Kompf, Jr., Director Emeritus

Condolences

It is with deep regret that we share the loss of the following friends.

Richard L. Conlon passed away September 20, 2006. Richard taught a unique GED program through Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES at the TC3 Dryden campus for the past 10 years.

David J. Houck passed away December 6, 2006. David served in the Army in the mid 1970s. He also was a world traveler who enjoyed story-telling and history. David was a dedicated teacher who taught geography at TC3.



Bob Ellis/Cortland Standard

Year Award as he sits with his wife, Renee, at Cortland Regional Medical Center. The baby was born February 12 and Carpenter was named winner of the award that evening.



Did you know?

TC3 now offers 39 degree programs and 13 certificate programs.

... and ...

TC3 is offering 135 sections of 81 distinct courses this spring.

Please send us your updates! Let us know your news: alumni@TC3.edu or call Tina at 607.844.8222, Ext. 4369.

The Panthers!



The winter season saw the end of the "Panther Pit" – TC3's unique gymnasium – as a venue for inter-collegiate athletics. With the opening of the new athletics facility and its 1,500-seat arena set for the fall 2007 season, the TC3 men's basketball team bid farewell to the current gym in proper fashion, winning the final game of the season. It was

the fitting finale for the home of TC3 basketball and volleyball for the past 32 years.

This spring brings the return of baseball to TC3. For the first time since 1982, TC3 will field a varsity baseball team. Coach Pat Carroll's Panthers open the new on-campus ballpark with the home opener April 10.

TC3's traditionally strong softball team also has a new home, and Coach Brent Doane has high hopes for another successful season. Proven returners Bethany Williamson (all-conference in 2006), Amber Coulthart, and Amber Harmon will join a talented group of freshmen to give Panther fans plenty of reason to be optimistic. The home opener for the women is April 12.



Watch for Details:

Athletic Facility Grand Opening & Alumni Homecoming – Fall 2007!

Any alum or former athlete interested in serving on the planning committee please contact the alumni office at alumni@TC3.edu or call 607.844.8222, Ext. 4366 or Ext. 4369.

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