



# SUNY ADIRONDACK

2014-15 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

*In her second year as SUNY Adirondack President, Kristine Duffy, Ed.D. witnessed the largest graduating class in college history with more than 700 students conferred with a degree or certificate in 2015.*



**MISSION** SUNY Adirondack is a teaching- and learning-centered community college that offers innovative instructional and student support programs, responds to the educational needs of its community, and serves as a stimulus for economic development, partnerships and leadership.

**VISION** We are the educational provider of choice and pathway to success.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stories paint the picture of the true impact our college makes on our students. We change lives with an education that is about lifelong learning, challenging the status quo, and enabling this community to thrive. May 2015 marked the largest graduating class in SUNY Adirondack's history with our student speakers relaying the impact this college made in bringing them to this significant milestone. We are so proud of each graduate, many of whom overcame significant challenges to finish a certificate or a degree.

In the fall of 2014 we opened with another record setting enrollment, nearly 100% occupancy in our residence hall, and a renewed spirit of collaboration both internally and externally. We spent this past year creating more partnerships and connections with businesses, colleges, and leaders in our community to ensure we are connected to those who admit our students upon transfer or employ them. We added 19 new transfer agreements, partnered with over 300 regional businesses over the past three years, and created several new professional and personal enrichment courses in support of food systems and health care. These connections help to guide our work while we prepare our graduates to be leaders, thinkers, writers, problem solvers, and lifelong learners. Take the time to read about the many accomplished students who are excelling in the classroom, guided by outstanding faculty and supported by our donors and investors.

The largest graduating class was a result of our focus on completion. *Adirondack Completes* was a new initiative that resulted in over 700 graduates, many of whom were close to completion, or had met all of the requirements and only needed some additional encouragement to complete. Through intensive outreach, advising, and the use of a more robust degree tracking system called DegreeWorks, college staff more readily tracked students' progress to graduation and communicated options for staying on course, reducing time to completion, saving money and moving students to reach their goals after Adirondack. Our goal is to increase the number of graduates by 50% by 2020 and we are well on our way to meeting that goal.

The college recognizes its role in workforce development by increasing the "pipeline" of career-minded students through its Career Academy-Early College High School programs. Our first graduating class of Advanced Manufacturing students was an impressive group with many earning more than 30 tuition-free college credits while simultaneously graduating from high school with a career path in mind. Some moved on to complete an Associate's degree in Electrical Technology at Adirondack, and others are studying engineering at colleges around the state. With the addition of the IT-Networking Career Academy in Fall 2014, Adirondack is taking its place as a provider of high-tech, job-ready students to meet the Tech Valley's workforce needs. More programs are in development for the coming years.

Finally, I signed the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship's President's Pledge to publicly commit to entrepreneurial education initiatives that support our student and community needs for small business start-up and scale-up efforts. While we continue to support the college's successful years of providing resources to small business start-ups, the launch of an Entrepreneurship Certificate program, and the investment of resources into creating a single-stop resource for all businesses to interact with our students, we are also building the "entrepreneurial mindset" across campus. This extends beyond opening a business and more readily taps into the creative problem solving necessary to be forward thinking as we continue to move Adirondack toward Reaching New Heights. Your investment matters, and I encourage you to support your community college!

Sincerely,



Kristine D. Duffy, Ed.D.

***Stories paint the picture of the true impact our college makes on the lives of our students. We change lives with an education that is about lifelong learning, challenging the status quo, and enabling this community to thrive.***



*“There are hundreds of stories sitting in the audience tonight,” said President Kristine Duffy, Ed.D. in her commencement address.*

*“Stories give your lives meaning, connect us together and make up the Adirondack experience we all share.”*



**ON MAY 14TH, THE CLASS OF 2015 OFFICIALLY BECAME THE LARGEST GRADUATING BODY IN THE COLLEGE’S HISTORY**

**OVER 700 STUDENTS ACHIEVED THEIR GOAL OF COMPLETING A COLLEGE EDUCATION**

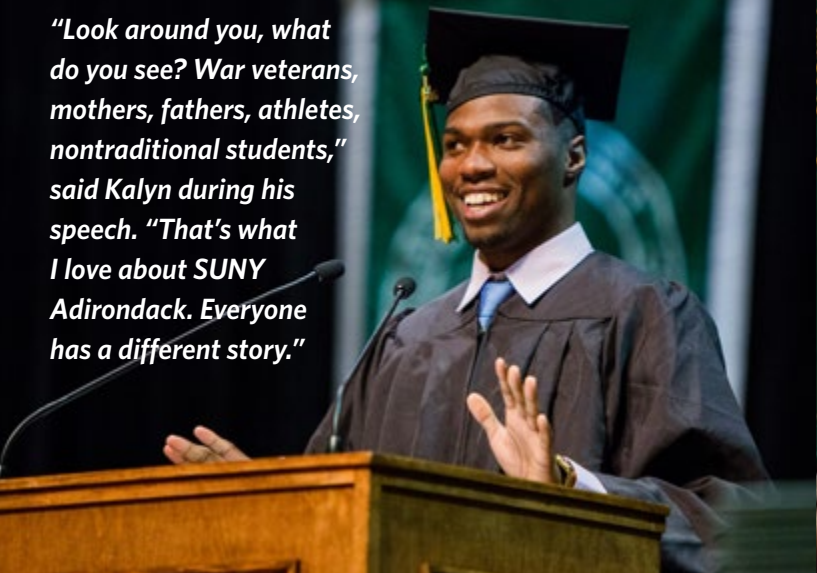
Whether transitioning into a career or continuing with further study, the experience shared by the Class of 2015 was of finding their pathway to success at SUNY Adirondack.

The student speaker, Kalyn Credle of Queens, started his speech by turning around to take a selfie in front of the audience. Then, he asked the graduates: **“Look around you, what do you see? War veterans, mothers, fathers, athletes, nontraditional students. That’s what I love about SUNY Adirondack. Everyone has a different story.”**

SUNY Adirondack also recognized more than 75 Academic Excellence Award recipients, along with two SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence given to Madison Paquin of Queensbury and Daniel Roberts of Porter Corners.



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## KALYN CREDLE

SUNY ADIRONDACK 2015 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kalyn Credle grew up in Queens, NY. He attended Franklin Lewis High School and played his heart out on the basketball court straight through his senior season, coming just short of the state finals when he missed the last shot of the last game.

"I thought it was all over," Kalyn said. "And then I came to Adirondack and it all changed."

Kalyn majored in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science and played his way to captain of the Adirondack Timberwolves team. Out of the classroom and off the court, Kalyn made a home-away-from-home in SUNY Adirondack's new student housing. He balanced his studies, sports and a job working as one of the Resident Assistants. With support from his professors, coaches and fellow students he was able to manage his time as he led both the basketball team and the community of resident students.

Ultimately, Kalyn found his way to the podium as the student speaker for the SUNY Adirondack graduating class of 2015.

"I used to think I missed my shot," said Kalyn to his classmates. "Now, I know I made that shot. **THIS WAS JUST THE PLACE FOR ME, I'M SO GLAD I PICKED ADIRONDACK — IT'S CHANGED MY WHOLE LIFE.**"

Kalyn is furthering his education at Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts, pursuing his dream of a career working to fight social injustice and, someday, hoping to become a Professor of Sociology.



**NEARLY \$200,000  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED EACH YEAR**



*"Your past does not define you. What defines you is what you choose to do."*

## JOANN WOOD

SUNY PLATTSBURGH 2015 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

JoAnn Wood is an extraordinarily compassionate young woman. Her mother was a pastor, so she found a natural calling to mission work at an early age. She went to China when she was 13, then Peru and Mexico — she loved to travel.

Sadly, when she was 21 years old, JoAnn tragically lost both of her parents and felt like she had lost her direction in life. "After my parents died, I was broken. I didn't feel able to continue my mission work. I was lost."

JoAnn decided to work through her grief by taking a trip to Nicaragua in honor of her parents — her mother had always encouraged her to go there and it would be a way to preserve their memory. The trip rekindled her passion for travel and also showed her the next step she needed to take.

When she returned home, JoAnn knew she wanted to study Psychology to better understand people in other cultures. "An advanced degree would give me the tools to help comfort and guide people who had lost their parents, too."

**AFTER COMPLETING HER ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT SUNY ADIRONDACK, JOANN TRANSFERRED INTO THE BACHELOR'S IN PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM THROUGH SUNY PLATTSBURGH'S BRANCH CAMPUS AT THE J. BUCKLEY BRYAN, JR. REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER IN QUEENSBURY.** She was able to complete a four-year degree without leaving home, her job or her fiancé behind.

After graduation, JoAnn immediately took off on her next mission trip. Her long-term goal is to start an organization to help orphaned 18 to 25 year olds learn the life skills they didn't get to learn from their parents. Her compassion and studies will make her dream become a reality.





## CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence recognizes students who have demonstrated the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, or career achievement.

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Ph.D. and SUNY Adirondack President Kristine Duffy, Ed.D., present Chancellor's Awards to Madison Paquin and Daniel Roberts.

### MADISON PAQUIN | QUEENSBURY, NY

As captain of the SUNY Adirondack women's volleyball team, Maddie Paquin made her way onto the 2014 Mountain Valley All-Conference volleyball team. She completed her A.S. degree in Liberal Arts: Math and Science in May and is attending SUNY Potsdam to pursue her degree in Graphic Arts.

### DANIEL ROBERTS | PORTER CORNERS, NY

Dan served two tours in Iraq in the U.S. Army before coming to SUNY Adirondack to take advantage of his G.I. benefits. He was an active member of the college's Veterans Club and also served two terms as the student trustee on the college's Board of Trustees. Dan is continuing his study of Psychology through SUNY Plattsburgh at the J. Buckley Bryan, Jr. Regional Higher Education Center on Adirondack's Queensbury campus.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

SUNY Adirondack recognized more than 75 Academic Excellence Award recipients at the 2015 graduation ceremony.

## **Accounting A.A.S.**

Debra Stimpson

## **Adventure Sports A.A.S.**

Michael DeFilippo

## **American History**

Jedidiah Mead

## **American Literature**

Ronald White

## **Anson Piper**

## **Outstanding**

## **Geology Student**

## **Award**

Jedidiah Mead

## **Anthropology**

Krista Bennett

## **British Literature**

Rachael Paradis

## **Broadcasting**

## **Student of the Year**

Scott Lee

## **Business**

## **Administration A.A.S.**

Sam Sarsalari

## **Business**

## **Administration A.S.**

Diane Roy

Allison Sanchez

## **Business Law I**

Nicholas Gerardi

## **Business Law II**

Emily LaFlamme

## **Clarkson**

## **Leadership Award**

Matthew Halterman

## **Communications &**

## **Media Arts/Overall**

Tara Salmon

## **Communications**

## **& Media Arts/**

## **Photography**

Abigail Caldwell

## **Computer Science**

Craig Vaughn

Adam Watson

## **Creative Nonfiction**

Sandra Flood

Jacob Pomainville

## **Criminal Justice**

## **Substance Abuse**

Dianne Palermo

## **Culinary Arts**

Michael Walbroehl

## **Culinary Arts**

## **Baking Student**

## **of the Year**

Desiree Stephan

## **Economics**

## **Award**

## **(Macro)**

Tiffany Orozco

## **Economics**

## **Award**

## **(Micro)**

Peter Gryga

## **Electrical Technology**

Josh Wilson

## **Engineering**

## **Science Award**

Kayli Hill

## **Fiction**

Sarah Forlie

Jay Petrequin

Andrew Rubin

## **Foreign Language/**

## **German**

Nicholaus Mazzochi

## **Foreign Language/**

## **Spanish**

Kathryn Eads

## **Graphic Arts**

Adrian Alphonso

## **Graphic Arts Student**

## **of the Year**

Eric Fawcett

## **H. David Hodgson**

## **Outstanding**

## **Biology Student Award**

Shana Vitouski

## **Hal Burrell**

## **Freshman Chemistry**

## **Achievement Award**

Joshua Ruddy

## **Hospitality & Tourism**

## **Management A.A.S.**

Mark Dorsey

## **Information Technology**

Jackie Hunt

## **IT Networking**

## **Student of the Year**

Corey McAvoy

## **Janet K. Pasco**

## **Outstanding**

## **Sophomore Chemistry**

## **Student Award**

Amanda Morin

## **Linguistics**

Luke Bickley

## **Management**

Cheryl Fitzpatrick

## **Marketing A.A.S.**

Bryce Cushing

## **Martha DePecol Sanner**

## **Nutrition Award**

Chelsea Coutant

## **Mathematics Award**

Nicholas Harding

## **Mathematics**

## **Tutoring Award**

Allison Katz

## **Music**

Nicole Cook

Danielle Silburn

## **Nursing**

## **Clinical Excellence**

Lindsey Sabatka

Ryan Benway

## **Nursing**

## **Excellence in**

## **Communication**

John Dierna

Timothy Wagner

## **Nursing**

## **Highest GPA**

Anna Wernau

## **Nursing**

## **Leadership**

John Dierna

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **Creative Writing**

Christina Seeleys

Ryan Robinson

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **Culinary Arts**

David MacIntosh

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **History**

Elizabeth Belyea

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **Music Performance**

Nicole Navarro

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **Studio Art**

James Giles

## **Parnassus Award/**

## **Theatre**

Devin Funnye

Justine Pascual

## **Peer Tutoring**

## **in Reading**

Christina Seeley

## **Peer Tutoring**

## **in Writing**

Malachi Price

## **Photography**

Nick Wade

## **Poetry**

Kailah Armstrong

Nick Squadere

## **Political Science**

Cassie Blazejeski

## **Psychology**

Tyler Elliot

Kevin Rimmer

Matthew Ryan

## **Ross Klinck Outstanding**

## **Organic Chemistry**

## **Student Award**

Dirk Buban

## **RPI Academic**

## **Excellence Award**

Kayli Hill

## **RPI Award for**

## **Engineering Excellence**

Amanda Morin

## **Sociology Award**

Ronald White

## **SolidWorks Award**

Jonathan Askew

## **Stuart Leinoff**

## **Outstanding Physics**

## **Student Award**

Alison Katz

## **Studio Art**

Beth Sange

Teresa Stursberg

## **Theater**

Ryan Robinson

## **Video Production**

## **Student of the Year**

Christopher McCloskey

## **Web Design Student**

## **of the Year**

Taylor Rose

## **Western Civilization**

Beth Sanger

## **Women in Literature**

Zackary Ward



# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

68 Chancellor's Awards have been awarded for Excellence earned by SUNY Adirondack faculty and staff



**DR. DAVE MATTHEWS, *Professor of Business***  
**STAND OUT MARKETING CAMPAIGN FOR COMMON ROOTS BREWERY**

This year, students of Dave Matthews' *Consumer Behavior* class were challenged to not only plan but also produce marketing materials for a local business. The stand out project was a full-fledged advertising and public relations campaign for Common Roots Brewery, a new locally-owned business venture in South Glens Falls. In exchange for opening their doors to students, Common Roots was the recipient of an all-out media blitz online and in print, culminating in a student-created art, sculpture and live music show entitled *Pop-Up Common Roots*.



**TOM MOWATT, *Assistant Professor of Science***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

Calling on his past experience developing service-learning programming and inspired by the college's 2015 Earth Day celebration, Tom Mowatt developed a unique *Environmental Stewardship and Community Participation* course. Set to launch in 2017, the class will expand upon student strengths and the awareness of community-environment relationships, and will help students find ways to give back to their communities via leadership and environmental activism.



**XIAO LI, *Professor of Physical Education***  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**

In his thirteenth year as head coach of the women's volleyball team, SUNY Adirondack's Xiao Li was recognized as the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference (MVCC) Coach of the Year — for the second year in a row! In the 2014 season, Xiao led the Timberwolves to a record of 24-2, going undefeated in conference play and repeating as MVCC champions.



**JOHN HAMPSHIRE, *Associate Professor of Studio Art***  
**ARTISTIC ACCOLADES & NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS**

Professor, painter and Purchase Award winner, John Hampshire has been called “a virtuoso with a brush” by the *New York Times*. This year, he exhibited his current body of work, influenced by weather systems and the power of nature, in both The Esther Prangley Rice Gallery of McDaniel College in Maryland and The Phoenix Gallery in New York City. Hampshire's cross-over experience from the world of art into the college art studios is appreciated by his students and recognized by his peers through juror appointments in national exhibitions.



**16.5**  
YEARS AVERAGE  
TIME TEACHING  
AT SUNY ADK

**98%**  
OF FULL-TIME  
FACULTY HOLD  
ADVANCED  
DEGREES



**RANKED  
1 OF THE  
TOP 10  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES IN NY  
STATE** by schools.com

**19:1**  
STUDENT:  
FACULTY RATIO



**JILL RANDALL, Assistant Professor of Mathematics**  
**SOLVING PROBLEMS**

Looking for a way to help students as they tackle college-level mathematics, Jill Randall and her fellow instructors created a new approach called Supplemental Instruction in Mathematics, or "SIM." Targeting SUNY Adirondack's entry-level math classes, Jill's group developed SIM materials and guided instruction to give students the tools and support to work through the most challenging elements of college-level math. The addition of SIM contributed to a more comfortable environment for students to ask questions and work with peers at the same level of learning. Based on its success, the program was expanded for Fall 2015.



**DR. LALE DAVIDSON, Distinguished Professor of English**  
**TEAM-BASED LEARNING**

Lale Davidson has led a groundswell movement among SUNY Adirondack's faculty with her recent research on team-based learning. Putting into practice techniques she learned on sabbatical at the Albany Institute for Teaching, Learning & Leadership, Lale found that her students immediately responded to a classroom model built around interactive curricula and small-group sessions. This proactive approach to improving participation has been adopted and practiced across the spectrum of SUNY Adirondack's academic divisions thanks to Lale's efforts and an ongoing series of faculty workshops she leads throughout the year.



**DR. ANDREW COSTA, Associate Professor of Philosophy/Ethics**  
**ETHICS IN BUSINESS**

In its fifth year, the Adirondack Counseling Center's Ethics in Business Awards partnered again with Drew Costa and his *Business Ethics* students to tackle the exhaustive but essential work of selecting the most ethical businesses in the Glens Falls region. In line with the Center's mission to recognize businesses that support the physical, psychological and spiritual health of the community, SUNY Adirondack students developed a rigorous quantitative analysis to measure the ethical behavior of each nominee. This year, with the help of Drew's students, the selection committee recognized Miller Mechanical, North Country Subaru, and Adirondack Animal Hospital as the 2015 Ethics in Business award winners.

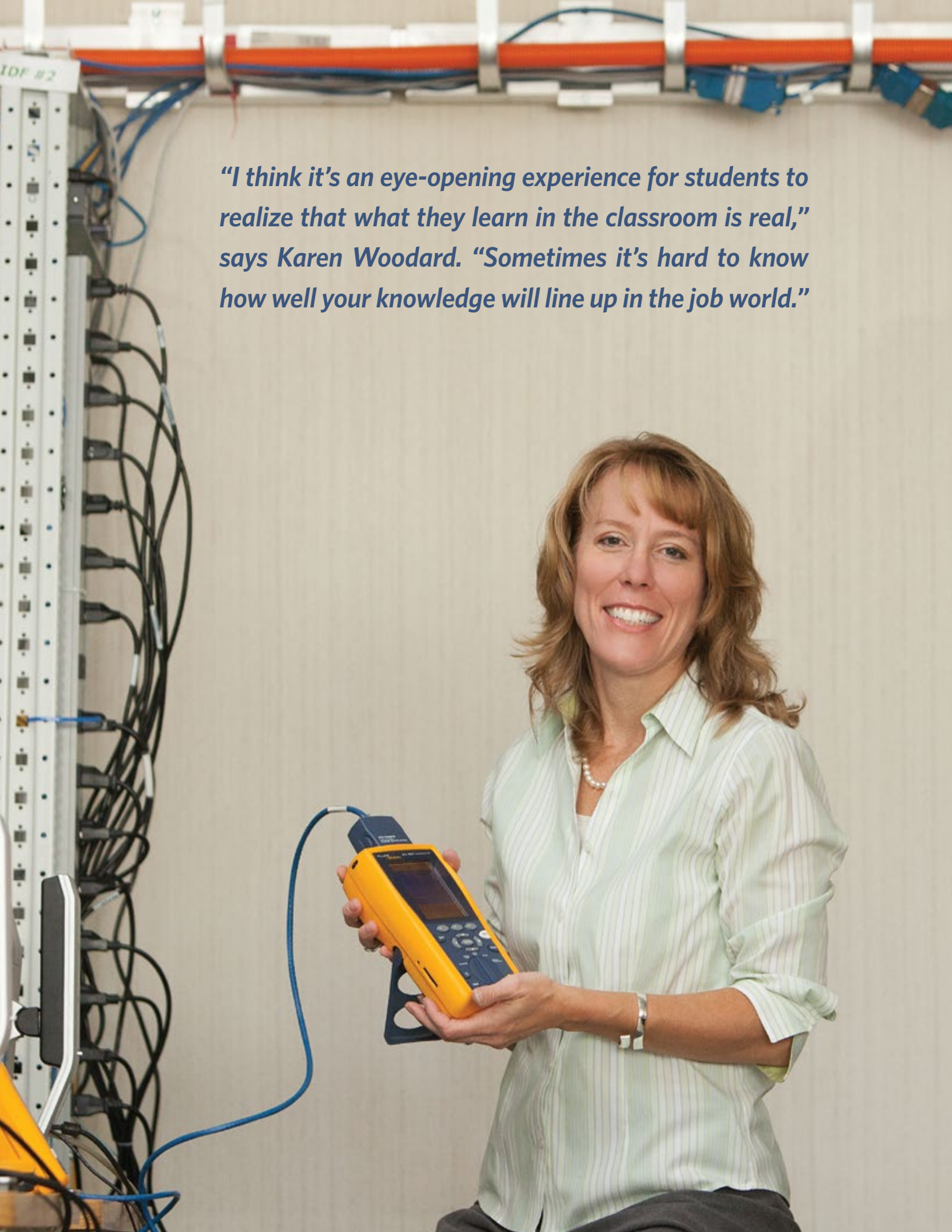


**MARY MCDERMOTT, Assistant Professor of Nursing**  
**NURSING SIMULATION CENTER**

After joining the SUNY Adirondack Nursing faculty in 2014, Mary McDermott jumped head-first into the coordination of the college's state-of-the-art Nursing Simulation Center. Her years of clinical experience in pediatric nursing not only complement her fellow instructors, but have also been invaluable to the students receiving hands-on training in healthcare simulations. Last semester, she received her Post Master's Pediatric Nursing Practitioner certification from Seton Hall and will continue on to achieve her Doctorate of Nursing Practice.



*"I think it's an eye-opening experience for students to realize that what they learn in the classroom is real," says Karen Woodard. "Sometimes it's hard to know how well your knowledge will line up in the job world."*





# THE DREAM TEAM

Each year, professional basketball's best of the best put on a dazzling display of skill and athleticism during the NBA All-Star Weekend. And we'd never see any of it without the miles of fiber-optic cable and powerful data centers run with support of the Cisco Networking "Dream Team."

With the 2015 All-Star Weekend taking place at Madison Square Garden, SUNY Adirondack Associate Professor Karen Woodard assumed Cisco would draw from partnering institutions in the New York Metro area. Instead, due to her reputation as a certified Cisco Networking instructor and the strength of the college's own IT Networking Academy, Cisco came straight to Karen and a fellow instructor from Westchester, NY.

"When I got the call from Cisco to be part of the event, I knew my students had the skills to be on the Dream Team, too," explains Karen, who pitched the idea to a

Cisco colleague working with the NBA. "It made sense because we had a set talent pool here with the IT training and computer networking skills Cisco needed."

Soon, the contingent from SUNY Adirondack had grown from one instructor to a group of ten students, two faculty and an alumnus of the IT Computer Networking program. They all went straight to work.

"We handled what would be considered 'Layer 1' in networking terminology," says Instructor Chuck Harrington, who also accompanied the team from Adirondack. "We laid cable, installed routers and switches, and ensured the wireless was up and running for international commentary."

Students and instructors alike dug into the complicated systems set up on-site by the NBA's IT department to handle the massive amount of media and data that make a sporting event of this scale possible.

Student Adam Setteducato estimated the equivalent of "several full-length, high definition movies" worth of data was being transmitted each second on the custom built network. For Adam, the skills learned at Adirondack proved more than adequate in the real world. After working through a snag in a prior cable install with the national program manager for Safari Telecom, Adam was offered a position with Safari on the spot. He accepted and started immediately after graduation, traveling the country to setup IT networks for sporting events like the Women's PGA Tour.

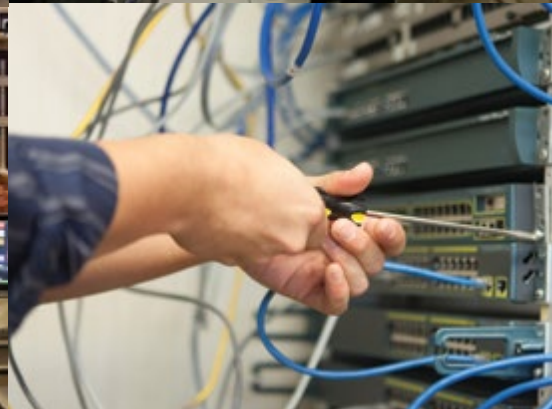
"Professor Woodard puts her heart and soul into the program," said Adam of his networking education at SUNY Adirondack. "She does everything she can to make sure all of her students are successful."



Class of 2015's Andrew Torres second from right, and Special Adjunct Chuck Harrington, fourth from right, behind the scenes at the Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.



Andrew Torres with NBA legend John Starks of the New York Knicks.





## A NEW ERA IN EDUCATION FOR AREA NURSES

For more than three decades, SUNY Plattsburgh has partnered with SUNY Adirondack to offer advanced degrees for students throughout the Southern Adirondacks. This year, a new program will take this partnership to the next level as area nurses and Adirondack nursing students are now eligible to complete a four-year degree in Nursing through SUNY Plattsburgh on Adirondack's Queensbury campus.

This innovative approach leverages SUNY Adirondack's existing Associate's in Nursing and SUNY Plattsburgh's established presence at the J. Buckley Bryan, Jr. Regional Higher Education Center to provide students with a seamless path from Registered Nurse (RN) to a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN).

"The close affiliation between our two campuses has benefited

countless residents in Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties over the years," said SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling. "I am pleased that registered nurses will now be able to pursue Bachelor's degrees through this new arrangement."

Last year, more than 400 students enrolled in Plattsburgh's existing nursing program with graduates achieving an incredible 100 percent pass-rate on the national licensing exam. Further cementing the importance of this new partnership is the fact that all of Plattsburgh's 2014 nursing graduates were employed within one year of graduation.

Thanks to the efforts of nursing faculty from both SUNY Adirondack and SUNY Plattsburgh, the on-campus RN-to-BSN initiative is certain to usher in a new group of highly-trained nurses in our region.





# PARTNERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Since 1986, SUNY Plattsburgh and SUNY Adirondack have partnered to provide area students with convenient and affordable pathways to completing Bachelor's and Master's degrees. As the anchor program of the J. Buckley Bryan, Jr. Regional Higher Education Center on SUNY Adirondack's Queensbury Campus, Plattsburgh has continued to expand its offerings over the last three decades to adapt and respond to the needs of an evolving workforce.

## Plattsburgh

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

### AT QUEENSBURY

SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury serves more than 350 full- and part-time students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs, such as:

#### UNDERGRADUATE

- B.A. in Criminal Justice
- B.S. in Business Administration
- B.A. or B.S. in Psychology
- R.N. to B.S.N. in Nursing

#### GRADUATE

- M.S. Ed. in Teaching and Learning
- Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Education
- M.S. for Teachers (Childhood and Adolescence)
- Graduate Certificate in Teacher Leadership
- C.A.S. in Educational Leadership-School Building Leader
- Graduate Certificate School District Leader



## THE POWER OF SUNY

Studying in the largest public higher education system has its benefits. SUNY Adirondack students can seamlessly transfer degrees to any school in the system or to one of the 30 colleges SUNY Adirondack partners with. Transfer options include:

- Clarkson
- Hartwick
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Skidmore
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY E.S.F. (Environmental Science & Forestry)
- SUNY Empire State
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Adirondack students also have the opportunity to take advantage of several unique dual admission and seamless transfer degree programs, completing the first two years of a Bachelor's degree at Adirondack while choosing from some of the best schools in the region at which to complete their four-year degree, including :



- Adventure Education & Leisure Management
- Hotel, Resort & Tourism Management



23 seamless transfer degree programs such as Creative Writing, Environmental Science, and Psychology.



- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice, Behavior & Law



# FINANCIAL POWERHOUSE

*Four time Met Life Planner of the Year Don Tenne joins other successful Adirondack alumni as a Leadership Level donor.*

An education from SUNY Adirondack and a decade-long career in radio broadcasting prepared Queensbury's Don Tenne for success in the field of finance. How would you define financial success? How about rising to the top spot of 800 Met Life financial planners across the nation, four years running.

As Met Life's Financial Planner of the Year, Don Tenne's financial services firm in Glens Falls is a true standout in his adopted home town. While he grew up in the Bronx, Don found value for his money in coming to Queensbury for an education at SUNY Adirondack — and never left.

***"I was in the first radio broadcasting class ever," says Don. "The skills I learned to be successful in radio are largely what made me successful in finance: the ability to communicate with people in a way that is direct, clear and persuasive."***

His time at Adirondack and a healthy dose of persistence have paid off over the years, not only for Don but for his many clients at Tenne Financial Group who benefit from his long-term approach to financial security.

"I tell my clients that money is only a tool — the value of money depends on what you do with it. That's why I choose to give to SUNY Adirondack. The college is a standout in our community and has the ability to change the lives of many people. That's what I want my money to support and do. There's value there."



To learn more about joining alumni like Don Tenne as a Leadership Level donor, visit: [www.sunyacc.edu/donate](http://www.sunyacc.edu/donate)

To view a list of all 2014-2015 SUNY Adirondack Foundation supporters, visit: [sunyadk.com/reportofgiving](http://sunyadk.com/reportofgiving)



# EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER,

*and experienced teachers who recognize talent help change lives.*

*"I'm from Albany, majoring in Radio & TV Broadcasting. I came here because it was far enough away from home but not too far, and I liked the curriculum offered for the program. I like how the professors are so available, and the fact that we are in the studio. It's so hands on. Instead of sitting in a lecture hall, we are actually in the production studio. We all play different roles: director, producer, host. I love being the host. Basically, you're reading someone else's script and following their instructions. It's all on me to deliver the story; I really enjoy having that responsibility. If I went to a four-year college I wouldn't have had this kind of experience right off the bat.*

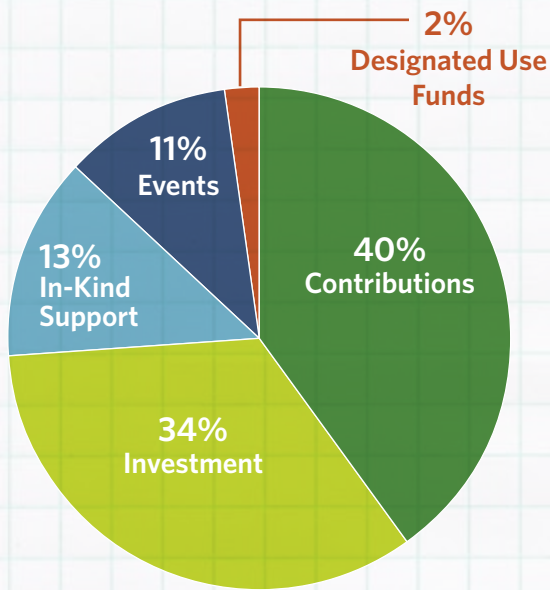
*Right now I'm working at Adirondack Broadcasting. I'm the Board Operator and I do their promotional events for Froggy 100.3. Before I came here I interned at Clear Channel for about six months and mirrored all of the DJs and production assistants. I'm graduating in the spring and am planning to transfer to University at Albany. Now that I've been away I guess I'm ready to go back closer to home.*

*I owe so much to Kevin Ankeny. He's literally my professor for every radio and TV class that I have, and he encouraged me to apply for a scholarship. Nothing like that has ever happened to me. He felt like I deserved it and I am grateful for that. I'll never forget him."*

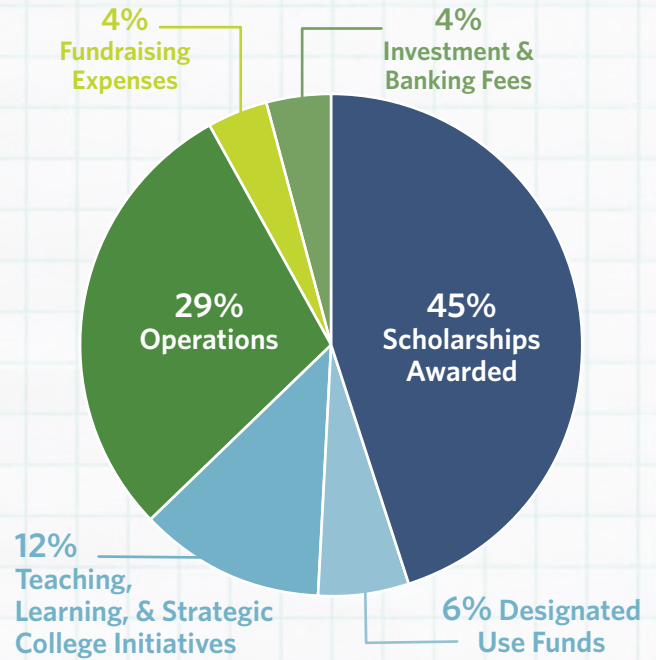
**Jamal Jones**  
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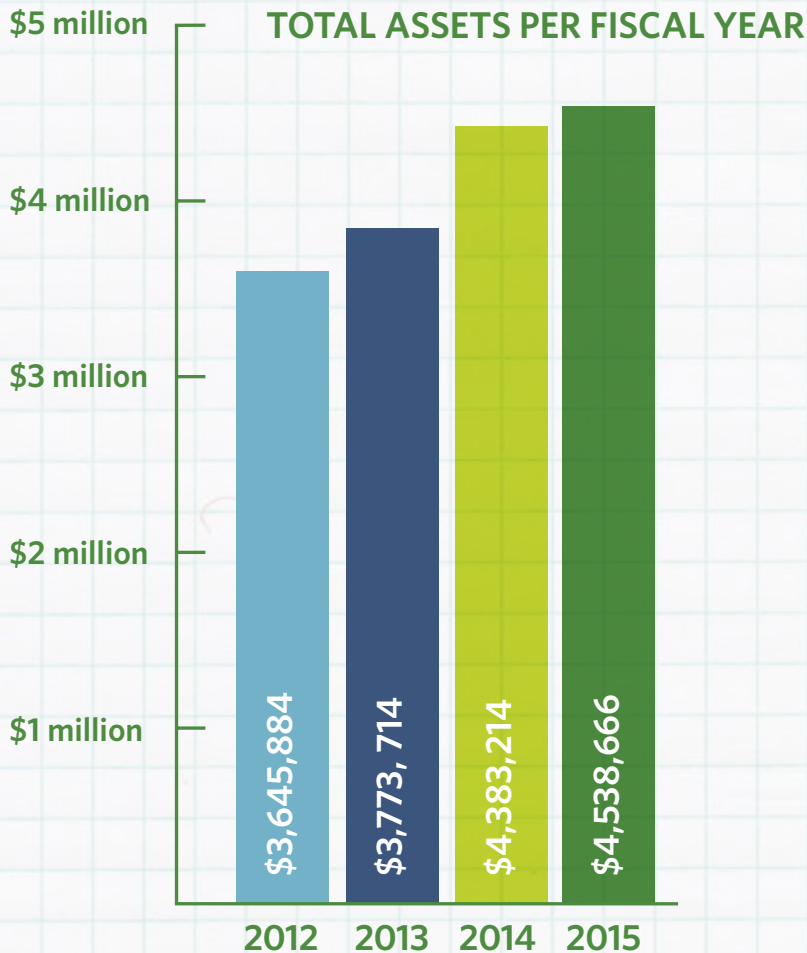




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# GARNET SOCIETY



Bob Joy, founder of JMZ Architects and Planners and former President of the SUNY Adirondack Foundation Board of Directors, was exposed to the importance of open access education at a young age.

“My father didn’t have the opportunity to pursue higher education when he was young. He went straight to work,” says Bob about growing up in suburban New Jersey. “But he was able to start what they called ‘night school’ at Rutgers before the concept of community college had taken hold. For years he chipped away at that degree — it was that important to him.”

It was eighteen years later, to be exact, when Bob watched his father walk across the stage and receive his diploma. It left an indelible impression on him, and today it’s still the main reason he believes so strongly in community colleges.

“Because my father was able to improve his lot in life, that of course improved my life, too. It’s really the American dream of standing on the shoulders of those before you. Everyone deserves that open access to further their education.”

For Bob, his father’s efforts made it possible for him to pursue a degree in architecture from Cornell, which brought him to Glens Falls in 1973. He never left.

“I fell in love with Glens Falls — what’s not to like? The Adirondack Chamber’s motto is, ‘Live like you’re on vacation.’ I agree. We really have it all in this region.”

Bob’s move to Glens Falls also cemented another important part of his life. In the early 1990s, his company was selected to develop a master plan for then Adirondack Community College. Based on that success, he was invited to develop a plan for another community college, and another, and another. Today, JMZ Architects works with 24 of the 30 community colleges in New York State and many more across the nation.

In 1996, Bob became the first to designate a legacy gift. He decided he wanted to give back to the college through a life insurance policy he’d had for many years, which was easily transferred to the SUNY Adirondack Foundation to ensure a contribution to the future of others’ education.

**“Adirondack has traditionally been held in very high regard by other colleges and institutions across the state and country. I know because I work with many of them. It was the obvious and easy way for me to help keep that tradition alive.”**



## A LEGACY OF GIVING

Members of the Garnet Society are visionary donors whose investments secure future opportunity for the local region. Their bequests, trusts, assets, life insurance and gifts to the endowment ensure that upcoming generations of students can achieve their educational dreams. Originally established as the Bequest Society in 1996, the program was renamed the Garnet Society in 2014. The inaugural members of the Garnet Society were inducted with a celebratory breakfast in November 2014, with Bob Joy serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

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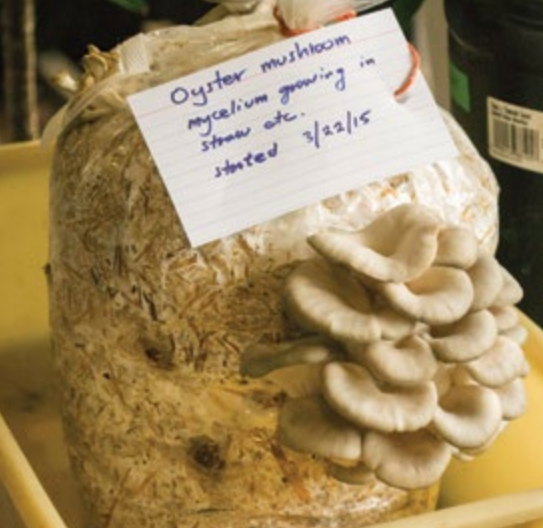


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*New Garnet Society members Sue Trumpick (SUNY Adirondack's Chief Information Officer) and Dr. Chandler Atkins (Distinguished Professor of Business) stand with Paul Pontiff (center) Garnet Society and Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Garnet Society Committee.*







# AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES

As SUNY Adirondack began planning how best to respond to the growing need for agricultural programming in our area, college officials realized they would need hands-on guidance in assisting an industry so integral to the fiber of the region. And who better to guide us than our regional farmers themselves?

“Farmers know how to farm,” says Jared Woodcock, fifth generation Washington County resident and owner and operator of Tap Roots Farm in Cambridge, NY. With the growing number of local farmers selling their fresh products to restaurants as far away as New York City, Jared says, **“WHAT WE NEED IS A WAY TO TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SIDE OF FOOD SYSTEMS. TO DO THAT, YOU NEED TO TAP INTO THE EXPERIENCE, WISDOM, AND SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL EXPERTS.”**

In 2014, Ruth and Sandy Lamb of Queensbury generously donated \$100,000 to the SUNY Adirondack Foundation to assist in jump-starting the college’s agricultural programs. This funding supported the hiring of Jared as Coordinator of the new initiative. With a solid footing in the growing number of credit-bearing classes, as well as the popular Continuing Education courses led by SUNY Adirondack Biology professor Dr. Tim Scherbatskoy, Jared was tasked with developing further programming to support the agricultural industry in Warren and Washington counties.

With input from SUNY Cobleskill, an Agricultural Advisory Board was formed to assist in developing the framework for a collaborative degree offered by Adirondack’s Business and Science divisions. The degree, currently awaiting state approval, will allow area students to receive an education in Agriculture Management close to home. It also builds off programming offered in some local high schools, allowing students to receive credit before they start college.

Adirondack will continue the work of developing our Agricultural Initiatives into a full-fledged program with the support of SUNY and the college’s sponsoring counties.

## WELLNESS, DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY AT SUNY ADK

“Sustainability” is defined in its simplest form as “the ability to endure.” While it has reached international buzzword status in recent years, at SUNY Adirondack sustainability is good common sense. Being sustainable is about pursuing the health and wellness of students and staff, promoting diversity among the campus community, and using resources wisely and efficiently. The college community has sponsored several initiatives to meet these objectives, including:

- Earth Day 2015
- Solar Lighting Project
- Cloud Server Migration
- Recycling Programs
- Tobacco Free Initiative
- Wellness Programming (Great American Smoke Out with Glens Falls Hospital)
- Diversity Committee
- Micro-Aggressions Speaker
- Safe Zone Training

***“Farmers know how to farm,” says Jared Woodcock, Coordinator of SUNY Adirondack’s Agriculture Initiatives. “What we’re teaching is the management of food systems, production and harvesting. That’s unique.”***

Jared Woodcock in the college garden.







# CHANGE LEADS TO GROWTH FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Always a popular component of the college's Continuing Education offerings, this year's Summer Enrichment at SUNY Adirondack took on a life of its own. Enrollment in our programming swelled to more than 340, representing a **28% increase in enrollment over the previous summer**. Director of Continuing Education, Caelynn Prylo, attributes this success to key strategic changes.

"With the help of generous sponsorships from Stewart's Shops, the SUNY Adirondack Foundation and the college's Faculty Association, we were able to fund new, need-based scholarships for Summer Enrichment students. Those scholarships make a big impact for the students and their families."

Other changes to programming included a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Camp in partnership with BOCES, an option for all-day classes, the addition of a music program, and providing after-care services until 5pm for working parents. These tweaks, along with an improved registration process led to a 40% increase in revenue.



# CONTINUING EDUCATION

Our students range in age from 7 to 97. The possibilities are endless.  
Queensbury Campus | Wilton Center | Online | Off-Campus | At Your Location



## BUSINESS AND CAREER TRAINING

*Flexible learning options and a wide variety of courses in areas such as:*

- Computer Training
- Human Resource Management
- Industry Certifications (Notary Public, Culinary, Insurance and more)
- Project Management
- Leadership
- Microenterprise Assistance  
Small Business Program

## PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

*Non-credit courses include:*

- Art
- Home & Garden
- Culinary
- Financial Planning
- Fitness, Health and Wellness
- Motorcycle Classes
- Never Stop Learning Courses for retirees
- And more!

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course
- STEAM Camp for high school students
- Summer and Winter Enrichment
- School Day Off Enrichment

## ADVENTURE SPORTS

*Active learning experiences include:*

- Leadership & Team-building
- R.A.I.S.E. Anti-Bullying & Social Skills development
- Challenge Course with zipline and high and low elements
- Portable elements for off-site training
- Programming for corporate, youth and non-profit groups

*For more information about these and other programs at SUNY Adirondack call (518) 743.2238 or visit: [sunyacc.edu/academics/continuinged](http://sunyacc.edu/academics/continuinged)*

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS MAINTAIN IMPACT AND OPEN NEW DOORS

Since 2013, SUNY Adirondack's Office of Continuing Education has secured more than \$188,000 in grants to support regional workforce development. In 2014-2015, with the SUNY Workforce Development Grant Program, Continuing Education provided training for more than 250 employees in Warren and Washington Counties.

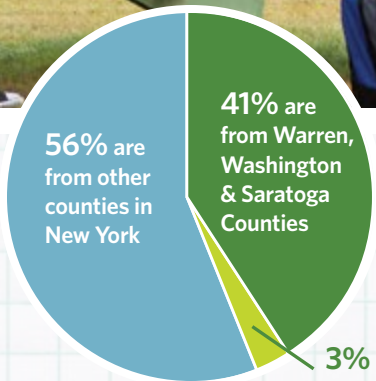
The SUNY grant funded an Industrial Technology Training Consortium program with DK Machine and Saint-Gobain, training in advanced leadership and problem-solving skills with Finch Paper, and hosted a total of 33 professional development classes for Community, Work & Independence (CWI) and the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health.



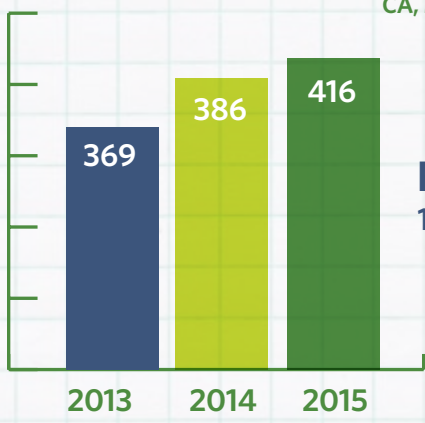
# FULL HOUSE

SUNY Adirondack's residence hall officially reached maximum capacity just three years after opening. The Fall 2015 semester found the mixed-use residential facility at 102% capacity, a feat widely envied among Adirondack's two-year peers.

Just as the addition of on-campus housing has benefited the college's students, it also provided dividends to the college in the form of new student populations, increased interest in extra-curricular activities and sports, and overall vitality on campus.



## RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



## RESIDENCE HALL AT 102% OCCUPANCY IN 2015

National Junior College Athletic Association  
Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference

- Men's & Women's Bowling
- Men's & Women's Tennis
- Men's & Women's Golf
- Baseball & Softball
- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Men's Soccer  
Women's Soccer *expected Fall 2016*
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's & Women's Cross Country  
*New in Fall 2015*

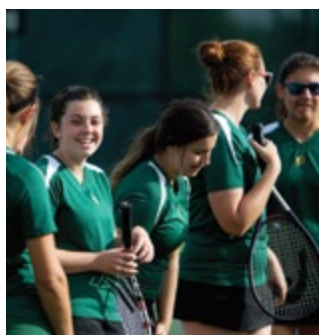


# MAKING STRIDES

Playing off the rich history and tradition of cross country and running sports in the area, SUNY Adirondack officially raised the number of intercollegiate athletic offerings to 11 this fall with the addition of men's and women's cross country.

"Cross Country proved to be the natural fit for Adirondack," says Athletic Director John Quattrocchi. "The talent pool at the scholastic level in this region is deep, and we're very excited about this opportunity for our student athletes."

Bringing a lifetime of athletic and coaching experience to the new cross country teams is Head Coach Herman Johnson, who himself ran as a Division III athlete at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota. He previously served as Assistant Track Coach at Concordia University in Portland, OR and as Assistant Track & Field Coach at Hudson's High School in Seattle, WA.



*"I started out at Hartwick College and was on the basketball team. Turns out I didn't get to play all that much while I was there, and when I really looked at it financially, I was comparing \$60,000 a year to \$6,000. It just made so much more sense for me to transfer here. It is so much fun playing basketball for SUNY Adirondack. Our team is so together. We play as a team, act as a team, even when we lose we are all in it together. I'm a nursing major and my goal is to be a nurse anesthetist. What I'm gaining here in experience, not only in the classroom, but on the court, makes me so happy that I chose this path."*

**Shannon Curley, Class of 2017**  
South Glens Falls, NY  
Nursing Major  
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**“This is what you don’t see on ‘Law and Order.’”**

**Warren County District Attorney Kate Hogan**



**Dave Hastings working alongside D.A. Hogan on a case that is about to go before the grand jury.**



### **FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COURTROOM** **DAVE HASTINGS, GANSEVOORT, NY // CRIMINAL JUSTICE: POLICE SCIENCE**

Like many veterans, Dave Hastings chose SUNY Adirondack as the place to pursue an education after completing his military service. Now a student in our Criminal Justice: Police Science program, Dave’s internship with Warren County District Attorney Kate Hogan perfectly complements his past experience working in Human Intelligence for the United States Army.

*“Analyzing data and synthesizing information is familiar to me from my role in the Army. I’m taking those same skills and applying them to case work so that it can be ‘trial-ready.’ I know a legal career is in my future and, most of all, I’m excited to know I’ll go into that career with actual work experience.”*

### **CJ PROGRAM FACTS**

- Only stand-alone Substance Abuse program in the SUNY system
- Over 90% job placement rate
- Four-year degree available on campus through SUNY Plattsburgh
- Alumni work across the country in Secret Service, FBI, Border Patrol and local, state and federal police agencies

## **MORE THAN 30% OF D.A. HOGAN’S TEAM ARE SUNY ADK GRADS**

Dave Hastings isn’t the first or only SUNY ADK student to leverage Adirondack’s connections with local government and law enforcement. Each year, one of our Criminal Justice students is chosen for this coveted internship with Warren County.



## A VALUABLE RESOURCE

After high school, Kylee Sayers had made her way to a private four-year college in western Massachusetts before she was hit with a sudden realization. “It just wasn’t for me — it was a good school and I was getting good grades, but it was so expensive,” says the Washington County native. Of her transfer to SUNY ADK, she says, “As a resident, I knew I would get a great value from the college.”



She sure did. After starting a work-study program with SUNY Adirondack’s Office of Human Resources, Kylee found a passion for the administrative side of running a college. “I was a Business Major, but it took that job to make me realize HR is less about people’s problems and more about the energy new people bring when you hire them and the importance of employee recognition.”

Kylee spent the next two years working hands-on with SUNY Adirondack’s Human Resources department and decided to continue on at SUNY Plattsburgh’s Queensbury branch campus to complete her Bachelor’s in Business.

***“My plan right now is to wrap up my four-year degree and then go to law school for labor relations. I never would have known this was for me if I hadn’t come to Adirondack.”***





## STUDY LOCAL & FIND THE RIGHT DIRECTION

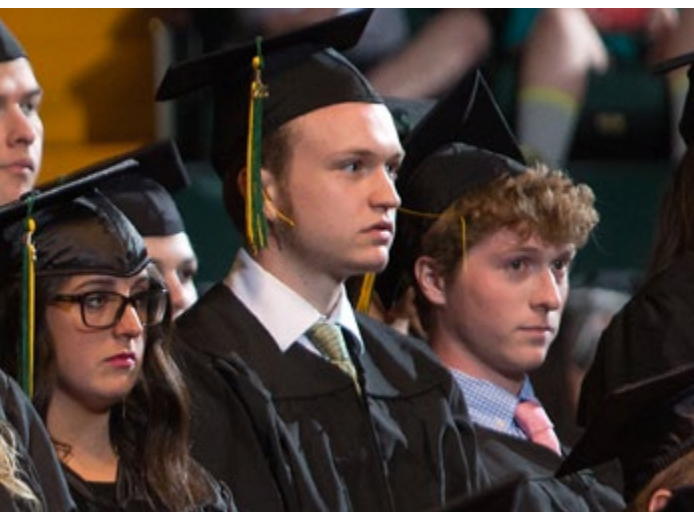
Nicholas Byrne is a lifelong Saratoga Springs resident and a familiar face around SUNY Adirondack's Wilton Extension Center, conveniently located in the heart of Saratoga County. After graduating from Saratoga Springs High School, Nick decided he wanted to stay local to pursue a degree in Liberal Arts at Adirondack.

"I started in Math and Science with the intention of going on to Siena for biology, and thought I'd eventually pursue an advanced degree in medicine," says Nick. "What I realized through an internship opportunity was that I felt more of a calling to the business side of health care. So, I switched to the Business Administration transfer program and was able to take most of my classes right here in Saratoga Springs."

Nick graduated in May 2015 and is currently studying Business Administration at Siena.



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# DEGREES WITH LATITUDE

## BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship

## CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

- Creative Writing
- Media Arts
- Music
- Radio-Television Broadcasting

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Police Science
- Substance Abuse Services

## HEALTH SCIENCES

- Nursing
- Radiologic Technician\*

## HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

- Adventure Sports
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality & Tourism Management

## COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- Information Technology Computer Networking (Cisco Academy)

## LIBERAL ARTS

- Liberal Arts Humanities & Social Sciences

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

- Electrical Technology
- Engineering Science
- Forest Tech (1+1)
- Liberal Arts Math & Science
- Veterinary Science Technology (1+1)

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Adventure Sports Leadership & Management
- Commercial Cooking
- Early Childhood Studies
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Information Technology
- Media Arts
- Radio Broadcasting
- Teaching Assistant

\* Students wishing to declare this major must either be currently enrolled in or have completed a radiology certificate program from an external agency.



Mark Bulmer, Robert Henke and Harry Booth at the 2015 commencement ceremony.

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# Adventure

"The only source of knowledge is experience."  
— Albert Einstein





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