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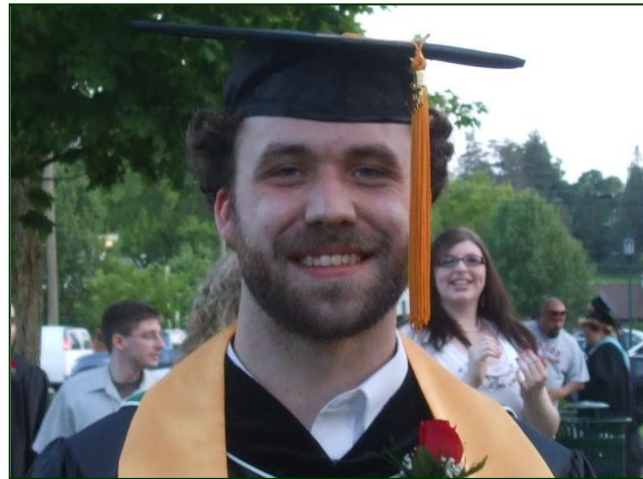
Greetings from the NCCC Alumni Association!

Our purpose is to keep you up to date on Alumni & campus news & events. For the constitution, bylaws, meeting minutes & more: www.nwcc.commnet.edu/alumni.htm. We're looking forward to another exciting year!

Got News?

Would you like to be featured in the next edition of our newsletter? Let your classmates and friends know the latest news about you. Send your info and/or photos to: NW-Alumni@nwcc.commnet.edu Please include your name, class year and degree.

Alumni Scholarship Awarded to Keith Farrell



This year's recipient of the NCCC Alumni Association Scholarship was Keith Farrell of Torrington, Connecticut. Mr. Farrell graduated with an A.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a concentration in History. He was the president of the NCCC History Association, and a member of both the Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa. He plans to attend UConn Torrington

and enroll in the American Studies program in the fall of 2010. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating student who has maintained a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, has been accepted for admission to a four-year college or university, and has demonstrated personal attributes of character, service and leadership as evidenced by active involvement at NCCC. This scholarship is neither need-based nor program-specific. The scholarship was presented to Mr. Farrell by Holly Martin, Alumni Chair, at the annual Awards and Scholarships Convocation on May 26, 2010.



Dr. Barbara Douglass Receives New England Administrator Leadership Award

NCCC's President Dr. Barbara Douglass was selected as a recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa New England Administrator Leadership Award. This award is designed to recognize College Administrators who best support and/or emulate the values of Phi Theta Kappa through providing support for their college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. This is the second year the New England Region has offered this award. President Douglass was nominated by Northwestern's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Nu Epsilon, for all of the work she has done for them and the constant support she has given the chapter and the chapter advisor, Sharon Gusky. As a recipient, President Douglass attended the Regional Convention at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, Maine to formally receive her award.

Congratulations, Dr. Douglass!

In Memory of Jim Draper, Friend of NCCC

Colonel James Leon Draper, Jr., 93, passed away on May 4, 2010. Jim and his wife Shirley have been benefactors of many community and educational programs, including Northwestern CT Community College and the University of Connecticut. Northwestern CT Community College recognized their generosity by naming the conference center the "Shirley A. Draper Conference Center". In a message to the College community, Dr. Barbara Douglass said, "The Drapers have been great friends to the college. I was privileged to get to know Jim over the last 5 years. He was the epitome of a humanitarian, entrepreneur, philanthropist and volunteer. He will be missed."



Join the group: "*Northwestern Connecticut Community College Alumni*". The Alumni group now has over 100 members on Facebook. Get information about events & meeting times, post to the discussion board, post photos, and reconnect with old friends! Check it out! You just might see some familiar faces! *Facebook*® is a registered trademark of Facebook, Inc.

Notice of Alumni Meeting(s) & Officer Elections

The annual **General Meeting of the Alumni Association** will be held on **Wednesday, September 28th at 6 p.m.** in the Student Activities office, GW 110. Officer elections will take place at the General Meeting. **Nominations will close on Friday, August 27th, 2010.** Voting may take place in person or by mail via the proxy ballot form that will be posted on the web and mailed to all members. **Nominees and voters must be paid active members.** Open seats are **Chair, Treasurer, & Public Relations Officer.** To submit your nomination, or for more information, contact:

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Congressman Larson Visits NCCC to Announce Funding For Nursing Program



Congressman John B. Larson, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, announced that the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that invests \$350,000 to create a new nursing program at NCCC. This funding is vital to addressing our state's severe nursing shortage while providing

local residents with the training they need to take advantage of the job opportunities that will help rebuild our economy. Congressman Larson and his staff met and worked with Northwestern Connecticut Community College's President Barbara Douglass over the past two years on this initiative.

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Alumni of the Year: Peter Hauser, Ph.D.

The 2009-2010 Alumni of the Year Award recipient is Dr. Peter Hauser. Dr. Hauser received his Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Behavioral Science from NCCC in 1992. He transferred to Central Connecticut State University where he completed a B.S. in Psychology, and then continued his graduate studies at Gallaudet University.

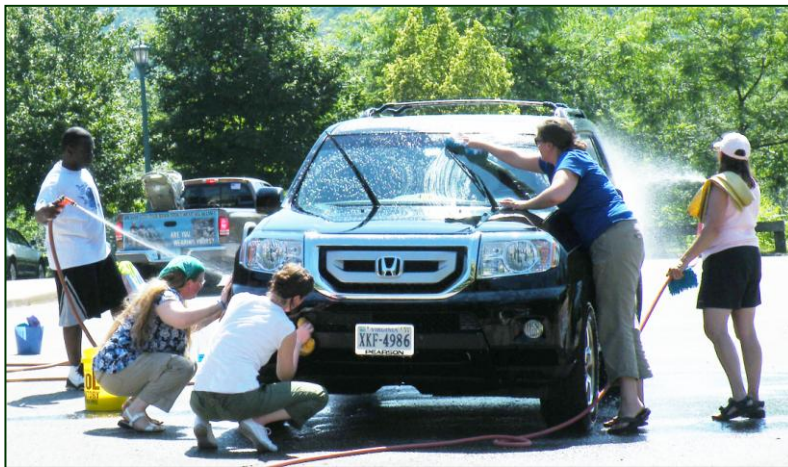
Dr. Hauser is a deaf clinical neuropsychologist. He provides neuropsychological, psycho-educational, and forensic evaluations for deaf & hard-of-hearing individuals in his part-time private practice. He founded the Deaf Studies Laboratory (DSL) in 2002 when he began teaching full-time in the Department of Psychology at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). In the DSL, he supervises deaf, hard-of-hearing & hearing students who obtain hands-on experience developing, running, and analyzing experimental psychological studies. Since he began working at RIT, he has won the Eisenhart Award for Excellence in Teaching (Provost's award), the Exemplary myCourses Teaching Award (award for outstanding use of online educational technologies), and the Isaac L. Jordan, Sr. Pluralism Award (award for promoting diversity and pluralism inside and outside of RIT). He is now a faculty member in the Department of Research and Teacher

Education where he spends most of his time in the DSL. In the field of Deaf Studies, Dr. Hauser studies the separate effects of social, linguistic, and cultural influences on growing up in a predominantly visual but audistic world; and the influences of being deaf on cognitive organization, academic achievement, and vocational success. *Continued on page 4...*



1st Annual Alumni Association Car Wash Benefits Scholarship

The Alumni Association held their first annual car wash on Saturday, June 19 in the Joyner Learning Center parking lot. Alumni Association members Sarah Marggraff, Holly Martin, Leann Mitchell, Rebecca Niemeyer, Cyndie Phillips, David Phillips, Katelyn Phillips, Clive Richards, Pete Yanok, Jim Zilvitis, Sarah Zordan; friend of the College, Israel Gonzalez, and College Liaison, Kathy Chapman, braved the heat and volunteered as car washers for this event. Music was provided by D.J. Pete Yanok of Twist & Shout Music. The event proved to serve not only as a fundraiser, but as a service to the community and a great way to network with locals who had an interest in the College and the Association. A steady flow of cars included faculty and staff of the College, new and familiar faces from the community, and a few travelers from Massachusetts, New York, Georgia, and Virginia. The cost was donation only, and the proceeds totaled \$335.00 which will benefit the 2010-11 Alumni Association Scholarship. Many thanks to the NCCC Maintenance department for help with set-up and clean-up! If you are interested in volunteering for Alumni events, please contact NW-Alumni@nwcc.comnet.edu.



NCCF/Regional Advisory Council Honors Scholarship Recipients

The Northwestern Community College Foundation (NCCF)/Regional Advisory Council (RAC), a non-profit volunteer organization, hosted a luncheon at P. Sam's in Torrington on June 24, to honor its 2010 scholarship recipients. NCCF/RAC supports the mission of NCCC and provides higher education to students who are interested in pursuing post-secondary study. NCCF/RAF generates private sources of funds for the purpose of supporting the college's needs, which are not currently funded by the state, for the benefit of students, staff, and the community. Pictured, left to right, back row: Jayson Beechinor of New Hartford, Keith Farrell of Torrington, and Raymond Rabago of Winsted; second row: Ruzena Jata of New Haven, Tracy Follert of Torrington and Anne Malisk of Torrington; front row: Carey Hock of Torrington, Brianna Whalen of Norfolk, Rebecca Sweeney of Winsted, and Danielle Lum of Winsted. Also honored at the luncheon was Elizabeth Paluba, Foundation Treasurer, for her extra efforts on behalf of the Foundation.



Faculty & Staff News



*Congratulations to NCCC Alumna **Ruth Gonzalez**, NCCC's new Director of Student Development.*

NCCC Welcomes...

Patricia Bouffard, D.N.Sc.
Dean of Academic & Student Affairs

Karen Collin
Instructor in Mathematics

Leif DiValentio
Maintenance Department

Gary Greco
Collegiate Education for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons, Director

Constance Hotchkiss
Nursing Director

Jane O'Grady (NCCC Alumna)
Lecturer in Medical Assisting



*Congratulations to NCCC Alumna **Joanne Nardi**, NCCC's new Director of Admissions.*



*Congratulations to **Dr. Pattie Owen** on receiving the Distinguished Dissertation award from the Fischler School of Education, Nova Southeast University.*

Alumni of the Year, Dr. Peter Hauser

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Dr. Hauser also studies the appropriateness of using existing cognitive assessment tools with this population and develops ASL assessment tests. He collaborates with the Brain and Vision Laboratory in the Brain and Cognitive Science Department and the Sign Language Research Center, both at the University of Rochester, on many studies in the DSL. He is on the editorial board of Oxford University Press's Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education. Dr. Hauser was nominated by Paul Atkinson, Instructional Specialist for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at NCCC. Holly Martin, Alumni Chair, presented the award at the 2010 commencement Ceremony. Paul Atkinson accepted the award on Dr. Hauser's behalf.

Nursing Program *Continued from page 2...*

Earlier this year, the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation signed into law that directs the Board of Trustees of Connecticut's Community-Technical Colleges to seek federal funds to create the sixth nursing program among the State's twelve community colleges. "This program will single-handedly reshape the economic and health care landscape in Winsted and in Northwestern Connecticut," said Larson. The program is set to begin in January 2011. For more information, contact Randi Camirand, 860-738-6356, rcamirand@nwcc.commnet.edu.

Alumni Officers

Holly Martin, Chairperson, Class of 1999

Pete Yanok, Vice Chairperson, Class of 1999

Sarah Marggraff, Secretary, Class of 2006

Cyndie Phillips, Treasurer, Class of 1996 & 1999

Colette Papageorge, Public Relations Officer, Class of 2003

Kathy Chapman, College Liaison, Director of Student Activities



To apply for active membership to the NCCC Alumni Association, please print the Alumni Registration form at: www.nwcc.commnet.edu/alumni/htm and send the form with your \$5.00 annual dues to:

*Cyndie Phillips, Treasurer
Northwestern Connecticut Community College Alumni Association
Park Place East, Winsted, CT 06098*