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**The NYSETA Spring '06
Conference at
Hudson Valley
Community College
April 6th and 7th**



About the Coming Spring 2006 Conference at Hudson Valley Community College

The NYSETA Spring 2006 Conference will be hosted by both **Hudson Valley Community College**, and **Excelsior College**, at the Hudson Valley C.C. campus, in **Troy, NY, April 6th & 7th**. Lodging will be at the nearby Best Western Albany Airport Inn.

**The NYSETA Spring '06
Conference at the
Hudson Valley Community
College campus,
April 6th & 7th, 2006**

Hudson Valley Community College serves approximately 12,000 students each semester, and employs more than 600 full- and part-time faculty members. Currently the second-largest institution of higher learning in the Capital Region of New York State, Hudson Valley Community College offers more than 60 degree and certificate programs through its four schools: Business; Engineering & Industrial Technologies; Health Sciences; and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Excelsior College was established under the name Regents College in 1970 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York. The College became privately chartered in April, 1998. Excelsior College was designed to enable the independent learner with college-level knowledge to earn an Associate, Baccalaureate, or Master's degree, by earning credits from a variety of accredited sources, including Excelsior College distance courses and Excelsior College Examinations, other for-credit exams, traditional classroom courses, distance

learning and online courses from other accredited institutions, and military and corporate training. Excelsior College has 34 degree programs and 3 certificate programs, in Business, Technology, Liberal Arts, and Nursing. A wide range of specializations are available, and degrees include AA, AS, BA, BS, MBA, MALS and AAS in nursing, BS in nursing, MS in nursing.

**Best Western Albany Airport Inn, in
Albany, NY, is providing hotel
rooms at a special NYSETA rate of
\$85 per night.
Please call them by March 16th at:
1-800-458-1016**

Thursday's conference events will be on the Hudson Valley Community College campus. Area and regional equipment manufacturers, as well as, text and software publishers will meet with the conferencees in a campus gathering area. Each exhibitor will have a display table with examples of their latest technological offerings and instruction goods.

Plenary Session:

ABET's Challenges for the Future –
Mr. Bill Clark P.E., President Elect, ABET.

Our plenary speaker comes to us via Excelsior College. Mr. Clark is a member of the Industrial Advisory Committee for the Electronics Technology programs at Excelsior. Bill is also the first technology person ever elected to head ABET, Inc., also formally known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.



About the Coming Spring 2006 Conference at Hudson Valley Community College - continued

Interest Group Sessions:

Interest group lectures will follow the plenary session. Conference members are free to attend any session in which they are interested and visit exhibition area between lectures. At this time, the tentative schedule of lectures includes:

Architectural/Civil/Construction Engineering Technology:

- *The New Orleans Levee Failures caused by Hurricane Katrina* –
Dr. Thomas Zimmie, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and,
- *The Design & Construction of the Bennington Bypass' Western Segment*–
Dale Gozalkowski, Clough Harbor & Associates.

Electrical/Computer Engineering Technology:

- *Assessment in Non-traditional Programs* –
Dr. J. Patrick Jones, Excelsior College, and,
- *Work Ready Electronics Projects* –
Tom McGlew, Project Leader,
Work-Ready Project Center, Maricopa
Advanced Technology Education Center,
Maricopa, AZ.

Mechanical/Design/Manufacturing Engineering Technology:

- *Design and Operation of a Methane - Natural Gas Plant for Hudson Valley Community College* – Karen Seward, P.E.,
Associate Director of Physical Plant, HVCC.

More lectures are to be added to those listed here. For the latest information on scheduled lectures and conference tours, follow the links to the Conference Website through:

WWW.NYSETA.ORG

Conference Fees

The conference registration fee for NYSETA members is ninety-five dollars (\$95 US) if postmarked by 3/16. Non-members are invited to join the NYETA (a *bargain* at \$10/yr), and pay the member price for the conference. The conference fee for members registering after 3/16, and non-members, is one hundred and five dollars (\$105 US). Walk-ins are very welcomed. Retired and emeritus NYSETA member can attend for forty dollars (\$45 US). A guest to the Thursday night networking hour and meal is forty dollars (\$45 US).

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About the Fall 2005 NYSETA Conference held at VTC

Another Great Vermont Conference!! The NYSETA membership and executive committee would like to thank Conference Chair Ken Vandermark and his associates for the super Fall

2005 NYSETA conference at Vermont Technical College. We are also grateful to our patrons and conference exhibitors, Prentice Hall Publishing,



About the Fall 2005 NYSETA Conference held at VTC - continued

Delmar Publishing, and RJT Incorporated.

VTC College President Allan Rodgers welcomed the conference participants to the campus. He talked at length about VTC, explaining that the college has a little more than 1300 students, about two thirds attending classes at the main campus in Randolph Center, and the rest at a satellite campus in Williston, VT and other remote sites around the state.

Three-quarters of the students are the first in their respective families to attend college. Thirty-nine percent of the student body is female, with a vast majority of them in courses associated with health and allied health fields.

Dr. Rodgers then introduced the first plenary speakers, Rosemary Distel and Charles Castelli. Mr. Distel, Associate Dean of Retention, and Mr. Castelli, TRIO Director gave a presentation which focused on VTC's retention efforts directed towards first generation college students, females in technology, and other under-represented students including students of color, and students with disabilities.

The second plenary session lecture was given by David Bittersdorf, founder and chief technology officer for NRG Systems, a Vermont company which designs and manufactures a variety of wind-measuring equipment for assessing potential wind turbine sites. The lecture itself was not on NRG or its equipment, but rather a very informative presentation on the finite nature of oil, and wind as a renewable alternate energy source.

Following the plenary sessions, interest group sessions were presented as follows:

Electrical/Computer Interest Groups

- *Increasing Student Interest with Hardware Ownership* – Prof. Sam Colwell,
- *LED Lighting: Seeing the World through a New Light* – Bill McGrath, President of LEDdynamics, and
- *Cow Power & Renewable Energy Careers* - Dave Dunn, Central Vermont Public Service Cow Power program.

Mechanical/Civil Interest Groups

- *Integrating Renewable Energy into the Curriculum at VTC*– John Kidder, VTC Physics Department
- *Alternative Energy Club Presentation* – VTC Alternate Energy Club members.
- *Three Dimensional Modeling*- Mary Waldo, VTC

Architectural/Civil Interest Groups

- *GIS and You, Hands-on GIS Demonstration* – Prof. Gordon Reynolds, VTC Civil Tech Department, and,
- *Future Building Trends in Building Engineering* – Professor Scott Sabol

Evening Banquet

The evening banquet was held at VTC's Old Dorm Lounge. The guest speaker, Don Maynard, gave a presentation on "*The Source and Distribution of Arsenic in Bangladesh Ground Water.*"

Field Trips

Friday Field trips included:

- A tour of the Hope Cemetery in Barre, as well as the State House in Montpelier, and,
- A tour of the Applied Research Associates facilities in South Royalton, VT.



About the Fall 2005 NYSETA Conference held at VTC – continued

We were delighted to have the following individuals in attendance:

Elliot Colchamiro	NYC Col of Tech (retired)
Anthony Cioffi	NYC Col of Tech
Gerarda Shields	NYC Col of Tech
Kathleen Gallagher	Nassau Community College
Slade Gellin	Buffalo State College
Peter Pawlik	Buffalo State College
Anthony Hotchkiss	Buffalo State College
David Kukulka	Buffalo State College
David Lawrence	RIT
Steve Ciccarelli	RIT
Karl Lundgren	RIT
Naseem Ishaq	SUNY-IT
Salahuddin Qazi	SUNY-IT
Atlas Hsie	SUNY-IT
Jayne Baran	SUNY-IT
M. Rezk	SUNY-IT
Salvo, Carmine	SUNY-IT (retired)
Marguerite Newton	Niagara Co. C.C.
Michael J. Loudis	Morrisville State College
Robert W. Meyer	SUNY Env Sci and Forestry
Michael Case	Alfred State College
Timothy Cochran	Alfred State College
John Williams	Alfred State College
Yogi Jonchhe	Alfred State College
Gerald Vance	Alfred State College
Edward G. Tezak	Alfred State College
Bill Darling	HVCC
Susan M. Kilgallon	HVCC
Joseph Reilly	SUNY Canton
Michael Kingsley	SUNY Canton
David Hartle	SUNY Canton
Robert Jennings	SUNY Canton
Robert Blickwedehl	SUNY Canton
Michael Newtown	SUNY Canton
Bryan Alguire	Mohawk Valley CC
Robert Moore	Excelsior College
Albert N. Glosser	Erie CC (retired)
Duriush Zadah	Erie CC
Shorieh Moini	Erie CC
Vince Kassab	Erie CC
Mark Oliver	Monroe County CC
Rich Prestopnik	Fulton-Montgomery
John Campbell	Cayuga CC
Ken Vandermark	Vermont Tech

Once again the officers and members of the NYSETA thank Ken Vandermark and his associates at Vermont Technical College for another great Conference.

The Friday Morning NYSETA Business Meeting:

The breakfast business meeting on Friday morning was held at the Hilltop Inn, Barre VT.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President John Campbell.

Minutes of the spring 2005 meeting at RIT were approved with minor revisions. The next deadline for newsletter submissions is February 13, 2006. Send Mike Loudis submissions via e-mail at: Loudismj@morrisville.edu Mike put together the fall 2005 newsletter which is now online at <http://www.nyseta.org>. Newsletters will no longer be mailed; instead they will be posted on the web.

Vice-President Carmine Salvo noted the following schedule for future conferences and asked everyone to consider hosting a future conference.

Spring '06	HVCC/Excelsior at the HVCC Campus
Fall '06	Farmingdale
Spring '07	Open
Fall '07	Alfred State College

Kathleen Gallagher, ETA Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$19,161.81. Of that total, the amount earmarked for the scholarship fund is currently \$5,971.09.

Dave Lawrence, Slade Gellin and Marguerite Newton summarized the interest group sessions.



The Friday Morning NYSETA Business Meeting - continued

John Campbell reminded everyone that all NYSETA offices are up for election in the spring of 2007. Marguerite Newton noted that the scholarship committee needs a new chair for spring 2006.

There was some discussion of the NYSETA website. It's difficult to find some of the information and some project descriptions are incomplete (like telecom for example). It was suggested that the executive committee discuss whether it makes sense to hire a professional to update the website.

For future conferences it was suggested that publishers be reminded that there are civil and mechanical interests. Books tend to be focused only on electrical.

Everyone gave thanks to Ken Vandermark and his crew at Vermont Tech for a wonderful conference.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 am for tours to Applied Research Associates in Randolph Center, as well as the Vermont State House and Hope Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Baran,
Secretary of NYSETA

**A Letter from the President,
John Campbell**

I hope everyone had a great holiday and good start to 2006. The mild winter that we are experiencing in parts of New York is optimistically prompting me to think spring. The spring conference will be held at Hudson Valley

Community College on April 6-7, 2006. Bill Darling, Hudson Valley Community College and Bob Moore, Excelsior College, are in the process of planning the conference. I hope to see everyone participate in another NYSETA Conference and get actively involved in this organization.

The last conference at Vermont Technical College was another first class conference. Vermont Technical College provided the backdrop with a beautiful campus and a peaceful view. The conference offered sessions on program retention, renewable energy, rapid prototyping, trends in building engineering and architecture, and more. The plenary session on Renewable Energy and diverse interest group topics could not come at a better time with oil, gas, and natural gas prices being what they are today. The timely topics and the Vermont campus made this conference a nice time for all that attended. I want to thank Ken Vandermark and his Vermont crew for being a gracious host. The "Vermont" Maple Syrup was a delight on my "New York" Apple Pancakes this winter.

The highlight of the last conference for me was having the opportunity to present the first ever Elliott Colchamiro Award. Elliott and his lovely wife attended the conference in Vermont. In true Elliot form, he graciously accept the award and gave everyone else credit for his success. Elliot thanked the other members for being involved in the organization and of course, in his style: "He thanked Marilyn for doing everything". Elliot was always at NYSETA events actively involved in every conference and executive committee meeting that this organization created over the past 32 years. On behalf of NYSETA, I would like to congratulate Elliot on his accomplishments, retirement, and beautiful lifestyle which allowed him to give a lot of himself to this organization. This award was established to recognize the outstanding contributions to our organization. This could



A Letter from the President - continued

mean contributions in terms of holding an office, hosting conferences, working behind the scenes, or helping the organization progress by active involvement. Presenting the award to Elliot and naming it after him was easy for the executive committee. Now that the award is created the task of developing the procedure for nominating the next recipient will be discussed at the spring conference.

Currently the executive committee would like feedback from the members on many issues related to the award. The executive committee discussed some issues relating to this award, but nothing is established as of this point. The things that were discussed, but not formal yet, were the criteria for the award, nomination procedures, and the process of deciding the next award. As a democratic organization we would like input on this from the membership. The executive committee roughly established some guidelines during our discussions. Our intention was to make this award a positive event to recognize members for their involvement over the years. Nominations for this award will be accepted before the executive committee meeting this spring. The executive committee would like to have a short write up summarizing the accomplishments of your nominee outlining their contributions to this organization. The executive committee will then consider the accomplishments and have the difficult tasks of deciding on the next award winner. We have had many members that are worthy of this great award. I would like to brainstorm this topic with the members during the conference, at the interest group meetings, and at the business meeting. Together we will develop a procedure for this award for excellence.

I want to thank Elliot and our founding fathers for setting the excellent standards and ideals for

this organization. Our organization is established with an open structured constitution. Carmine Salvo and I are looking at organizing the constitution to provide the information in an easier to follow format. It will be brought to the membership for feedback and revisions. We will vote on the constitution and then eventually post it on our website. The next executive committee meeting this spring will consider the award and the constitution, as well as, our usual spring planning meeting.

Please consider getting involved in NYSETA any way you can. It all starts with attending the conferences and networking with your colleagues across New York State and Vermont. If you want to get deeply involved the office of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer are up for election at the spring business meeting at Hudson Valley. I am having a great time with this Executive Committee. We have some unfinished business on the executive meeting agenda. I would be honored to run for president again this spring to finish some of the projects we started. I can't believe that my two years as the president of this organization is up for election this spring.

Time flies when you're having fun!

Sincerely,
John Campbell
President, NYSETA

A Letter from the Vice-President, Carmine Salvo

Our Last Conference: Our Fall 2005 Conference at Vermont Tech had a focus on energy related issues. Even though Ken Vandermark lost his father just before the



A Letter from the Vice-President, - continued

conference, he and his colleagues managed to put on a wonderful conference. Our condolences to Ken.

I found the Cow Power presentation especially interesting, perhaps because I live in dairy country or because I have a soft spot for cows.

Thanks to Ken and his colleagues for a job well done.

Upcoming Conference: Our Spring 2006 Conference is at Troy, NY jointly hosted by Hudson Valley Community College and Excelsior College on April 6-7. Bill Darling has the conference announcement, hotel information, registration forms and directions posted on the web via a link on the NYSETA webpage at <http://www.nyseta.org>. A brief description of the conference is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Future Conferences: The Fall 2006 Conference will be hosted by SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale. A meeting date has not yet been selected. As planning commences, details will be provided to the membership via our NYSETA listserver. Email and mailed announcements will be sent out in the fall about 8 weeks prior to the meeting date.

The Spring 2007 slot is still open. Please feel free to volunteer to host a conference. I will be most happy to assist you in any way I can. If you wish to have a conference at a time already planned for another host, I will attempt negotiating changes to fit in volunteers. I can be reached at carm@sunyit.edu or carmine@usadatanet.net

Spring 2006	Excelsior/HVCC
Fall 2006	Farmingdale
Spring 2007	?
Fall 2007	Alfred State

Communications: To facilitate easy communications a number of new listservers have been setup:

etagen@list.sunyit.edu currently with 134 subscribers including members from **all interest groups**. Seven new subscribers have been added since the last newsletter. This is still way short of our total membership. Please consider subscribing (see below).

etaciv@list.sunyit.edu currently with 29 subscribers for Civil, Construction, and Architectural, etc. issues relevant to the **Civil Interest Group**

etaelec@list.sunyit.edu currently with 61 subscribers for Electrical, Electronics, Electro-mechanical, Telecomm, Computer Technology, etc. issues relevant to the **Electrical Interest Group**

etamech@list.sunyit.edu currently with 44 subscribers for Mechanical, Manufacturing, Industrial, etc. issues relevant to the **Mechanical Interest Group**

etaexec@list.sunyit.edu for communicating with the **Executive Committee**

For now the easiest way to become a subscriber is to email me at carm@sunyit.edu with your email address and which interest group you wish to be included in and I will subscribe you. I plan to post a list of current subscriber's names (without email addresses) on the NYSETA.ORG webpage for each interest group.



A Letter from the Vice-President, - continued

I am setting up a listserver with the names of all the **Institutional Representatives** to facilitate

reaching faculty who are not currently NYSETA members.

Newsletter: Mike Loudis continues to edit and post an online newsletter which appears at <http://www.nyseta.org> .

Thanks and Kudos: Again thanks to Ken Vandermark and his colleagues at Vermont Tech. who hosted our Fall 2005 Conference. Our thanks to all who assisted Ken in running the conference and to our speakers and exhibitors. Good show!

Carm

Treasurer's Report, Kathleen Gallagher

Treasurer's Report

The collection of Institutional and Individual Membership Dues has commenced for the Academic Year 2005-2006. Please contact your institutional representative (IR) for an up-to-date accounting of your dues or contact me. Since September 2005 we have recruited 16 new members and lost 9 to retirement. Our spring conference hosts, Hudson Valley CC and Excelsior College, will collect membership dues (still \$10.00 per academic year) along with their conference fee. Our members seem to enjoy this convenience and it will be provided as a regular service.

Carm and I are currently updating the list of institutional representatives (IR). These reps are key to the success of this organization. They help us collect dues, keep our membership list up-to-date, and recruit new members. Please consider becoming more involved with NYSETA by volunteering to be an IR.

Below is NYSETA's current balance sheet ending February 11, 2006. The dues that were collected by Vermont Tech in the fall are not reflected below. It is customary to receive fall conference accounting reports and checks at the following spring conference.

TOTAL INCOME: **\$21,843.55**

Balance 8/31/2005:	\$19,161.81
Member dues collected (does not include dues collected by Vermont Tech):	580.00
Institutional dues collected:	2,100.00
Interest on Savings (9/1/05-12/31/05):	1.74

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 1,520.00**

Fall 2005 Executive Committee Meeting Expenses	1,020.00
Spring 2006 Conference Seed Money to HVCC/Excelsior	500.00



**Treasurer's Report,
- continued**

ENDING BALANCE: February 11, 2006 **\$20,323,55**

6 month Certificate of Deposit (1/06-7/06)	\$14,226.03
Savings Account	5,725.72
Checking Account	371.80

The Scholarship fund has reached its maximum cap of \$6,000.00. In accordance with our by-laws any additional monies collected above \$6,000.00 go directly to the operating budget. The fund will be made available to the Scholarship Committee for disbursement to the student winners at the spring conference. Please look for the scholarship application form in the mail. Only NYSETA members can submit the scholarship application on behalf of a graduating student. In the past, individual awards have been \$300.00!

A thank-you goes to these Institutional members who paid dues this academic year: Alfred State, Bronx CC, Broome CC, Buffalo State, Canton, Corning, DeVry, Erie, Jamestown, Mohawk Valley, Nassau CC, NYC College of Tech., Queensborough CC, RIT, Rockland CC, Suffolk CC, SUNY ESF, Technical Career Inst., Tompkins-Cortland, Vaughn College of Aeronautics, and Westchester CC.

It's not too late to send in our dues. See you at Hudson Valley CC!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Gallagher, PE, Asst. Prof.
Nassau Community College

News from around the State

Alfred State College

Compiled from various sources

The big news on campus is the SUNY Senate Report on President Uma Gupta and her campus leadership. There were numerous recommendations for her and for the Faculty Senate. The administration and the senate are working hard to deal with the recommendations. The media has selectively reported on the President and the campus, mostly unfavorably. Good news does not sell.

Meanwhile, the faculty continues to work hard to stay above water and ahead of the power curve. Searches are ongoing for a VP for Academic Affairs with five invited to campus for interviews. In addition, there is an ongoing search to fill the vacant position of Dean of Engineering Technology.



Alfred State College - continued

The last phase of rehab of the Engineering Technology Building is winding down and we should be back to full use of facilities by the Fall 06 term.

Superimposed on the above mosaic is our preparation for the TAC/ABET visit in the fall of 2006.

SUNY Canton

by Gregory E. Kie

The New York State Education Department and the State University of New York have approved the new four-year Renewable and Alternative Energy Applications program for the fall 2006 semester, SUNY Canton Provost Jeremy D. Brown announced. Environmentally-friendly, cost-saving energy solutions are the emphasis of SUNY Canton's newest bachelor's degree program.

"The Alternative and Renewable Energy Applications program fits in with our role of providing bachelor's degree opportunities in high-need specialized areas," said Brown. "This SUNY Canton program is on the cutting edge of energy technology. Students will be studying concepts that will augment or replace conventional energy systems."

To read more about this new program, please visit:

www.canton.edu/public_relations/news/alt_renew_energy_degree.html

Erie Community College

News item

This fall, ECC will launch a new program specifically tailored to electronic slot machine repair. Hoping to ride the tidal wave of local and national casino expansion, ECC will join just a handful of other schools - most of them in Las Vegas or Atlantic City, N.J. - that offer training for work on slot machines.

Nationwide casino revenues topped \$29 billion in 2004, up 7 percent from 2003. Racinos like the one in Hamburg grossed \$2.9 billion, up 30 percent from 2003. Indeed, the gaming industry's status as one of Western New York's few high-growth industries was at the forefront of the proposal to institute such a program.

"The idea is to meet the needs of local industry," said David English, chair of ECC's computer repair technology program. "We asked ourselves 'what is local industry now?' We're meeting their needs." Consisting of 10 courses over nine to 12 months, the program covers everything from electronic circuits to computer logic and results in a gaming machine repair certificate. It ends with a lab course where students can work on one of the seven slot machines ECC bought for the program.

Robert Slawinowski, an assistant dean at ECC, said ECC will admit 24 students - 12 for day classes, 12 for night classes - this fall. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED and pass a mathematical competency test to be admitted. If there are more qualified candidates than spots, Slawinowski said he would add a mechanical competency test to the admissions process.



Erie Community College - continued

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be prepared for entry-level work as slot machine technicians, the workers who handle everything from jammed coins to malfunctioning motherboards on today's increasingly high-tech gambling floors.

Hudson Valley Community College,
by Susan Kilgallon

A number of newsworthy items have happened at Hudson Valley Community College since last spring, when we last included an article in the NYSETA newsletter. The college has new leadership in the technology programs, following the departure of Dean Ann Marie Murray, who left to become vice president of academic affairs at Broome Community College this past fall. Dean Murray oversaw our Engineering and Industrial Technology, and Business schools. I am happy to report that Phil White has accepted the position she held. Phil was the department chair for the Automotive, Manufacturing, Electrical Engineering Technology, Network and Information Technology, and Telecommunications Technology departments. In addition, he oversaw the Drafting certificate program.

In our Civil Engineering Technology program Dr. Chris LaPlante has added a construction management track to allow students to continue lifelong learning or obtain project management positions in the construction field. The track was added on the advice of the advisory board and to meet industry need. The Civil Engineering Technology and Construction Technology program has also received a grant from the National Builders Association, which will allow us to partner with several other groups to help expand the construction workforce throughout the Northeast.

We also are pleased to announce that we have accepted, as of September 2005, our first students into the Electrical Technology: Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology program. This new curriculum, spearheaded by Dean Phil White, is in response to the anticipated future growth needs in the Capital Region.

Our Mechanical Engineering Technology program received a federal Perkins grant, which has allowed that program to obtain a state-of-the-art 3-D printer. The printer has been used successfully in the development of machine parts in our freshman class, and it will be used to develop and race model automobiles by our seniors this spring. The Manufacturing Technical Services program also has updated its labs with one new CNC vertical milling machine center and two new CNC lathes.

Our American Society of Civil Engineers Club (ASCE) led by George Limbrunner, went to nationals for the Steel Bridge Competition in Orlando, Fla. last spring. The club placed 26th out of 44 schools, and Hudson Valley was the only two-year college to compete.



Hudson Valley Community College's Bridge team in Orlando, Florida

Like many institutions, more and more of the faculty at our college are focusing on service learning projects as way to provide “real world” teaching opportunities to our students while helping our community. Towards that goal, Tim Dennis, another colleague, has his construction class building SIPS panels for Habitat for Humanity. I also have been working with Habitat for Humanity, having my students design houses for another local chapter. I am very excited to report that our first student-designed home is being constructed as I write. I will hopefully have finished photographs to share in the fall newsletter.

We also are excited to have faculty member Jill Palmer-Wood certified as level one by the Building Performance Institute (BPI). Using this new training, she will introduce our students to state-of-the-art green building and energy smart construction concepts.

Lastly, I want to remind you that Hudson Valley Community College will be hosting the spring ETA conference this year, in conjunction with Excelsior College, on April 6 and 7. There are some great sessions planned, such as the one with our plenary speaker, Mr. Bill Clarke, the president-elect of ABET. Bill Darling and Bob Moore are organizing this event. I have been working on two tours that I hope will be of interest to you. The first is to Plug Power. This company is working on fuel cell technology in conjunction with Honda and has implemented lean concepts throughout their plant here in Albany. However to attend this tour they are asking anyone who is interested to give me advance notice. Please e-mail me at kilgasus@hvcc.edu if you know this is of interest to you with your name, position and school affiliation. Participants will need to sign a non-disclosure agreement and have a photo id. The second tour is to a historic mill that is being renovated into apartments. It is adjacent to the Hudson River and has an intact hydroelectric turbine. A third tour is to the U Albany College of Nanoscale Engineering facilities. To learn more about these tours and our conference, read the article Bill has written in this newsletter. We hope you will come; I know you will enjoy it. We look forward to your visiting our college and the beautiful Hudson Valley region. See you shortly!



Morrisville State College,
by Michael J. Loudis

Morrisville's Fastest Mustang

Morrisville State College has a new mascot, which made an appearance at the NY State Fair. It took two years to finish, but the automotive students at the college took a 1988 Ford Mustang, they bought for \$700, and turned it into a 550 hp dragster that will accelerate to 140 mph in under 10 seconds. The trunk is emblazoned with the names of the degrees that the college offers in auto technology, flanked on both sides by silver wings.

This is the first high-performance car Morrisville students have built, and it marks a step towards a new racing center and degree program college officials hope to get off the ground as soon as this summer.

Morrisville State College earns a "Dairy of Distinction" Award and a Milk Quality Award.

In September, the Morrisville State College Dairy complex was awarded a "Dairy of Distinction" Sign for public display. Winners of this award are selected and judged by an anonymous panel of volunteers who score each farm based on the condition of its buildings, grounds and surroundings, as well as the farm's overall operations. The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program, which awards the sign, is run and financed by dairy farmers in NY, PA, NY, and VT to promote the regional dairy industry.

In January the MSC Dairy received a 2004-2005 Milk Quality award from the Dairylea Cooperative, for milk produced between June 2004 and June 2005. The Award is based on criteria including milk that has low bacteria counts and low somatic cell counts.

The college maintains a herd of 405 dairy cows; 242 are milking cows, and the other 163 are calves ranging in age from newborn to bred heifers that have not calved or milked yet. Each milking cow averages approximately 22,000 pounds of milk per year.

Morrisville Opens the Copper Turret

A Morrisville landmark that closed its doors nearly two years ago, has reopened this fall with a bright and shiny new look. Morrisville State College spent the summer transforming an 1814 Greek revival building into a 7,200 square foot restaurant named "The Copper Turret." The restaurant boasts a tavern serving a pub menu, and a formal main dining room. The bar includes a new copper bar top, rich wooden ceiling beams, slate floor and brick fireplace. The restaurant features state-of-the-art technology; waiters and waitresses will use hand-held computers to record customer orders and transfer the information instantaneously to cooks and bartenders.

Students from Morrisville's hospitality programs will work 12 hours a week at the restaurant, preparing food, waiting and busing tables, tending bar, hosting, and maintaining the cleanliness and wholesomeness of the facility.



Morrisville State College - continued

Fully Automated Convenience Store Opens in MSC

On November 30th, All Seasons Services, based in Canton, MA, unveiled its first automated convenience store in the United States, at the Morrisville campus. The Shop24, which features a variety of payment options, is a freestanding, self service, refrigerated outdoor unit with architectural lines mimicking those of a small Greek temple. The Shop24 which offers MSC students access to 200 items including milk, bread, six-packs of soda, batteries and other sundry items, is built to last; it is durable and has three inches of bullet proof glass. It has been climate tested in Northern Europe and is proven to withstand the elements.

Niagara County Community College,

by Marguerite Newton

NCCC Student Conference

As part of the second year of the HP Diversity in Engineering Grant, NCCC hosted the first MESA Student/Youth Conference on Dec. 8th 2005. MESA (Mathematics Engineering and Science Achievement) is the first pilot program in New York State fostered by MESA USA which is part of the University of California. MESA is designed to foster underrepresented populations at the community college level successfully transfer and graduate from programs related to engineering, science and computer science.

The conference included a plenary session and two technical sessions for students from two inner city schools in Buffalo and high schools from Niagara Falls and rural Niagara County. The students participated in a Physics lab that included an “egg survival package” tested by a 20 foot drop and an Environmental Science lab that used wireless laptop computers and a virtual lab program to model problems in population ecology.

Plenary speaker was Jayme Cellitioci, Assistant Director for the Center for Science Learning at the Buffalo Museum of Science. A graduate of McKinley High School in Buffalo, Jayme credits her interest in science and career as a Marine Biologist to an aquatic biology class she experienced in high school. Her opening remarks “Around the World and Back to Buffalo” included photos from many exotic places where she participated in internships and study abroad programs as a student. Her talk was fun, as well as inspiring and informative.

As a result of the positive feedback we received from students and faculty who attended, we hope this will become an annual event.

NCCC Hosts Tech Wars 2006

Tech Wars is an event that brings students from middle schools and high schools together to compete in events that include Sumo Robots, mini race cars, drafting and design, 3D CAD modeling and many other technologies.



Niagara County Community College - continued

Three years ago NCCC committed to host the event in an effort to find a central location and accommodate the number of students participating. Tech Wars 2006 was the largest so far with 17 schools and over 400 students competing. NCCC technology faculty acted as judges for many events.

Technology Initiative

NCCC now has three mobile computer carts. The first, provided by the HP Diversity in Engineering Initiative Grant included 17 laptops with a wireless router, a digital projector and a printer that can be moved to any classroom or lab. Faculty has been encouraged to redesign course materials that can be supported by this new technology. The mobile technology has been very well received and faculty in Biology, Physics and Chemistry as well as the Mechanical and Electrical Labs. Two new carts modeled on the original have already been delivered to the college!

The core faculty who have been working with this technology is currently writing a proposal for a new classroom that will include interactive software and touch screen technology to be used in lecture.

Program Review

In spite of all the good news and hard work of the faculty here at NCCC, we have been targeted for possible retrenchment. The administration has initiated a Program Review Process for eight programs, mostly technology programs in the Engineering and Life Science departments.

The Mechanical, Electrical and Design Drafting Programs as well as the Radiology, Science Lab, Surgical Technology and Physical Therapy Assistant programs are all under gun. The review process will have three stages, the first to compile data related to enrollment and cost, the second to initiate some efforts to increase enrollment for fall and the third which will be the decision making. All of these stages are expected to take place between February and August. Announcements regarding terminating any programs are expected before September 1 2006.

Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT, Rochester, NY, by Carol Richardson

RIT Civil Engineering Technology Students Capture First Place in Regional Contest -
Team advances to nationals, this spring, in Palm Springs, California

Four engineering technology majors earned first place in the heavy-highway division of the annual Associated Schools of Construction regional competition held recently in Fairfield, N.J.

Students were challenged with estimating costs associated with constructing a new ventilation shaft over an existing New York City subway line. Guidelines stipulated that there should be no interruption of subway traffic or automobile traffic on the streets of lower Manhattan during construction.



Rochester Institute of Technology - continued

For earning first place, the RIT Project Management Competition Team—Amanda Ashline, Ying Chen, Miguel Gonzalez, Derrick Hale, Jeremy Hills and Dan Morphy—earned \$2,000 and advances to the annual Associated Schools of Construction/Associated General Contractors of America National Student Competition and convention, March 19-22, in Palm Springs, Calif. Todd Dunn, RIT associate professor of civil engineering technology, is the team's advisor.

RIT Telecom Graduate Students participate the ITERA March Conference

Four graduate students and three faculty members from the graduate Master of Science program in Telecommunications Engineering Technology at RIT will be presenting papers at the Fourth Annual Conference on Telecommunications and Information Technology.

This conference is now sponsored by Murray State University and the International Telecommunications Education & Research Association (ITERA) and is held prior to the USTELECOM Telecom Next Conference in March in Las Vegas.

ITERA is a nonprofit academic organization committed to the advancement of telecommunications science through excellence in research and education. Telecom science draws from multiple disciplines, including communication and information technology management, technology and policy. ITERA seeks to advance telecommunications science through the creation of multiple forums for telecommunications and networking professionals, educators, and researchers. The ITERA conferences began in 2002 as the Murray State University Telecommunications & Information Technology Conferences (TSM 2002-2004). The success of the Murray State conferences established the foundation for the creation of ITERA and the ITERA 2006 Conference.

In memoriam, James F. Scudder, Associate Professor at RIT

James F. Scudder, Associate Professor of Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology in the College of Applied Science and Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology died Monday, January 9, 2006. He was employed at the Eastman Kodak Co. for 28 years until he retired in 1986 as head of the Computer Dept. Mr. Scudder received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1958 and a Master's Degree in 1986 from Cornell University and held a Professional Mechanical Engineering License from the state of New York. Professor Scudder developed the Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology program at RIT and has been a faculty member since 1987. One of his hobbies was trains and he served as the faculty advisor of the RIT Model Railroad Club for several years. Donations can be made to the James Scudder memorial Scholarship Fund for electrical/mechanical engineering, MMET/PS, 78 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, New York 14623 or to the Pancreatic Cancer Actions Network, Inc. at <http://www.pancan.org/Donate>.

US Engineers Hold Their Own

Writing in the January 8th Philadelphia Inquirer, Dean Kristina Johnson of the Duke University school of engineering comments on comparisons of engineering student numbers in the US, China and India.



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Reporting on a study done by a Duke class in its Master of Engineering Management Program, she indicates that comparing the number of US engineering graduates with the 350,000 in India and the 644,000 in China may be like comparing apples and oranges. When all relevant US graduates in engineering, technology and computer science and information technology at all levels are added up, the number is about the same as the similar number in India, according to the Duke study. And the issue of quality vs. quantity needs to be examined. Dean Johnson cites a recent McKinsey study that states that many graduates of Indian and Chinese universities are not competitive for employment in the global high-tech outsourcing environment. While hopeful that the US is holding its own in graduating well-qualified engineers, she does express concern about the pipeline, and whether entering college students are prepared to compete in the ever more globalized and ever more technological society. (See <http://www.philly.com>)

SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica, NY,
Compiled by Jayne Baran from various sources

\$750,000 Announced for High-Tech Research Incubator

A key Congressional committee has approved funding for a high-tech research incubator, to be led by the State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNYIT), in the emerging field of nano- and bio-information technology. Congressman Sherwood Boehlert and U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer announced November 8 that a House-Senate Conference Committee has included \$750,000 for the project in the FY06 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, which must still be approved by the full House and Senate before being signed into law by the President.

The New York Nano-Bio-Molecular Information Technology Incubator (NYNBIT) at SUNYIT will comprise research efforts at seven universities: SUNYIT, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Oneonta, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York University, and Cornell University. NYNBIT will work to establish a Center for Advanced Technology (CAT), to foster an environment of research, development, and education. The goal is to create a new industrial base in New York State in a unique technology area.

“Computing at the nano-bio-molecular level is an intriguing area of research, with many potential benefits for society,” said Dr. Digendra Das, professor of mechanical engineering technology at SUNYIT, and director of NYNBIT. “We are very excited about this important first step.”



NYNBIT will enhance and expand ongoing research relationships SUNYIT and partner institutions have with the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y., Dr. Das said. Its other goals include the development of collaborative distance learning course work at participating institutions and an educational program for K-12 outreach, as well as exploration of commercial start-ups with interested New York industries and commercial partners.



SUNY Institute of Technology - continued

Nanotechnology is the science of building electronic and other devices from single atoms and molecules. Three practical examples are: tiny drug delivery systems, energy-efficient components that could improve the power of computers by a factor of one million, and medical probes that won't damage tissue.

2005 Wireless Educator of the Year Award

Dr. Larry J. Hash of SUNYIT's telecom department has been awarded the 2005 Wireless Educator of the Year Award by the Global Wireless Education Consortium (GWEC). After a successful career in research and development for IBM, Dr. Hash joined the faculty at SUNYIT where he brings the world of industry to the classroom, giving his students real-world experiences in teamwork, problem definition, oral and written communications, and project and personal evaluation.



Dr. Hash teaches numerous technical Telecommunications graduate and undergraduate courses, and has developed and taught several new courses for the university, including: Wireless Telecommunications, Computer Telephony Integration, Advanced Data Communications and Directed Application Project. He has also developed an online overview course on RF fundamentals and wireless data, voice and security.

Student Club News

On November 17, 2005 the student section of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) sponsored a dinner seminar on "High-Tech Powder Coating Technique" by SUMAX Inc. in Kunsella Café at SUNYIT. Students, staff and faculty from Morrisville, MVCC, and SUNYIT, along with professionals from Syracuse and the Utica area attended.

Civil Engineering Technology News

Dr. Andrew Wolfe has accepted a nomination to sit on the Highway Capacity and Quality of Service Committee of the Transportation Research Board. The Committee is responsible for maintaining the Highway Capacity Manual and is currently working on the 2010 Update to the Manual. Currently, Dr. Wolfe sits on two subcommittees of the Committee and is the Committee Webmaster. He will begin his term February 1, 2006.

The Lewis Henry Morgan Institute at SUNYIT forensic anthropology exhibit - Friends One Day One Wrong Turn is currently appearing at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY. The exhibit tells the story of a drunk-driving crash on November 10, 2000 at Colgate University that killed four students. The exhibit travels across the state to help educate people about drinking and driving and the impact of the decisions that they make. Dr. Andrew Wolfe is the Executive Director of the Lewis Henry Morgan Institute at SUNYIT.



SUNY Institute of Technology - continued

Making a Corn Maze (Fall 2005)

You never quite know where technology will take you. From one of our graduates in civil engineering technology:

I took a picture, scanned it in, and put it in as a Raster file in Microstation. Then I had the outline of the field surveyed in for the limits and stretched the raster to the size of the field. I then used the "Multi-Line" command in Microstation and set the width at 6' and drew the outline and some of the distinguishing features of the figure. Once it was drawn, I put all of the intersections to coordinates with Inroads, Survey.

Once I had all of the coordinates listed, I exported them into an ASCII file so they could be imported into any type of surveying equipment. This year we used RTK (Real Time Kinetic) GPS. There were about 500 points to these mazes.



Corn Mazes-2005 - R2D2 (above) and HPCS Knight (below)

Once they were in the GPS receiver, we then staked out the fields while the corn was real short, strung strings for the paths, and pulled out all of the corn within 3' of each side of the strings.

Next year, we are going to place the GPS apparatus right on a lawn mower and just use the RTK and drive the design right into the corn. Should be cake!.....right...



Technical Career Institutes (TCI), NYC,
by Jerome Zornesky

The last few months have been very eventful at TCI. For one thing, we were visited by an ABET team in November and, for the first time, we were evaluated under the “new” criteria. We must wait until mid-year for official word.

TCI is now officially under new ownership and our new owner is EVCI. Our new president is Dr. James Melville, formerly of Mercy College. Our new vice-president is Dr. Peter Slater, also formerly of Mercy College.

NY State visited us in the middle of September 2005 and we received our accreditation renewal from them. We have therefore been through 3 accreditations in 2005: Middle States (Accredited), NY State (Accredited) and ABET (Awaiting decision).

Our revised CST program is expected to start in the fall. We are in the process of revising our Telecommunications program as well and tossing around some new programs. Our enrollment in EET has remained level at about 130.

Vermont Technical College
by Ken Vandermark

Following a national search, Ty Handy was selected as the new Vermont Technical College president. He was previously Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College in Indiana. So far his relationships with students, faculty, and staff have all been extremely positive.

Krista Miller, Mechanical Engineering Technology, was named as 2006 VTC Student Engineering Technician of the Year and Michael Becker, Architectural Engineering Technology, as Student Engineer of the Year. They will meet Governor Douglas February 21 and be honored at the Vermont Engineer’s Week dinner February 24.

The college will be constructing a new student center (estimated completion Sep.2007).

We were recently re-accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, for the first time as a B.S. degree granting institution. VTC has record enrollments, although mostly in allied health. Electrical Tech continues to decline, although employment opportunities are plentiful. Many local industries in renewable energy and other “catchy” fields, including NRG, Northern Power, Applied Research, and Hypertherm are expanding.

Andre St. Denis and Ken Vandermark have been granted sabbaticals for the 2006/2007 academic year. Andre will be designing new robotics for the Electromechanical Engineering Technology program as well as redesigning one of the labs. Ken will be investigating Appropriate Technology for third world countries (as well as investigating kayaking, backpacking, and back-country skiing).



Vermont Technical College -continued

Vermont Tech recently received news from the Federal Aviation Administration that the college was eligible to participate in its student internship program. VTC is one of only five New England schools approved to participate in the program. The FAA is committed to accepting two student interns each summer at the Burlington International Airport. Upon completion of the internship program, students are eligible for permanent placement in positions throughout the U.S.

We are grateful to those who joined us at VTC for the Fall '05 NYSETA Conference. Hopefully we'll see you at this spring's conference at HVCC.

NYSETA Institutional Representatives

The NYSETA Institutional Representatives (IR's) listed below, have each agreed to collect dues and to distribute ETA information, meeting announcements, and newsletters to their institution's engineering technology faculty and staff, especially to those who are not on the ETA's mailing list. Each fall, ETA treasurer Kathleen Gallagher sends each Institutional Rep dues collection material to be used for his or her institution. The following is a summary of Institutional Representatives. If there is no listed IR for your institution, it indicates that no response was received for the latest inquiry sent by the ETA secretary.

If you would like to take over as IR for your institution send an Email with a statement to that effect to Jayne Baran, ETA Secretary at: W: 315.792.7542, Fax: 315.792.7800, or E-mail: barans@sunyit.edu

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Adirondack Community College.....	Diane Dalto
Alfred, SUNY College of Technology.....	Ron Nichols
Bronx Community College.....	Nasser Abdellatif
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Canton, SUNY College of Technology....	David Hartle
Cayuga Community College.....	John Campbell
Clinton Community College	Al Cordes
Corning Community College.....	Shawn Kennerson
Delhi, SUNY College of Tech.....	?
DeVry Institute of Technology.....	Robert Brunson
Dutchess Community College.....	James Braazee
Erie Community College North.....	Vincent Kassab
Excelsior College.....	Bob Moore
Farmingdale, SUNY College of Tech....	Jeff Hartman
Finger Lakes Community College.....	Marsha Walton
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Herkimer County Community College.....	?
Hudson Valley Community College.....	Susan Kilgallon
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Schenectady County Community College...	Ruth McEvoy
Suffolk County Community College.....	Peter Maritato
SUNY Environ Sci/ Forestry at Syracuse..	George Kyanka
SUNY Institute Of Technology @ Utica – Rome.....	Mme. Jayne Baran
Technical Career Institutes Inc.....	Jerome Zornesky
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Vaughn College of Aeronautics (Flushing)..	Andrew Grossfield
Vermont Technical College.....	Ken Vandermark
Westchester Community College	Raymond Mignogna

About Our Next Newsletter....

Our Next Newsletter will be distributed the second week of September 2006. Articles received prior to September 6th, will be included. You'll notice that more space is being allotted to colleges in "News from around the State," even allowing the inclusion of modestly sized photographs or diagrams. In as much as the newsletter is to be downloaded from the web and not mailed (at great cost), I welcome the opportunity for the newsletter be the NYS Engineering Technology educator's journal of record. Your articles are welcome, and greatly appreciated.

Your NYSETA Colleagues and I would be delighted to hear of anything of special interest happening on your campus such as:

1. New curricula being considered,
2. Changes in your staff,
3. Grant activities, successful or not,
4. New technology authors on your staff,
5. Engineering Technology teaching positions open at your college,
6. New Technical facilities planned or under construction on your campus
7. Recent retirements, promotions, or other staff changes on your campus,
8. TAC-ABET accreditation visits, and,
9. Noteworthy awards to personnel or students.

You may email articles to the editor at: Loudismj@morrisville.edu

I receive lots of spam and lots of other unwanted e-mail, and delete most of it immediately, so be sure to type "NYSETA NEWSLETTER" as the subject of your e-mail.



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You are also welcomed to send paper copies of your articles to:

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The NYSETA Spring '06 Conference at

**Hudson Valley Community College,
April 6th & 7th, 2006**

Visit the Spring '06 Conference Website!

Follow the links to the Conference Website through:

WWW.NYSETA.ORG

The conference website includes registration forms for the conference, driving directions to the campus and the Best Western Albany Airport Inn, and other information and updates.

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