

Perspectives



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DCC Graduate Wins Pulitzer Prize

Mark Mahoney, a 1983 graduate of Dutchess Community College, won a 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Editorial Writing for his work at The Post-Star in Glens Falls, NY, a daily newspaper that serves the southern Adirondack region of the state.

He was recognized for “his relentless, down-to-earth editorials on the perils of local government secrecy, effectively admonishing citizens to uphold their right to know.”

Mark has served as the Star’s editorial page editor since 1999. Prior to accepting that position, he was the paper’s city editor and regional editor, beginning with the Star in 1988 as a reporter.

After graduating from DCC, Mark transferred to Ithaca College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communications management. He returned to Poughkeepsie to start his career as a radio reporter for WEOK-WPDH before becoming a legislative correspondent in Albany and joining the Star.

Mark was an editorial writing finalist in the American Society of Newspaper Editors national contest for three straight years between 2004 and 2006, winning first place in 2004. His editorials were recognized by the New York State Associated Press Association 14 times, and by the New York State Newspaper Publishers Association five times. In addition, he won third place in the 2006 and 2009 National Headliners Awards, and was a Lee Enterprises President’s Award winner for editorial writing in 2003.



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Daniel Aronzon
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Dr. Aronzon joined the medical staff of Vassar Brothers Medical center, a 365-bed, full service hospital in Poughkeepsie, in 1979.

Dr. Aronzon has been a long-standing member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, the Board of Counselors at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, and a past member of the Board at Rehabilitation Programs Inc. and the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the March of Dimes. He currently chairs Marist College's Pre-Health Advisory Board. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the United Way of Dutchess County and the Board of Advisors of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, as well as on the Board of Pattern for Progress and SPARC. On a national level, he has served on the Pediatric Advisory Council for the Anne

E. Dyson Initiative, a collaborative venture between the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Dyson Foundation.



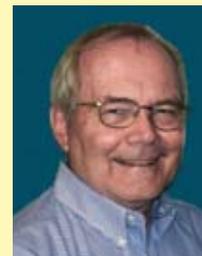
Sheila Appel '76
*Alumni Hall of
Fame*

Sheila Appel joined IBM shortly after graduating from DCC in 1976. As the Corporate Community Relations Manager for IBM she has contributed greatly to IBM's reputation in the Hudson Valley not only as an outstanding corporate citizen, but also as a friend to the community and an innovator for improvement in education.

Dedicated to making the Hudson Valley a community to be proud of, Sheila volunteers for many non-profit organizations and is on the Board of the Dutchess Community College Foundation. She is always involved in fundraising drives and chairs numerous local campaigns.

Sheila has received numerous awards for her professional and community accomplishments including the Future Business Leaders of America "Business

Person of the Year Award" in 2000, and selection by Senator Steve Saland as a 2003 New York State "Woman of Distinction."



Fred Schaeffer '63
*Alumni Hall of
Fame*

Fred Schaeffer graduated from one of Dutchess Community College's earliest classes in 1963. He went on to earn degrees from Hartwick College and Albany Law School. He is the past president of the DCC Alumni Association.

Fred is passionate about making Dutchess County a better place for citizens to work and live. Fred spearheaded the "Walkway Over the Hudson" project, which is transforming an old abandoned train bridge into a pedestrian walkway crossing the Hudson River. His vision and determination have made his dream a reality for the citizens of the Hudson Valley.



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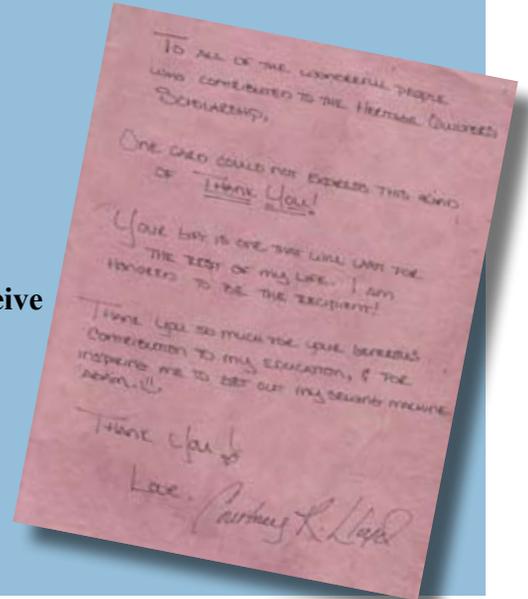
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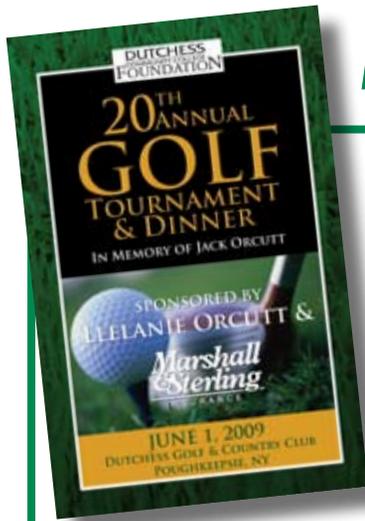
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Special Events For 2009-2010

Date	Event	Event Info
October 23	Auction 	The 2009 Annual Benefit Auction is set for Friday, October 23. This event will be an evening of excitement as the bids fly. Can you think of a better way to spend a Friday night than enjoying good food and fun while helping deserving students? Get your bidding paddles ready and come join us.
November 28 & 29	Craft Fair 	The 38th Annual Craft Fair will once again be on the weekend following Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29. New and unique items are presented every year by the crafters and 2009 is sure to be just as exciting. We have invited some of your favorite artists back and some new artists as well. The artists hand-craft all of their own items, and some of the vendors produce items that are considered fine art. Come and find items here that you can't find anywhere else, and enjoy some speciality foods while you're at it.
March 27	Annual Gala 	DCC will host its 3rd Annual Gala at the Grandview on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie. This year the Bern Handel Leadership Service Award will be awarded to a deserving individual who has been a devoted leader in helping the community and non-profit organizations. This event is sure to be fun, and the Michael Dell Orchestra will be sure to get everybody's toes tapping.

Annual Golf Tournament



Our 20th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner, in memory of Jack Orcutt, was held on June 1 at Dutchess Golf and Country Club. The tournament was a huge success raising more than \$50,000 to benefit student scholarships.

Dutchess was an ideal setting with a fabulous course, wonderful food, great prizes, and professional staff. The weather was perfect. Everybody who attended had a grand time and is looking forward to next year.

The event's success was due to the support of our co-chairs, sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers. Richard Chazen and Roger Smith, our co-chairs, along with the volunteers really contributed to this sensational event. Special

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Last but not least we could not have done it without our valued volunteers: Phil Arnold, Shirley Brereton, Meggan Chirico, Nick Costanzo, Tim Decker, Sue Doyle, Toni Emery, Janice Hilderbrand, Gary Lindstrom, Sandra Miller Holst, Susan Moore, Martha Russell, Yvonne Sewell, Amy Sherman, and Patti Zakow.

See you on the links next year - May 24, 2010!!



Blair Wing

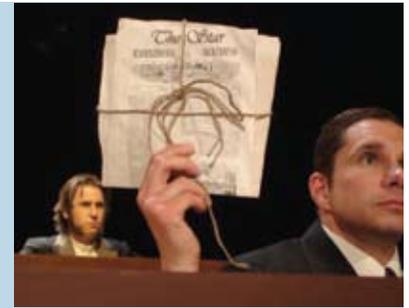
Blair Wing attended Dutchess Community College and through her experiences befriended Professor Steve Press, and with his support learned that the world was her stage. Blair later auditioned for the Fine Arts Program at Suny New Paltz and was accepted. She then auditioned in New York City and was accepted into Ohio State's Graduate Program, Masters in Fine Arts; from which she graduated. While in Ohio she performed with a dance company, Dancing Wheels. She also had the opportunity to befriend Dr. Lizbeth Goodman. In 2005 she and Dr. Goodman traveled to Africa where Blair performed at the World Summit. Blair was accepted into the

University of East London where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in New Media.

Recently Blair returned to Dutchess to direct Dutchess Community College's spring production of *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* by Moises Kaufman.

"The production was a huge success. The students acted very professionally, using the discipline needed for a hardcore rehearsal process and their work showed this, she said." "The production was one of the tightest in every aspect that I have seen on stage here. From the lighting design, costumes, set design, and the acting, this production met all of my hopes and dreams as a director. I had wanted to show how beauty can be destroyed and a wonderful writer can lose his will to create. This was all executed with specificity in design and acting. I am very proud of all involved."

Dutchess Community College is always pleased to see its graduates succeed and thrilled to see them return to the College and have a positive impact on our current students. We wish Blair the best as she continues her career and we look forward to her next visit.



Class Notes

Meggan Chirico



Meggan Chirico '05, obtained her LAH degree and then continued on and completed her bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Marist College. She recently joined the Dutchess Community College Alumni Association and was offered an opportunity for temporary employment in the DCC Foundation Office.

Meggan articulated, "This was a great opportunity for me to obtain work experience in a professional office while supporting Dutchess. As a student, I enjoyed my learning experience and the campus environment. It is great to be here as an employee as well. The work in the Foundation Office provides me with valuable experience which should help me in my goal to obtain full time employment in the field of Business Administration. Additionally, I am anxious to take on greater challenges to achieve my goals."

Nick Costanzo



Nick Costanzo '08, graduated from Dutchess Community College with an Associates of Science as a Business Administration transfer student. Upon graduation Nick transferred to the University of Maryland in College Park, where he is currently a marketing major at the Robert H. Smith School of Business. During his first year at Maryland he was Director of Finance for Phi Beta Lambda, which is the collegiate chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Due to his dedication to the club he will assume the position of Vice President of Marketing for the upcoming school year and looks to improve his knowledge of marketing. His ultimate goal is to receive his doctorate in either market research or consumer behavior.

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Class Notes continued

Nick states, “I view my time at DCC as influential on my skills as a student and future businessman. While working with Professor Peter Rivera, as the president of the DCC Business Club, I learned valuable skills such as networking and communication, which I have carried on to the University of Maryland. DCC is the reason that I chose marketing as my field of study. Professor Diana Pollard was influential as my first-year marketing educator. I know that without my time at DCC I might not be where I am today.”

Steffen Kraehmer

Steffen Kraehmer ’77, born in Queens, New York and raised in the Hudson Valley, has a passion for enjoying and preserv-

ing the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. After graduating from Dutchess Community College he continued his education at Florida State University in 1979. While at DCC, he played tennis under the coaching expertise of Pat Zerbe. During his studies, Steffen received valuable classroom training as well as assistance in career development from now-retired professor Phil Arnold. During the late 1990s, he was also employed by the Dutchess Community College Foundation as the Director of Special Events. His extensive experience in communications and event planning include four books, the Exploring the Hudson Valley photographic CD, and organization of hundreds of fundraising and community recreation programs. Steffen is now the Executive Director of The Kingston Hospital Foundation.

What is there to see and do during the fall of 2009? *Exploring the Hudson Valley’s 100 Great Places...Just North of New York City* offers a plethora of historic and scenic locations for New York and New Jersey residents to visit. The 350-page topical guide is a comprehensive book for those visiting the Hudson Valley region. The book offers up-to-date descriptions and lists hundreds of websites for additional information.

New York State Senator William J. Larkin Jr. recently stated, “The beauty and history of the Hud-

son Valley is vividly brought to life in Steffen Kraehmer’s book *Exploring the Hudson Valley’s 100 Great Places*. He highlights the area’s best sites to visit, including one dear to my heart – The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor. This book is destined to become the premier visitor’s guide for the Hudson Valley.”

Exploring the Hudson Valley’s 100 Great Places is available at many book and gift shops in the Hudson Valley including Adams Fairacre Farm stores, and the Mohonk Mountain House. Books will also be available at the opening of the Walkway Over the Hudson on October 2 – 4. Visit www.ExploreTheValley.com for more information.



A Grateful Student

Dutchess Community College Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship

Dear Ms. Moore:

I’m very grateful to have received this scholarship award. I’ll be going to Ithaca College in August, and as you know, tuition at a private university is not nearly the bargain it is at a place like Dutchess. The scholarship money will be applied to that tuition, and every bit helps.

I’m especially grateful to have had the past two years at DCC. I believe I received a wonderful education with some of the best instructors available. I know I’m prepared to continue my education and anticipate a successful experience at Ithaca thanks to the great teachers I had.

Again, thank you for your consideration in awarding me the Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship. I will do my best to prove your faith in me.

Sincerely,
Christopher

Another Wonderful Success Story

May 1, 2009

Dear Dr. Conklin,

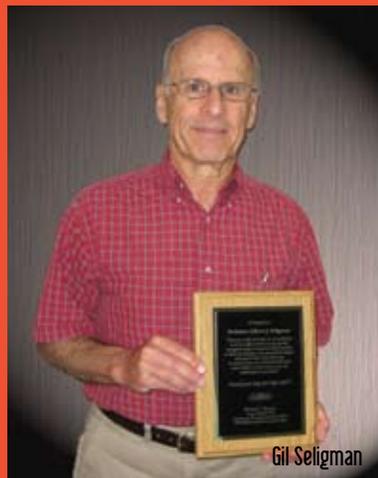
I am writing to tell you of another wonderful success story attributed in part to Dutchess Community College. In 2004, my youngest son, Justin, headed off to Florida Atlantic University at the age of seventeen. Before long, it became abundantly clear that FAU was not a good fit for him. My husband and I agreed that Justin did not have to return for the second semester with one stipulation—returning home to Poughkeepsie meant he still had to attend college. At that point, DCC was Justin's only option.

Upon settling on a business curriculum at DCC, Justin absolutely flourished. I was thrilled when he had the opportunity to take a course with Mr. Gil Seligman, a beloved mentor of mine. Justin was an active member of the DCC Business Club and had the unique opportunity to hear the 2008 Nobel Prize Winner in Economic Sciences, Paul Krugman, lecture in Dutchess Hall.

Justin's academic success at DCC earned him acceptance in the Kogod School of Business at American University in Washington, D.C. AU accepted a significant number of transfer credits from DCC, which is an incredible testament to your institution. Justin has since studied in Prague and Vienna and is currently serving as Vice President of the Kogod Finance Group. During the summer of 2008, Justin earned a paid internship at Ernst & Young, one of the top accounting firms in the world. This May, Justin will graduate cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (inter-disciplinary studies). Contingent upon graduation, Justin has been offered the position of financial services analyst in the Structured Finance Division of Ernst & Young in New York City. The written offer of employment also came with a very nice signing bonus. Justin has experienced firsthand how his hard work and dedication as a student have prepared him for the new career that he will soon embark upon. In this economic climate, while so many Americans are losing their jobs, our son has the distinct privilege of knowing he has already secured a position in his chosen field. More importantly, he is so appreciative of all the opportunities afforded to him.

I wanted to convey to you the profound impact a DCC education has had on our son and how well it prepared him to pursue a four-year degree. We are very thankful for the time and guidance some members of the DCC faculty have imparted to Justin—specifically, Mr. Peter Rivera and Ms. Seemi Ahmad. There are so many more students out there that can benefit from this type of mentoring. Justin began his college career as a shy seventeen-year old with little direction and will now graduate as a confident, well-inspired, educated, young man. The quality and affordability of a DCC education are immeasurable, and I felt compelled to tell you that DCC will always hold a special place in our hearts!

Sincerely,
Julie, DCC '77



Truly Thankful!

We can all think of one teacher, at some point in our lives, who made a difference for us, someone who encouraged and guided us as we made our way through life.

Well, one faculty member, Gil Seligman, truly helped to change the life of a student many years ago. Rick Ryan, class of 1977, recently

looked for Professor Seligman and found him still teaching at Dutchess Community College. He was so moved by the help that Gil provided him as a student that he and his wife bought a beautiful plaque and engraved it with the same words of wisdom that Professor Seligman had imparted to Rick:

“Once in a while all it takes is one individual to act as a light switch to power up that untapped energy in someone which can lead to what was thought to be unreachable heights, and guess what? Once the surge of success starts up it almost breeds itself, success leads to more success once we understand our potential.”

Gil was truly surprised when the plaque arrived. He had been corresponding with Rick Ryan about his days at Dutchess and was so pleased to hear of Rick's successes. He certainly never expected to receive a plaque in the mail.

This story is a real tribute to both Gil Seligman and Rick Ryan. It's wonderful that Rick recognized the role Gil played in his life and then was willing to tell him exactly that...after all of these years. We owe a debt of thanks to Rick for reminding us that it is truly important to thank those who have helped us as we travel along the path of life.

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