



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Patty Miller

I met my husband, Tom, at the library at the College of St. Scholastica some forty years ago. He was there looking for girls; I was there studying. He sat down and whispered to me that he had just transferred to UMD from Hibbing Junior College (Hibbing Community College). I whispered that I'd never heard of that college.

At that, Tom whispered louder about the wonders of the junior college. His enthusiasm for HJC (HCC) was genuine and sincere. Everything about HJC seemed to have left a positive impression on him - from the professionalism of the staff to the success of the students. He raved about Monica McFay and Larry Wallin and BJ Rolfson. These engaging teachers inspired him to become a teacher.

Years later, I married Tom, moved to Hibbing and got involved on the HCC FOUNDATION BOARD. Now, I know first-hand that HCC offers outstanding opportunities for learners of all ages. I can vouch for the professionalism of the staff and the quality education that is afforded to all.

The FOUNDATION invites you to tell us about your HCC or Hibbing Jr. College experience. I recently heard from 1964 alum, Ray Reed. Ray wrote, "HCC (HJC) was probably the most positive influence on my educational path. I was looking to start college in an economical way, but didn't expect to be so inspired by the folks who taught there, and to get so much support and encouragement. It truly changed my life. And, the quality of learning was first rate and put me in good shape for the rest of my academics."

We always welcome hearing from HCC (HJC) alums. YOU have made significant and positive contributions to the world, and we're proud of you! We also welcome any financial support you can give to the FOUNDATION. Go to GIVEMN.ORG at any time and click on HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION to make a tax-deductible contribution that goes directly to scholarships for our HCC students.

Our FOUNDATION values our ALUMS! WE hope to hear from you. Contact us on our web page, through this newsletter or on facebook or on GIVEMN.ORG.

I'm so very fortunate to be a part of HCC - better late than never.

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HCC OUTREACH DENTAL PROGRAM UNIQUE TO MINNESOTA



Anne Badanjak, Dr. Jerry Pedersen, Candy Clark

"Out of the blue I got a telephone call from Outreach Director Doctor Dan Rose of the University of Minnesota," remembered Anne Badanjak—head of the HCC dental assisting program—asking me if we "would be interested" in creating an outreach dental program in conjunction with the university.

That July 2001 telephone conversation led to the "first outreach program in the history of the university and the very first coordination of two separate campus programs into one facility," according to Dr. Jerry Pedersen, director of the Hibbing Community College Dental Clinic.

That coordination—operating essentially as a two-tier program—now trains both local students as dental assistants and helps train senior University of Minnesota dental students on the HCC campus.

At the time of the phone call, Hibbing Community College had been offering a dental assisting program since the early 1960's, training students in the basics of dental science in preparation for careers in dental practices across the region.

That dental assisting program still exists and constitutes the core of the dental offerings at HCC. The nine month 40 credit program begins each fall semester training students—usually 30 some in number—to enter the job market as qualified dental assistants.

Courses such as dental anatomy, X-ray applications, inhalation sedation, assorted labs, and



"extramural" work in dental practices outside the confines of the campus prepare students to pass state and national board tests in their field and be "job ready" by the end of the spring semester.

The rigor and success of that program attracted the interest of the university and led to the phone call to Badanjak, herself a 1975 graduate of the HCC program that she now directs.

Badanjak, with a masters in education degree earned from UMD, serves as director of the current dental assisting program. She is aided by Candy Clark, a registered dental hygienist—also an 1973 alumna of the HCC program—and holder of a registered dental hygiene degree from UMD and a bachelor of science degree from Bemidji State University.

Those two compose part of 9 permanent and 4 part-time positions on the campus operating under the umbrella of the licensure of Dr. Pedersen, who was lured from his own dental practice in 2001 to organize and then supervise the outreach college dental clinic offered by the university.

Some six months of work were spent restructuring and equipping the dental assisting area of the college in preparation for the cooperative effort with the University of Minnesota.

The fall semester of 2001 saw everything in place for the new dental clinic, with dental assisting students working side-by-side with

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SIX FOR SIMBERG



Dr. Ken Simberg

1. You are the provost of HCC. What exactly is a provost and what are your duties? The role of Provost, in a business model, would be called a Chief Operating Officer. As a COO, the Provost is responsible for the overall operations of the college. My job is to see that the college carries out its mission, in a fiscally responsible manner, and that all employees and departments do their part to provide educational opportunities to students. Additionally, in my role, along with the other administrators and supervisors, I'm responsible for preparing the college for future challenges and

opportunities. These opportunities may be in the form of development of new academic programs, facility needs, student development, or as we have been experiencing lately, budget challenges.

2. What is the mission of the college? What goals does it try to meet? The official mission of the college reads: "HCC provides life-changing education and opportunities in a dynamic learning environment." Basically that means the colleges exists to provide quality education to meet the needs of students and our community. Goals of the college in support of our mission include recruitment and retention of students; provision of a quality and innovative educational experience; supporting economic development of our community; providing cultural experiences for our community; and carrying out these goals in a fiscally responsive manner.

3. What benefit does HCC offer to the at-large community of Hibbing? Hibbing Community College has a proud history of providing excellence in education, beginning with the first classes in 1916. Academic preparation is the core function of HCC, but our mission has evolved to be more comprehensive than in years past.

As a regional center for the fine arts, HCC offers art, theatre programs, and music opportunities for students and the general public. HCC's commitment to the arts is reinforced by the new pottery and kiln building. The HCC Theatre routinely entertains, challenges and inspires audiences with its wide array of campus productions and visiting artists.

In addition to serving as a principal provider of academic instruction, HCC is also a major provider of job-specific skill training for business and industry and a resource for non-credit classes and workshops for personal growth and enjoyment. HCC's Customized Training Department provides innovative quality education and training for business and industry; enhances workforce skills, advances career and professional development; and contributes to the economic growth of the area. Continuing Education offers daytime, evening, and weekend credit and non-credit courses including workshops, conferences, and seminars; the popular Startin' Young summer program for youth ages 7 – 12; and professional continuing education.

As a business whose product is education, Hibbing Community College contributes to the local economy. With more than 200 employees and nearly 1400 students, HCC adds to the vibrancy, diversity and economy of our local communities.

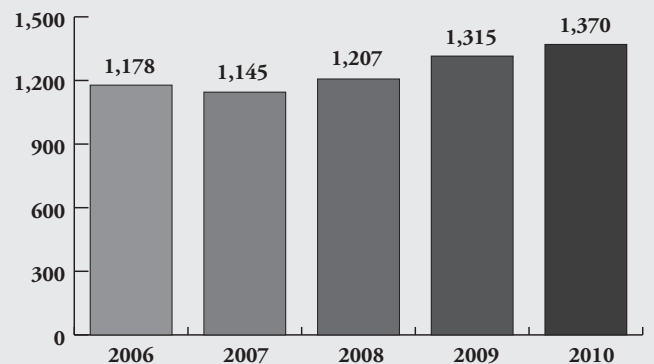
4. How does the Foundation contribute to the role of the college? The Hibbing Community College Foundation is a charitable, non-profit corporation dedicated to raising funds for Hibbing Community College. The Foundation partners with donors to support and strengthen the role of the College in serving the educational needs of the community, providing funds for student scholarships and special initiatives for programs. Many lives are

touched by the tireless efforts of the Hibbing Community College Foundation board members – all of whom are volunteers. The spirit and generosity of our board members and our many donors makes it possible for us to continually serve the students who are working hard as they travel their pathways to the future.

5. How crucial are scholarship dollars to HCC students? With a challenging economy upon us, unemployment on the rise, and uncertainty in the world, the role of Hibbing Community College in our community is more important than ever. Affordable, accessible and quality education is vital to our community and essential to countless individuals. Each year, the Hibbing Community College Foundation awards more than \$30,000 in scholarships to deserving students – offering the hopes of brighter futures than may otherwise be unattainable.

6. What do you see as the future for the college? Until fairly recently, a high school diploma was the minimum required for most good jobs. Now some form of postsecondary education and training is the minimum. This development is causing an ever-increasing number of students to turn to Hibbing Community College for their education and training needs. With a wide variety of liberal arts courses, transfer programs, occupational and technical programs, customized training, continuing education, student activities, recreational and athletic programs and fine arts programs, HCC has something for everyone. The challenge for the future is to maintain and provide the high quality programs, services and life-enriching opportunities within the unprecedented challenges of smaller budgets, fewer resources, and economic uncertainty. While the challenge is huge, Hibbing Community College remains focused on our enduring mission of providing high-quality education and services to learners and transforming lives while building relationships with our students and extended communities.

HCC ENROLLMENT SURVEY



Number of Full-Time Students Enrolled by Year

\$4,632: yearly estimated cost of tuition and fees to attend HCC

\$14,500: yearly estimated cost, including tuition, fees, room and board

\$5,499: yearly average loan carried by a full time HCC student

\$36,932: amount of scholarship dollars awarded by the Hibbing Community College Foundation in 2010

CARDINALS CUTTING CARBON

Hibbing Community College has joined other colleges and universities nationwide in making a commitment to minimize its carbon footprint by finding ways to evaluate and reduce energy consumption on campus. The Green Team, a collaborative group of students and faculty, has been working for nearly 6 years towards the goal of a more energy efficient campus, efforts greatly enhanced through the efforts of Provost Ken Simberg to procure funding and grants for projects. Biology instructor Don Graves has been named sustainability coordinator to help direct and lead the program.



- The campus Climate Commitment Committee conducted its first greenhouse gas inventory, revealing that the college releases over 3,000 metric tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere each year
- Students are being encouraged to become active in sustainability on campus by shutting off lights, computers, and monitors on evenings and weekends
- A bike loan program has been instituted on campus whereby students may have the free loan of a bicycle for transportation
- The campus TASC (Toward A Sustainable Campus) group brokered an agreement with the City of Hibbing to subsidize student bus passes. The campus is now a regular stop on the Hibbing Area Transit bus route. Four "Carpool Parking Only" signs have been added to the south parking lot.
- Solar Photovoltaic program students on campus have installed 30 Vendor-Misers in the halls of the college, reducing the energy consumption of vending machines
- Electrical Maintenance Program Students installed energy efficient lighting in the theater and gyms with future plans to install light sensors designed to shut off lights automatically in unoccupied rooms

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for selecting me to receive funding to help with my schooling. It will be of great help in getting me back to work again.
- Kathleen

Thank you for granting me a scholarship of \$250.00. It will definitely help me to further my education at HCC and accomplish my goal of someday becoming a registered nurse.

-Danielle

Thank you for making my last year at HCC a little less stressful financially. I will put it to good use by using it to buy textbooks and other nursing program expenses.

- Jamie

I would like to take this opportunity and say, thank you for the award, it is an amazing help. -Magdalena

Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of your award. I have high standards and goals, and your money will be put to good use. The only thing in my way is my financial situation, and your award will help me a great deal.

- Anthony

Dental Program continued...

university seniors preparing for their own dental practices.

Pedersen, actually an employee of the university, calls himself "a guest" on the HCC campus and defines the current clinic as "his own practice"—but one that allows students to work on his patients.

University students rotate onto the HCC campus, usually 2 hygienists for two weeks at a time and 4 dental students for a month. Apartments for them are leased through on-campus housing.

Although the students see 6 to 8 patients daily, "They're not on their own yet," Pedersen explained. "I'm there to oversee, advise, and instruct" as the students undertake tasks from tissue surgery and extractions to root canals and fillings.

The patients generally come from a wide variety of backgrounds and present a wide variety of dental situations to the students.

"We basically offer a true community clinic," Pedersen noted in explaining that the HCC dental clinic does not compete with local dentists. "Our patients generally are people who have little or no access to dental care and who would not receive care without our facility."

The local dental assisting students and senior university students "get along well," continued Pedersen, "and learn from each other."

In summarizing the benefits of the HCC Dental Clinic, Badanjak called the outreach experience a "win-win situation for everybody involved," from students to patients to the college and the Hibbing community at large.

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