

Spring 2010



A Newsletter for the CCV Community

A STUDENT'S TRAVELS ON THE ROAD TO SELF-DISCOVERY



Student Sarah Barker at Taj Mahal, India

Sitting in an internet cafe in Delhi, India, CCV student Sarah Barker reflects on the winding and unpredictable road that led her there. She had arrived at CCV, after previously earning a degree in International Studies and Hispanic Studies, still unsure of how to combine her diverse interests into a cohesive career goal. "I was trying to figure out how to use my skills doing something rewarding, and as soon as I started looking into nursing as a profession, I was hooked; being a nurse would allow me to travel, use my Spanish, and help people in my country and all over the world."

Sarah decided to take a few science courses at CCV to see if applying for nursing school was something she wanted to do. "I started taking courses in anatomy and physiology, nutrition, microbiology and statistics, and really loved and excelled in them." As with hundreds of students each year, CCV helped Sarah find the missing piece to her career puzzle, and she decided to apply to nursing school.

Not being one to sit and wait for an admissions decision, Sarah decided to spend the interim time traveling and volunteering in India, where she is teaching English to Tibetan refugees. "Just a few weeks after arriving in Dharamsala, I found out I had been accepted to Johns Hopkins University's Accelerated BSN program! I never imagined that I would excel in my CCV science courses the way I did, and I never thought I would be accepted at Johns Hopkins!" she says.

Looking out on the streets of Delhi, Sarah can hardly believe the unexpected turn her life has taken towards a career in nursing. After earning her registered nurse certification, she hopes to pursue a master's degree to become a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife. "While I'm excited to begin my next course of study, I'll stay in India for a few months, finish teaching, and travel around a bit before returning to the States to begin school in May."

"I owe my success in the sciences, and the resulting confidence it brought me, to the teachers I had at CCV. They are extremely reliable, dependable, organized, and knowledgeable about their subject areas. Although it sounds clichéd I've learned not to doubt myself, that I truly am in control of my future, and that hard work really does pay off. I loved my CCV experience, and the fact that I'll be taking another class – *Human Growth & Development* – via the internet while I travel through India is proof of that!"

APL WINS CAEL 2009 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AWARD



Dietzel and Donovan accept award for APL

The Vermont State Colleges' Assessment of Prior Learning Program (APL) was selected as the recipient of the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) 2009 Institutional Service Award. VSC Chancellor Tim Donovan and VSC Director of Assessment Services Gabrielle Dietzel traveled to Chicago in November to accept the award at the CAEL International Conference, *Working Together to Make Learning Lifelong*.

According to CAEL President and CEO Pamela Tate, the VSC was selected for the award based on its efforts to "create educational opportunities for working adults and other traditionally underserved populations." The Assessment of Prior Learning program is one of the oldest such programs in the country. Since 1975, almost 7,000 students have received credit through the program for knowledge gained through work, military or volunteer experience. CAEL is including the APL portfolio assessment model in their publication *Prior Learning Portfolios: A Representative Collection*. Dietzel, who directs the APL program for the VSC Office of External Programs, was the primary contributor for the publication.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM TO LAUNCH IN 2010

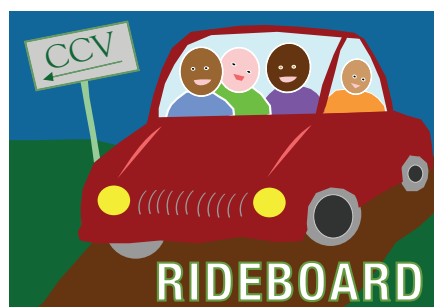
Next fall the College will launch a new associate of science degree in environmental science and a certificate in sustainable building technology. The environmental science program offers three tracks in which students may concentrate their studies: environmental literacy and education, sustainable building technology, and natural resources.

Director of Allied Health Programs Darlene Murphy developed the program by working with a variety of constituencies, resulting in a cutting-edge course of study that will prepare graduates with the skills most in demand by employers in the field. In this process, Murphy surveyed employers throughout the environmental industry in Vermont and convened a panel of environmental experts who provided insightful feed-

back into the curriculum. She also surveyed 2,000 students currently enrolled at CCV to measure interest in the program, and she worked with faculty from four-year institutions to assure transferability of courses into baccalaureate programs.

The program development committee included CCV faculty members Joe Pryzpek, Cara Robeck, Rebecca Herbig, Spencer Welton, and Tim O'Connor.

LEAVING YOUR CAR AT HOME WAS NEVER EASIER



In anticipation of the College's move from Burlington to Winooski this spring, students in Jeanie Williams' fall semester *Moving toward Sustainability* class heartily took on a semester-long project titled Leave Your Car At Home (LYCAH). The class worked on projects offering practical transportation alternatives that decrease the number of single drivers in cars, alleviate parking pressures, and encourage a greener approach to transportation to the new facility.

Samantha Boymer and Tracy Simonds created a new Ride Board for CCV, which is available in the CCV student

portal. Students statewide and many of the students in the class developed ideas for CCV to use in promoting the new service.

Student Colin Miller worked the challenge into his daily life by not driving for seven weeks. He kept a journal of his daily transportation and created an analysis of his savings, both in money spent on gas and parking and in the reduction of his personal carbon footprint. Colin's challenge was all the more difficult, as he commutes from rural Brookfield.

Sarah Kresock designed a new bike share program for Burlington, based on programs used in cities around the world. For a modest fee, people would have access to bicycles stationed in convenient locations around town for use

running errands or for their daily transportation.

Michael La Moy presented a full case for using the CCTA bus system, demonstrating that once one adapts to taking public transportation, it is a safe, convenient, and planet-friendly approach to daily transportation. With a bus stop right in front of the new CCV facility, the CCTA bus system will provide a convenient service for CCV students.



Faculty member Williams (left) and the Sustainability class

CCV WELL-REPRESENTED AT THE VEOP CONFERENCE AWARDS

It was a banner day for CCV at the annual Vermont Educational Opportunities Programs (VEOP) fall conference. CCV Interim President Joyce Judy delivered the conference keynote address. In addition, CCV played a prominent role in the awards received at the conference.

Retired Coordinator of Academic Services Sharon Hopper received the VEOP Educator of the Year Award, and Director of Student Support Services Mel Donovan received the Jack Anderson Award for her years of dedicated service to educational opportunity programs that support students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

CCV alumna Julie Mulroy-Evans of Newport received the VEOP Achiever Award, given to a candidate who has participated in an educational opportunity program and has made significant civic, community, or professional contributions. Julie graduated from CCV in 2002 and continued her studies through the Johnson State College External Degree Program.



Julie Mulroy-Evans, '02

ALUMNI NEWS



Please send your news to
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Mary Ballard, '06, Upper Valley, has completed her B.S. in general studies from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH.

Morgan Blanchard, '09, Rutland, passed along praises to the alumni office: "Though working full-time and caring for my seven month old daughter, CCV and all their passionate teachers and classes allowed me to accomplish my goal to graduate. CCV has opened the door to my education achievement. The best way to describe CCV is 'if you can dream it, we will help you ACHIEVE IT!' Thank you CCV!"

Effie Chamberlain, '78, has retired from Grace Cottage Hospital. During her tenure at the hospital she held nearly every position, including several stints as the chief executive officer. Twice in the past five years she has served as the interim CEO.

Stephanie Danaher (formerly Veilleux), '05, Burlington, married Jeffrey Neal Danaher on December 8, 2009. Stephanie currently works for Onion River Chiropractic and Spinal Care Center of Vermont.

Julie-Ann Graves, '98, Montpelier, is currently working as the CFO for the Vermont Foodbank.

Tanya Gregoire (formerly Griffin), '04, Newport, has completed her B.S. in accounting from Champlain College in Burlington. She married Jason Gregoire in 2007 and they had their first child, Jacob, in 2008.

Linda Henderson, '03, Saint Albans, works as an administrative assistant for the financial aid department of CCV's Burlington location. She is also actively modeling and has been captain of the "Dominoes Dirty Dozen" Mud Volleyball Team for the last six years.

Robin Hopps, '03, Burlington, has been accepted to the University of Vermont's master's program in public administration.

Kathryn Jobin, '08, Upper Valley, is engaged to Jonathan Smith; a May, 2010, wedding is planned.

Heather Johnston, '07, Burlington, was accepted into the Ada Comstock Scholars Program at Smith College. In May 2010 she will be graduating with a B.A. in classical studies, and will be starting in the fall in a master's program for library sciences.

Thomas Kauffmann, '04, Brattleboro, has completed his B.S. through Johnson State College and is beginning work on a graduate program in psychology.

Bruce Longtin, '05, Rutland, is engaged to Amy Fowler of Castleton.

Teresa Lorenzo, '07, Burlington, is engaged and living in Easthampton, MA, where she was part of a six-week run of the musical *Piecemead* at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. She has started rehearsals for an April showing of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Academy of Music in Northampton. She will be playing the role of Mary Magdalene.

Alicia Marcy (formerly Kinney), '09, Saint Albans, married Ethan R. Marcy on August 22, 2009.

Jennifer Metzger (formerly Brackett), '04, Burlington, married Gabriel Metzger on May 16, 2009.

Ruth Millette, '88, Springfield, went on to attend Clearwater Christian College. She finished her B.A. in Elementary Education in 1994 and taught for eight years in Brattleboro. She married in 2002 and now lives in Groton, NH, and works in Hartford, VT. She has two daughters and a grandson.

Melissa Moncrief, '05, Rutland, married Timothy Manfredi on July 11, 2009.

Julie Mulroy-Evans, '02, Newport, has earned a bachelor's degree in human services and is now the human resources director at Northeast Kingdom Community Action. Julie plans on pursuing her master's degree and says her CCV experience was "the most self-confidence-building experience of my entire life!"

Andrew Pyman, '04, Burlington, opened his own web design and development company in Somerville, MA, in 2007. He is the proud father of a 2 year-old-son, Jackson Breeze, and a new daughter, Olivia Luna. Of his time at CCV Andy says, "I was amazed at the level of interest displayed by both the faculty and students for a community college, especially in comparison to the previous school I had attended. At a time in my life when I was feeling slightly lost and overwhelmed, CCV truly inspired me to become a more engaged and engaging individual."

Michele Royce: correction. In our last newsletter, we incorrectly identified the dates that Michele graduated. She graduated from CCV in 2003, received her bachelor's in 2005, and her master's in 2008. She currently resides in Eden Mills, VT.

Amanda Seeholzer (formerly Haire), '06, Burlington, married Ryan Seeholzer on May 30, 2009.

Sergio Torres, '08, Burlington, is working as the Assistant to Activities Director for Copley Manor in Morrisville.

Tiffany Urbani, '08, Rutland, married Brent Wilbur on June 27, 2009.

THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: A CCV ALUMNI TRADITION

The CCV Alumni Scholarship Committee continues its tradition of awarding one or two scholarships to graduating students who plan to continue their studies at a four-year college. The scholarships are fully funded through alumni contributions, and 100% of funds raised go towards funding the scholarships. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund to help fellow graduates continue their education. Donations payable to CCV can be sent to: Community College of Vermont, Attn: Karen Geiger, CCV Alumni Scholarship Fund, 119 Pearl Street, Burlington VT 05401.



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UPCOMING CCV EVENTS

All events are open to the public and admission is free.

Wednesday, March 31: *High School Access Day*, CCV Upper Valley. High school students and parents are invited to attend one of two sessions: 8:45 - 10:30 am or 11:15 am - 1 pm.

Monday to Friday, April 5 – 9: *Bring a Friend to Class*, CCV St. Albans. Prospective students are invited to “sample” a CCV course.

Tuesday, April 6: *Open House*, CCV St. Albans. An opportunity to find out what CCV has to offer.

Wednesday, April 14: *International Food Festival*, CCV Burlington, 5 - 7 pm. Join CCV students from around the world for an evening of food sampling, and please consider bringing a dish to share.

Wednesday, April 28: *Arts Night*, CCV Newport, 6 pm.

Friday, April 30: *Showcase Night*, CCV St. Albans, 5 - 7 pm. Presentations and exhibits of student work.

Friday, April 30: *Café CCV*, CCV Rutland, 5 - 7 pm. An evening of student performances and art exhibits.

COMMENCEMENT 2010

Please join the CCV faculty and staff as we celebrate the accomplishments of the CCV class of 2010 at the College’s commencement exercises. The ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 5**, at Norwich University in Northfield beginning at 2 pm. Alumni are invited to check in at the welcome table to receive a commemorative gift from the College.

CCV BURLINGTON WILL MOVE

to its new downtown Winooski facility in May, 2010.

All summer classes will be held in the new building!



SAVE THE DATE!

WINOOSKI RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING

June 3, 2010 at 3 pm

Please join us for the ceremony, food, music, art exhibits, and more!

CCV is committed to non-discrimination in its learning and working environments for all persons. All educational and employment opportunities at CCV are offered without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability.