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## NURSING IS GOLDEN

Fifty years ago, eleven women graduated from the Hibbing State Junior College on July 22, 1966. Hibbing was the first state junior college to offer a two-year associate nursing degree. Rauha Koski was the first director and instructors included Barbara Neubauer, Ethel Honnett and Audrey Fay.

Instructors were vital to the program. They were good role models who encouraged and challenged their students to excellence. In 1966, the results of the state board indicated that the eleven graduates surpassed the three and four year programs.

Nursing has changed over the years, but some things are timeless. One aspect of nursing that remains the same even today, is the desire to help others. Inspiration comes from caring for ill family members, wanting to make a difference, alleviating suffering and being able to remain in the area. Being a non-traditional student is another similar trend dating back 50 years. Almost half the original graduates in 1966 were married and many today come into the nursing programs after raising children or working as a LPN.

The major changes in nursing have been the uniforms and technology. Gone are the white shoes, nylons, hats and dresses. Nowadays, colorful scrubs have replaced the white uniform and machines have taken the place of the watch.

Technology has become so advanced that teaching techniques have advanced as well. Hibbing Community College has recently added a high-tech, state-of-the-art Healthcare Simulation Center. The center includes two fully equipped clinic rooms and a homecare room. The first and second year students practice a variety of situations before ever encountering them in a real-life setting. The situations are enhanced by the use of high-fidelity mannequins, that have the ability to provide different scenarios for students to respond to in a safe environment.

The Hibbing Community College nursing program is approved by the Minnesota State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

The Hibbing Community College Foundation is proud to support the financial needs of nursing students with the following scholarships; Audrey Fay Nursing Scholarship; Ben Owens Scholarship(s); Shirley Brletich Farden Nursing Scholarship and from the generosity of many who contribute to the general scholarship fund.



*Hibbing State Junior College's first graduating nursing class, 1966*



*HCC nursing students demonstrate features of the new Healthcare Simulation Lab.*

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Hibbing Community College came into existence in 1916, with the first graduation held in 1918. Housed initially in Hibbing High School in North Hibbing, it was the second junior college in Minnesota.

During the beginning years, classes graduated from one to 117 students, with a single course offering of "Grade 13." The college now has more than 20 offerings for associate arts and technical training. 100 years later, on May 13, 2016, 340 certificates and degrees were earned and more than 17,500 students have graduated from HCC throughout its history.

Changes in names and locations for the college have taken place over the 100 years. The first move was to the new high school in 1922, where it remained until 1968. A separate structure was built and completed in 1968



after years of study. The study involved a name change and in 1973, Hibbing Community College replaced the Hibbing Junior College.

A new design and consolidation of the three campuses to one was completed in 2001, to combine the culinary arts, dentistry, diesel, auto, electrical, refrigeration and nursing programs with the liberal arts programs. Reconstruction plans are on-going as the state funds become available to further enhance the HCC buildings and programs.

On July 8, the faculty, staff and the Hibbing Community College Foundation board members, celebrated with the community, alumni and supporters of the college. A barbecue-style lunch, historical memorabilia, and nostalgic photos highlighted the day. Future students were entertained with a photo booth, face painting and a bounce house.

The Hibbing Community College Foundation appreciates the following sponsors of the HCC Centennial Celebration: The Hibbing Foundation, Ameriprise, Thrivent Financial, Sterle and Co., Enich Dental, Fairview Range, Security State Bank, Algonquin Club, Sellman Law Office, Hibbing Taconite Co., Blandin, Hibbing Public Utilities Commission, Baron's Pharmacy, Walmart, Fraboni's, Mesaba Country Club, Sullivan Candy & Supply, Super One, and Express Print One Ltd.

Hibbing Community College continues the tradition of providing an excellent education to area families at a reasonable cost.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

• **November 17, 2015** - Give to the Max Day. This is a single day where non-profits and donors can participate in a 24-hour online fundraising event. The HCC Foundation asks for your support! Make a difference in the lives of Hibbing Community College students by donating to the foundation online. Just follow these three simple steps:

**Log on to GiveMN.org, Type in Hibbing College Foundation in the search box, Make a donation. Enter any amount \$10 or more and follow the prompts.**

• **The HCC Foundation Annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 20, 2017** – Hibbing College Foundation Annual Fundraiser Event. The Hibbing College Foundation rolls out the red carpet for its elegant fundraising event showcasing gourmet food prepared by HCC's Culinary Arts program and great entertainment and the goal of raising funds for student scholarships. **For more information, please contact Claudia Mescher at 218-263-6379.**



*Spring Fling Entertainment:  
Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience*



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# FORMER FACULTY *Remembered*



## **Dr. John Neumaier**

A former student of HCC and Moorhead State, informed us of the recent death of Dr. John Neumaier on May 30, 2016 at the age of 95. This distinguished gentleman was born and raised in Germany, and joined his parents in Minneapolis in 1940, at which point he joined the US Army and became a naturalized citizen. His higher education began in Europe and continued at the U. of Minnesota.

In 1951, Dr. Neumaier, his wife and two children moved to Hibbing to become the first instructor of Philosophy at the Hibbing Junior College. While at HJC, he served as the Social Studies Club advisor, where he participated in the club's sponsored debate "Are Women Naturally Inferior to Men?" and argued that given the opportunity, women could probably surpass men. He began teaching a new course in Physiology, did radio broadcasts regarding education in the Atomic Age, and shared his work with German prisoners of war.

A promotion to Dean of the college came in 1953, a role Dr. Neumaier would hold until 1958, when he became president of Moorhead State College. Moorhead grew from less than 1,000 students to more than 5,000 in the ten years he was president. As a college professor and community leader, Dr. Neumaier, always felt justice was more important than tradition.



## **Richard Warren Varichak**

Richard Warren Varichak passed away on July, 18 2016, in Hibbing. He is survived by his son, Don; daughters, Vikki and Pam; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered for his 29 years of service as an instructor, coach and athletic director at Hibbing Community College.

Although born in Hibbing in 1931, he graduated from Chisholm High School, where he was active in football, basketball and baseball. He played basketball at HJC and UMD before serving in the U.S. Navy and was a Korean War veteran. Dick graduated from the U. of Texas with a B.S. and a Master of Education. After teaching in Texas for three years. he moved back to Hibbing. Upon retirement in 1992, he was inducted into the Minnesota Community College Hall of Fame and continued to coach until 2008.

Minnesota Athletic Assoc. and Dist. 8-American Legion Baseball were enriched with Dick's active service. He was a life-long member of the U. of Texas Ex-Student Assn., VFW, and the American Legion Post 247 of Chisholm. Dick will be remembered and missed by all whose lives he touched with his devotion.



## **Myron Otto Schmidt**

Myron Otto Schmidt died on October 27, 2015 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, after a lengthy illness. He earned a BS degree in Chemistry and Biology in 1956 from Jamestown College in ND and a Masters of Education from UND in 1961. He stated his educational career in the classroom teaching science and moved into the principal's office in several high schools in North Dakota.

In 1963, Mr. Schmidt became Superintendent of Mayville Public Schools and coordinator of secondary student teaching at Mayville State College. This experience led him to HCC in 1973, where he was Dean of Instruction, from which he retired after serving 23 years. During his tenure at HCC, he became Vice-Provost for a six-month interval, served as Interim President, and at the time of his retirement, was serving in the capacity of Dean of College.

Mr. Schmidt is remembered fondly by staff of the science department for whom he had an affinity. As Dean of Instruction, Schmidt worked to protect the curriculum at HCC when a 1973 surge in faculty reduction across the state threatened HCC. He was able to ensure that while faculty numbers were reduced, there was no corresponding reduction in course offerings or quality of education.

The Hibbing Community College Foundation appreciates the memorials sent in to the Myron Schmidt Scholarship.



## **Mary Jean (Parky) Detrick**

Mary Jean (Parky) Detrick, beloved former HCC Economics instructor, died on October 20, 2015 in Minneapolis at age 90. Hailing from the east coast, Parky grew up in New Jersey, graduated from Rutgers and earned her M.A. in economics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

She began her career at HCC in 1975, where she joined her husband, Ralph, an HCC Sociology instructor and taught for twenty years with dedication and verve.

Together, they raised their three children in Hibbing. Parky served on the Hibbing City Council, was a member of AAUW and shared her love of life joyfully with all.

In recognition of Parky's love of teaching a memorial scholarship has been established in her name at HCC by her family. Donations can be sent to Hibbing Community College, 1515 East 25th Street, Hibbing MN 55746 and earmarked for the Mary Jean Detrick Scholarship Fund.

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