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Con Edison salutes Dr. Joseph N. Hankin on his 40th anniversary as president of Westchester Community College.
Celebrating

40

Years of Dedicated Leadership

Dr. Joseph N. Hankin

President

Westchester Community College
The stewardship of a president is the key to any successful educational institution, and Westchester Community College has been lucky enough to have had steady, visionary, and energetic leadership from one individual for four decades. Today we celebrate Dr. Joseph N. Hankin’s achievements and his key role in support of our own successes.

Dr. Hankin was named the leader of the college in 1971 and the transformation of the institution was almost immediate. Following through on the suggestions that he proposed during his interview process (including opening the campus to the community, expanding academic programs, repairing infrastructure), he moved forward to begin the rejuvenation of the college. Although he was relatively new to the role of president (having previously served as president of Maryland’s Harford Community College for four years), Dr. Hankin immediately began his four-decade mission toward a commitment to quality, accessibility, affordability, and expansion.

His first role was to cement further the ties between the president’s office and the faculty, a relationship that is the lifeblood of all successful colleges. Working together with full-time professors and instructors, along with adjuncts, he immediately improved their opportunities for professional development. After consulting with the faculty and administrators, he worked to review and refine various academic policies. For the students, he initiated an academic support system which encouraged them to use new advisory and educational services, thus ensuring classroom success. He met with administrators to update numerous procedures, discussed with staff members their role in supporting the mission of the institution, and began his tenure as one of the most highly connected individuals in the county.

His leadership has been exemplified by his extraordinarily visible and involved presence in the various discussions that have been crucial to the development of Westchester County since the early 1970s, notably the role of workforce development. As a board member with various business organizations (he is a current member of the Westchester County Association and Business Council boards), he continues to respond to the needs of the business community by participating in the formation of county-wide initiatives, and has encouraged the formation of new academic programs leading to local careers. Also under his leadership, the college formalized its training options for those in the workplace by forming the Professional Development Center, which has helped train and educate Westchester workers since 1984.
Dr. Hankin also was a significant member of the team that expanded the Westchester Community College Foundation, which has raised millions in support of faculty and staff (training and education), students (annual scholarships totaling $1 million), academic programs (providing seed money through private donations and grants), and infrastructure (raising money for new buildings including the recently opened Gateway Center). The growth and evolution of this financial support entity has been critical to the success and expansion of the institution.

When addressing his impact, one might consider what the stature of the college, now respected on a national level, would be without his involvement. Without our stellar leader, we would still have a Division of Continuing Education, but would it be the largest in the entire SUNY system? Undoubtedly, the main campus in Valhalla would not be the only place where classes would be held, but would we have courses on the main campus plus five large freestanding hub sites (Peekskill, Ossining, White Plains, Yonkers, and Mount Vernon)? Would we still also offer courses at more than 100 other locations throughout the county? Would thriving cultural arts, the Native Plant Center, and volunteer programs flourish here?

To take the most recent decade out of context, we can see the tremendous impact Hankin has had over one particular ten-year period. In addition to opening several new extension centers during this time, he oversaw the overhaul and expansion of the Harold L. Drimmer Library and Learning Resource Center which doubled in size in 2002. In addition, he opened Gateway (a 70,000-square-foot landmark structure designed by the renowned Ennead architectural firm to provide educational resources for thousands of students). During the same decade, the college dramatically expanded
its online learning options, added a dozen new academic programs, and instituted the Collegium, a resource for mature learners interested in serious study and social exchange. Simultaneously, the college reached record enrollment figures for both credit and non-credit study.

So looking merely at a partial list of achievements during any one decade during “The Hankin Era,” we can see the huge influence he has had over the college. Multiply that by four, and one begins to realize the overwhelming scope of his influence. But looking at these achievements alone tells only part of the story. Any successful administrator can point to concrete improvements, timely expansions, and deft changes in direction and mission that revitalize an organization. But a truly transcendent leader’s tenure also may speak to less apparent achievements that may not make it to the tally sheet.

It can truly be said that Dr. Hankin is Westchester Community College. His work ethic and visionary leadership have resulted in one of the nation’s finest community colleges and the largest and most successful educational institution in the county. But that influence goes beyond programmatic changes and brick and mortar improvements. It also has to do with his positive influence over the people of Westchester Community College. Through example and leadership, he has inspired others to do their best on behalf of the college.

His influence ranges through a large number of individuals who have been a part of the college community. This includes his impact on the student leader who sought the president’s counsel while wrestling with a volatile home life; the faculty member, unsure of her future in academia, who sought career advice and then decided to pursue doctoral studies resulting in a rejuvenated career; the administrator who oversaw a dramatic overhaul of his office after being inspired by one of the president’s many witty, informative, and rousing speeches.

These are the quieter, but equally impactful, influences that have resulted from his presence. But they are just as meaningful as those that are on the timelines in this document as we celebrate the tenure of the longest serving community college president in the nation. Our leader, mentor, and friend, Dr. Joseph N. Hankin.
In the Beginning
Dr. Joseph N. Hankin during his early days as president of Westchester Community College

The Young Family
Joe and Carole Hankin with their children, Brian, Marc and Laura

College Trustees
Dr. Hankin with early college leaders including Ralynn Stadler, Bill Sharwell, Anna Bernard, Jeff Bernbach and Harold Drimmer

Administrative Team
Early administrators include Hugh Leslie and Enzo Allegretti

Commencement Day
1972 commencement ceremony in front of the Student Center
40 reasons why we love you!!!

♥ You always had time to help with homework or lend a helping hand
♥ You worked very hard, day after day, year after year to provide for all of us
♥ You woke us up and made sure we were ready for school every day
♥ You eat ice cream for breakfast every morning...and when the ice cream store is closed the owner will open up just for you!
♥ You love to sing...and that is where I got my love for singing and musical theatre (Max)
♥ You always thoroughly enjoyed your work, which set a great example for all of us
♥ You are very generous—you care more about giving to your kids and grandchildren than yourself
♥ He lets us do whatever we want, mostly (Ellie)
♥ You are kind to kids, elderly, and those less able than yourself
♥ You are the most nurturing, loving father we could ever imagine
♥ You give great, fun(ny) speeches full of quotations from the famous and the obscure
♥ You buy ice cream for us for lunch and make sure that it's just the kind we want (Kate)
♥ You answer emails promptly (even if they arrive at 4am)
♥ You are very thoughtful and kind to your grandchildren
♥ You are humble
♥ You were always the first person up in our house growing up...beating the next person by 3 hours!!
♥ You are really smart. No really, really smart!! (Charlie)
♥ No one loves ice cream more than you do (except maybe Mommy)
♥ He is nicer to me than my own dad (Chase)
♥ You are the best clipping service around
♥ You used to write 100 letters a week BEFORE email and now you get and answer over 1,000 emails per week (or is that day?!)
♥ You are selfless
♥ You love the underdog
♥ You are passionate about social justice
♥ You are a speech giver extraordinaire
♥ You love children and babies and we have endless memories of you carrying around your nine grandchildren when they were babies
♥ You are very generous and would give us the shirt off your back
♥ You love to help anyone get a job, go to school, earn a degree, better themselves
♥ Whenever we see you, you always have a smile (Zane)
To our father (and grandfather)—on the 40th Anniversary of your being President of WCC

♥ You have always loved the latest technology
♥ You are kind and gentle
♥ You are intellectually curious (Eden)
♥ You are a “chocoholic” and passed this on to your children and their children
♥ He loves us very much (Tyler)
♥ You read your blackberry under the table at dinner…or whenever mommy is not looking!
♥ You always take the time to think about the people you know, whether they are family, friends, coworkers, or just coexisting on the face of this earth
♥ You were politically correct 20 years before it was even a term
♥ You read, and write, more than anyone else we know (Jasper)
♥ Daddy, we are so proud of you. You make wherever you are a better place for your having been there. You have really made a difference in the lives of many, many people and you have made a huge difference at WCC and in this world. We could not be more proud of our father and we thank you for everything.
♥ We love you!

Love, Marc, Erica, Eden, Jasper, Zane, Laura, Marc, Max, Kate, Charlie, Brian, Tracy, Ellie, Tyler & Chase
Festival Program of Events

Dr. Joseph N. Hankin 40th Anniversary Festival Activities

October 12, 2011

Remarks, Virginia and Leonard Marx Atrium

Hon. Timothy Carey, Chairman, Westchester Community College Board of Trustees

David Swope, Chairman, Westchester Community College Foundation

Dr. Carole Hankin

Dr. Joseph Hankin, President, Westchester Community College

Performances by the Viking Voices, Davis Auditorium

Performances by the Westchester Community College Jazz Ensemble, Welcome Tent

Fashion Installations created by Westchester Community College students, Sophia and Joseph Abeles Business Wing Hallway and Modern Languages Wing Hallway

Take a tour through four decades of fashion spanning Dr. Hankin’s time at Westchester Community College

Virginia Marx Children’s Center Art Display created by pre-school children, Conference Room 221

See Dr. Hankin through the eyes of pre-school children in their portraits, notes, thoughts and artwork

Personal Note Writing Area, Lobby of the Modern Languages Department, second floor

Write a note to Dr. Hankin—notes will be put into a book and presented to him

Memorabilia and Westchester Community College Artifacts Display, Seminar Room 201

See photos, yearbooks, newspaper articles, and more from the last 40 years at Westchester Community College

Hankin through the Decades, Sophia and Joseph Abeles Business Wing Hallway and Modern Languages Wing Hallway

Have your photo taken with one of four life-size cut-outs of Dr. Hankin

Emergency Housing Unit Display created by Westchester Community College students, Arthur and Betty Himmel Gathering Terrace, second floor

Floral and plant displays by the Native Plant Center

Culinary Adventures by Abigail Kirsch Catering Relationships
Letters of Recognition
for

Dr. Joseph N. Hankin
Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, President  
Westchester Community College  
Office of the President  
75 Grasslands Road  
Valhalla, New York 10595  

Dear President Hankin:

It is a pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations as you are honored for your four decades of service to Westchester Community College.

As a society, we value outstanding educators who foster the intellectual growth and personal enrichment of their students, creating lifelong learners who go on to become contributing citizens. For 40 years, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing individuals at Westchester Community College with opportunities to maximize their full potential and change their lives.

Your long-term vision and effective leadership have motivated young and old alike, allowing over 750,000 students to gain the advantage of an exceptional education in today’s fast-paced world. You have grown enrollment, attracted an award-winning faculty and professional staff, improved and expanded the campus without detracting from the natural beauty of Westchester County, and instituted and redesigned new curricula. The innovative programs and student-focused environment that you have promoted have had a positive impact on thousands of graduates in the Metropolitan area.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend your impressive stewardship and invaluable contributions as the President of Westchester Community College. As the Nation’s longest-serving community college president (once the Nation’s youngest community college president), you share a legacy of service with your campus family, the community, and a grateful Empire State.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO
October 12, 2011

Dear Friends:

I am proud to congratulate Westchester Community College as it gathers to celebrate its Anniversary Festival. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of Westchester Community College and tonight’s distinguished honoree on this wonderful occasion.

For sixty-five years, Westchester Community College has held a strong record of educating talented students from diverse ethnic groups, and continues to help countless individuals in their pursuit and attainment of educational excellence. Westchester Community College has served as the primary path towards advancement for generations of New Yorkers, who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college. I applaud Westchester Community College, its leadership, supporters, and all those who have contributed to the success of each and every student.

Further, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight’s honoree, Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, on his 40th Anniversary as President of the College. Westchester Community College stands as a national model of excellence in community colleges, a feat made possible by the outstanding leadership of Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, because of his resolute dedication for the past forty years. I am honored to join Westchester Community College in recognizing Dr. Hankin for his commitment to this wonderful institution and the New York community.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. I know Westchester Community College will continue to serve as one of our nation’s foremost community colleges for many years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
Dr. Joseph N. Hankin  
President  
Westchester Community College  
75 Grasslands Road  
Valhalla, NY 10595

Dear Joe:

I am extremely pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings and congratulations to the longest-serving community college president in the United States on your 40th anniversary. I am proud to have Westchester Community College in my district, because, under your leadership, it is recognized as one of the top tier educational institutions of its kind in the country.

You have turned the college campus into a thriving place of hope and accomplishment for a student body that ranges from recent high school graduates to displaced workers to new immigrants taking their place in this country.

Your far-sightedness, tenacity, good humor and innate goodness have for four decades brightened and enlightened this community and improved the lives of individuals and families in untold numbers.

Thank you for all you do. May your next 40 years as President be as meaningful as these have been.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey  
Member of Congress

NML: mh
October 12, 2011

Dear Friends:

I am both pleased and proud to join all gathered for this evening’s Westchester Community College Anniversary Festival and salute College President Dr. Joseph N. Hankin on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as President of the College.

Dr. Hankin has distinguished himself in so many ways and is an excellent role model for today’s students.

As you know, Dr. Hankin became the youngest serving college president and in the academic community he is unequalled. His dedication and commitment to the college has been steadfast and has brought the college to new heights in affordability, quality and accessibility to educational resources for all.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Joseph N. Hankin. I hope the years ahead will continue to bring you much success and personal satisfaction in all of your endeavors. To all in attendance, I offer my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Astorino
County Executive
October 12, 2011

Timothy Carey, Chair
Board of Trustees
Westchester Community College
75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY 10595

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the Anniversary Festival hosted by Westchester Community College in celebration of 40 years of distinguished service by its president, Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, the longest serving community college president in the country. Since 1946, Westchester Community College – which is commemorating its own 65th anniversary – has been providing a high-quality, accessible education and creating opportunities for the people of Westchester County.

Special congratulations are due to this year’s honoree: Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, WCC President. His outstanding leadership, vision and accomplishments are truly worthy of your recognition.

In addition to helping some 750,000 students develop their talents and realize their aspirations through a wide range of degree and certificate programs, Westchester Community College has become an integral part of the larger community, promoting service activities and making a vigorous cultural and intellectual exchange available to all Westchester residents. Under the guidance of Dr. Hankin, Westchester Community College has opened new extension sites, expanded and enhanced its facilities, and earned a reputation as one of our nation’s premier community colleges. The dedicated board, administration, faculty, staff, students, families and supporters of Westchester Community College are honoring the institution’s noble academic traditions and building a brighter future in Westchester County.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller
PROCLAMATION
FROM
SENATOR SUZI OPPENHEIMER

HONORING
DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN
FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY; WHETHER THROUGH UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER ENDEAVORS, OR SIMPLY THROUGH A LIFETIME OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY TO HONOR DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND STATE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS PRESIDENT OF WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT A FESTIVAL HELD IN HIS HONOR ON OCTOBER 12, 2011; AND

WHEREAS, DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN IS THE LONGEST SERVING COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE TOP FIFTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS IN THE NATION; AND

WHEREAS, DR. HANKIN HAS OVERSEEN THE ADDITION OF DOZENS OF NEW CURRICULA AND THE REDESIGN OF EXISTING PROGRAMS. HE HAS SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTINUING EDUCATION DIVISION, PROVIDING LIFELONG LEARNING FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, IN ADDITION TO THE CONSORTIUM FOR IMMIGRANT EDUCATION, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, AND A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE RESUME OF DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, DETAILING AN INDIVIDUAL OF IDEAL CHARACTER AND A PERSON FOR WHICH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD, BEING IN EVERY SENSE AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND AN IDEAL ROLE MODEL; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS OF SUCH NOBLE AIDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR THE ERECTION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR SUZI OPPENHEIMER COMMEND DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, AND THEREFORE URGEE ALL CITIZENS TO SHARE IN HIS CELEBRATION AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON THIS IMPORTANT PERSON IN OUR GREAT DISTRICT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN DURING TODAY'S EVENTS.

Suzi Oppenheimer
STATE SENATOR - 37TH DISTRICT
Dear Dr. Hankin,

It is indeed my privilege to join with those who honor you today as you celebrate your fortieth anniversary as President of Westchester Community College. This is truly an historic event as you are the longest serving community college president in the nation.

You have not only provided unequalled leadership at Westchester Community College, but you have also overseen the growth of enrollment from a few thousand to over 30,000 in both credit and non-credit programs over four decades. Under your leadership, Westchester Community College's faculty and professional staff has received more SUNY Chancellors Awards for Excellence than any other Community College in the system.

As Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, I am proud to be one of the people who travel on trails you have blazed, witnessed the results of the work you have done and see programs you initiated flourish because of your leadership.

My Congratulations accompany my pride in my being able to associate and partner with you and your staff of outstanding education professionals.

Thank you for making continuing education a priority in Westchester County. Wishing you all the best as you continue to provide growth and a variety of programs and services for this county.

Respectfully,

Ken Jenkins
Chairman of the Board of Legislators
Legislator, 16th District of Yonkers
PROCLAMATION

HONORING DR. JOSEPH N. HANKIN ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY AS PRESIDENT
OF WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The League of Women Voters of Westchester and Westchester Community College both share a commitment to the creation and sustenance of an informed and knowledgeable community, fostered by innovative approaches to life-long education. The League wishes to salute Dr. Joseph N. Hankin on his distinction of being the longest serving community college president in the nation and join in celebrating his extraordinary tenure as President of the College. The League also wishes to acknowledge Dr. Hankin's interest in, service to and cooperation with the League of Women Voters of Westchester, in particular, his generous sponsorship of a County-wide Advisory Committee to the League.

In recognition of Dr. Hankin's many achievements and his commitment to the work of the League, by unanimous vote of its Executive Board, hereby issues this proclamation as a token of our esteem and gratitude and confers on Dr. Hankin an honorary membership in the League.

Sharon Lindsay
President
League of Women Voters of Westchester

September 8, 2011
September 2011

Dear Friends,

I want to say, off the bat, that it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to write about Joe Hankin. Considering the scope and breadth of his storied career as an educator and an administrator—as a true campus leader—one is both humbled and inspired.

Westchester Community College is incredibly fortunate to have had President Hankin at its helm these last four decades. With the help of his guidance and vision, the campus has flourished into the vibrant institution it is today, enriching and improving the region and the lives of countless students over the years.

President Hankin’s insights, informed by his years as both an administrator and teacher, have been instrumental in bringing to bear SUNY’s mission of accessibility. Not only did he establish WCC’s continuing education program, now the largest in the SUNY system, but he worked to establish the Academic Support Center and the Virginia Marx Children’s Center, among many other valuable programs—each designed to promote accessibility and provide support for students. Also under his leadership, WCC has expanded to include several satellite sites and online courses, allowing more students better access to learning opportunities.

President Hankin is the definition of dedication. Whether in the classroom, in the office, or out on campus, he wears multiple hats and has served—and continues to serve—his community with great distinction. On behalf of the entire SUNY community I can say that we are so very proud to include him among our ranks.

I want to thank President Hankin for his many years of distinguished service to the SUNY community and to higher education, and wish him continued success and best wishes.

With best regards,

Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor
September 9, 2011

Dr. Joseph N. Hankin, President
Westchester Community College
4 Merion Drive
Purchase, NY 10577

Dear Dr. Hankin,

Many of us knew, when you became the youngest college president in the nation, that we could expect great things from you. But even those who recognized your leadership potential at the time could not have foreseen what remarkable contributions you would make to community colleges and higher education over 40 extraordinary years.

In your four decades of leadership, you have touched countless lives at every level: more than 750,000 students; hundreds of faculty members – many of whom have been recognized for excellence; thousands of military veterans, who have benefited from the “veteran friendly campus” environment you have fostered at Westchester Community College. Add to these the many friends and colleagues who have seen in your quiet competence a model to emulate, and I believe your selection as one of Exxon’s most effective college presidents in the nation is understated.

I am so pleased to count you as a friend and colleague. As you take the next steps toward a new chapter in your life, please know that your commitment to students and learning will be far-reaching and profound. Your impending retirement is well-earned and richly deserved. I hope you will remain closely connected to our colleges and to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

On behalf of the Board of Directors and AACC, please accept my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on this leadership milestone.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Bumphus
President and CEO
September 2011

As one sturdy son of City College to another, I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to President Joseph Hankin on 40 years of outstanding service as president of Westchester Community College. All of us who value high-quality public higher education owe deep appreciation to Joe for his longtime professional commitment to serving students and the Westchester community, his distinguished leadership in advancing community college education, and his generous outreach to his colleagues in New York and across the country.

The City University of New York is especially proud of the many partnerships established between Lehman College and Westchester Community College, reflecting Joe’s belief that every student should have access to the best educational opportunities. Those programs have enabled Westchester graduates to build on the strong education they received at the associate-degree level and have earned Joe the trust and respect of both past and present CUNY college presidents.

Joe’s remarkable tenure and his many successes are a testament to his profound dedication to transforming lives through education. On behalf of all of us at CUNY, I commend President Hankin on this singular achievement.

Sincerely,

Matthew Goldstein
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Joe, you have now surpassed Charles Eliot at Harvard for the length of your tenure at Westchester Community College. In a time of dramatic change, Eliot remade Harvard to meet the needs of an industrializing nation. You have achieved the same feat at Westchester Community College. In an era in which America was changing from an industrial to an information economy and desperately needed to shift from junior colleges into true community colleges, you created a model to guide the nation. I salute you for your imagination, intelligence, persistence, leadership and success.

Arthur Levine
President, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Teachers College/Columbia University

Thomas Alva Edison famously argued that “genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” For more than four decades, Joe Hankin, a Distinguished Alumnus of Teachers College, has invested all of his academic and organizational “sweat equity” in the advancement of community college education. For 40 years, he has gained national renown as the accomplished and beloved president of Westchester Community College. For more than 30 of those years, he has brought his scholarship, leadership experience, and insights to TC as an adjunct faculty member in our Higher and Secondary Education program. While recognized by his peers as one of the best community college presidents in the nation, Joe is regarded by his friends, colleagues, and former students at TC as one of the best teachers they will ever know – in other words, a genius. Joe, we wish you many happy and healthy years ahead – because the more you are around, the better off our world of education will be.

Susan Fuhrman
President
Teachers College/Columbia University
Commencement 1972
Harold Drimmer and Angelo Delgrosso help Dr. Hankin greet new graduates

Pepsico Communications & Media Arts Scholarship
Christolyn Williams and Eileen Shea with Dr. Hankin

1987 Medallion Award Recipients
Walter Anderson, Virginia W. Marx and John M. Allen with Foundation Chairman Stephen E. Garner

Cab Calloway
Group meeting Cab Calloway (second from right) includes Marty Berger, John Connolly and Dr. Hankin.

Students Meet College Leaders
From the beginning, Dr. Hankin encouraged students to meet with college faculty and administrators, including Charlie Schulze, Paul Barkin, and Don Carmody
On July 1, 1965, each of us began his higher education career at Harford Community College in Maryland. Joseph Hankin was director of the evening division and summer session and Stuart Steiner was admissions director. College presidencies followed in relatively short order. Together we now hold a combined record of 78 years of presidential service. Our longevity both humbles and surprises us. We have reflected often on our decades of service and the reasons for our long and successful tenures.

Here are some of the lessons we have learned:

**Successful community college presidents are educators first and foremost.** We spend large portions of our time teaching and guiding board members, elected officials, managerial staff members, college committee chairs, reporters, and the college community. Our curriculum consists of educational vision, stewardship of resources, and leadership development.

**Successful presidents keep learning.** Certainly we learn from our colleagues and subordinates. But equally important, we walk around the campus, engage students in conversation, talk daily with faculty and staff, and ask probing questions of visitors. We remain curious about big goals and obscure details. The more we know, the better we lead.

**Successful presidents think about tomorrow.** While many of our faculty and staff members are immersed in managing the “here and now,” we do our jobs best when we manage three, five, or even ten years in the future.

**Successful presidents are fair.** Successful presidents treat faculty and staff members as genuine partners in decision making and strive for stable, productive relationships with them.

**Successful presidents are careful with resources.** In this day and age, resources are extraordinarily tight. The most successful presidents pay attention to the mechanics of the budget process and scrutinize budget reports. While we have no desire to earn reputations as penny pinchers, we want our constituencies to recognize that we treat the resources entrusted to us as carefully as we would treat our own.

**Successful presidents respect the board’s role.** Successful presidents understand that the board is the governing and policy-making body.

**Successful presidents stay fresh.** Just as our institutions are always evolving, effective leaders must continually grow. Active involvement in professional organizations, peer networking, and daily exposure to higher education news helps us stay on top of trends and innovations.

**Successful presidents celebrate.** Celebrations build a sense of community. Institutional milestones deserve celebrations, and each celebration becomes an opportunity to deepen the commitment and involvement of those in our community.
Academic Support Center Writing Coordinator Beth Holden recently interviewed Dr. Hankin in preparation for an article she wrote, Not Your Average Joe. Here are some excerpts from their conversation.

BH: Let’s start by taking a look at the various roles of a modern president, roles you have filled for four decades. There’s administrator, fundraiser, innovator and facilitator. Also, presidents must represent the college at a large number of internal and external functions. You’re known for your entertaining and informative presentations. How do you manage to give so many speeches?

JH: I’ve always enjoyed these opportunities. I write them myself. It takes about an hour a page. I learned a long time ago if you pepper a talk with fun and interesting anecdotes, more people will listen and more people will retain the information. I’ve been collecting stories, anecdotes and facts forever. I have about 10,000 note cards in a wooden filing cabinet here at the college and about 70,000 at home.

BH: You have had a tremendous influence on the college during your tenure here. What would you consider some of your greatest successes?

JH: Well, first, it’s not just me. I have a team of individuals who have helped the college grow and thrive. We have started many programs including the Women’s Forum. It helps support homemakers and adult women returning to school. Our Academic Support Center offers tutorial support for students who need help in developmental courses. The Black Male Retention Initiative helps students stay in school. I’m also proud of our Virginia Marx Children’s Center. This resource helps us provide care for the children of students and employees. Some of these individuals wouldn’t be able to go to school, or to work here for that matter, if we didn’t have an on-campus facility for their children.

BH: The college now offers classes in more locations than ever before. You have played a key role in that expansion.

JH: When I first came here, we offered off-campus classes, but not to the extent we do now. In addition to the main campus, we now have extensions in Peekskill, Ossining, Yonkers, Mount Vernon and White Plains. For some people, having these options close to home makes all the difference. We constantly hear from students who tell us that if they were not able to walk to school, or take buses nearby, or drive around the corner to these facilities, they wouldn’t have bothered going to college. These extension centers give them the chance to go to school. It just makes things easier for them.

BH: I remember hearing about the various locations where classes are offered. In addition to the extensions, the college offers classes all throughout the county?

JH: Last year, for instance, we offered classes in some 103 difference locations. And through the years, we have had classes at 250 separate places.

BH: Would you say that your legacy is one of access?

JH: I’ve always tried to open the college up to more and more individuals. When I
first came here, 2,000 applicants were turned away. That’s not total access. Over time, we have been able to expand the campus, physically with new buildings and programmatically through new programs. We’re now close to record enrollment and proud of it.

BH: Are there still individuals out there who can’t be reached through education at a community college?

JH: Can we as an educational institution do a better job meeting the needs of potential students in Westchester? I think we can. For instance, I would like to be able to provide more remedial courses and tutoring options. Approximately sixty percent of our students require one or more remedial courses. So there’s that group which we can do more for, and others could use more of our help, too. I think our online programs are one solution in terms of reaching out to those who may not be able to travel, for instance. We can always do more.

BH: But space is also a concern, no?

JH: We still have one of the smallest square-foot-per-student ratios in the SUNY system. This is despite having recently opened the Gateway Center, doubling the size of the library, and other projects. We’re moving in the right direction…slowly. Off-campus centers help a lot to relieve such issues. The extensions are very busy. Online courses are taking some of the pressure off the main campus, too.

BH: How do you keep up with everything? Fundraising tasks, administrative work, speeches, dealing with the college’s finances? You are the busiest person on the campus but you always seem to have time for others.

JH: Thank you. I try to put time aside every day in order to meet with students, faculty, administrators, and staff members. Everyone is involved in the workings of the college and everyone has their own perspective on issues. If I don’t have time for a personal conversation, there’s always email! I get about 450 emails a day.

BH: 450! Every day?

JH: Sometimes more. But I do try to keep up. As best I can. That’s why you may sometimes get an email from me in the middle of the night. I like to stay in touch and it’s a big part of my job.
BH: When do you sleep?

JH: It’s funny that you mention that. A few years ago, I was worried that my sleep patterns were off so I went to the Cornell Sleep Center in White Plains and found that six hours is ideal for me. If I can get six hours of sleep, or even less, I’m good for the whole day. I go to sleep at midnight. I’m up by four or five. The sleep clinic said that five to six hours is normal, but that I should take a nap in the middle of the day. I said, “Put it in writing!”

BH: Over the years, your family must have been very supportive of your career choice.

JH: I do have a very supportive family. My wife also has an important role in the educational system. (Dr. Carole G. Hankin is superintendent of schools in Syosset, New York.) I have two sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren ranging in age from six to fifteen. They live all across the county – Los Angeles, Charlotte, and Atlanta. They have always been interested in both of our careers, including our education. When my eldest son was young, I was writing my dissertation. I heard him say, “Be quiet! He’s working on his dissertation.” I didn’t even know he knew the word!
Strong Leadership
Dr. John Flynn (left) and Dr. Julius Ford (above) were among the college administrators who joined Dr. Hankin in shaping the future of Westchester Community College.

College Community Celebrating Dr. Hankin’s 25th Anniversary
Groups include:
(upper photo) Sonia and Harold Drimmer, Selma and Fred Moses, Marge and Harry Phillips, Harriett and Joe Pfeffer, and Josephine Buck Jones

(lower photo) Dave Krumlauf, Gayle and Mitch Levison, Ann and Calvin Johnson, Marilyn Meneck, Steven and Marge Glusker, and Lenny and Rhoda Fishman

County Partnership
Dr. Hankin discusses college plans with Chief of Staff George Oros, Foundation Board member and college trustee Betsy Stern, and County Executive Rob Astorino.

Dr. Hankin with Harold Drimmer
At age 26, Dr. Hankin became the nation’s youngest college president when he assumed leadership of Harford Community College in Maryland.

During his tenure, the college’s faculty and professional staff have received more SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence than any similarly-sized institution.

His support of the expansion of the Continuing Education Division has resulted in tremendous growth. It is now the largest such program in the state of New York.

Dr. Hankin’s efforts to educate immigrants and new citizens have resulted in the expansion of the English Language Institute to more than 5,000 individuals a year.

Dedicated to active student life, the college president has encouraged the expansion of student clubs, which now number more than seventy.

Under his leadership, the college has expanded its resources for mature adults, and now offers classes through Mainstream, the Institute for Mature Adults, and Collegium, which offers high level educational options for lifelong learners.

Thanks to the addition of new buildings on the main campus and an expansion throughout the county (the college now has five freestanding extension hub sites), students learn in more locations than ever before. In fact, Honors students now study in Cambridge, England each summer.

An avid reader, and an active listener of audio books, Dr. Hankin has listened to 500-600 audio books over the last 35 years.

Encouraged by the president’s interest in supporting students, the Westchester Community College Foundation now awards $1 million in student scholarships each year.

Dr. Hankin is the longest serving community college president in the nation.
Each semester, the college holds classes for more than 20,000 credit and non-credit students.

Dr. Hankin holds six degrees.

Dr. Hankin has been named one of the Most Effective College Presidents in the United States.

Corporate training is now one of the college’s strengths. The Professional Development Center, which began in 1984, has trained and educated thousands of individuals.

Under Dr. Hankin, the college launched its highly regarded Honors Program in 1987.

Dr. Hankin is the recipient of over 100 honors and awards.

He has been named one of the Top Fifty Community College Leaders in the Nation.

Under his leadership, the college has expanded upon the opportunities for professional development for faculty and staff who expand their knowledge by attending conferences and workshops in-person and online.

An early proponent of online learning, Dr. Hankin’s support of distance education has resulted in a rapid expansion. The college has offered hundreds of online classes.

Since arriving on the Valhalla campus, Dr. Hankin has supervised the construction of four new buildings.

Dr. Hankin’s mission to expand upon the college’s educational offerings has resulted in many new academic programs. There are now more than sixty academic programs offered at the college.

In May 2011, Dr. Hankin addressed a record number of graduates at the college’s commencement ceremony. 1,451 students received their degrees on that day.
**Dr. Hankin as Mentor**

**Dr. Hankin has mentored Professor Rick Hyland** for nearly three decades. Hyland first attended the college as a student in 1983, at which time the two met periodically to discuss student leadership and academic issues. After two semesters here, Hyland joined the Marine Corps, and then spent a decade in private industry. He took a class with Dr. Hankin at Columbia University, and returned to Westchester Community College as director of the Yonkers Extension Center. At that time, their conversations centered on the challenges and issues relating to college administration. Now, he is a faculty member at the college. Dr. Hankin continues to serve as his mentor as a member of Hyland’s dissertation committee.

“Dr. Hankin has served as an exemplary leader, advisor, and mentor to me and many others. For this, we owe him a significant debt of gratitude,” says Hyland.

**Renata Holcmann** was a wonderful student at Westchester Community College. A Liberal Arts/Social Sciences major, she graduated in 2006. But not before she received a Westchester Community College Foundation Merit Scholarship, the Ruth and Jerome Siegel Scholarship, and a SUNY Chancellor’s Award. But her story doesn’t end there. She has since graduated from Columbia University and is now going for her Masters degree in Sports Management there. A chess champ when she was a child in Hungary, she now teaches chess and takes part in various tournaments on her own.

“Dr. Hankin has supported me and helped guide me during my time at the college,” she says. “While I was at the school, it was nice to know that I knew the president and could go to him for advice at any time.”

**Professor Russell Ippolito** has been a frequent visitor to Dr. Hankin’s office for decades. First, as a student, Ippolito came to the president for advice on classes and career choices. Admittedly somewhat unfocused at the time, Ippolito says the president helped him to hone in on his strengths. Later, as he pursued a degree after graduating from Westchester, Ippolito sought the president out for counsel on his interest in teaching as a career. Now, as chair of the college’s Paralegal Studies Program, Ippolito frequently confers with the president on issues relating to college policy, marketing, and other institutional issues.

“Dr. Hankin has been a steady influence on me at various stages in my life, including my current role as a college administrator,” says Ippolito. “He has been with me from college on into my professional career. In particular, I took a graduate level course from the president while he was teaching at Columbia University. I was able to learn from him in a formal setting at Columbia, and have leaned on him for advice at various points in my career. I owe a lot to Dr. Hankin,” he says.
Dr. Hankin Greets New Graduate

Football Coach
Dr. Hankin shares memories with football coach George Comenzo

Students of All Ages Find a Friend in Dr. Hankin

Students First
Dr. Hankin's willingness to listen to students has brought generations of students to his door
**September, 1971**

Dr. Joseph N. Hankin is installed as the second president of Westchester Community College

**1971**

The first non-credit courses are offered
Dr. Hankin begins the expansion of the college’s mission of providing lifelong learning opportunities.

First off-campus credit courses are offered
Expanding the college’s mission of accessibility to all is one of Dr. Hankin’s priorities.

Italian Club established at Westchester Community College
To date this club, which promotes the study of Italian language and culture, has raised over $500,000 in scholarship funds. Its programs are offered to the entire Westchester community.

**1972**

Division of Continuing Education created
Part of Dr. Hankin’s community outreach goal, it is now one of the largest in the State University of New York, providing lifelong learning for thousands of students of all ages.

Women’s Forum created
The Forum is a day program of support services designed to ease and enhance the experiences of adult women students resuming their education at Westchester Community College. Services include a “Welcoming Reception” for New Students, program planning, workshops, seminars, peer discussion groups, academic and personal counseling.

**1973**

First Medallion Awards Dinner
Its purpose was twofold—to honor prominent members of the Westchester community and to raise scholarship funds for the Westchester Community College Foundation. Six Medallion Awards were presented at the first dinner. The event was held annually for 30 years.

**1974**

The first Honors Convocation is held to recognize academic excellence

### 1970s Timeline

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Tuition in 1975 was $500 per year.
1975

First English as a Second Language courses offered at the college
The courses were offered by the English Department.

“Smart Arts” cultural affairs department opens
“Smart Arts” brings performing artists to the college from around the world, offering an ongoing program of cultural events to the Westchester community.

Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma is formed
ABG is the national business honor society for two-year colleges.

1977

New Science Building opens
The first new building on campus in almost a decade has a much more modern architectural style than the previous buildings.

1979

DanceWorks founded
Westchester Community College’s modern dance repertory company of students and alumni has become one of the most respected troupe of performers in the county.

New Road Ribbon Cutting
A new road improves access to the college; ribbon cutters include Dr. Hankin, Harold Drimmer, Edwin Michaelian, John Kashchy, Michael D’Apice and Bill Bastiensen
1981

Academic Arts Building Opens
Facilities include a 400-seat theatre, studios for the fine and performing arts, and the 2,000-square-foot Fine Arts Gallery.

Westchester Art Workshop in White Plains affiliates with the College
This provides additional opportunities for courses in the studio arts.

The first Professional Development Day for faculty is held

First computer in use at the college
Purchased by Student Forum and Student Senate primarily to make bookkeeping and record keeping more accurate for student clubs and athletic teams, the computer cost $7,000. It was kept in a room in the Student Center wired with a sonic alarm system which was hooked up to the police department.

1983

Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honor society, establishes a Westchester Community College chapter
The Alpha Iota Omicron chapter of PTK is one of the most active student organizations on campus today.

1984

"Mainstream", the Institute for Mature Adults, established
The Continuing Education department begins a program of innovative educational programming for adults over 50, expanding existing courses and programs for this group which had started in the 1970s at Dr. Hankin’s direction.

Academic Support Center established
The ASC assists students who are having difficulty with math or writing courses. Volunteers and paid peer tutors work with any student who requests help.

1985

First Literary Symposium held on campus
Authors Gay Talese and E.L. Doctorow were among the five panelists. The event was open to the public and became an outstanding annual social event in the Westchester community, raising funds for scholarships as well as awareness of the college.

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1986

**Student Emergency Fund established**
As a result of Dr. Hankin’s efforts, this special fund was set up to aid students faced with unexpected (“emergency”) expenses.

**Children’s Day Care Center Opens on Campus**
Providing care for children so that their parents could attend classes, later expanding to a large, state-of-the-art building and named the Virginia Marx Child Care Center after its principal benefactor.

**Professional Development Center opens**
Assisting the Westchester business community by offering courses for employees of locally-based corporations as well as small business owners.

**Dr. Hankin selected by his peers**
Selected as one of the Hundred Most Effective College Presidents in the United States and recognized again in 1988 as one of the fifty best community college presidents in the country.

**Development of off campus sites**
Offering classes in various places throughout the county further extended the college into the community it serves. Classes have been offered at over 80 sites around the county.

1987

**ESL (English as a Second Language) Program established**
Created by the Division of Continuing Education, the English Language Institute has grown to a 7-day a week program serving about 5,000 students from over 100 countries who take classes at more than 12 locations in the county.

**Project Transition initiated**
Provides services to displaced homemakers who are divorced, widowed, separated, or whose spouses are unemployed or disabled. Since the Project began it has helped more than 8,000 displaced homemakers gain marketable skills.

**Honors Program established under Dr. Hankin’s leadership**

1988

**The Library’s Card Catalog Goes Online**
Brings all Westchester Community College students into contact with the technology revolution.

**Administration Building Opens**
Marking the completion of the 1961 Master Plan, the building opens up much-needed classroom space and provides centralized location for previously-scattered administrative offices.

**Top bar:** Dr. Joseph Hankin, Foundation President Nina Jones Fink and George J. Delaney were among the 1987 Medallion Award Recipients
1990s Timeline

| 1990          | Mothers On the Move (MOMS) Program instituted  
|              | Its purpose was to help single mothers on public assistance learn marketable skills. It was later renamed JobSTAR (Job Success Through Academic Resources) and provides educational training, case management, job placement and related services to those receiving public assistance. |
| 1991          | Endowed Faculty Chair program established  
|              | The first Endowed Faculty Chair was established by Board member Jack Stadler with a gift of $75,000 to the Westchester Community College Foundation. It was named The Jack and Ralynn Stadler Distinguished Chair for Arts and Culture in Society, and Dr. Hankin was named as the chair holder. Today there are 37 Endowed Chairs at the College.  
|              | Volunteer Corps established  
|              | This centrally coordinated organization of volunteers began with fewer than 20 members; today there are more than 500 members serving in varied capacities throughout the college. |
| 1992          | Friday Night Film Series begins  
|              | This series of outstanding films is open to the public and runs for six weeks in the spring and fall semesters. |
| 1993          | The Westchester Community College library is renamed the Harold L. Drimmer Library and Learning Resource Center  
|              | The library was renamed to honor Harold Drimmer upon his retirement as chairman of the Board of Trustees. |
| 1994          | Office of Multicultural Programs and Services is created  
|              | Purpose is to recognize, publicize, and develop the benefits of diversity on the campus. |

| Enrollment    | By 1999, over 24,000 were attending classes annually |
| Tuition       | Tuition was $1,450, rising to $2,350 per year by the end of the decade |
1994-1995

Westchester Community College/Peekskill opens
Housing both general education courses and a branch of the Westchester Arts Workshop, it is the first of Westchester Community College’s extension locations to have on-site administrative staff and to offer both day and evening courses. The Peekskill Center emphasizes computer arts, graphics, multimedia and digital music.

1995

“Celebrity Salons” series makes its debut
An annual series of talks given by well-known personalities and held in some of Westchester’s loveliest homes. Celebrity Salons raises public awareness of the college while raising funds for the Westchester Community College Foundation.

1996

New Virginia Marx Children’s Center opens
A new, state-of-the-art building expanded the Center’s capacity from 36 to 96 children, with infants being included for the first time. A joint venture between the public and private sectors, it placed Westchester Community College in the forefront of early childhood care and education.

Dr. Hankin celebrates 25th anniversary as president
750 guests attend a gala dinner on the Valhalla campus.

Admissions counselors Margaret Coe, Dale Smith and Tere Wisell meet with Dr. Hankin
Top bar: Native Plant Center, Dr. Hankin with Sophia Abeles, Jack Stadler and Dr. Hankin and Dr. Hankin with children.
1996-1997

Westchester Community College celebrates its 50th birthday year
In May, 1997 a black tie dinner is held under a circus tent to mark the 50th birthday of the college.

1997

The Workplace Culture Coaching Program begins
Women in the corporate world act as mentors for female students who aspire to a career in business. Originally a project of the Westchester Community College Volunteer Corps, it has become one of the programs offered by the Women’s Forum.

“Partners in Education” Campaign launched
Its goal was to raise $5 million for student scholarships, faculty development, the Virginia Marx Children’s Center, and the purchase of library and technology equipment. The goal was reached, and surpassed, within two years.

Distance Learning introduced at the college
Four online courses were offered the first year; only two of them were filled. In the 2010-2011 academic year more than 7,000 students enrolled in a total of 316 courses offered online.

Teacher’s College of Columbia University presents Dr. Hankin with its Distinguished Alumni Award

1998

The Native Plant Center established
The first regional affiliate of the Lady Bird Johnson National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, Texas. Its purpose is to inform and educate people about the value and importance of native plants and to encourage their use in home gardens.

Westchester Community College undertakes the sponsorship of one of the Educational Opportunity Centers for the State of New Yorks

1999

Dr. Hankin serves as President of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Renovation and Expansion of Harold L. Drimmer Library and Learning Resource Center begins
The library was expanded from 50,000 square feet to 108,000 feet and is now a state-of-the-art media center.

Dr. Hankin is recognized by Westchester Gannett News as one of the most influential people of the century in Westchester and Putnam Counties.

Former First Lady Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson visits the campus to dedicate The Native Plant Center’s first demonstration garden, named for her.
Dr. Hankin Celebrates His 25th Anniversary
Pomp and pipers greeted Dr. Hankin for his 25th anniversary celebration.

Proud Mother
Dr. Hankin’s mother, Beatrice, shares the celebration of her son’s 25th anniversary as president of Westchester Community College

The Next Generation
Joe and Carole Hankin’s children
Brian, Laura and Marc

English Faculty Members
Frank Madden, Alan Devenish, Sealy Gilles, Mary Ellen LeClair, and Gay Newcomer at Dr. Hankin’s 25th anniversary dinner

Timothy Carey, County Executive
Andrew P. O’Rourke and Dr. Hankin

Elephants!
(top bar right) Harry Phillips and Betsy Stern celebrate the college’s 50th birthday
2000s Timeline

**Enrollment**
Over 32,000 were attending classes annually

**Tuition**
Tuition was $2,450 per year in 2005

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**2000**
Hitachi Foundation awards college a grant of $197,000 to study the problems of new immigrants and the need for better assimilation of newcomers into the workplace.
Westchester Community College Foundation launches a 3-year study called the New Immigrant Worker project. The findings of this study played a key role in the formulation of plans for The Gateway Center.

Alumni Patio installed in front of Academic Arts Building
The patio is paved with bricks purchased by alumni and engraved with their name and year of graduation.

The Viking News receives award for general excellence among two-year college newspapers
The award was presented by the Associate Collegiate Press.

Campus throws surprise party for Dr. Hankin's 60th birthday

**2001**
Extension sites open in Ossining and Yonkers
The new Ossining site focuses on health care courses, while the Yonkers site emphasizes business courses.

**2002**
The new Harold L. Drimmer Library and Learning Resource Center opens
Formal dedication was held on May 15th.

**2003**
Eighteen Honors students travel to England for summer study at Cambridge University
The first Westchester Community College students participate in Cambridge's International Summer School program. Westchester Community College was one of only 3 community colleges in the nation to offer this program for credit.

Extension site opens in Mount Vernon
Emphasis is on food preparation courses and commercial food service.

The Literary Symposium is renamed “The President’s Forum”
2004

Westchester Community College Foundation Launches Gateway Center Campaign with a goal of $14 million

2005

Collegium Institute for Lifelong Learning established
Conducted by volunteers, Collegium offers college-level courses for retired persons.

Former President Bill Clinton speaks at President’s Forum
A record crowd of over 600 people attend the President’s Forum and have the chance to meet President Clinton.

2006

SUNY includes Two-Year Colleges in Distinguished Professor Awards
Drs. Iris Cook and Frank Madden named Distinguished Professors. Westchester Community College was one of only three community colleges to have its faculty so honored.

Sports Hall of Fame Established
The Athletics Department inducted its first five honorees from among alumni, faculty and staff members who have distinguished themselves in the world of professional sports.

2006-2007

Student scholarship awards reach $1 million
For the first time in Westchester Community College history the amount of scholarship money awarded to students in a single academic year totals one million dollars. A longtime goal is reached, and has been achieved every year since then.

Gateway Campaign Co-chairs David Swope and Elinor Urstadt join Dr. Hankin at the Gateway Center model unveiling in 2006.
2006-2007
Westchester Community College celebrates its 60th birthday
A year-long celebration involves every department in the college.

2007
Groundbreaking ceremony held for Gateway Center on October 31st

2008
Westchester Community College launches online community
The Alumni Office creates website to help members of the college family, both past and present, keep in touch with each other and with the college.

Westchester Community College founds the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education
Funded through a grant from J.M. Kaplan Fund, this organization of two-year colleges is dedicated to helping community colleges play a greater role in immigrant higher education on the state and national levels.

College Foundation receives a $5 million gift
One of the largest gifts ever received by a community college is given by an anonymous donor to establish the Joseph N. Hankin Gateway to the Future Fund.
Legislative Support
Senator Suzi Oppenheimer and County Legislator Lois Bronz join Dr. Hankin at the Gateway Center groundbreaking.

Celebrating $1 Million in Scholarship Awards
Jack Stadler and Betsy Stern help give out awards at the annual scholarship reception.

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Winner
Dr. Hankin and Scholarship Director Sandra Ramsay celebrate Lydia Chan as one of seven Jack Kent Cooke scholarship winners over the past decade.

Hitachi Team 2000-2003
The Hitachi New Immigrant Worker Project headed by Mia C. Fienemann (center) and Dr. Hankin framed the direction and vision for the Gateway Center.

Kathryn Davis
(top bar right) Kathryn Davis’ gift created the Kathryn W. Davis Global Community Scholarships.
2010 and Beyond

Enrollment
In 2010-2011, over 35,000 students were enrolled

Tuition
Tuition in 2011-2012 rose to $4,150 per year

2010

The Gateway Center Opens
Dedication ceremony held on September 15th.

JOBSTAR celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary

Class of 2010 is largest graduating class in the College's history
1,581 students receive degrees or certificates

2011

Volunteer Corps Marks Twenty Years of Service

Major Renovation of Student Center Begins

Virginia Marx Children’s Center Celebrates 25th anniversary

New Gateway Community Garden dedicated
Members of the college family and the community may rent plots in this state-of-the-art, organic raised garden. Gardening tasks are shared by the plot holders each growing season. Among the first gardeners were children from the Virginia Marx Children’s Center.

JPMorgan Chase grant launches Center for Financial and Economic Education

Dr. Hankin Marks 40th Anniversary as President of Westchester Community College
He holds the national record as the longest serving college president currently in office.
Community Garden Opening
A rainy day in May, 2011 heralded the opening of the community garden.

Gateway Center Ribbon Cutting
Audience

Faculty Marching for Ribbon Cutting

50th Year Anniversary of Graduation
At the 2011 Commencement, Dr. Hankin greets an alumnus celebrating 50 years since his graduation.

Convocation 2011
Dr. Hankin listens as Professor James Werner accepts an award for Faculty Excellence.
In the News - 1971 & 2011

October 7, 1971 Youngest College Head Keeping His Door Open, by Milton Hoffman, WRN Staff Writer, The Herald Statesman, Yonkers

An employee at Westchester Community College spotted the man standing at the end of a line at the annual freshman barbeque and walked over to him with a tray of food.

“No. I’ll stay on line like everyone else,” said Dr. Joseph Hankin, the new president of Westchester Community College – and he did.

Hankin, who at the age of 26, became the youngest college president in the nation at Hartford Community College in Maryland, is now the youngest college president in the SUNY system.

Because of his youth, he has been able to mingle with the students at the cafeteria, student center and other places on the 218 acre campus, introducing himself and eliciting their views. In his first month at the college, Hankin has instituted an open door policy to his own office. He is also giving priority to the school’s new open enrollment program.

An early boost for Hankin comes from Bill Regan of Yonkers, president of the Student Council, who because of Hankin’s policy, is now permitted to attend the meetings of the college’s board of trustees headed by Harold Drimmer of Harrison.

At the first meeting with the trustees, Regan brought up such student problems as lack of parking, open house programs for the public and other community relations projects, all of which received favorable response.

Hankin is going one step further on the open door policy. He and the board of trustees are planning to hold their first open meeting on November 22 at which time students, faculty and anyone else can attend. It will be the first such open meeting in the 25 year history of the college and its predecessor.

Hankin is doing other things, seemingly small, but they are designed to fit into a grand pattern. For instance his plan to have the school cafeteria serve breakfast, and possibly dinner fits into the scheme of extending school hours so that more students can make better use of the facilities and reduce the parking problem. He is anxious to increase the number of students counselors for to increase the number of courses available and, possibly most important, to establish classes of the college closer to the homes of the students. “We must get education a little closer to where the people are,” he says.

The first such class started this year at the BOCES building in Yorktown under the Community College’s sponsorship. Three classes are taught – English, shorthand and psychology. Hankin met recently with school district superintendents and discussed the possibility of opening public schools for the college to establish its satellite classes.
September 9 2011, WCC president marks 40 years by Kelly Liyakasa, Westchester County Business Journal

“Good luck and please make it about the college, not me.” Those were the parting words of Westchester Community College President Joseph N. Hankin in a recent interview with the Business Journal.

Hankin, who is celebrating his 40th year at the helm of the Valhalla college, says it is an administrator’s obligation to be actively involved – he signs each student’s diploma at every commencement. “People should feel they can get to me.”

And that’s coming from an executive and educator who helped propel the school into a $420-million-a-year economic force in the county.

The testimony to Hankin’s inclusiveness is scattered throughout the framework of the school. WCC’s non-credit classes reach 13,000 students a year through its Division of Continuing Education. The Academy for Entrepreneurial Excellence offers a joint program between the college and The Business Council of Westchester for small-business owners.

There are 11-plus extension centers throughout the county; rapidly expanding online course programs reach about 7,700 students a year. The percentage of minorities within the student body has exploded; WCC enrolls about 4,000 students in English as a Second Language programs each year. Hispanics accounted for 25 to 27 percent of the student makeup last year.

The 70,000-square-foot, $40.5 million Gateway Center, which opened in 2010, was designed to accommodate the college English Language Institute and Professional Development Center for corporate training.

Amid the hilly path to job creation and gains in workforce development partnerships, Hankin says the best day on the job – some four decades later – is still graduation day. The worst is seeing a student drop out and “realizing they might not return for 10 years,” which is why retention and scholarship drives are personally important to him.

Hankin played a role in expanding the Westchester Community College Foundation, which seeks to support faculty and students through scholarships totaling $1 million annually.

As for his goals – dismiss any rumors of retirement. “I want to balance our budget and to keep doing as many good things as we can do,” he said.
Congratulations, Joe

for 40 years of inspired

and innovative leadership.

Cindy and Tod Johnson
Debbie and Gary Raizes
Saluting

Westchester Community College

on the 40th anniversary

of a brilliant decision.

Congratulations, Joe.

Jennifer & Bud Gruenberg
Joe

There is NOTHING we wouldn’t do for you.

Eighteen hours a day,

you do EVERYTHING for us,

your students,

and also the faculty, staff, and volunteers.

With admiration and gratitude,

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