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Herkimer, NY— The Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association inducted two new members into its Alumni Hall of Honor at a ceremony held Friday, April 4 at HCCC. Robert E. Brenchley ('74, Business: Accounting) and Shane Hurlbut ('84, Radio-TV Broadcasting) were inducted for their achievements. Hurlbut was unable to attend.

Cynthia Gabriel, Alumni Association President, delivered the welcome. The invocation and benediction were given by Reverend Victor McKusick, First Presbyterian Church, Ilion. HCCC President Ronald F. Williams addressed the group. Honoree introductions were made by Alumni Association Treasurer Harold Hutton and Vice President Timothy Dunn. Plaques recognizing Brenchley and Hurlbut hang in HCCC's Alumni Hall in the McLaughlin College Center. (Bios of the award winners follow.)

Robert E. Brenchley

Class of 1974 - Business: Accounting

A native of Herkimer, New York, Robert E. Brenchley was educated in Herkimer schools and is a strong supporter of the Mohawk Valley. Following his graduation from HCCC, he attended SUNY Institute of Technology, earning a B.P.S. degree in management.

Currently, Bob is regional president of Adirondack Bank, Mohawk Valley District. He has been employed with Adirondack Bank since 2002. Prior to this, he worked for many years as vice president and manager of Herkimer County Trust Company.

Brenchley's community involvement is evident throughout the area. He serves as president of the Herkimer County College Foundation, and has been a board member since 1997. Bob is also president of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County. He serves on the Herkimer County Youth Bureau Board, and is a member of Herkimer Elks Lodge 1439, holding the distinction of past Elk of the Year. Brenchley is a charter member, past president and life member of MOVAC.

Previously, he was a 28-year member of the Herkimer Fire Department. Bob has served on the board of numerous local organizations including the Valley United Way, Valley Health Services and Mohawk Homestead.

His commitment to the local community is unwavering.

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Shane Hurlbut

Class of 1984 - Radio-TV Broadcasting

Shane Hurlbut, an award-winning director of photography, pursued a degree in film from Emerson College in Boston. His willingness to get hands-on experience as a technician for commercials and music videos early in his career helped him build important relationships with cinematographers and musicians. Feature work followed, and his professional accomplishments span genres of film.

His contributions to the film industry include comedy, drama, romance, and action thrillers. HBO's award-winning biopic "The Rat Pack," directed by Rob Cohen and starring Ray Liotta, Joe Mantegna and Don Cheadle was Shane's first feature. Shane's creative talents have been sought by actors and directors alike because of his ability to take stories and ideas and bring action-oriented vision to them. In 2004, actor/director Bill Paxton selected Shane to bring the sport of golf to life, which he did in "The Greatest Game Ever Played."

The words, 'critically acclaimed,' often follow descriptions of projects Hurlbut has been involved in, including the romantic drama "Crazy/Beautiful," and the hit film, "Drumline." Shane's recent works include the highly acclaimed sports drama, "We Are Marshall," and "Swing Vote," which is Kevin Costner's next feature scheduled for a fall 2008 release.

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