

2020 Commencement Celebration

May 15, 2020

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Welcome	Keith Cornille, President Jeff Flessner, Board of Trustees
Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation	Jeff Flessner, Board of Trustees Dr. Seshanand Rao, Recipient Richard Casper, Recipient
Outstanding Faculty Award Presentation	Keith Cornille, President Dr. Wayne Bass, Recipient Dr. Janet Titus, Recipient
Congratulations Video	Design Fusion Students
Student Speaker	Nicci Van Dyke, Speaker
Recognition of Student Honors and Organizations	Nicci Van Dyke, Speaker
Announcement of Graduation	Keith Cornille, President
Concluding Remarks	Keith Cornille, President
Heartland Community College Class of 2019 - 2020	



Distinguished Alum

Dr. Seshanand Rao



Dr. Seshanand Rao is a physician and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Illinois.

After emigrating from India, Rao attended Heartland Community College. He earned his Certified Nurse Assistant certificate from HCC in 2004. He later graduated from Illinois State University and Rush University Medical College.

His experience as a Heartland student, through a CNA practicum at a McLean County long term care facility, solidified his desire to become a doctor. Working with the population there taught him how fragile one becomes as they age. He learned then that he wanted to provide care for the elderly.

Dr. Rao credits HCC faculty for helping him process and truly understand how to best care for the people he would see throughout his career. "It was a phenomenal experience. I had instructors who took the time and really explained and mentored me as a professional," says Rao.

Dr. Rao lives with his wife and 2 children in the Chicago area.

Distinguished Alum

Richard Casper



Richard Casper is a United States Marine veteran, Purple Heart recipient, artist, and entrepreneur. He is the co-founder and executive director of CreatiVets, a non-profit that provides art, music, and writing programs for combat veterans with

post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries. He is also the co-founder of two music companies, Casparr and We Should Write Sometime. As a songwriter his work has been featured in more than 45 films and television shows.

Richard was named one of TIME Magazine's Next Generation Leaders, is the feature of TIME's documentary *Evidence of Things Unseen*, and has been recognized by President George W. Bush and The Bush Institute for his passion and work helping veterans. He was one of 33 scholars chosen to be in President Bush's Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program.

Richard served in the USMC from 2003-2007. After a tour in Iraq left him with a left-traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress, he discovered art and song writing as therapeutic forms of expression. He later went on to graduate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. From his experiences, he later created art and songwriting programs for CreatiVets to help other combat wounded veterans heal.

Today, Richard teaches art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Southern California. He is a keynote speaker, songwriter, and entrepreneur. He resides in Nashville with his wife Ashley and son Barrett.

Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Wayne Bass



Dr. Wayne Bass is a faculty member in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences teaching humanities and religious studies. He has collaborated with other humanities faculty on program and curriculum design, and developed several new courses. Working with HCC librarians, Wayne has developed a specialized research guide for his courses.

In 2018, Dr. Bass was chosen to help pilot innovative delivery methods for summer courses. Wayne developed an online six-week version of Humanities 203: Non-Western Humanities. The course was so successful and so well received by students that it was presented at Heartland's spring kick off event as a successful model for future innovative delivery courses.

Dr. Bass is one of the founding members of the International Education Committee, has built a global studies sequence option for Heartland students and has been active in giving presentations for his colleagues across the College.

Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Janet Titus



Dr. Janet Titus teaches Psychology in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences area at Heartland Community College. Throughout the College Janet is recognized as a dedicated instructor and a fully engaged colleague.

Dr. Titus incorporates active learning, an emphasis on connecting learning to students' real world experiences, high expectations supported by high support, and a healthy sense of humor to help her students navigate the fundamental principles of Psychology.

Dr. Titus' list of accomplishments reveals her to be a life-long learner with a genuine desire to actively engage with her academic community. Her involvement at HCC is also impressive in the level of professional development and "giving back" with which she has engaged.

Student Speaker

Nicci Van Dyke



Nicci graduated from Olympia High School in 2018. During her time at HCC she played on the softball team and served as the Student Trustee. She sat on multiple committees as a student

representative. Nicci plans to transfer to the University of North Georgia. Her professional goal is to become an elementary special education teacher.

"I would not be the person I am today without the people I have met here at HCC, that includes faculty and students," says Nicci. "They have all shaped me into the person I am today."

Commencement 2019 - 2020 Candidates for Graduation

Adult Education

Eden Arzola
James Baker
Amber Brown
Isaac Marshall
Guadalupe Rivera-Lumen
Thema Kai Sem'on
Catherine Sengsomaly
Quintasis Turner
Nicole Williamson
Bibiana Aguirre
Cintia Arias
Heidy Arias
Judayne Castillo
Andres Galindo
Frieda Gampala
Beatriz Garcia-Santiago
Joel Hernandez
Celestin Kabongo
Youngsil Kim
David Mafuta Ikiese
Beatrice Manzingidi
Regis Nkongolo
Omar Pelaez Gonzalez
Ana Cristina Perez
Seyed Ali Sarrafi
Yulduz Shamsiddimova
Levieux Tasse
Tsigerada Tekla
Renee Trasadad
Vanessa Vega
Prospere Wenge
Nicolas Yetimbi

HALO

Victoria Davis
Samuel Greminger
Gabriel William Gritzmacher
Katherine Elizabeth Harms
Adam Joseph Heffernan
Margaret Jeanne Lopeman
Charlie Winks

Certificates and Associate Degrees

Bree Nicole Abbott
Rose Lydia Abraham
Victor Idowu Adekoya
Samantha K. Ahrens
Adam Lee Alexander
Karisma T. Allen
Taylor Ann Allison
Joshua D. Andrews
Sydney Grace Marie Auth
Audra Renee Baker *
Elia Ballantini
Nikole Sara Irene Barnes
Rhyannon Alice Bell Baxter
Tijuana Denise Beal
Justin W. Bean *, ☉
Ryan Dominik Jagmin Bergman
Samuel Berthoumieux
Alyssandra N. Bianco
Ana Clara Pujol Bigarella
Avery Birnbaum
Trevor L. Bixby
Madison Eve Bobrytzke
Amy Lynn Boland *, △
Tresor Eale Bolindo

Jennifer Ann Boyle
LeeLanda Renee Brewer
Bianca Noel Brooks
Sarah Nicole Buehrer
Hailey Nicole Burress
Brittany Ann Bush
Jodie Nicole Zychowski
Dekesha Denise Byrd
Cindy Gabriela Cadena
Quinlan S. Calvert
Akyra B. Carrel
Elizabeth Ann Castro
Desirai Champion
Rosy Nakindja Chamukenge
Grace Janine Charlson *
Dora Chavez
Nicholas K. Cochran
Shaniece Tiara Cole
McKenzie Josephine Cool *
Andria Jolene Cox *, ☉
Zachary W. Crawley
Elise Diane Crockett
Nicole A. Crose
Melody Dashora *
Jalesa R. Davis
Michaela A. Davis
Tasha Mae Davis
Ellen Marie Day *
Sarah Alicia Deleon
Nicole R. Diaz *
Trisha Ann Dickey *, ☉
Lauren Grace Dietsch *
Abby Lee Dittus *
Samone D. Donald
Benjamin Todd Eddy

Corrin Leigh Emberton *
Tanya R. Estes
Alison Kathleen Ferguson
Timothy M. Ferguson
Andrew B. Franklin
Stephanie T. Garbe
Deanna Desirea Garling
Hunter Daniel Garretson *
Arianna Belize Garza
Madison Anne Gerdes
Gorgette L. Glenn
Chloe P. Goble
Danii Green
Cassandra Greenwald *
Brianna K. Haerr
Tyler Lorenz Hamilton
Joshua Robert Henderson
Billie Jo Hendricks
Brian D. Hendricks
Brittany Nicole Henson
Clarisa Heredia
Megan Herrera Vega
Kevin W. Hoop
Jaden Makae Horrer
Kristie Marie Hougas *
Christopher R. Howick *, ☉
Chandler Thomas Huffman *, ☉
Avery Leigh Humphries
Adrianah Marie Hursey
Roland Stephane Ilunga
Casey Jo Ingram
Tawnya Isaacson *
Amy Jo Jeck
Jeremiah Matthew Taylor Johnson
Kiana L. Johnson

Madeline Rose Johnson
Dusti Jones
Loren M. Kaeb
Tristen Michael Karrick
Taylor S. Kern
Sara Khalaf
Sara A. Kiper *
Joshua Albert Kothe
Victoria Anna Kwiatkowski
Desmariah Langford
Alma E. Leal *
Kaylee M. Leisner
Timothy P. Leonard *
Brenna Long
Holly M. Long
Estefani L. Lopez
Rodrigo Lopez
Rashell Jordan Lucas
Juana Lucio
Elexus Trenay Maclin
Hevelin M. Macnider
Victoria P. Maddox
Yaritza N. Magallanes
Xavier Marsh
Jacob Douglas Matern
Sheyann Rosemary Mathias y
Ashley Kate Mathias
Katie Elizabeth McCauley
Barbara Sue McKee
Danielle Nicole McLeod
Alexander Joseph McMahan
Jessica Lynn McMillin
Spencer Justice McPheron
Brittany S. McPherson
Thadius A. Meyers

Alyssa Rose Miller
Hannah Mae Missel
McKenzi Lee Moe *
Celina Mary Montenegro
Alyssa J. Mooberry
Arlysha B. Morrow
Christian Ndungila Ayel
Cassandra Alycia Marie Nevarez
Jacob Charles Neville
Jacob McKinley James Newton
Pl Ngolo
Jessica L. Nicholson
Mandy J. Nicolaides
Rhonda Sue Nievett
Addison S. Nilles
Divine Tutala Nlombo
Tayler Kay North
Liam Ray O' Connor
Aubrey Lynne Oitker *
Brooke Renée Oitker *
Carson R. Oltman
Alexiramar Olvera *
Jean-Bruno Omanga
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Cristina Ortega Henderson
Toni Angelica Ostalaza
Kaitlyn S. Owens
Bobbi Marie Paige
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Kimberly Marie Poling
Jacob T. Pourchot
Amanda Michelle Powell
Karina T. Prather *

Jacalyn Mary Quiram *
Betsy Elizabeth Suzanne Ratliff
Alfreda Denise Rattley
Drucilla Sinclair Redmond
Jayme Lynne Reed *, ☉
Alexia A. Reel
Gera M. Reis
Noah Renken-Kapatos *
Nikki Jo Lynn Rhoads
Cara Michelle Richards
Elizabeth Grace Birdsall
Katelyn M. Richardson
Clayton Paul Califf Roberts *, ☉
Christopher Dior Rodgers
Susana Rodriguez *
Megan L. Rose
Jada Keyana Ross
Mitchell Barrett Sadle *
Imani Marie Sanchez y
Emma E. Scholl
Taylor E. Seal
Sarah Shaw
Robert Lee Francis Shelby *, ☉
Tanzania M. Sherrill
Mary Paige Shoemaker
Amanda Joy Sims *
Pamela R. Smith
Jadan Martelle Smith
Patricia Ann Smith
Eddie J. Smith, Jr.
Jorjiann Clairice Sparrgrove *
Marisa T. Stenbridge
Sean Li Stevens
Montanna Melissa Stewart
Kevin Lee Stiles

Laura Jane Strunck *
Zeinab Ahmad Fawzy Taha
Derrick R. Toney
Mitchell Lee Travis
Brittany Marie Trent *
Anna Troolin Troelstrup
Tshitshi Tshiseleka
Rollie Kalanga Tusevo
Humaira Sameeh Ullah
Jeb T. Uphoff
Kathryn Eleanor Upton
Nicole L. Van Dyke
Jeremi Dean VanDyke
Irene Vincy
Lexi McKenna Vogel
Jennifer L. Wagher
Lauren Marie Walters
Tiara L. West
Shannon R. Whiting
Kenan Williams
Ryan J. Wilson *
Susan Wissel *
Alexis C. Woodrum
Skyeler Joan Lee Woods y
Amber Wooldridge
Olivia Rose Yaklich
John Russell Ziemkowski
Rachel Katharine Frances Zimmerman
Daniel James Zozzaro *, ☉

Phi Theta Kappa *
Honors Program ☉
Phi Beta Lambda y
Alpha Delta Nu △

Special Honors

Alpha Delta Nu Δ

The Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) has established the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society to promote scholarship and academic excellence in the profession of nursing. It recognizes nursing students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Honors Program Θ

The Honors Program at Heartland follows the curricular program of Phi Theta Kappa and recognizes the importance of four hallmarks of high academic achievement: leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Students new to Heartland must meet a number of criteria for admittance and current HCC students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible to apply for admission to the program.

Phi Beta Lambda γ

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a business organization that brings business and education together through career development and leadership programs.

Phi Theta Kappa \star

To qualify for Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and receive a recommendation from Heartland faculty. Members take part in social, community and fundraising activities. The society also gives members opportunities to participate in the organization at the national level.

Programs

Adult Education

Heartland's Adult Education program provides students with opportunities to prepare for the High School Equivalency (HSE) test or other high school equivalency exams. Adult Education also offers the Academic English Language Program (AELP) which helps students improve their language skills to prepare for college-level classes.

HALO

The Heartland Academy for Learning Opportunities (HALO) program promotes the next level of independence in an inclusive college experience, enhancing independent living, employability and academic skills. The Certificate of Achievement in Life Skills Development is an additional HALO certificate including general studies and work-based training. The HALO Certificate requires two years of coursework emphasizing transferable life skills and core academics.



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