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“History Matters” Speaker Series to Feature Discussion on North Country Community College

Saranac Lake, NY -- On Thursday, May 14, Historic Saranac Lake will kick off their annual spring speaker series with a panel discussion titled, “The Early Days of North Country Community College.” Some of the early leaders of the college will participate in the panel discussion. The event is a special lead-in to NCCC's celebration of their 50 year anniversary in 2017.

Bob Brown, Ken Wiley and Jack Drury, retired NCCC faculty, will share stories about the early formation of the college and its impact on the community.

The “History Matters” seminars meet four Thursdays in May and June at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. Call Historic Saranac Lake at 518-891-4606 for more information.

Founded in 1967, North Country Community College serves and is sponsored by Franklin and Essex Counties. It is the only public college located within the Adirondack Park and is a unit of the State University of New York. The main campus is in Saranac Lake on the site of the old General Hospital at 23 Santanoni Avenue. There are branch campuses in Malone and Ticonderoga.

Enrollment is approximately 1800 students in any given year, and to date NCCC has graduated over 11,350 students. The college employs over 250 faculty and staff. The College offers 25 Associate Degree and Certificate programs on its three campus locations, providing a foundation in Liberal Arts education as well as a variety of career-track programs.

NCCC inherited its Radiologic Technology program and several business courses from the Saranac Lake Study and Craft Guild after that organization closed. The first day of

classes at our Community College was September 16, 1968 and the first yearbook, called Aurora, was published in 1969.



Image: NCCC's Hodson Hall, formerly the General Hospital of Saranac Lake. Courtesy of Historic Saranac Lake localwiki.