



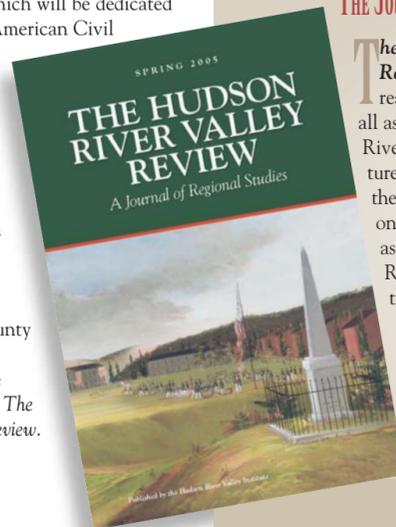
Professor Thomas Casey with students

### THOMAS W. CASEY FELLOWSHIP IN HUDSON RIVER VALLEY STUDIES

Before the Hudson River Valley Institute, Marist College had Professor Thomas W. Casey as an advocate for regional history. Professor Casey was a devoted scholar of our region and offered numerous courses in Valley history. After his passing in 2001, Professor Irma Blanco Casey and her children, Karen and Robert, established an endowed fund to support the Thomas W. Casey Fellowship stipend for research about the Hudson River Valley.

Professor Mark Morreale, Department of English, was the first recipient of this stipend to support his research about the Hudson River Valley's contributions to the Union cause in the American Civil War. His resulting article will appear in the fall edition of *The Hudson River Valley Review*, which will be dedicated to the impact of the American Civil War in the Valley.

This academic year, the award was made to HRVI Program Director Christopher Pryslopski for his research and photographs that resulted in the article, "A Thoroughly Modern Conundrum: Paul Rudolph's Orange County Government Center," which appeared in the Autumn 2005 issue of *The Hudson River Valley Review*.



### INNOVATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY

HRVI's Digital Library continues to be the gateway to information on the Hudson River Valley, serving educators, students, residents of the Valley and heritage tourists. The ever-expanding Digital Library and Portal Site contains thousands of pages of historical records and materials, educational curricula, books, articles and historical images of the Valley, all of which are searchable in the electronic archives. In its three years of operations, more than 320,000 visitors have used the Digital Library, downloading more than 131,000 historical records, pamphlets, books, articles and images. The site has recorded over 7.5 million "hits." That translates into 7,291 hits, 310 visitors and 127 "downloads" every day. Web users from 125 countries have visited the site and used its resources. HRVI interns have converted into digital format hundreds of pages of historical articles and pamphlets this year, including major out-of-print books related to Hudson River Valley history, back issues of *The Hudson Valley Regional Review*, and the personal journal of noted Hudson River Valley author Susan Warner from the collection of the Constitution Island Association. In addition, new scholarly articles have been written and published on the Digital Library.

*The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency and the DJ McManus Foundation have provided generous support for the development of the Digital Library. www.hudsonrivervalley.org*

### THE JOURNAL OF THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

**T**he *Hudson River Valley Review* provides recent research and writing on all aspects of the Hudson River Valley's history, culture and people. Special themed issues have focused on significant topics such as the American Revolution and architecture in the region.

The most recent issue, Spring 2005, features articles on the significance of the U.S. Military Academy at West

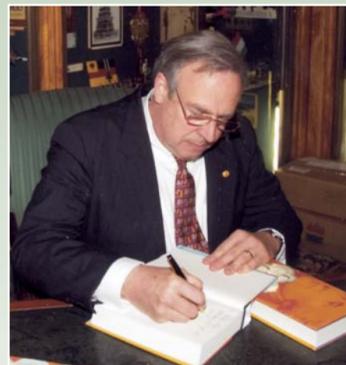
Point for the Hudson River Valley. HRVI assumed publication of the journal from Bard College in 2003, and the number of subscribers has grown by over 200%, revealing the ongoing interest in the region's history. Subscribers range from university libraries and historic sites to scholars and local history enthusiasts. Additional subscription information is available at [www.hudsonrivervalley.net/hrvi/subscribe/index.php](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/hrvi/subscribe/index.php).

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### DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

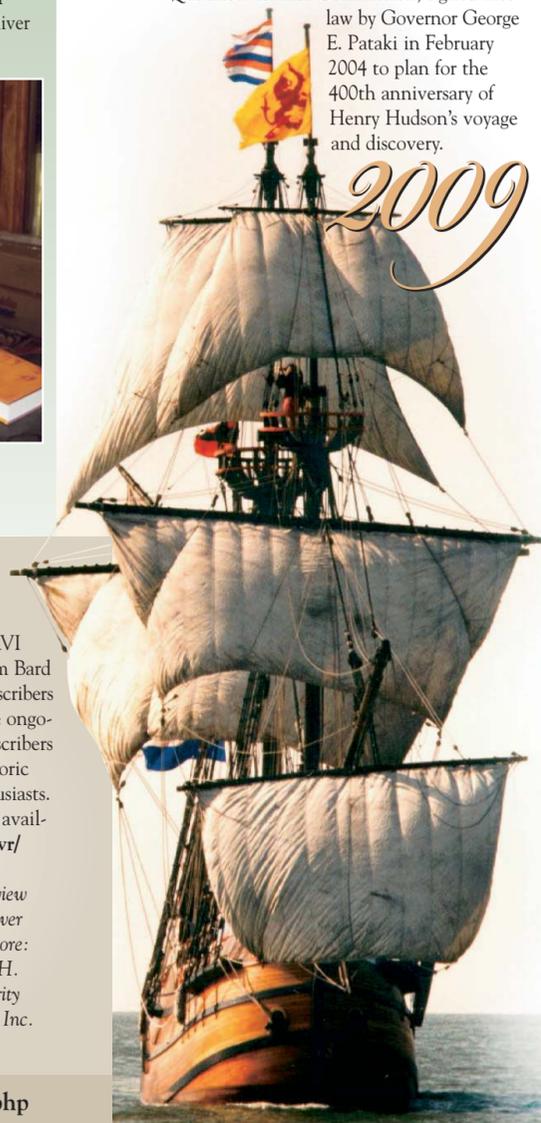
**T**he Hudson River Valley Institute sponsors an ongoing lecture and conference series on the Hudson River Valley's rich history and culture through the generosity of the Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust. To date, more than a dozen lectures and three conferences have been offered in locations throughout the Valley. Among the speakers have been such noted historians and authors as Richard Brookhiser, Edward Countryman, Edwin Burrows, Barnett Schecter, Willard Sterne Randall, Joseph Tiedemann, Edward Cashin and Russell Shorto. Dr. James Kirby Martin will deliver a lecture this fall at West Point.



Historian Willard Sterne Randall autographs one of his books at an HRVI event.

### PREPARING FOR THE QUADRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF HENRY HUDSON'S VOYAGE

**2**009 marks the 400th anniversary of the historic voyage of Henry Hudson's ship, *De Halve Maen*, up the majestic river that would soon bear his name. Planning is already well underway to provide the appropriate historic interpretation and celebratory attention this event so richly deserves. The Hudson River Valley Institute, in cooperation with the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, is working with the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadrcentennial Commission, signed into law by Governor George E. Pataki in February 2004 to plan for the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage and discovery.



Replica Ship Half Moon/New Netherland Museum; [www.halfmoon.mus.ny.us](http://www.halfmoon.mus.ny.us)

### AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INITIATIVE BENEFITTING VALLEY COMMUNITIES

**I**n 1997, Governor George Pataki successfully nominated the Hudson River to become one of the nation's first American Heritage Rivers. At the Governor's request President George W. Bush extended the Hudson River's heritage designation through September 2007. In 2003 Governor Pataki appointed Vinny Tamagna as the Hudson River Navigator and asked the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist to become the regional home of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI).

The Hudson River Navigator is the liaison between New York State's Hudson River Heritage Council, federal and state agencies, and local governments and communities. In this role the Navigator provides valuable assistance to the state, local governments and communities along the Hudson in their efforts to preserve the unique historic and natural resources of the Hudson.

AHRI has complemented New York's efforts to restore and protect the Hudson River's natural, scenic, historic and economic resources in partnership with local governments and organizations along its banks. The synergy between HRVI and the AHRI program has already reaped many successes. Governor

[www.hudsonrivervalley.net/navigator](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/navigator)

### SPEAKERS AT UNION LEAGUE CLUB

**A**mong those partnering with HRVI to advance historical knowledge and discussion about the Hudson River Valley are the History and Library Committees of the Union League Club in New York City. Dr. James M. Johnson, HRVI Executive Director and Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley, instituted the relationship in 2002 with a lecture on the American Revolution's 1777 campaign in the Valley. Other distinguished presenters include Barnet Schecter, author of *The Battle for New York*, and Edwin Burrows, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Gotham*.

Most recently, award-winning historian Willard Sterne Randall – author of the best-selling *Alexander Hamilton: A Life* – spoke on the personality of Benedict Arnold, whose infamous treason to surrender Fortress West Point and the Hudson River Valley occurred 225 years ago this year. The lecture was held in the Union League Club library.



First Lady Laura Bush presented a Preserve America Award to Hudson River Navigator Vinny Tamagna (center) and HRVI Executive Director James M. Johnson.

Pataki announced the formation of a Hudson River Congressional Caucus in June 2004, and the Navigator has been working with the Caucus on important issues relating to the Hudson River. He has also joined the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadrcentennial Commission planning the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery in 2009. On January 15, 2004, First Lady Laura Bush presented a Preserve America Award to the Navigator and the Hudson River Valley Institute in the East Room of the White House. Putnam County was featured for its continued commitment to protecting and promoting the rich heritage of the Hudson



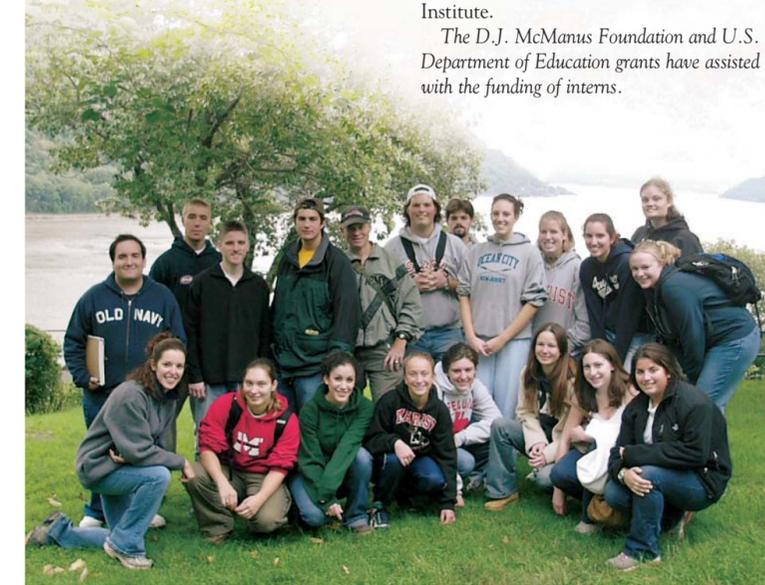
Shown in the Grant Room of the historic Union League Club prior to the evening's lecture are, left to right, Marist College President Dennis J. Murray; Dr. Frank T. Bumpus, a patron of the Hudson River Valley Institute; and H. Todd Brinckerhoff, chair of the HRVI Advisory Board.

River Valley. Newburgh, Saratoga Springs and Beacon have followed suit as Navigator Tamagna continues to coordinate efforts with new communities along the river and to promote a Preserve America Passport, map and signs through the summer of 2005.

A priority for the Navigator has been shallow water dredging. He has organized conferences and workshops to build the partnerships necessary to help small boat clubs and marinas along the Hudson to address siltation at their facilities. The Navigator created a dredging workbook to assist the boating community and is committed to working with all federal and state agencies to present a plan that will mitigate the problem.

Also, Secretary of State Randy Daniels announced his Smart Waterfront Development plan at Marist College in July 2004. Navigator Tamagna continues to work with Kingston, Yonkers, Beacon and Haverstraw to support the revitalization of their waterfronts. He is also involved in the Hudson River Lighthouse Trail and "Fresh Off the Barge," a floating farmers' market; both offer an educational component to heritage and natural resource protection.

*The Hudson River Navigator is funded by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service in cooperation with the New York State Department of Conservation.*



Marist College Honors students visit Forts Montgomery and Clinton on a field trip for their local history class.

### UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**A**s the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College completes its third academic year, the team of interns has produced outstanding work. The internship program at HRVI has graduated 30 interns —history, communications, computer science, English, environmental science and political science majors. Internship duties include scanning historical documents; researching and writing articles for *The Hudson River Valley Review*, the monthly electronic newsletter, and digital library; and, assisting at events such as Patriots' Weekend and other historical celebrations throughout the Hudson River Valley. The Internship program provides an assortment of opportunities for undergraduate students at Marist. Students have the opportunity to work on independent projects, which are "published" online at [www.hudsonrivervalley.org](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org).

Interns digitize documents and work on their projects during weekly office hours. Each semester, a senior is chosen as Intern Coordinator, acting as a liaison between the interns and the program director. This year's coordinator, Kimberly Wilson, won the Intern of the Year Award for the School of Liberal Arts. Students involved in this program receive class credit, internship credit and valuable work experience. This summer five interns will work with the HRVI-BOCES Teaching Institutes, the Hudson River Navigator, Constitution Island Association and the Institute.

*The D.J. McManus Foundation and U.S. Department of Education grants have assisted with the funding of interns.*



Hudson River Valley teachers visit the Franklin D. Roosevelt Historic Site.

### HUDSON RIVER VALLEY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**H**RVVI is entering the third year of two grant-funded opportunities for Valley teachers. Working with Dutchess and Ulster County BOCES, the Institute hosts several week-long workshops each summer funded through the U.S. Department of Education and one three-day workshop in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

**HRVI's Teaching American History Institutes** are funded by the United States Department of Education. Thus far, more than 150 secondary education teachers have graduated after week-long, intensive examinations of the rich history of the Hudson River Valley and its significance for the history of the United States.

Members of the Marist faculty have developed and offered seminars over the last two summers on the American Revolution, slavery and the Underground Railroad, and the political and social world of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Participants in the Teachers' Institutes develop educational materials including lesson plans, historical resources and educational portfolios, all of which are delivered electronically via the *Hudson River Valley Digital Library* for use in classrooms throughout the nation. Summer 2005 workshops include: "Commerce, Industry, and Immigration in the Nineteenth Century" and "American History through the Lens of Supreme Court Cases."

Overall, thousands of students and hundreds of teachers throughout the region are using the educational curricula being developed. Although the initial focus has been on teachers and students in Dutchess and Ulster

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# American Revolution Seven Patriots' Weekend Celebrations, 2002-2008

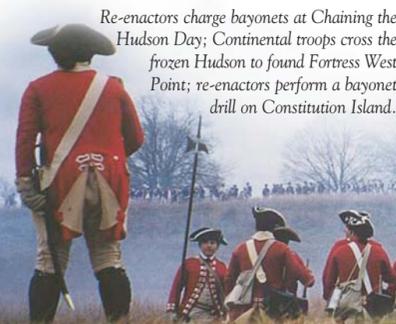


The Hudson River Valley Institute has organized and coordinated lead events for the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in New York State in partnership with the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Each year through 2008, HRVI will promote Patriots' Weekend, which focuses on significant historical events relating to the Revolutionary War in the Hudson River Valley 225 years ago.

Most recently Patriots' Weekend 2004 began with the dedication of the Stony Point Battlefield's refurbished museum on July 15, 2004. Then some 200 re-enactors staged the Patriots' dramatic victory at Stony Point Battlefield on the evenings of July 16 and 17. Nearly 3,000 people attended events throughout the weekend. Dr. Edward J. Cashin, Professor of History, Augusta State University, delivered the Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Foundation lecture. The first Patriots' Weekend in 2002 commemorated the battle of Forts Montgomery and Clinton and included lectures as well as re-enactments.



Daughters of the American Revolution and crowd on Mount Beacon commemorating the re-dedication of the monument placed on the site of the beacon fire that burned there during the Revolutionary War.



Re-enactors charge bayonets at Chaining the Hudson Day; Continental troops cross the frozen Hudson to found Fortress West Point; re-enactors perform a bayonet drill on Constitution Island.

Patriots' Weekend 2003 celebrated the 225th anniversary of General George Washington's Encampment at Fredericksburgh. Held in Pawling on September 19-21, 2003, it was a great success. Several thousand people came to observe re-enactments of camp life and skirmishes that Washington's army would have engaged in while camped there in 1778. Dr. Joseph Tiedemann, Professor of History, Loyola University, opened the weekend with his lecture, "Reluctant Revolutionaries: The Revolution comes to New York."

Patriots' Weekend 2005 will commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Benedict Arnold-John André Conspiracy at Tappan and Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown on September 29 - October 2. To begin the weekend, HRVI will host a conference, "Treason! Benedict Arnold, John André, and the Plot to Betray West Point," at Marist College and will sponsor a series of lectures with the help of the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation. Events on October 1 will include Colonial Day at the De Wint House, an encampment of the Brigade of the American Revolution and re-enactments of André's capture in Patriots' Park and the trial and hanging of Major André in Tappan on October 2.

The Hudson River Valley Institute supported Congressman Maurice Hinchey's and Senator Hillary Clinton's initiative to gain passage of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act on November 20, 2004. President George W. Bush signed the act into law on December 8, 2004. This legislation put the celebration of the 225th anniversary of America's War for Independence in the national spotlight.

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, and the Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust have provided the funding to make Patriots' Weekend and other 225th anniversary events possible.

## COLLABORATING WITH VALLEY LEADERS AND DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Governor George Pataki (center) and Chairman Barnabas McHenry of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (at left, in foreground), pictured at Fort Montgomery's Grand Battery, have helped to lead preservation efforts throughout the Valley.



Hudson River Valley leaders Peter Bienstock (far right) and the late Frances Reese with (from left) HRVI Director Thomas Wermuth, historian and author Edward Countryman, and the Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley, James M. Johnson, at Patriots' Weekend 2002.



Historian Richard Brookhiser speaks on George Washington at the reception following the launch of HRVI's website.



Congressman Maurice Hinchey was a successful sponsor of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act. HRVI Executive Director James M. Johnson (at left) testified on behalf of the legislation.

### HUDSON RIVER VALLEY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Counties, the goal is to expand the educational programs providing every elementary and secondary school teacher in the Hudson River Valley with the opportunity to participate.

"Teaching the Hudson Valley" Institutes focus on place-based education and our region's historic resources. The program is a collaboration of HRVI, the National Park Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Teachers who attend the workshops develop lesson plans that are anchored on

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field trips to historic sites throughout the Valley. Finished, tested lessons are then made available online. The Summer 2005 session will be organized around the theme, "From the Erie Canal to the New Deal: The Hudson River Valley and the Rise of the Empire State." More than 100 teachers have attended these three-day conferences hosted at Marist College over the last two years.

The Teachers' Institutes have been made possible by an \$837,486 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the project "Freedom and Dignity: The Exploration of American



Democracy." Additional funding is provided by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the National Park Service and the Reese Charitable Lead Trust.



# THE Hudson River Valley Institute

MARKING OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY

## 2005 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### NINE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO ADVANCE REGION'S IDENTITY & HERITAGE

When people who love the Hudson River Valley and its extraordinary features work together, a lot can happen in three years! Starting in 2002 as the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley Heritage Area, the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College has emerged as one of the premier regional studies centers in the country. A hallmark of the Institute is active partnership with national, state and regional leaders from both the public and private sectors who share our mission of showcasing the Hudson River Valley's unique history, culture, beauty and economic assets to the country and the world.

Underpinning this mission are nine initiatives that have become signature activities for the Institute. I would like to highlight these for you, and then invite you to read more about each in the pages that follow. In the past three years, the Hudson River Valley Institute has focused on:

- ♥ Branding the Hudson River Valley through an innovative Digital Library and Archives – the only such portal site dedicated to a National Heritage Area. This has proven to be a unique and effective way to promote the Hudson River Valley's significant historical, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions. Since its launch, it has attracted users from around the country and 125 nations.
- ♥ Promoting heritage tourism in support of national, state and local efforts to position the

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as an outstanding destination. HRVI's website, [www.hudsonrivervalley.org](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org), is an electronic gateway to the Hudson River Valley and a model portal for counties of the region to promote heritage tourism.

- ♥ Publishing a journal that creates a permanent forum for preserving new scholarship on all aspects of the Hudson River Valley's unique history and culture. The Hudson River Valley Review, an official HRVI publication enjoying rapid growth in circulation, is a scholarly journal that is published twice each year.
- ♥ Educating the next generation by helping students gain an understanding and appreciation of the significance of the region of the country where they live. This has been a key focus of HRVI, with nine summer institutes sponsored at Marist College involving 200 Hudson River Valley teachers and eventually impacting thousands of children in their classrooms.
- ♥ Commemorating the American Revolution in New York State by highlighting New York's leadership role in winning the Revolution and by fostering public support of related historic sites and activities. To advance this, HRVI made a seven-year commitment to leading the state's flagship program called Patriots' Weekend (2002-08). In its first three years, 8,000 people have participated in themed programs involving scholarly lectures, military re-enactments, historic site rededications and local historical society events.

♥ Creating an online repository for Hudson River Valley history that includes rare books, manuscripts, scholarship, educational curricula and images related to the region's history, culture and environment. HRVI's Digital Library & Archives, coupled with the Marist College Library's Hudson River Valley Collection, is an outstanding resource for preservation and world-wide dissemination of materials related to the region.

♥ Working with the Hudson River Navigator. Housed in the Hudson River Valley Institute, the Navigator works with the American Heritage Rivers Initiative planning events that engage people, communities and local governments in the life of the Hudson River. The American Heritage Rivers Initiative complements New York's efforts to restore and protect the Hudson River's natural, scenic, historic and economic resources in partnership with local governments and organizations along the Hudson River.

♥ Sponsoring a distinguished lecture and conference program that provides a forum for intellectual discussion on the Hudson River Valley's history, culture and environment. Among those participating in major HRVI lectures have been Richard Brookhiser, Edwin Burrows, Edward Countryman, Barnet Schecter, Joseph Tiedemann, Willard Sterne Randall and Russell Shorto.

♥ Fostering an in-depth understanding of the Hudson River Valley's rich history, culture and environment through academic study and research among future educators and public historians. A chief means for advancing this objective is through the undergraduate and history curricula at Marist College, where classes annually prepare more than 150 history and education majors to teach local history.

The Hudson River Valley Institute is proud of our efforts to create new programs that promote the study and enjoyment of the region's history, culture and natural beauty. As you can see, it has been a very productive three years. If you have been with us since the Institute's formation, we thank you for your participation and support. If the Hudson River Valley Institute is new to you, we hope you will join us in preserving and promoting the aspects of the Valley that make it a such a special place to live, work and learn.

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Director, HRVI at Marist College

