OVERCOMING STRUGGLES

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**Is There Still an Opportunity for the Dream?**

Dr. Reverend Eric Shaw, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Troy, discusses the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the lessons we can learn from him today as we grapple with contemporary racial struggles. In particular, Shaw speaks about Dr. King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” This presentation kicks off “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle” programs. A reception follows.

**Seizing Opportunities**

Todd Silaika, of Merrill Lynch and a Hudson Valley Community College alumnus, speaks of the history, goals and challenges of the student-entrepreneur. Silaika shares his powerful story of making the most of every opportunity – especially the opportunities in disguise.

**Rehabbing an Historic Farmhouse into a Net-Zero Energy Green Home**

The Peters-Lockrow farmhouse in Clifton Park was built in the 1830s and had been vacant for a decade. It had holes in the roof, water in the basement and a menagerie of animals living inside. Joanne Coons, professor of Building Technology at Hudson Valley Community College, discusses rehabbing this farmhouse using green building practices, while maintaining its historical integrity.
The Transformative Power of Education in the Prison Setting

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison was founded in 1998 with the mission to provide college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated men and women. Emily Patka, the academic coordinator for Hudson Link’s college program at Greene Correctional Facility, discusses Hudson Link’s unique model, the transformative power of education and the importance of offering educational opportunities in prisons. A panel of Hudson Valley Community College Criminal Justice students explores the issue of educating prison inmates in a question and answer discussion with Patka.

Individual and Community Struggles with Narcotics in New York State

Patrick J. Hogan, investigator with the New York State Police and a Hudson Valley Community College alumnus, speaks about Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET) and the impact of short-term vs. long-range planning on the community. Hogan examines how all the choices we make in our daily lives are interrelated and link our individual actions to the community as a whole.

Growing an Idea: Mushroom Packaging and Beyond

Sue Van Hook, chief mycologist for Ecovative, an international company based in Green Island, discusses the growth of a student entrepreneurial idea conceived at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Evocative developed an innovative way to turn backyard fungi into a biodegradable material that can be used as a responsible alternative to packaging and insulation.

Invasive Species - Coming to a Community Near You

Laurel R. Gailor, coordinator of the Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), provides a general overview of invasive species in the Capital/Mohawk Region. Information will include updates from research institutes and the Invasive Species Council, as well as a summary of citizen participatory activities, including IMapInvasives, science projects, internships and other research projects.
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Studio photographer Anthony Salamone has been looking through some kind of camera for more than 40 years, 50 if including the box camera he owned while a youngster in the Bronx. Salamone has a degree in Studio Photography from the Fashion Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Buffalo State College.

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