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## **Keuka College Awards First Gerontology Certificates**

*Canandaigua, Farmington, Naples, Middlesex,  
Holcomb, Ionia Residents Honored*

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—The first graduates of Keuka College's certificate in gerontology program were honored at a Feb. 4 ceremony in the Alumni Lounge of Ball Hall.

Receiving their certificates were: Jennifer Army (Canandaigua), Edward Cuthbertson (Farmington), Matthew Cuthbertson (Canandaigua), Deborah Erb (Naples), Lisa McAnn (Middlesex), Kenneth Nesbitt (Holcomb), and Paula Paddock (Ionia).

The ceremony also featured a keynote address by Sharon S. Boyd, senior vice president and public policy director for the Rochester Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Kay Viggiani, associate professor of nursing and gerontology program coordinator, and College President Joseph G. Burke also delivered remarks.

Like other programs offered through Keuka College's Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP), the certificate in gerontology is designed with the working adult in mind.

The program is delivered via a 12-month, accelerated format. Students take classes one evening per week and complete the program in one year.

The program follows the guidelines of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) and is registered by the New York State Department of Education.

The 24-credit curriculum features eight required courses delivered in five-week modules. Courses move students from three introductory courses, rooted primarily in the social and behavioral sciences, to more advanced courses. The program culminates with a practicum in such areas as health care, recreation, social service, administration, and long-term care.