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● Miner at Columbia-Greene ● Alumnus addresses ABC

Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Roger J. Miner urged graduating students at Columbia-Greene Community College to apply their education to "the service of your fellow men and women including, especially, the less fortunate."

"As educated people you now have a public responsibility to allocate some of your time, talent and resources to your community and to the society of which you are a part," he said in commencement proceedings Saturday.

The ceremonies, held at the Greenport campus gymnasium, honored the graduation of 182 students in the school's 17th graduating class and was attended by about 800 people, according to Jim Campion, dean of community services at the college.

College President Robert K. Luther said Miner's address was particularly appropriate, since he had served as an associate professor of criminal justice at the Hudson Valley from 1974 to 1979.

"We are very proud to have Judge Miner as our speaker," Luther said. "It turned our commencement into a special occasion, having so distinguished a figure and one who is also a former professor at the college."

Miner, 53, a Hudson native, received a law degree from New York Law

School. He served as Hudson corporation counsel from 1961 to 1964, and as Columbia County district attorney from 1968 to 1975. In 1976, Miner was appointed a state Supreme Court justice and assumed a federal judicial assignment on the U.S. District Court Northern District of New York, in 1981. He received his current post on the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1985.

In addition to his teaching at Columbia-Greene, Miner has been a lecturer at the State University at Albany and a professor of law at New York Law School.

The following awards were presented by Dr. Luther at the exercises:

● **President's Award For Excellence in Teaching** — Peter Ambrose, associate professor of biology.

● **Arts and Humanities, Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Brenda Sanson and Laurie Lenny, both students from Leeds, Greene County.

● **Business:** Regina Johnson, a student from Livingston, Columbia County.

● **Technical and Scientific Studies:** Susan Burton, a student from Chatham, Columbia County.

● **Scholar-Athlete:** Chris Brown, student from Catskill, Greene County.

Ninety graduates received associate's degrees and diplomas during the 130th graduation exercises of Albany Business College Saturday.

The college, which offers one- and two-year associate's degrees in occupational studies, held its commencement in Chancellor Hall at the state Education Department Building.

The featured speaker was Thomas B. Constantino, class of 1950, president of the Noteworthy Co. of Amsterdam, who was also presented the Alumni Civic Service Award.

Constantino, whose company manufactures litter bags and packaging products, said the secret to a successful business includes treating the work force as part of an extended family.

"If you share your prosperity with your employees, they will contribute to a successful firm," he said.

In keeping with the school's tradition, the ceremonies also featured graduating students as speakers.

Honor students Kim Drugda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Drugda of Albany, and John Portelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Portelli of Albany, both addressed the crowd.

Drugda, 19, is an executive secretarial major with a 3.8 grade point average, and Portelli, 33, is an accounting and data processing major with a 3.8 grade point average.

Drugda said her ABC training helped teach her discretion, "which is helpful" in her work for state Sen. Michael J. Tully Jr., R-Nassau County.

Portelli, who previously graduated from the State University of New York College at New Paltz, compared the idealism of the 1960s to the materialism of the 1980s.

Constantino, 61, is active in a number of civic organizations including the United Way, the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce and the American Red Cross. He is also an activist for native American Indian rights.