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DEAR FRIENDS,



Dutchess Community College is evolving to meet the changing needs of our community through collaborations with our county sponsor, local industry and nonprofit partners. Our comprehensive 10-year academic and facilities master planning process will soon be completed to chart our course for the next decade. Exciting new initiatives already underway include the relocation of our Wappinger site to Fishkill for fall 2020 and the construction of a hangar at Hudson Valley Regional Airport to support expanded aviation opportunities. Additional career-track programs and offerings for post-traditional students also are in progress.

The 64 campuses in the State University of New York (SUNY) system educate more than 382,000 undergraduate students a year, more than half of whom are enrolled at the 30 community colleges. We at Dutchess Community College are proud that nearly 9,000 of these students are ours and that providing open access is at the core of our mission. Anyone with a high school diploma, the desire to earn a college degree and the resolve to do the work, can pursue their dreams – at any age or stage in life. So, too, can individuals seeking job skills and training.

This commitment to serve every student – from those underprepared for college-level courses, to those on the honors track, and those entering directly from high school to those starting or returning to college as adults – is evident in the remarkable opportunities offered at DCC. You'll learn more about them – and how our faculty and staff are creating a teaching and learning environment that fosters student success – in this Annual Report.

Ensuring access to an affordable, high quality public higher education has never been more rewarding, challenging or critical. The success of our students and our institution today, and for the long term, depends on those who support our mission to transform lives and enhance the quality of life in our region. On behalf of our current and future students, faculty, staff and 45,000 alumni, thank you for your interest in, and support of, Dutchess Community College.

- Pamela R. Edington
Pamela R. Edington, Ed.D.
President

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DEAR ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

The DCC Foundation has had another successful year. As you will read in this annual report, the Foundation received the CASE Educational Fundraising Award, an honor given each year to exceptional fundraising programs at educational institutions in the United States. This national recognition was made possible because of you and the relationships we have built. The financial support you have provided has had a tremendous impact on the Foundation, the College and most importantly, our students. Together we are changing lives!

As you probably have heard in the news, college students are facing new and more difficult challenges; housing and food insecurity are at the top of the list. DCC students are no exception. This is one major area of support where, together, we are effecting change.

The College and the Foundation have responded to this challenge with the creation of DCC CARES and The Pantry. DCC CARES is a program that provides students with a one-time grant to help with the wrap-around support services they so desperately require. Areas of support include academic and personal needs such as assistance with tuition, fees, books, daycare, rent, car repairs and medical care, just to name a few. The Pantry provides much-needed nutritious food to students, alumni, faculty and staff. Both programs offer our students the extra support to help them get over the hurdles they are facing.

Thanks to our partnership with the SUNY Impact Foundation, Gerstner Family Foundation, Heckscher Foundation for Children, the Dyson Foundation and you, the DCC Foundation has been able to provide this vital support to some of our most at-risk students. DCC CARES ultimately provides them with the ability to stay in college and finish the education they are seeking to help provide a good life for themselves and their families.

DCC CARES and The Pantry have helped 293 campus community members with groceries, 133 students with housing, utilities or transportation hardships and 22 families with daycare services to allow students to attend classes.

We are pleased that many of our donors are supporting these very important initiatives. Whether you have supported the Foundation with a gift to one of the previously mentioned programs, the Fund for Dutchess, the scholarship program, a lecture series, faculty/staff development or facility and campus improvements, every gift makes a difference. Thank you!

We look forward to continuing our work together to change lives!



Ellen L. Baker

Ellen Baker
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Class of 1997

DCC AT-A-GLANCE

40+ DEGREE
AND CERTIFICATE
PROGRAMS

68%

GRADUATED WITH
**NO STUDENT
LOAN DEBT**

45,000 ALUMNI

8,632
STUDENTS

34,000

HOURS OF SERVICE
TO NON-PROFITS
PROVIDED BY STUDENTS IN 8 SEMESTERS

550

**CONKLIN
SCHOLARS**
FOR ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
SINCE **2003**

\$2.5 MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
BY FOUNDATION IN LAST 5 YEARS



68% ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

15% ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

13% ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

4% CAREER CERTIFICATE



PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

Architectural Technology • Construction Technology Management

ART

AVIATION

Aviation Management • Pilot

BUSINESS

Accounting • Bookkeeping • Business Management • Business Administration • Paralegal

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA ARTS

COMPUTERS

Computer Information Systems • Computer Science • Computer Networking • Web Administration

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Public and Private Security • Criminal Justice

EDUCATION

Adolescent Education • Childhood & Early Childhood Education • Early Childhood Caregiver

ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES

Electrical Technology • Engineering Science • Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

EXERCISE SCIENCE & WELLNESS

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services • Child Care • Mental Health Assistant • Chemical Dependency Counseling

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Humanities • Mathematics • Science

MEDICAL & ALLIED HEALTH

Clinical Lab Technician • EMT/Paramedic • Public Health • Phlebotomist

NURSING

PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts • Music Performance

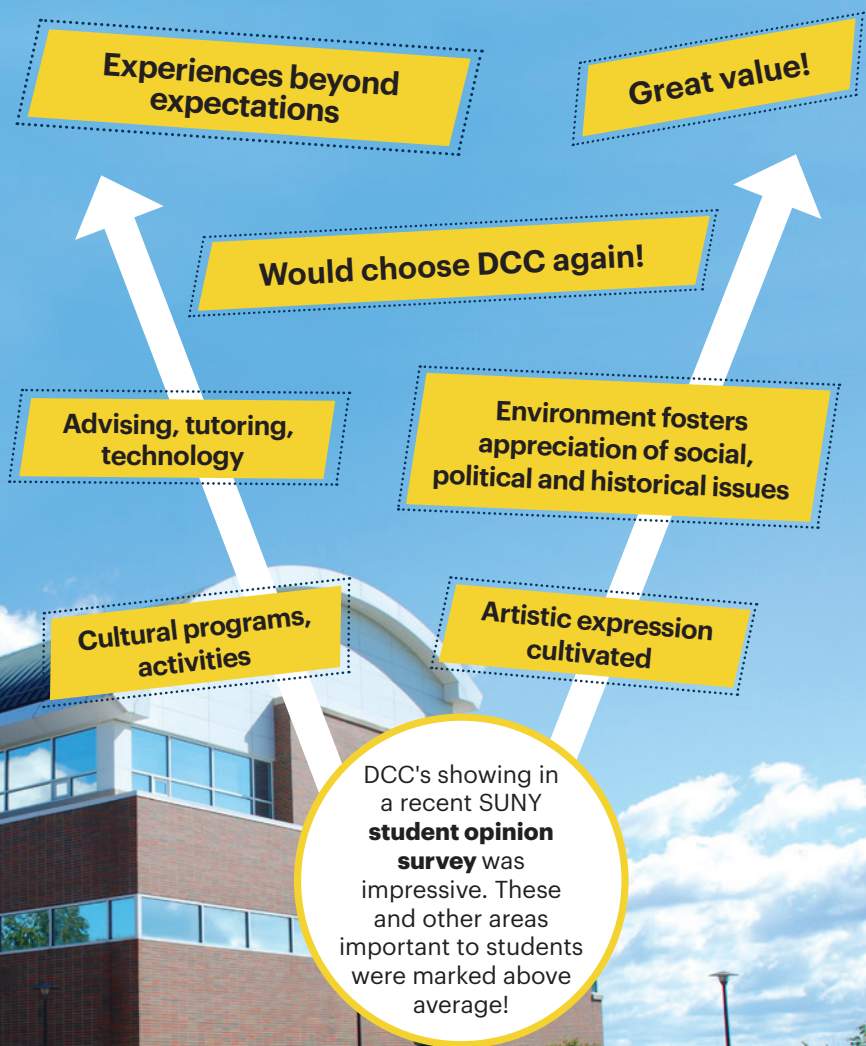
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Certified Nursing Assistant, Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselor, Security Guard and microcredentials in business and exercise science.

Student Success Data and Feedback a Testament to Excellence

A recent State University of New York (SUNY) survey, coupled with positive student success outcomes, validate the efforts underway at Dutchess Community College to provide a supportive and enriching environment that is affordable, accessible and inclusive.



The College ranked first among the nine mid-sized community colleges and second in the system regarding value. An impressive 97% of DCC students said that comparing the cost to the quality of education, DCC is a good or excellent value – with DCC receiving the highest marks among our peer institutions for the percentage of students who would make the decision to attend their college again.

Students overwhelmingly said their experiences at DCC were beyond their expectations, and the College ranked significantly higher than average in several other benchmark areas, including advisement, tutoring services, computer and technology support, cultural programs, clubs, activities and contributions to the understanding and appreciation of social issues and artistic expression.

Faculty and staff are committed to providing a student-centered environment that supports personal and academic growth and success, and several initiatives have been implemented to ensure that every student – from those who need remediation, to those in our honors programs – is able to reach their full potential. Graduation rates have increased, the average time to degree has decreased and the achievement gap for historically underserved students is shrinking.

As part of the **Achieving the Dream** network of over 200 colleges nationwide, DCC has access to peer coaches and data focused on best practices in teaching and learning and other factors affecting

success, particularly for academically underprepared students. (The DCC Foundation contributed \$30,000 this academic year to support participation in Achieving the Dream.)

Through the implementation of **Guided Pathways**, the College is enhancing courses and programs to align with completion strategies. At a recent SUNY conference, faculty presented about a co-requisite English class model they created to enable students who placed into a developmental English course to take college-level English at the same time. Course completion rates increased significantly for the beta test and the offering has been expanded.

The College's **Service Learning** program also has enriched the student experience, while benefiting our community. Since 2015, more than 3,000 students have provided almost 35,000 hours of service to 85 local nonprofit agencies. Research shows that students who participate in service learning – through which classroom work is enhanced by real-world experience – have more developed social skills, show increased academic performance and are more inclined to increase their civil engagement.

For students who are the first in their family to attend college, DCC offers additional support through several grant-funded programs. These include **TRIO**, the **Educational Opportunity Program**, the **Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program** and the **Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program**. In addition to tutoring and other support offered by these programs, students are

able to share challenges and successes.

Full access to course textbooks from the first day of classes is key to the success of every student. DCC faculty have been at the forefront of adopting **free, open educational resources** for highly enrolled classes, saving thousands of students significant expense – a total of more than \$1.3 million since the initiative launched in fall 2017.

For too many students, there are needs even more basic than books that, if not met, can put them in danger of dropping out, such as an unexpected financial emergency or limited access to nutritious food. The **DCC CARES** (Campus Assessment, Response, Evaluation and Support) program addresses these problems by connecting students with on- and off-campus resources and grant-supported emergency funds. Students have received financial help to offset job loss, medical expenses, a car repair bill or sudden daycare issues. Additionally, donations from faculty, staff and students help keep DCC's food pantry stocked and ready to assist students dealing with food insecurity.

Keeping faculty and staff members prepared to effectively employ college services on behalf of diverse populations requires access to the most up-to-date information. *To that end, the DCC Foundation has provided \$20,000 for professional development in diversity, equity and inclusion.* •

Students have saved over \$1.3 million on textbooks through open educational resources!

Fishkill Site to Bring Convenience, Flexibility and Innovation



IT'S A SMALL MOVE BUT A BIG DEAL FOR THOSE who live, work or commute in or near southern Dutchess: The College's 30-year-old Wappinger site is relocating to Fishkill. The new facility will offer a state-of-the-art learning environment, flexible scheduling options and ample parking, as well as the additional convenience afforded by its location at the intersection of Route 9 and Interstate 84.

The 47,000-square-foot extension site will open for the fall 2020 semester on the second floor of the former Mays department store, at what once was the Dutchess Mall. The space will be unrecognizable to those familiar with the building; total renovation of the space includes a welcoming lobby, the installation of large windows, creation of 18 classrooms, science and computer labs, library, study areas, lounge and student services offices. The transformation of the space is being aided by the DCC Foundation, which has contributed \$165,000 to the initiative.

The new site will serve both traditional students and those starting or returning to college after a gap in their education. While the College will offer courses currently available at the Wappinger location, it will provide additional opportunities regarding scheduling, advising, workforce development programs and enhanced focus on the academic areas of business, criminal justice and information technology. The Paramedic program will move to the Poughkeepsie campus for better alignment with the College's health care offerings.

"Faculty, staff and I share with our board of trustees and county leaders a commitment to increase local access to public higher education," said DCC President Pamela Edington. "The new southern Dutchess facility will be a vibrant and transformative teaching and learning environment offering a range of programs for both young and mature adults seeking personal, professional and career development."

The College has signed a 15-year lease for the new space. It is anticipated that dining, retail and other businesses interested in serving students, faculty and staff will join the College as tenants of the 150,000-square-foot building.

While the relocation of the College's southern Dutchess site to Fishkill had been under consideration for some time, early findings from the 10-year academic and facilities master planning process currently underway confirmed the efficacy of the move. Visit www.sunydutchess.edu/fishkill for updates. •



From left are Dutchess County Legislature Chair and DCC Trustee Gregg Pulver, DCC President Pamela Edington, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro '01, Assistant Dutchess County Executive Ron Hicks, DCC Trustee Dan Kuffner, State Senator Sue Serino and DCC Board Chair Michael Dupree.

Dutchess Community College, in partnership with Dutchess County Government, celebrated the groundbreaking for a **new experiential lab and classroom hangar at Hudson Valley Regional Airport** in the Town of Wappinger last fall to accommodate the College's expanding aviation offerings.

The 32,000 sq. ft. facility will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for students in DCC's current pilot and aviation management associate degree programs, and it is anticipated that by early 2021 – pending FAA, state and SUNY approvals – the facility also will house a 12-month Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance certification program, which is expected to draw new students from throughout the northeast. The proposed program will graduate highly qualified aircraft mechanics prepared to pursue rewarding, lucrative careers in the commercial and private aviation industries.

Partnership at Local Airport Takes Off

A recent report from the Aviation Technician Education Council found that 27 % of the nation's Airframe and Powerplant mechanics are aged 64 and above, and it is projected that 679,000 new aircraft maintenance technicians will be needed worldwide over the next two decades.

Guests at the groundbreaking also had an opportunity to tour a Grumman G3-C20 jet previously owned by the U.S. government and used by presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, and General Norman Schwarzkopf during the Gulf War. Now known as "Falcon One" as a nod to its previous service as Air Force One, the airplane will support the hands-on learning required of students in the proposed Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance program. The jet was acquired by DCC at nominal cost through government surplus.

Construction of the facility is being funded by Dutchess County, the SUNY Capital Fund and Empire State Development. ●



A rendering of the new facility scheduled to open in early 2021.

Guest Speakers Focus on World Events



PETER BALAKIAN

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE EXPLORED

New York Times bestselling author Peter Balakian gave a presentation in April about how the Armenian Genocide, the first such massacre in modern times, paved the way for genocides that followed. Balakian is the author of “The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America’s Response” as well as “Black Dog of Fate,” a memoir that recounts his childhood in the suburbs of the 1950s and ‘60s and the discovery of his family’s fate during the Turkish government’s extermination of more than one million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire in 1915.

The lecture was made possible by the Handel Foundation-Greenspan Trust Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, offered through the Dutchess Community College Foundation and was facilitated by Dr. Werner Steger, DCC history professor.



DR. RICHARD ALDOUS

IMPACT OF BREXIT EXAMINED

Dr. Richard Aldous, the Eugene Meyer Professor of British History and Literature at Bard College and author/editor of 11 books, gave a lecture in October about the dynamics of Britain’s Brexit initiative relative to the country’s relationship with the U.S. He discussed Britain’s rocky road toward the plan to remove itself from the European Union, and how it has illuminated the uncertain economic future that awaits the country and other European nations if the separation comes to fruition.

The talk was the third event in the Dr. D. David Conklin Distinguished Lecture Series, established by the DCC Foundation to recognize the College’s fourth president who retired in 2014.



DR. REBECCA ERBELDING

U.S. EFFORT TO SAVE JEWS DURING WWII DISCUSSED

Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, historian and author, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, talked about smuggling runs, forged ID papers, laundered money and other extraordinary operations run by the War Refugee Board, a U.S. government effort that helped save tens of thousands of European Jews during the latter part of World War II.

Erbelding was invited to campus in November by Dr. Werner Steger, DCC history professor and recipient of the Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Left photo: Dr. Werner Steger, Peter Balakian and Dr. Ellen Gambino, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.
Center photo: Dr. Richard Aldous and Dr. D. David Conklin, former DCC president.
Right photo: Shirley and Bernard Handel, Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, Dr. Werner Steger and President Edington.

All in the Family

Vehicles frequenting the 12 local Foam and Wash car washes have one thing in common. They're better when they come out than when they go in.

That's analogous to the experience Kim Baright '86 and her son, Evan '18, each say they had at Dutchess Community College.

Kim was the first in her family to attend college. Brought to DCC to register by her mother and aunt, she needed a little push to overcome her shyness, but did enroll in the Early Childhood program. She liked that student-teaching opportunities were offered right away, and that experience helped her secure a job at a daycare center in Hopewell after graduation.

“DCC opened up a whole new door for me,” she said. “My personality came out, my confidence, everything.”

Following graduation, she continued to work for another 10 years until she and her husband Gary started a family. Today, she is involved in several aspects of the family business.

After spending a year at a private college in the Boston area and finding it wasn't

the right fit, Evan enrolled – and thrived – at DCC. He loved that a number of classes integrated public speaking into the curriculum.

Kim remembers her son being excited about learning, and sharing school stories at dinner every evening about how the communication style of his professors made it easy for him to connect with them and the class material. Evan graduated in 2018 with an associate degree in Business and transferred to Lynn University in Florida, where he consistently makes the Dean's List. While he's considering pursuing a master's, there's a good chance he'll return to the Hudson Valley and get more involved with his family's business.

“Looking at the experiences each of us had, DCC really helped both of us mature,” said Kim. “And my son is where he is today because of Dutchess.”

Evan agrees. “I thought that going to a four-year, expensive private school was a good move,” he said. “But now I think whether you're uncertain about a career or have some direction, that you should be going to Dutchess, 100%.”●



Evan Baright '18

Kim Baright '86

“DCC opened up a whole new door for me. My personality came out, my confidence, everything.”

– KIM BARIGHT '86

AWARDS & HONORS



ECCEL Participants

Students 'ECCEL' in Leadership Program

Ten DCC students were selected to participate in the 2019-2020 Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders (ECCEL) program. Launched in 2012, the initiative is a dynamic and experiential leadership program for local community college students that prepares them to excel academically, professionally and personally.

The students come from diverse backgrounds and have career goals ranging from lawyer, to physician and international business executive. Chosen to participate in ECCEL this year were **Allison Dipippo**, **Jaaquan Forrest**, **Christopher Herrera**, **Parker Jackson**, **Lourdess Jordan**, **Irdian Lucas-Garcia**, **Mary Leticia Nalubbo**, **Logan Philip**, **Vanessa Phillips** and **Zariana White-Moore**.

The vast majority of the 70 DCC students who have participated in the ECCEL program since its inception seven years ago, have moved on to four-year schools and continued success. *The DCC Foundation provides \$5,000 to help support the ECCEL program.*

SUNY Chancellor's Awards Presented

SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence were presented to nine members of the DCC community in the spring.



Four students – **Jason Baker**, **Mariama Ceesay**, **Amanda Fultz** and **Trevor Tatunczak** – received the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, which recognizes the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments

in leadership, athletics, community service, performing arts, campus involvement and career achievement.

The award for excellence in full-time teaching went to **Tommy Costello, Ph.D.**, associate professor of speech and theatre, and **Karen Ingham**, department chair and assistant professor in Allied Health and Biological Sciences. Part-time instructor of biology **Kristy Bruse** earned the award for excellence in adjunct teaching.

Receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service were **Sue McGlynn**, assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs, and **Jennifer Wrage, Ph.D.**, director of Academic Services and Testing. **Greg Starzyk**, supervisor of grounds, earned the award for classified service.



DCC Earns Regional, National Recognition

The College and its Foundation were honored with three distinguished awards last year.

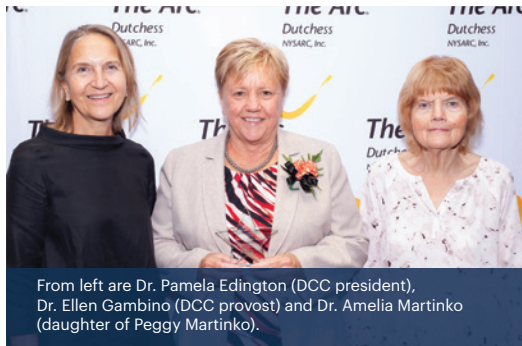


Jeannie Montano, United Way President and CEO, with DCC President Pamela Edington.

1 UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

DCC President Pamela Edington, Ed.D. was recognized as a Community Champion at the 2019 United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's Annual Community Breakfast in September. She spoke about national trends in student homelessness and food insecurity and DCC's efforts, through a food pantry and DCC CARES, to meet the nutrition, financial and support needs of students in danger of leaving school due to non-academic emergencies.

DCC performing arts students opened the United Way event with a rousing number from the musical, "Hairspray."



From left are Dr. Pamela Edington (DCC president), Dr. Ellen Gambino (DCC provost) and Dr. Amelia Martinko (daughter of Peggy Martinko).

2 ARC OF DUTCHESS PEGGY MARTINKO AWARD

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Ellen Gambino, Ed.D. was honored in September with The Peggy Martinko Award from the Arc of Dutchess in recognition of her work on Think Ahead, DCC's two-year life- and job-readiness program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. President Edington earned the award in 2016.

3 COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AWARD

The Dutchess Community College Foundation earned a **2019 Educational Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)**, a global association for professionals in advancement services, development, alumni relations, communications and marketing. The Foundation was recognized for exemplary program development based on a blind analysis of three years of fundraising data. Specifically, the Foundation was acknowledged for a 54% increase in total support including an almost 45% growth in alumni donors, a 118% increase in alumni support, a 257% increase in Foundation support of College initiatives and an endowment increase of over \$1.25 million. The Foundation raises funds to provide scholarships and support other college projects that have a significant and direct impact on the students, faculty and staff. It awarded approximately \$800,000 for student scholarships and other educational initiatives last year.



Shown from left are Director of CASE's Center for Community College Advancement Marc Westenburg, DCC Foundation Executive Director Diana Pollard, DCC Foundation Board Chair Ellen Baker and Kristen Bennett, vice president of Institutional Advancement and Foundation executive director for Trinity Valley Community College.

AWARDS & HONORS

Falcon Award Goes to Sparrow's Nest Founder

Eating a meal prepared in her honor was a role reversal for the 2019 Falcon Award for Business Excellence recipient. More than 150 guests attended the November luncheon on campus in recognition of **Krista Jones**, the founder and executive director of Sparrow's Nest, a Wappingers Falls-based charity that cooks and delivers 40,000 homemade meals a year free of cost to local families with parents or children fighting cancer.

The seed for the endeavor was planted in 2012, when Jones, a former radio news manager and DJ, provided homemade meals for a dear friend and



President Edington, Honoree Krista Jones and DCC Board Chair Michael Dupree at the Falcon Award Luncheon.

mother of three who was battling the disease. "Cooking nutritious, delicious meals for your family is the last thing you should think about when you're a parent with cancer or you're caring for a child with cancer," she explains.

It was Jones' tenacity, ability to network and organizational skills that enabled her to grow Sparrow's Nest into the impactful charity it is today. In describing the decision to select the non-profit founder as the 2019 business award winner, DCC Board Chair Michael Dupree and a member of the Falcon Award selection committee, said, "Krista's ability to harness and leverage resources, develop strategic partnerships and inspire others to get involved, is a testament to her entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen."

Like previous Falcon Award recipients Evelyn Panichi (Royal Carting) and Dr. Sam Simon (Hudson Valley Fresh), Jones was presented with a handcrafted stoneware feather finished in gold leaf created by DCC Professor Leigh Williams.

The luncheon was sponsored by IBM, Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, Hudson Valley Fresh, Hudson Valley Office Furniture, iHeart Media, Mid-Hudson Subaru and Royal Carting Service Company.

Think Ahead Thinks Differently

Dutchess Community College's innovative Think Ahead program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities welcomed its third cohort of students to campus this fall. The two-year life- and job-skills readiness program includes classroom instruction led by a Think Ahead teacher, on-campus work experiences and opportunities for students to get involved in campus activities.

Students learn workplace and social skills both in the classroom and by working alongside College staff at on-campus jobs during the first year of the program. Second-year Think Ahead students often move on to off-campus internships with entities including Dutchess County, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Think Ahead is a partnership between DCC, Dutchess County, Abilities First, Maplebrook School and the Arc of Dutchess. It is led at DCC by Linda Bertolozzi, coordinator of Accommodative Services. *The DCC Foundation has supported the program with \$75,000 in funding.*



The third cohort in the Think Ahead program was welcomed to campus last fall.

Inside Information

THOSE FAMILIAR WITH BEVERLY Delphin Chamberlain's impressive 15-plus year career as an information technology executive might be surprised at two particular pieces of data.

"Information technology was not my first love, and in the beginning, I honestly wasn't very good at it," she said. "At the time, I was just looking for a field that would allow me to graduate and make a decent salary."

Chamberlain '86 began her career trajectory by enrolling at DCC as a computer programming student upon returning to the U.S. after living in Venezuela with family for two and a half years. She credits admissions counselors and faculty members with helping her get acclimated to the area once again and providing a solid educational foundation, which included a science class where she met Todd Chamberlain '84, who she later would marry.

After graduating from DCC, Chamberlain moved on to earn a bachelor's degree from Pace University, a master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an executive leadership certificate from Dartmouth College.

She has served as Global CIO, SVP and in VP roles for both Xerox and Conduent, a business process services company, and is now the global head of Infrastructure and Operations for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Sleepy Hollow. She says her increasing aptitude for information technology came from perseverance, assuming tasks others didn't want, diversifying her skill set and taking risks.

Chamberlain is passionate about her field and eager to recommend it to others. "From smart systems to artificial intelligence and security, information technology is at the forefront of just about everything that we do," she said. "It's an exciting field to get into because it's always evolving and offers continual opportunities to learn and grow." ●



Beverly Delphin Chamberlain '86

DCC FOUNDATION EVENTS

2019 Gala Honors Four, Raises Funds for Scholarships

Almost 400 guests turned out to support the Dutchess Community College Foundation's annual Gala – Our Community's Bridge to the Future – on March 30 at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, raising almost \$220,000 for educational initiatives.

Inducted into the DCC Alumni Hall of Fame were Lisa Morris '85, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union assistant vice president and Sandy Williams '60, owner of Williams Lumber & Home Centers. The Council of Industry received the College's Bridge to the Future Award and Carol Gordon, a distinguished community volunteer, received the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award.

Morris has worked in marketing and public relations for many industries including financial services, manufacturing and engineering. At Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union she is responsible for all PR efforts, financial literacy programs, community outreach and government relations. She also is active in several community endeavors.

Williams operates one of the largest independently owned home center chains in the northeast, with eight locations employing over 250 people. He has earned the Lumber Person of the Year award from the NRLA Mid-Hudson Lumber Dealer Association and the



From left are Carol Gordon, Council of Industry Executive Vice President Harold King, 2019 DCC Foundation Board Chair Jim Fedorchak '67, DCC President Pamela Edington, Ed.D., Lisa Morris '85 and Sandy Williams '60.

Poughkeepsie Journal's Business Person of the Year award.

Gordon, who became an employment and labor consultant following a successful career as a banking executive, has served on over a dozen not-for-profit boards and committees including the Dutchess Community College Foundation Board of Directors, The Art Effect Advisory Board, the Half Moon Theatre Board of Directors

and the Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

The Council of Industry has been the manufacturers association for the Hudson Valley since 1910. A privately funded not-for-profit, its mission is to promote the success of its member firms and employees by providing training programs for manufacturing employees and workforce development initiatives

such as collaborative recruiting and apprenticeship programs.

Gala sponsors included Bonura Hospitality Group, Pepsi Cola of the Hudson Valley, the Poughkeepsie Journal, Michael Dupree and Michael Fleischer, IBM, Key Bank, Royal Carting Service Company and VIVO Creative.

The 2020 gala will be held at the Grandview March 28. Hall of Fame inductees will be Shirley Roberts Brereton '88, Anthony DiMaso '65 and Joan DiMaso '68. The Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award recipient will be Martin Charwat and the recipients of the Bridge to the Future Award will be DCC's partners in the Think Ahead program – Dutchess County Government, Abilities First, Inc., The Arc of Dutchess, Maplebrook School and Taconic Resources for Independence. ●



The winning foursome of the 30th Annual Golf Tournament was, from left, James Ferraca, Ray VanVoorhis, Mike McCormack and Mark Fellenzer.

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Craft Fair, Golf Tourney and Quilt Show Draw Thousands

Three community events hosted by the DCC Foundation last year drew thousands and raised funds for student scholarships and other academic initiatives.

CRAFT FAIR

The 48th Annual Craft Fair on Thanksgiving weekend welcomed 3,000 visitors who kicked off their holiday shopping with 100-plus artisans and specialty food-makers. Most vendors are from the Hudson Valley, but others travel from neighboring states to offer their unique items including jewelry, candles, soaps and lotions, decorative paintings, photographs, pottery, porcelain, floral arrangements, custom woodwork and specialty foods. The event's media sponsors were Q92.1 FM and VIVO Creative.

GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER

Dozens hit the links for the Foundation's 30th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner in May at The Links at Union Vale. The event is held in memory of Jack Orcutt, who was DCC's first director of student activities and a founding member of the College staff. Funds raised support educational initiatives.

The winning foursome was Mike McCormack '78, Ray VanVoorhis '78, Mark Fellenzer and James Ferraca. The Event sponsor was Lelanie Orcutt, the media sponsor was iHeartMedia, the Giveaway sponsor was The Chazen Companies, the Double Eagle sponsors were Andersen Tax, Baroni Scrap Metal LLC, JCCI Resource Development Services, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Pepsi-Cola of the Hudson Valley, Real Property Abstract & Title Services, LLC and VIVO Creative. The Eagle sponsors were Shirley Brereton, McCabe & Mack LLP, Meyer Contracting Corporation, the Poughkeepsie Journal, TIAA Endowment and Philanthropic Services and Williams Lumber & Home Centers.

DUTCHESS HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

The Foundation's 19th biennial Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show held in October included vendors, quilt judging, lectures, food concessions, workshops and a presentation by award-winning quilter Debby Brown. Additionally, a quilt inspired by the grand-prize-winning quilt made for the 1933 World's Fair and given to Eleanor Roosevelt was raffled off. Proceeds from the event supported the Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship, which is given annually in May to two non-traditional students in the Performing, Visual Arts and Communications department.

Miss New York's State of Mind

THE EVOLUTION of the Miss America organization into one that recognizes, supports and rewards intellect and social impact instead of perpetuating a swimsuit competition, is one that resonates with Lauren Molella, the reigning Miss New York. A DCC instructor and alum with a master's degree in psychology and bachelor's degrees in both pre-med and psychology, Molella is a testament to the organization's mission to develop leadership, scholarship, communication skills and talent in young women across the country.

Watch an interview with Lauren Molella produced by DCC at www.sunydutchess.edu/laurenmolella

Lauren Molella '12, '14



Miss New York

MOLELLA TEACHES BIOLOGY,

physics and psychology courses at DCC, where she earned two associate degrees, in 2012 and 2014, before continuing her studies. When she's not in the classroom, she can be found delivering remarks at various events throughout the state. It's the giving back, not the glamour, that Molella says is key to being a successful Miss New York.

"A lot of people think about beauty queens, waving, crowns, and toddlers in tiaras, when you mention pageants," said Molella. "But it's about service. It's about what you can provide for the people you represent."

Her duties as Miss New York also include advocating and fundraising for her chosen programs – the Save a Suit organization, which provides professional business attire to returning military veterans to prepare them for employment opportunities, and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, an initiative that raises money for children's health issues including research and treatment.

One could say that Molella's trajectory, both into the pageant circuit and higher education, was in her DNA. Her mother, Dr. Holly Molella, who recently retired from DCC after a 30-plus year career as a professor and dean of academic affairs, was crowned Miss Massachusetts in 1984. But pageantry wasn't part of the 25-year-old Molella's childhood; she didn't enter her first competition until 2011, after learning more about opportunities from a family friend. She was successful right away, winning the title of Miss New York Outstanding Teen.

Following her return to the Hudson

Valley full-time after earning her bachelor's and master's degrees, Molella entered the 2019 Miss New York competition, moving through the ranks and into the final round. But victory wouldn't be hers until she overcame a few wardrobe challenges during two of her performances.

"As I came out for the opening number the zipper ripped out of my jumpsuit, so it had to be safety pinned," she said. "And then as I took the stage for the talent portion, my point shoe broke, so I basically did the whole routine with one ballet slipper!"

Molella more than compensated for these setbacks during the question-and-answer portion of the program, offering a clear vision of what she could bring as an advocate for New York state and what her commitment to service would mean.

"To be an effective teacher, you need to deal with different kinds of learners and adapt your style to help them have success and reach their maximum potential."

When she was announced as the winner, Molella couldn't hold back the tears.

"I was crying so hard that I couldn't even turn to look at the audience," she said. "The second runner up, who also was my roommate, gave me a huge hug and said, 'Lauren, you've got to pull it together for 10 seconds, and then we can cry together again.'"

Molella had more reason to celebrate in December, when she was named one of 15 semi-finalists during the televised Miss America pageant. She said becoming Miss America would have given her "a larger amplification

system to help the veterans and servicemembers" for whom she advocates, but that her work as Miss New York will continue in earnest through June.

And her next move outside of the Miss America universe?

"I'm in the process of applying to schools to earn a medically clinical-focused Ph.D.," said Molella. "I want to work on a care team unit that serves veterans who have had traumatic brain injuries and suffer from PTSD." The money she saved by beginning her studies at DCC – and the more than \$90,000 in scholarships she has won through pageants – will help support her further education.

Molella finds parallels between being a college instructor and the reigning Miss New York. "To be an effective teacher, you need to deal with different

kinds of learners and adapt your style to help them have success and reach their maximum potential," she said. "As Miss New York, I'm privileged to perform service and advocacy for all kinds of people, and need to be able to understand and appreciate individuality."

Most students in Molella's science courses would be surprised to learn that their instructor is Miss New York, as it's not something the educator announces on the first day of class. "A couple of students asked me about it after reading a local news article about me," she said. "They thought it was pretty cool." ●

Class Notes



Betsy Brown '64 spoke to students in business honor society Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) in April as part of the Business Speaker Series hosted by ABG and the Business Club. She is a DCC Trustee, liaison to the DCC Foundation Board and director of Marketing and Human Resources at architecture, engineering and planning firm CPL.



A photo of **Phil Peelor '69** was shared on social media in May for a Throwback Thursday.



Vicki L. Haak, CFP®, '77, spoke at the Barron's Independent Women Summit held in May in Palm Beach, Fla. Her topic was "Exceptional Experience: Creating Unique and Defined Value for Your Clients." Haak, shown second from right, is an independent advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. with a practice based in Rhinebeck.



Sally Weglinski '77, Virginia Poznack '77 and Foundation Board Member John Mazzetti gave out 18 gallons of ice cream and sundae toppings courtesy of Stewart's Shops to students during September's FalconFest welcome back event.



Virginia Poznack '77, former director of Scheduling at DCC, founded

Harvest Moon Homestead with her husband, Ted. The pair creates birdhouses that feature custom painting and decoration. Harvest Moon Homestead was one of over 100 vendors at the DCC Foundation Annual Holiday Craft Fair held Nov. 30.



Mike McCormack '78 and **Chuck Liscum '78** were honored in April for their service on DCC's Architecture Advisory Committee, which counsels the College's Architecture Program on best practices in the profession. Liscum has served for 35 years and McCormack for 30.

CALLING ALL DCC ALUMNI

Where did DCC take you?

Let us know! Contact Burnelle Roser at burnelle.roser@sunydutchess.edu



Dianne Ham '78 won a random drawing for New York Renaissance Faire tickets by filling out a recent alumni survey. She stopped by the Foundation and

Alumni Relations office in September to pick up the tickets and shared news about her children, **Chris Ham '16**, who is continuing his education at SUNY Polytech, and **Stephanie Ham '16**, who is working as a project manager in a bioscience program.

Nursing Department Chair **Inge Grutzner '79** retired in May after 30 years of teaching service.

Sandra Ludlum '80, vice president of Branch Administration for Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, was selected by Hudson Valley Magazine as one of the top 15 most accomplished and inspiring executives, entrepreneurs, government or nonprofit leaders in the Hudson Valley.



East Fishkill Living Publisher **Jeanne Cotroneo Darrow '91** stopped by campus in January to share the latest issue of her publication. She was a liberal arts major and

tutor in the Writing Center who went on to earn her bachelor's in English from SUNY Binghamton and her master's from Fordham University.

Career Expos Connect Students With Alumni

Over the past year, several alumni returned to campus to discuss various careers with students.



CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Nora Pietrafesa '84, HR generalist at The Chazen Companies, and **Adam Podpora '11** and **Mike Campagna '11**, associate engineers at Central Hudson, met with students in October to talk about careers in construction, architecture and engineering.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Allison Tyrrell '11, Goddard School; **DeSean Morrow '16**, Randolph School; **Erin Cafarelli '96**, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie; **Mary Thompson '71** and **Tammy Corcoran '92** of Mid-Hudson Regional Early Education Center all were on hand to speak to students interested in entering the field.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jacqueline Ericka Manrique '12, **Jacob Ernst '18** & Gregory Lacey spoke to DCC students in April about their careers in the field. Manrique is a supply chain professional at IBM, Ernst is an IT specialist and systems

administrator at Manufacturing & Technology Enterprise Center and Lacey works as IBM/ Marist Joint Studies Academic Initiative coordinator. Students learned about the importance of networking, soft skills, leadership and communication skills.



ACCOUNTING, BOOKKEEPING, MANAGEMENT AND PARALEGAL

Vincent Pedi '13 was one of the alumni who spoke with students at the November career expo. Pedi is a recruiter with Ethan Allen Workforce Solutions.

CLASS NOTES



Yvonne Flowers '95 (second from left) and **Hamar Clarke '15** (third from left) were honored at the 2019 Black Excellence Award Ceremony in October for striving to create positive change in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Tara Flynn '96 was appointed lieutenant of the Kent Police Department in July. She is Putnam County's first female police lieutenant.

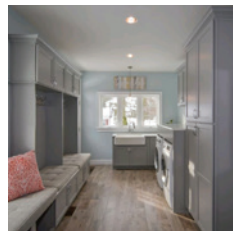


Eli Wells '02 (left) and **Jarek Zabczynski '01** (right) are shown with Dr. Christopher Brellochs, associate professor of music, just before Brellochs' documentary project "Music of the Gilded Age in the Hudson Valley" was shown on campus in October. Wells worked behind the camera and ran lighting and sound on the documentary and Zabczynski produced and directed the film, which featured

footage of Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown. The documentary includes a unique live performance, interviews and a visual tour of the Mansion and grounds. Zabczynski is producer/director of Jester Pictures.



A group of Engineering alumni including **Adam Podpora '11** and **Shefa Alzeq '17** volunteered as judges in May for capstone project presentations given by students completing the Electrical Technology program.



Architecture alum **Cindy Ortiz '11**, interior designer for EKB Kitchens in New Windsor, unveiled a new laundry room design in June.



Christina Mazzarella '11 joined the law firm Mackey Butts & Wise LLP in August. Mazzarella is based in the firm's Poughkeepsie office and handles all matters in litigation, real estate, insurance defense and state and local taxes. After graduating from DCC she earned a bachelor's in Political Science from SUNY New Paltz and a juris doctor from Albany Law School.

Satara Brown '12, founder and CEO of Rebuilding Our Children and Community Inc., worked with DCC students in the Communications and Media Arts program on a video released in May highlighting the programs offered by the organization.

Jarrelle Dixon '13 was highlighted on social media in February as part of a SUNY-wide celebration of the Educational Opportunity Program and how it provides a seamless transfer pathway from two- to four-year colleges. After graduating from DCC Dixon earned a bachelor's in 2016 and a master's in 2018, both from SUNY New Paltz.



Tamar Hedges '13 was one of 15 DCC faculty whose artwork was included in the fall 2019 Faculty Exhibition in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery. Her piece, "Beaver Chew," was created with ceramic, beaver chewed sticks, hardware and house paint.



Donald Byfield '14 and **Stela Nikolova '16** stopped by campus in November while in the U.S. visiting friends. The couple, who met at DCC and married in 2017, runs a plant-based café near their home in Bulgaria.

DCC ALUMNI

We'd love to hear from you!

The Dutchess Community College Foundation would love to hear from as many of DCC's 45,000 graduates as possible. We also are looking for notable alumni to highlight, so if you would like to share your story or know a distinguished alum that we should recognize, please give us a call at (845) 431-8400. You can connect with the over 17,000 DCC Alumni on DCC's LinkedIn page and share your story via our other social media:

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Alumni Benefits

Did you know that alumni of DCC are entitled to many services and programs that can help with employment, personal and professional enrichment, and savings on travel and events?

Visit www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni for more information.

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CLASS NOTES

Ezequiel Castellano '16 recently began a position at Crisp Architects in Millbrook. He graduated from DCC's architecture program and recently graduated from Alfred State with a five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree.



Dana Jones '18 and **Jacob Ernst '18** earned the Think Dutchess Innovator of the Year award in October for Accessador, an app created by the pair that will allow users to open handicap doors with their phones. Shown here at the ceremony are, clockwise from top left, DCC Board Chair Michael Dupree, DCC Trustee **Sheila Appel '76**, Joan McFadden, Ernst, Jones, President Edington and DCC Trustee **Tim Massie '78**.



Engineering, Architecture and Electrical Technology faculty connected with students and alumni at an annual **reunion event** at Aloy's Restaurant in Poughkeepsie in November.

Ways to Give

Make an impact with a gift to DCC

Establish an Endowed Scholarship

Donated funds are invested in perpetuity. Principal-generated earnings fund a scholarship based on your wishes. If you are eager to have your gift impact lives now and in the future, establishing an endowment is a wise choice.

Sponsor an Annual Event

The annual Community's Bridge to the Future Gala, Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner in Memory of Jack Orcutt and other alumni events offer a wide range of giving opportunities to highlight you, your business or your organization in fun, exciting ways.

Consider Planned Giving

Integrate philanthropy into your overall personal estate planning. We will work with you to achieve your goals through a bequest from an IRA or 401k, life insurance benefit, charitable gift annuity or personal property. Our goal is to ensure that your desires are met.

Purchase a Commemorative Piece

Mark exceptional events or remember that special person by making a gift to the DCC Foundation on behalf of a loved one. Bricks can be purchased for placement in the Petrovits Pine Grove Patio, and engraved leaves are available for the "Remembering Community Tree."

Make an Annual Pledge or Gift

Your gift to the Annual Fund supports DCC's highest priorities. These include merit-, need-based and daycare scholarships, student technology and programming, faculty development, campus facility improvements and esteemed lectures.

Come Back to Campus

Your time is a gift as well. Maybe you have professional experiences worth sharing with our students in class. We also are looking for volunteers to help with events, serve on committees and be a part of the DCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Whether you want to inspire a DCC student, honor or remember a loved one or support an academic or extracurricular program, the DCC Foundation is here to help make your giving experience enjoyable and rewarding. There are many ways you can support our students!



To make a pledge or cash gift, contact Diana Pollard, executive director, at (845) 431-8403 or pollard@sunydutchess.edu. To use a credit card, visit <https://1406.thankyou4caring.org/DCCF>. Checks should be made payable to the DCC Foundation and mailed to 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

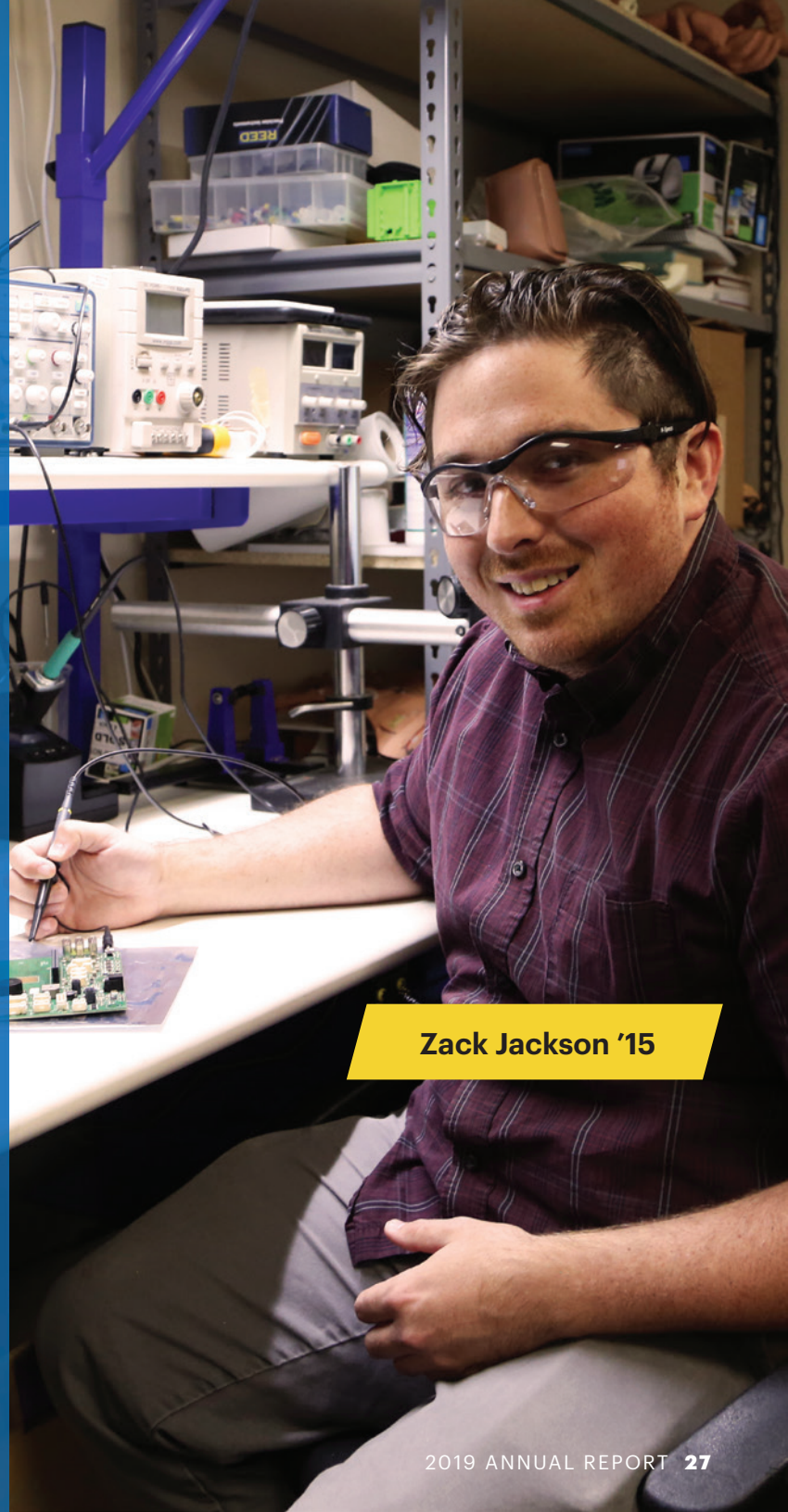
Making the Right Connections

As the spring 2015 semester drew to a close and graduation fell within sight, Zack Jackson didn't share some of his friends' angst about next steps. He had secured a position in his chosen field weeks before donning his cap and gown.

As it turned out, Jackson's end-of-semester project served as an impromptu job interview. He and his classmates in the electrical technology program were tasked with presenting their work to a panel of faculty and industry professionals serving as judges. Jackson's project, an automated hydroponic system, attracted a lot of interest and attention from the guest judges.

"The head of research and development for Nasco (formerly Simulaids) in Saugerties, which produces high-tech patient simulator manikins used to train health care professionals, was one of the judges," said Jackson. "He saw how the technology in my system related to his company's products and thought I'd be a good fit there as a technician." That began a dialog that resulted in Jackson being offered a position at the company; it was one of two job offers he would receive as a result of the connections made that spring day.

"I've been at Nasco for around five years now, first as a technician and now as a research and development engineer," said Jackson. "I'm an example of how DCC's electrical technology program prepares graduates for well-paying careers ... in addition to providing a path to a bachelor's degree. It's a highly effective program that's a fraction of the cost of most other schools." ●



Zack Jackson '15

Scholarships

The DCC Foundation awards over 250 scholarships each year, collectively valued at over \$563,000.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

The awards listed below were established over the past year by benefactors to recognize a loved one, organization or the important role a DCC education played in their lives.

The **Meyer Family Scholarship** (\$1,000) was established by Christian and Mary Beth Meyer to recognize Chris' lifelong career in construction management as part of Meyer Contracting and to give back to the community.

The **Dutchess County and NYS South Eastern Zone Retired Teachers Association Scholarship** (\$500) was established in recognition of retired teachers in Dutchess County and the South Eastern Zone of the state, and is awarded to a full- or part-time student pursuing a teaching degree.

The **Timothy McCormack Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) was created by the McCormack family with support from Tim's many friends to be awarded to a student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher studying fire science.

The **Tompkins Mahopac Bank Scholarship** (\$1,000) was established to support a full-time, continuing student in the Electrical Technology program who wants to pursue a career in the field of advanced manufacturing.

Setting up a scholarship fund is a meaningful way to give back to your community or to honor a loved one, friend or group.

For information about how to create a scholarship, contact Foundation Executive Director Diana Pollard at (845) 431-8403 or pollard@sunydutchess.edu.

2019 RECIPIENTS

Allied Health and Biological Sciences

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship: Ryan Dougherty

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship: Cristina Cortes, Elicia Pierre-Occil

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship: Liam Schnieder

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship: Danielle Bock

William E. Holland Scholarship: Michael Carpentier

Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship: Lissette Tabales

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship: Jessica Gonzalez

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship: Perlita Laguna

Mazzetti Family Scholarship: Samantha Basciano

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Deneka Reid

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: Rebecca Bean

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship: Alyssa Tirado

Tara Sweet-Flagler Scholarship: Alma Santana

Pat Zerbe Scholarship: Ilona Roy

Behavioral Sciences

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship: Crystal Burnett

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship: Kevin Izaguirre

Chief Roger Doyle Memorial Scholarship in Criminal Justice: Jessica Sari

Dutchess County Correctional Officers Benevolent Association Scholarship: Renata Davie

Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship: Demani Morrison

Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association Scholarship: Hunter Watkins

Dutchess County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship: Savanna Burke

Dr. Michael J. and Lois Hall Memorial Scholarship for Education: Alyssa Poteet

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship: Maria Massa

Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship: Tracy-Ann Anson

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Belkys Nunez

Cathie Tarpey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship: Andrea Cortez

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship: Antonio Medina

Zaida Swan Memorial Scholarship: Kerry McLynn

Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship: Morrel Thompson

Elizabeth T. & Patrick J. Whalen Memorial Scholarship in Human Services: Cheryl Tomassetti

Business, Aviation and Construction Professions

Business Administration Career Scholarship: Ian Cooper

Business Community College Partnership Scholarship: Jacey Collins

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Kops

Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship: Alanis Aquino

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship: Susan Martin

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship: Marcia Viera

Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Nichole Borschel

Tony and Faith Krzywicki Business Scholarship: Ryan Agosta

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship in Architecture: Daisy Godoy

Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship: Natalia Sofokles

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Julie Gonzales

Meyer Family Scholarship: Bruce English, Oneil Jones

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: Rosa Ambrocio

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship: Alyssa Bianchini

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Angiolina Goldsmith

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship: Phuong Lam

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship: Joshua Betancourt

Westage Companies Scholarship: Gina DeGiacomo

English and Humanities

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship: Allyssa Cooper

Sylvia L. Jones Scholarship: Andrzej Lisiecki

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship: Hope Tanguna

Seth W. Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy: Verna Pregnon

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Theodore Secor

Michael O'Dell Scholarship: Ivania Arias

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship: Iriidan Lucas Garcia

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship: Brian Van Benschoten



History, Government and Economics

Eric W. Deyo Scholarship: Saiyada Moosvi

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship: Stephen Killeen

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship: Anthony Lozano, Emily Murcko, Remy Naumann

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Tytiana Richardson

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship: Patrick Jodry

Mathematics and Computer Sciences

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Macarous Ansah

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship: Eniola Dada

Nursing

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship: Kristal Leon-Whalen

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship: Nicole Thomas

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship: Brianna Akins

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship: Hector Camilo

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship: Cynthia Castellanos

Mary Lyman Memorial Scholarship: Jennifer Robinson

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Jasmine Spooner

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Nadivah Barker

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: Anastasia Centuori

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship: David Perra

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship: Natalie Hunt

Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship: Mary Mollica

Jackie Warner Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Evelyn Vasquez

Ann D. Whalen Memorial Scholarship: Sienna Cody

Performing, Visual Arts and Communications

George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship: Danielle Keaveney

Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial Scholarship: Alexia Savignano

Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship: Elizabeth Mundus, Vanessa Wade

Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theatre Scholarship: Berny Balbuena



Stuart Griffin Photography Scholarship: Claudia Helms

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship: Chloe Kramer

Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra Scholarship: Jonah Woodcock

Agostino, Lidia and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship: Thomas O'Leary

JTN Scholarship: Shawn Adiletta

Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship: Emily Giancarlo

Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship: Gabrielle Johnson

Russell and Gloria Kraft Memorial Scholarship: Olivia Weisel

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Michael Watt

Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship: Courtney Russell

Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship: Samantha Bownas

Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship: Ava Sestito

Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology

Brewer-Welling Scholarship for Environmental Studies: Callista Weber

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology: Mohamed Badr

Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship: Ryan Simpson

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship: Meghan Myler

Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship: Tyler Pelkey

McCann Foundation Scholarship: Julia Furfaro

Michael J. Morris Scholarship: Jayson Graham

Tompkins Mahopac Bank Scholarship: Olti Begaj

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship: Arianna Luna

Special Continuing

Academic Achievement Scholarship: Damaris Figueroa

Association of Women at DCC Scholarship: Tiffany Bellissimo, Gabrielle Delpizzo

Bridge to the Future Scholarship: Jared Robinson

Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship: Cecelia Perez

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship: Xinjue Huang

Peter J. Clark and Timmian C. Massie LGBTQ Scholarship: Melissa Ansari

Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for Student Leadership: Melissa Ansari

Carmine Curcio Scholarship: Carolyn Fish

Alexander Cutonilli Memorial Scholarship: Dylan Pisani

Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholarship: Lizbeth Cruz Cendon

William Jeff Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Charles Daley

Sadie and William Effron Scholarship: Jylan Williams

Nan Gingham Memorial Scholarship: Saliman Bachilly-Redd

Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship: Alexandria Natonio

Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League Scholarship: Nicholas Burachowski

Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship: Sydney Roth

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship: Emani Frierson

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Natalia Miranda

Moody Family Scholarship: Latishe Thorpe

Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship: Ti Juana Elliot

Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship: Matthew Denatale

Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial Scholarship: Sofia Rodas Gonzabay

Allan E. Rappleyea and Julia M. Rappleyea Scholarship: Nnenna Mazagwu

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship: Juan Malavar

Senator Stephen M. Saland Bi-Annual Scholarship: Hanny Vasquez

Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Scholarship: Rapheal Shepherd

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship: Taylor Chadwell

Captain Trevor Yurista Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley Scholarship: Cristina Torres

Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship: John Asamoah

Graduate

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship: Aansh Hemwani, Maria Lodge, Sandy Selmon

American Association of University Women Scholarship: Samarra Graiser, Imani Somers

Milton Chazen Scholarship: Brian Vigilante

Jim Curley Graduate Scholarship: Benjamin Reale

DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea: Jessica Bruning Lopez

William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial Scholarship: Nathaniel Long

Cynthia R. Feldman Scholarship: Ian Gallagher

Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Graduate Scholarship: Veronica Knapp, Carolyn Lee

James and Betty Hall Founding President's Scholarship: Erich Behrendt

Henry McDermott Scholarship: Sarah Wood

Richard Reitano Scholarship: Samuel Malafy

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship: Austin Harisch

Maximilian Schneider Memorial Scholarship: Renato Vilca Vargas

Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship: Reinaldo Rodriquez

Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship: Kaila Lasher

Transfer 101 Scholarship: Kevin Illescas, Destinee Weston

Allyn J. Washington Scholarship: Jason Baker, Courtney Belcher

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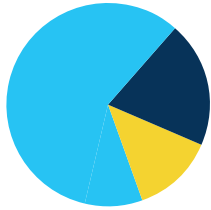
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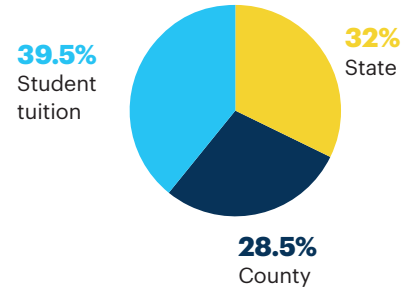
Budget Allocation*



■ Instruction, Academic Support, Student Services & Library	\$46,014,381
■ Institutional Operations	\$13,220,164
■ Facilities Maintenance & Operations	\$6,642,218
Total	\$65,876,763

Funding Sources

Percent of Operating Budget



DCC Foundation

Statement of Financial Condition*

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$174,754
Investments	\$12,570,152
Other Assets	\$193,500
Total Assets	\$12,938,406

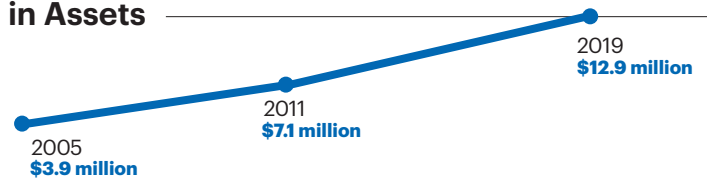
LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$70,532
Other Liabilities	\$35,115
Total Liabilities	\$105,647

NET ASSETS

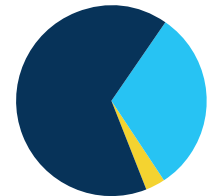
Unrestricted	\$837,343
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,322,838
Permanently Restricted	\$8,672,578
Total Net Assets	\$12,832,759

Growth in Assets



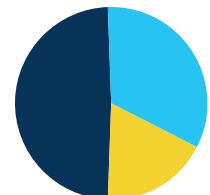
Investment

■ Equity Mutual Funds	\$8,214,995
■ Fixed Income	\$3,923,921
■ Cash	\$431,236
Total	\$12,570,152



Support

■ Development & Stewardship	\$765,535
■ Scholarships	\$573,581
■ Program Support	\$180,813
Total	\$1,519,929



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2020 Foundation Events



MARCH 28

"Our Community's Bridge to the Future" gala will be held at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Shirley Roberts Brereton '88, Anthony DiMaso '65 and Joan DiMaso '68 will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame; the Bridge to the Future Award will be presented to DCC's Think Ahead Program Partners: Dutchess County Government, Abilities First, Inc., The Arc of Dutchess, Maplebrook School and Taconic Resources for Independence; and the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award will be given to Martin Charwat.

www.sunydutchess.edu/gala



MAY 18

The 31st Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Jack Orcutt will take place at The Links at Union Vale in Lagrangeville. The event includes dinner, sponsor recognition, awards, an auction and a raffle.

www.sunydutchess.edu/golf



NOV. 28 - 29

The 49th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held in Falcon and Drumlin halls on the DCC campus. Get a jump on your holiday giving with unique handcrafted items and specialty foods from more than 100 vendors, while supporting the work of the DCC Foundation.

www.sunydutchess.edu/craftfair

For more information or to suggest an event, contact Burnelle Roser at (845) 431-8402 or email burnelle.roser@sunydutchess.edu.

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