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DCC AT A GLANCE

7,047
STUDENTS

750
CONKLIN
SCHOLARS
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
IN 19 YEARS

1,193
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED BY THE DCC
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TWO OUT OF
THREE STUDENTS
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\$4.3 Million
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I will look back on 2022 one day with a variety of emotions: the excitement and anticipation of joining a new community; the relief we all shared as we emerged from the pandemic; and the pride I felt witnessing colleagues working hard to build a stronger, more impactful DCC of tomorrow.

As a new president in 2021-22, my focus was on exploration and discovery. I set about listening to people, finding out what those associated with the college think about us, and where opportunities for growth and improvement existed. Now, in 2022-23, we've transitioned to a strategic planning mindset.

We've begun by refocusing our President's Advisory Council (PAC) from more of a tactical role to a more intentional, long-term planning perspective.

This has allowed the PAC to undergo a revisioning process. Understanding that our college — like so many across the nation — has experienced a steady enrollment decline over the last decade, I asked my colleagues, "Who do we want to be now?"

They returned with a concept that illustrates the "Four Lenses" through which the college consistently focuses:

STUDENTS. LEARNING. COMMUNITY. GROWTH.

I felt that this was outstanding. I asked them to reconvene this past July to delve deeper into those lenses, asking questions and examining what is most important within each.

We then took these conversations a step further, hosting focus groups with various DCC audiences: students, faculty, staff, alumni, business and community leaders, K-12 educators, and elected officials. We gathered the input of dozens of people who have a vested interest in our institution and the potential impact it could have upon their lives. Here's what they said:

STUDENTS We should develop and retain talent for our community, for this region we serve.

LEARNING We should ensure the education we offer prepares students with the kinds of skills that are needed and in demand by employers.

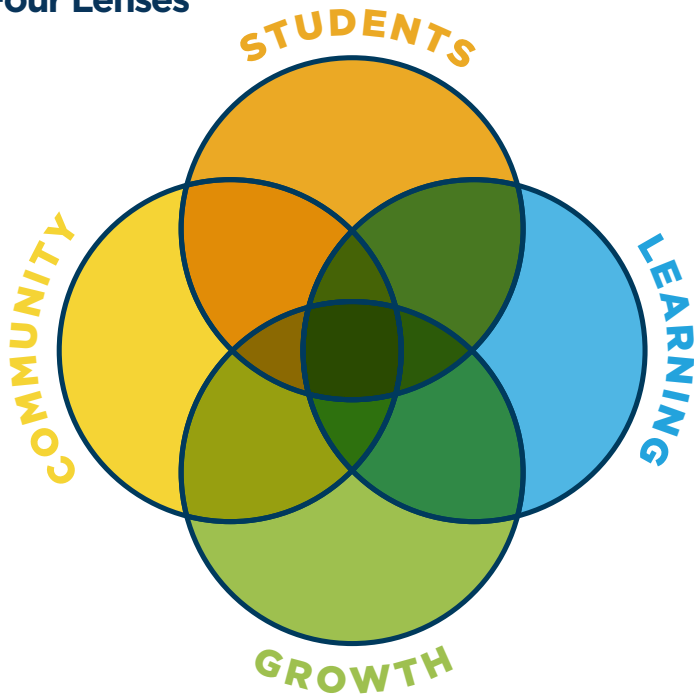
COMMUNITY We should cater to the learning needs of the entire community, "from cradle to cane" — not just individuals coming out of high school, but to anyone along the human learning spectrum.

GROWTH We should be a vital engine that fuels individual and communal economic development.

Some of these aspirations are already translating into actionable initiatives. For instance, we're exploring out-of-school program opportunities for students in kindergarten through 8th grade to allow them to recover some of the learning losses suffered during the pandemic. We're reinforcing the importance of supporting DCC, be it financial, volunteer, programmatic or experiential, among all of our community's stakeholders. And we're expanding the reach and variety of opportunities to increase the availability of internships and apprenticeships for students.

This process has been especially satisfying for me. When I arrived, I pledged that I wouldn't ask people to buy into any preconceived aspirations which I brought through the door; rather, I would ask them to help us come up with what they want this college — their college — to become.

Intersectionality of the Four Lenses



DCC partners with individuals, not-for-profit organizations, business and industry and government agencies to enhance the quality of life in the mid-Hudson Valley.

DCC had not been taking this kind of grassroots approach until recently. The feedback we've received has been very positive. Indeed, it's been a source of great pride for all who have been involved, and we are honored to call them partners.

Now, as we start a new calendar year, we do so with fresh perspectives. We're revisiting our mission, vision and value statements. We're developing a true logo and tagline, going beyond the simple "name-in-a-typeface" branding we've had for many years. We're reinventing ourselves in this moment.

President Eisenhower once said that plans are worthless, but planning is everything. Without planning, we can't know where to focus our resources. This planning and these essential exercises are bringing our college community together in an exciting and new way. It's important to me that we bring the community together for the crafting and drafting of the direction we're going. This, in turn, will empower our vice presidents, deans, directors and chairs to do more, knowing they are entrusted

to do their jobs and do them well. That, in the end, is what will make us the strongest DCC we can be for generations to come.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Jordan'.

Peter Grant Jordan, Ed.D.
President

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MESSAGE FROM THE DCC FOUNDATION

Dear Alumni & Friends,

It has been motivating to be back to normal activities and refreshing to see more and more students returning to campus. The DCC Foundation is pleased to have continued its support for our students and the College's many programs and initiatives through challenging and good times alike.

We are looking forward to 2023 and helping tomorrow's leaders even more. With students' ever-changing needs, the Foundation makes every effort to change with them. While we continue to provide scholarships based on merit and academic excellence, we have embraced the opportunity to support students in many new ways.

DCC CARES and The Pantry have proven successful in supporting our students so they may thrive throughout their educational journey. As you may be aware, we added supporting student housing to our portfolio over the past year and that, too, has been very successful in providing students a safe space to live and learn. Much gratitude goes to our donors who have started this initiative with upwards of \$800,000 in gifts and pledges.

Regardless of which initiatives resonate with you, your support in every way is greatly appreciated. One of our scholarship recipients shared the following:

"Sometimes the road of life can be bumpy and a gesture of kindness is fuel to our hearts. This scholarship will help me through my academic path and to achieve my dreams. It also showed me that, as a human being, kindness is always the best way to go. Thank you for this opportunity and for making my dreams come true."

You've made many dreams come true by supporting the DCC Foundation. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your generosity in partnering with us to create and maintain opportunities for our students and staff to continue to achieve their educational and personal goals.

As you will read in this annual report, there are a variety of ways you can work with and through the DCC Foundation, whether by supporting scholarships, faculty/staff, a lecture series, DCC CARES or any number of other initiatives with your vital giving. In this new year, we look forward to continuing our collaboration and partnership with you.

On behalf of the Board and staff of the DCC Foundation, we say THANK YOU!



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DCC @ Fishkill Set to Manufacture a Stronger Workforce

For years, industries across the Hudson Valley have operated at a disadvantage. They work hard to stay on top of the latest manufacturing trends and offer best-in-class capabilities — but to do so, they must send their employees out of the region for training. Realizing the costs associated with this — not to mention the risk of losing some of that talent to those regions — members of the Hudson Valley Council of Industry sought better answers.

They didn't have to look far.

As luck would have it, Dutchess Community College had the perfect opportunity. Its new Fishkill campus, designed to extend the College's southern reach, had some unexpected capacity.

"When we designed DCC @ Fishkill — just steps from the Interstate 84 and Route 9 interchange — we thought people would be interested in attending traditional, in-person classes on their way home from work, due to its convenience," says Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Susan Rogers. "However, the surge in online learning fueled by the pandemic changed that somewhat."

Fortunately, DCC has a longstanding collaboration with the Council of Industry and various economic development entities across the county. They began conversations and quickly identified a win-win scenario.



"They were telling us they wanted more of the education and training that's required in today's advanced manufacturing world — sometimes referred to as Manufacturing 4.0," Dr. Rogers adds. "So together, we're creating the talent pipeline and maintaining the workforce we need right here."

Starting this August, DCC @ Fishkill will be home to the region's first training facility in "mechatronics," which includes mechanical and electrical engineering/technology, automation, programming and robotics.

The equipment and curriculum side of the project is being led by DCC's Electrical Technology Program Chair Dan Barbuto. When complete, the new lab will have three main technology focuses: mechanical; electrical and automation; and HVAC.

"I've been here 20 years, and this is the biggest project I've been involved with," attests Barbuto, who has trained Verizon, IBM and Phillips semiconductor technicians during his career. "The hiring in this area has been just tremendous. I've had more openings than I've had students."

This demand is urgent, a point driven home by many area employers and economic development leaders. Global Foundries, a microchip fabrication plant in Fishkill, was one of the biggest collaborators which provided input. (Note: Global Foundries recently sold its semiconductor manufacturing facility in Fishkill to On Semiconductor, and that facility will specialize in microchips that go into automobiles.) Its leaders helped DCC identify the equipment and skill sets most needed to include in the facility, including an emphasis on multi-talented personnel. The New York State Department of Labor also helped inform the process, and the county stepped in with critical funding for the lab equipment.

Another important feature is the type of student the mechatronics lab will attract.

"At the individual level, one of the populations this is intended to serve is those coming out of high school who may not feel drawn to a traditional college pathway," Rogers says. "It will also appeal to slightly older students — say, 25 and up — who are re-evaluating their career paths."

The program will provide individuals who aren't looking for a four-year liberal arts education right now with valuable options for credentials in industries which need them and will pay them a living wage — and much higher in just a few years.

"This can really help them advance in their careers or shift into something with far greater earning potential, personal satisfaction and longevity," Rogers adds.

DCC will also offer for-credit and credit-free courses to area high schools and BOCES programs, following its cradle-to-career philosophy of serving the community.

"We can't wait to show middle and high school students that this is a viable career path," Barbuto says.

As high as the anticipated demand is, DCC's leaders believe it can become even greater as mechatronics becomes more widely known among the region's vernacular.

"The term involves a lot of different facets," Barbuto explains. "It's known throughout industry and academia, but not so much in the general public."

That knowledge should be easier to share once the facility exists and people can see it firsthand.

"One of the equipment pieces has seven stations and includes sensors, actuators and a robot," Barbuto shares excitedly. "Each has its own logic controller, and each station completes a piece. It's essentially an assembly line."

“This can really help them advance in their careers or shift into something with far greater earning potential, personal satisfaction and longevity.”

DR. SUSAN ROGERS

Plans call for that to happen this summer, when the facility is opened for tours and special events. County funding has also been set aside to assist with marketing.

DCC @ Fishkill will also supplement the College’s existing HVAC and Electrical technology programs, which have been based in Taconic Hall on the Poughkeepsie campus for more than five decades.

The mechatronics program checks numerous boxes that will strengthen the long-term health and viability of the college, county and community, roles which DCC leaders are thrilled to play.

“We learned from the pandemic that online learning is a wonderful complement, but it will never fully replace in-person learning, especially in some fields,” Rogers asserts. “In the mechatronics fields, hands-on training is critical, and we’re positioned perfectly to give these businesses the competitive advantage they seek.”

DCC Addresses Student Housing Insecurity

In a recent survey of 368 DCC students, 4% indicated that they were currently homeless, while 17% defined themselves as housing insecure (i.e., couch surfing, sleeping in a car, living temporarily with a friend or relative, etc.). Statistically, these numbers are disproportionately higher among students who have aged out of foster care, in addition to BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ students.

This issue has drawn the attention of donors, including DCC Trustee Chair Michael Dupree. He and his husband, Michael Fleischer, recognized a recurring perfect storm for students — a shortage of affordable housing, an unpredictable economy, inflation and insufficient financial aid — creating insurmountable roadblocks for a student pursuing a degree. In response, they created an endowment to support students challenged with insecure housing situations.



Their pledge of \$500,000 established the Student Housing Support Fund. This gift will ensure that there is funding every year, in perpetuity, to support students in transitional housing situations.

Two anonymous donors also recognized how assisting students with housing support allows them to concentrate on their education, which will help them have a productive life and brighter future. Their gift of \$50,000 allowed for the first students to enter the residence hall last February. They have since made another \$5,000 gift and pledged an additional \$50,000.

NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett is also helping to alleviate homelessness and hunger for DCC's young, low-income students by securing \$150,000 in state support.

"I'm very pleased to be providing this critical funding for DCC's housing and food insecure students," Assemblymember Barrett said. "We all know the power of a strong education — the game-changing potential it provides. It's important that we continue to eradicate barriers that keep these critical credentials and knowledge at bay from our most-disadvantaged community members."

Long-standing collaborations between DCC, Hudson River Housing, Inc. (HRH), and the Dutchess County Department of Community & Family Services will be bolstered to ensure the collegiate success of students with unstable living conditions. The program will provide subsidized housing in DCC's Poughkeepsie campus residence hall. These full-time students will be granted year-round accommodations, meaning they won't be required to vacate their residences during traditional campus breaks. They will become part of an integrated living and learning community.

The program also provides individualized care management services from the DCC CARES (Campus Assessment Response and Evaluation Support) team, in collaboration with on-campus partners and HRH. Together, they connect students to resources, which eases their mental, physical and financial health burdens and allows them to focus on their coursework.



From left: Director of Residence Life Kaina Rivera; Assistant Dean Marcia Butland; NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett; DCC President Peter Grant Jordan; Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Susan Rogers; and Student Resource Navigator Whitney Morris.

"This investment can have a life-altering impact on these young individuals, changing their career and income trajectories in ways they've only dreamed."

DR. PETER GRANT JORDAN
DCC PRESIDENT

Additionally, the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley have also responded to a request and granted the DCC Foundation \$16,000 to support the needs of current students. Several other donors have made gifts to the Student Housing Support Fund whose momentum continues to grow.

"The combination of private, foundation and government support has provided a critical lifeline for these students," said DCC Foundation Executive Director Diana Pollard '97. "Now, they have a safe, warm environment where they can focus on their education and career goals."

Trustee Chair Michael Dupree (right) and husband, Michael Fleischer (left), established an endowed fund to address housing insecurity for DCC students.

An Early Gift

Young Engineering Trio Designs Blueprint to Help Transfer Students

Adam Podpora '11 is a 31-year-old electrical engineer with Central Hudson Gas & Electric. He discovered a passion for problem solving in high school and dreamed of attending a big-name engineering university. However, as he neared graduation, his financial realities weren't adding up, so his father encouraged him to consider DCC, because of the solid reputation of its engineering program.

"I met with (then) Department Chair Mark Courtney, who convinced me to complete my first two years there," Adam recalls. "It helped me to save a ton of money and transfer to one of my wish-list schools."

A ton, indeed! Podpora was among the top 10% of his graduating class, which meant he qualified for a Conklin Scholarship; his full tuition would be covered.

That scholarship was the first of many gifts DCC would give him. He added three lifelong friends: Mike Campagna '11, who transferred with him to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and became his roommate and a civil engineer; Joe Kisch '11, who transferred to the University at Buffalo and is now a mechanical engineer; and Ashley Hargraves, who earned her bachelor's in Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication from Mount St. Mary College — and became his wife and the mother of his three children.



From left, Young Engineers Scholarship founders Adam & Ashley Podpora, Caryn & Michael Campagna, and Joseph & Kristina Kisch reconnect at a recent DCC Foundation Gala.

The engineering trio would all intern at Central Hudson Gas & Electric while in college, only to return a few years later with bachelor's degrees as full-time employees. They would play rugby, stand in each other's weddings (except for Joe's, as he got married during the pandemic), and start families of their own, all while marveling at how DCC brought them all together.

On one of those occasions, Campagna shared an idea he had with his old roommate.

"We've always been grateful to have attended RPI together after graduating from DCC," Mike recalled. "Yet it was really Dutchess' strong connections and stellar reputation that granted us the opportunity to transfer to such sought-after four-year schools."

Recognizing this, they asked the Foundation about starting a scholarship for students who were once in the same shoes they were.

"But also to assist, in a small way, in helping DCC maintain the strong engineering program that helped us over the years," Campagna added.

At first, the idea seemed a little far-fetched. After all, they were still in their 20s and just starting their own careers. But as they talked it through, they realized they could start small and ask others to join them to build momentum.

Their first call was to Kisch, who was immediately on board.

"DCC was an important stepping stone in my life," Joe said. "Things would be very different for me if I didn't go there first, so this was a way to show appreciation for what the school did for me."

Soon these budding philanthropists had created the Young Engineers Scholarship through the DCC Foundation. It currently gives \$1,200 per year to help a DCC student transfer to a four-year institution.

They recognize it's a modest sum at the moment, but they plan on increasing their contributions as they advance in their careers. They've also started to reach out to more partners to help it grow faster. An anonymous donor has stepped forward recently as well.

"It's a start," says Adam. "Hopefully, it can serve as an example or inspiration to other DCC alumni, whether they're in our fields or not."

Their generosity hasn't stopped there. They've all volunteered in various capacities, serving as guest speakers, sharing career advice and providing student tours at substations and job sites. Campagna and Podpora have also joined the DCC Foundation Board, and Podpora has even been asked to advise on curriculum updates and grant matters.

When asked why they feel so strongly about giving back to their alma mater, they quickly point to the faculty who went above and beyond for them at such a pivotal age. They rattle off mentor names: Leah Akins, Renee Lathrop, Wes Ostertag, Johanna Halsey, Mark Courtney.

"All my professors were very focused on students," Campagna attests. "They didn't just maintain minimum office hours — their doors were always open."

"DCC made me understand what it takes to be successful," Kisch echoes. "The classes were challenging. You had to work hard to earn good grades, but the faculty really cared and helped me to do my best."

"DCC really is a hidden gem," Podpora adds. "It's right in our backyard and it feels like almost no one knows it's there. We have an opportunity to change that — and that's exciting."

And with this trio's love of problem solving, you can bet on them engineering a perfect solution to that challenge.



DCC's Nursing Program Re-Accreditation

The nursing workforce is continuing to experience high demand, and DCC's Nursing program is among the college's greatest points of pride. We celebrated the graduation of our nursing students last spring, as 83% of them passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX- RN) to become a registered nurse (RN) on their first attempt — above the New York state and national passing rates. Currently, all of 2022's graduates (100%) are registered nurses (RNs).

DCC's Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Nursing is registered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). We began our re-accreditation process in 2021, with faculty and staff preparing for the ACEN Self-Study report. This included technology and equipment upgrades for nursing labs and the simulation lab. DCC also hired two additional full-time, tenure-track faculty members, promoted the department chair to associate professor, and negotiated a more competitive faculty salary schedule in collaboration with Dutchess United Educators (DUE).

We are pleased to report that the ACEN preliminarily found the Nursing program to be compliant with all standards (1-6), with only a few areas needing further development. We are continuing to work with ACEN to address those recommendations. The ACEN Evaluation Review Panel and Board of Commissioners are expected to share their final report by May 2023.

Greenspan Day Care Center Earns Re-Accreditation

For more than 30 years, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has set the standard for excellence for the early childhood field. Its accreditation system provides a mechanism for early learning programs to demonstrate their commitment to high-quality early childhood education. The stages in the NAEYC accreditation process are intentionally designed to celebrate programs for where they are and provide the path needed to meet more rigorous and comprehensive standards.

After a successful site visit on Sept. 3, DCC's Louis Greenspan Day Care Center was recently notified that it has received re-accreditation from NAEYC for a four-year period, having met their high Early Learning Standards.

The NAEYC site visit provides an independent assessment of program quality by an assessor who has been rigorously trained to provide a reliable rating of the program. Accreditation demonstrates both a commitment to quality and continuous quality improvement. Accredited programs continuously ensure that their environment, policies and practices are aligned with the standards.



Students Compete to Design DCC's New Daycare Pavilion

Students studying Architectural Technology & Construction Management participated in a design competition last spring to conceptualize what one of the College's newest additions would look like.

Under the supervision of Paul S. Pilon '85, an instructor in DCC's Business, Aviation and Construction Professions department, students developed and submitted designs for the new pavilion which will be built at the Louis Greenspan Day Care Center. The students' designs were adjudicated by a combination of DCC faculty and administrators, and the DCC Foundation awarded scholarships for the top three designs.

"It's always more meaningful for the students if they have a 'client' other than a course's instructor," Professor Pilon explained. "In this case, since it was a prospective project at the College, it was even more significant."

The top three designs were submitted by Kevin Marsh (first prize), Katherine Spurgin (second prize) and Brian McCabe (third prize). All three design concepts are showcased here.

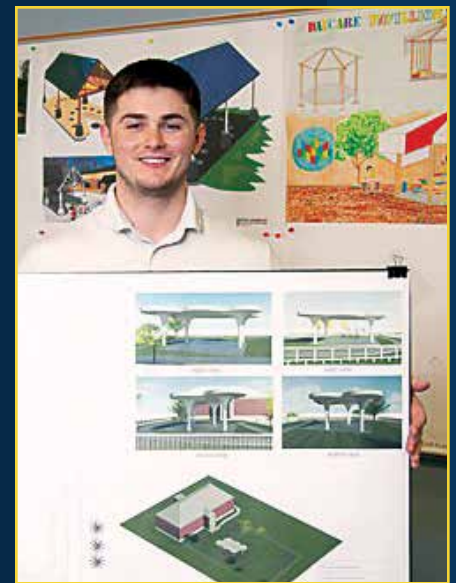
Pilon also noted that this was part of the Architectural Technology & Construction Management capstone course, which allows students to use and build upon everything they've learned during their time in the department. Thus, the credit for the students' success should go to all the department's faculty.



Kevin Marsh



Katherine Spurgin



Brian McCabe

Matriarch Legacies Guide

Alumna's Company



As a teenager, Janine Greer would ride her bike to Mary Semenovich's house nearly every day during the summer. At 15 miles away — 30, roundtrip — it was a sizable undertaking, but she never complained. Mary was her grandmother — her mother's mother — and they were very close. They spent hours gardening, painting or just talking, with Janine soaking up as much of that wisdom as she could.

Janine went on to study at DCC, where she earned an associate degree in Elementary Education and Teaching in 1998. She began teaching at Dutchess County BOCES while adding a bachelor's from Marist College. She then joined Poughkeepsie High School as a special education teacher and was well on her way to a successful career.

In 2005, however, her grandmother passed away. This had a profound effect on Janine, causing her to step back and take stock of everything in her life.

"I took the summer off for the first time," Janine recalls. "I started working in a construction office as an administrative assistant, just to pass the time... but when August came along, I didn't want to go back to teaching. Instead, I stayed at the company. I really enjoyed it, and I gradually worked my way up to head of construction operations."

Janine had found her calling in construction management, yet there was something still missing. After having two children in as many years and being a stay-at-home mom for a while, she longed to get back — but with greater control over her career path.

In 2016, she opened her own construction firm, focusing on sitework, masonry and stonework. But what to call it? The question was vital to her.

"Choosing the right name is one of the most important things when starting a business," Janine attests. "It should not only identify your company; it should tell your clients about you."

Janine wanted something symbolic of her commitment to integrity and honesty. It had to represent the strength and perseverance of a woman in business, especially in a male-dominated industry.

Then she thought back to those wonderful years growing up and the soul-searching she did in the wake of her grandmother's passing. The answer, she realized, was right there all along:

Dillon and Semenovich.

Ann Dillon was her father's mother, and though Janine's bond with her wasn't quite as strong as it was with Mary (only because she lived farther away), it was the perfect nod to the two women whose values were at her core.

Today Dillon and Semenovich is a thriving Mid-Hudson Valley company with as many as 20 employees depending on the season. A certified Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), the Middletown, N.Y., firm performs a variety of municipal, commercial and residential work. Janine is especially proud of the niche they have developed in historic reconstruction and rehabilitation work — literally finding ways to honor and preserve the past while moving ahead with the times.

For Janine, the symbolism couldn't be more appropriate.

"My grandmothers were honest, caring and steadfast in their ability and determination to do the right things, regardless of the obstacles they faced," Janine says. "They were always kind, creating happiness. Through them, I learned to do the same. These are my values and the values of Dillon & Semenovich."

As she looks back on her days at DCC, she's quick to recognize the value of what she learned in becoming a teacher and how it translates to her current role.

"The skills are very much the same," Janine explains. "You need strong leadership, interpersonal and organizational skills. You've got to have genuine compassion and concern for your employees and clients. You must teach those around you to respect one another. And safety is most important — more than finishing a job quickly. These are all parallels to the classroom."

Janine also credits the DCC experience with making her more confident and outgoing, which is vital to business development.

"You didn't always know who you were going to meet each day, or from one semester to the next," she recalls. "It taught me that, if you aren't willing to approach people you don't know and be social, you aren't going to make a connection. That's made it easier for me, as an adult, to approach people I don't know, have a conversation and connect with them."

As a small business owner, Janine also thinks about what her industry needs are today from colleges like DCC. She's always on the lookout for classes that provide supervisory and project management skills, as well as anything specific to construction and geared toward somewhat older learners.

She's also considered doing that herself.

"I've definitely thought about how awesome it would be to teach a class someday and use those teaching skills again in this role," she said.

And why not? After all, Janine has proven herself to be quite skilled at connecting her past to her present.

Exceptional Students



Microbiology major **Ruth-Ann Gordon** presented a poster at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, Calif. Her work was awarded a certificate of achievement for outstanding presentation, alongside thousands of students from such institutions as Harvard and Duke University. Over 5,000 attended the conference and Ruth met with several researchers who asked her to share her presentation with them.

She was also given opportunities to apply for internships with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, a major pharmaceutical company in Indianapolis, and others.



Aminah Mikaylah Augustin-Muhammad joined the DCC Board of Trustees this fall as a student trustee. She writes, "I came to DCC because my sister graduated from here in 2020 and my mother thought attending a community college would be a great way to get my feet wet. What I appreciate about DCC is the diversity amongst students and the opportunities given to us. I'm currently majoring in Adolescent Education-English. I aspire to be a high school English

teacher and published author. My hobbies include reading, writing, singing, dancing, spending time with my friends and watching anime."

As student trustee, Aminah plans to advocate for her fellow students and is looking forward to learning how college decisions are made. She has several unique perspectives which she hopes to offer to the Board, including being a Resident Assistant (RA) in Conklin Hall, a full-time DCC student and a woman of color.



Tamia Cox is the DCC Foundation's 2022-23 Student Director. She writes, "I came to DCC because it was the most affordable option, especially since I graduated high school in 2020. At first, I had no idea what I wanted to study. I was 18 and knew nothing about handling money, taxes, the importance of saving, interest on debt, etc. There was no one to teach me these things. I had to, unfortunately, experience them the hard way. I want to learn how and why

the economy works, so I chose Business Administration as my major. My goal is to become a financial advisor."

As the Foundation Board's student representative, Tamia is looking forward to learning about its history and how much it impacts the campus and regional communities, beyond the scholarships awarded by donors. She especially wants to spread the word about the availability of DCC CARES and the Pantry. She is also proud to have earned the UHY LLP Certified Public Accountant Scholarship.

Chancellor's Award Winners

Emily Hanscom and **Kathleen Fitzmaurice** each received a 2022 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They were recognized at an awards ceremony April 26 in Saratoga Springs. The award honors students who have integrated academic excellence with other key aspects including leadership, campus involvement, community service or the arts. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a SUNY student.



A Business Administration transfer, **Emily** earned 30 college credits in high school. In her first semester at DCC, she completed 20 credits, earning the President's List distinction with a 4.0 GPA. She achieved academic excellence

while working, supporting the campus community and engaging in community service with such institutions as the Smithsonian Museum, Wappingers Central School District and Be My Eyes. After graduating in May, Emily transferred to Marist College. Her passion is helping people achieve financial stability and her goal is to be a financial analyst in a large corporation. Her energy, determination and enthusiasm inspire those around her.



Kathleen Fitzmaurice graduated with a degree in human services, achieving a 3.85 GPA. While at DCC, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, consistently on the President's List, and dedicated to and

passionate about helping her peers succeed. She worked in the Office of Accommodative Services as a student aide and peer mentor, supporting students with disabilities to achieve their academic goals. She believes deeply in giving back to her community and the programs that helped her. Kathleen plans to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree in Psychology, fulfilling her passion for helping others to learn, grow and follow their dreams.



FALCONS HIGHLIGHTS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The team had an incredible season that ended with an appearance — and a run — in the DIII NJCAA National Championships!

After completing the regular season with a Region XV record of 15-3 and a 7-1 Mid-Hudson Conference (MHC) record, the team earned the #3 seed in its regional tournament — which it won — and the #1 seed in the MHC Tournament — which it also won.

With an overall record of 20-3, The Falcons were crowned District Northeast-A Champions and earned a spot in the 12-team DIII Women's Volleyball NJCAA National Championships in Rochester, Minn., this past November.

And they weren't just happy to be there. As the 11 seed, they defeated #6 Harrisburg (Pa.) and #10 Finger Lakes (N.Y.) to finish the season as the sixth-ranked team in the nation with an overall record of 22-5.

The team was led by its four sophomores — **Leah Vitiello, Kathleen Brennan, Jordyn Wilsea,** and **Emily Parvar** — and six freshmen — **Alexa Reinhard, Lauren Siegel, Grace Ferretti, Nicole Spero, Kaitlin Robin** and **Gabrielle Radovic**.

Along the way **Vitello** was named a NJCAA 2nd Team All-American and to the NJCAA National All-Tournament Team. She also captured MVP honors in both the Region XV and MHC tournaments and was named MHC 1st Team All-Conference. **Wilsea**, meanwhile, recorded her 1,000th career assist in the MHC semifinals — a remarkable achievement in just two seasons of competition.

The Falcons were led by Coach Frank Sanfilippo, who has been with DCC since 2016, Assistant Coach and alumna Zarissa Wheeler and Assistant Coach Dolores Spero.

A banner-raising ceremony is being planned for Spring 2023 to celebrate the team's success.



Sophomore Leah Vitiello



Women's Basketball

The Falcons welcomed Head Coach Tony Jackson to the coaching staff this Fall. While not competing this academic year, Coach Jackson and Assistant Coach Nyrie Holliman are working with current students and recruiting at high school level events and games in hopes of a return to competition in Fall 2023.

Esports

In his second season as Head Coach, Joseph Mercado led student-athlete **Winston Contreras** to the NBA 2K National Tournament where he finished third overall. The team competed in a variety of individual and team-based games during the Fall semester. The Falcons are also preparing to open their new Esports Arena in Dutchess Hall this Spring and will compete in an array of individual and team-based games at the Intramural, Open and Invitational Levels. Interested in learning more? Contact the athletic department.

Baseball

Coming off a challenging 2-21 Spring 2022 campaign led by freshman **Tyler VanDeBogart** (.364 batting avg.), the team began practicing in the fall for the Spring 2023 season which began in January. Head Coach Al Hamell and his staff are also working with their sophomores to find options to continue their student-athletic careers at four-year institutions.

The Athletic Department and Baseball program also have two fundraising initiatives in progress:

- The program will again sponsor the Al Hammell Winter Baseball Initiative, in which DCC rents the gym on Sundays during the winter for eight weeks of youth-based winter training sessions. This initiative strengthens ties to community-based youth sports programs and generates revenue for the Men's Baseball program.
- The Falcons are also working with youth, high school and college programs to rent the baseball and softball fields during the Summer of 2023 to generate additional revenue.

Softball

Charles Watt was hired as Head Coach, as the team prepares for a return to competition for the first time since the pandemic. Coach Watt and his staff are meeting with interested students on campus and preparing for practices which will begin in January. The staff are also offering to host tournaments, camps, clinics and facility rentals to high school and youth programs this summer.

MEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach Ian Wing and Assistant Coach Anton Sterlini completed their first season as coaches with a record of 2-9-1. The team included five sophomores this season, co-captains Sam Dennehy and Javon Turner, along with Goalkeeper Jahaziel Jimenez, Jose-Daniel Ramirez, and Thomas Fitzmaurice.

2022 SOCCER HONORS

Samuel Dennehy MHC 1st Team, Region XV Sportsmanship Team
Akeem Alexander Region XV Honorable Mention Team
Jahaziel Jimenez MHC 2nd Team, Region XV Honorable Mention Team
Michael Sambells MHC 2nd Team
Sean Kirchner MHC 2nd Team

The coaching staff is recruiting at local high school tournaments/games/showcases for the Fall 2023 season. The team is also planning some community-based fundraising initiatives to include camps, clinics, and indoor futsal leagues.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

In his second season as Head Coach, Robert Piano led the Men's Basketball team to a record of 8-5 overall and 7-1 in Region XV. At the end of December the team was in first place in the Region and had received NJCAA national poll votes, placing it among the top 20 DIII teams in the nation. The team is led by sophomores **Jeremiah Williams** (MHC Player of the Week for 11/14/22) and **Victor Potter** (NJCAA Player of the Week for 11/21/22).

The Spring 2023 DIII Basketball Region Tournament will be held at Kingsborough CC Feb. 24-26. The Region Champion advances to the NJCAA DIII National Championship to be held at Herkimer CC March 14-18.



Victor Potter

Celebrating the Class of '22

On May 19, DCC celebrated its 63rd Commencement at the Majed J. Nesheiwat Convention Center in downtown Poughkeepsie. Joy and pride beamed brightly on stage and off, as thousands received awards and diplomas, while officials shared praise and counsel with the college's newest alumni.

President Peter Grant Jordan recognized and congratulated the graduates, noting that they had persevered despite a global pandemic which will have lasting influence on society for years to come.

Dr. Kim Riebecki, Instructional Staff Council Chair, represented the faculty and encouraged our graduates to contribute to the world in ways that allow all people a greater opportunity to reach their potential.

DCC Board of Trustees Chair Michael Dupree noted the Class of 2022 ranged in age from 18 to 73 — earning degrees or certificates in 48 different academic programs. He also highlighted the first cohort of graduates from DCC's new Aviation Maintenance Technology program, whose 16 members would receive their certificates in August.

County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro congratulated the graduates and recognized that they have navigated challenging times — making them that much more prepared to face whatever comes next in life. He also encouraged them to reach out to those in need in their communities.

Kathleen Fitzmaurice, recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, exhorted graduates to tell their stories, support their communities, and be bold and brave.

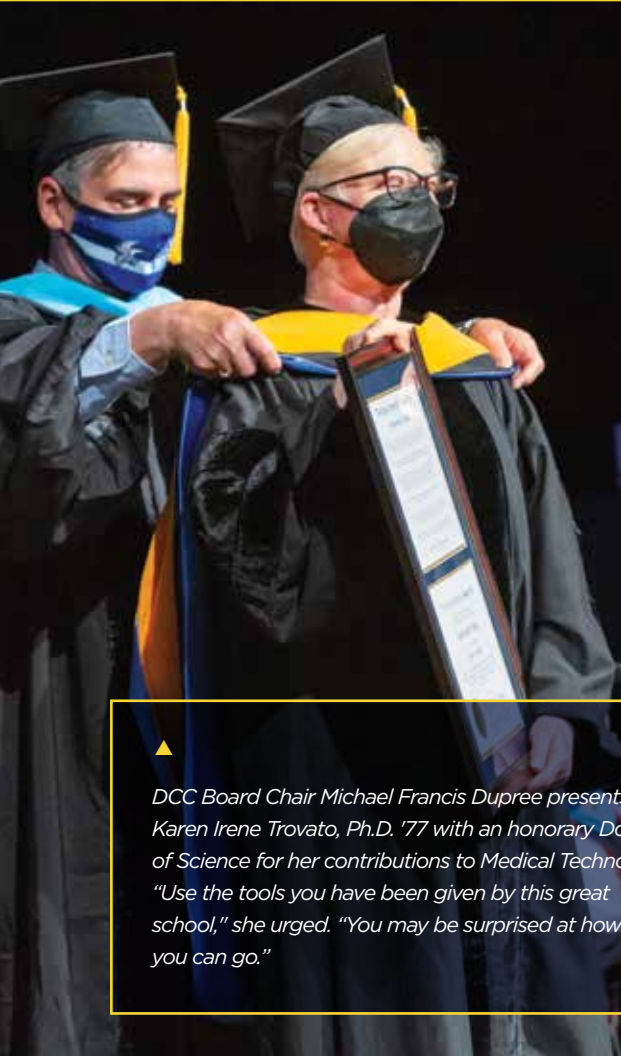
President Jordan presented Karen Irene Trovato, Ph.D. '77 with an honorary Doctor of Science degree for her contributions to Medical Technology. Since her days at DCC, she has received the 2005 "Inventor of the Year" award from the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, as well as the 1995 Philip's Researchers award. She's also developed more than 100 international patents over her distinguished career. One of her most impactful inventions was the electronic pill, which has benefitted countless patients battling Parkinson's Disease. Dr. Trovato also teaches Computer Science at Fordham University.

In her keynote speech, Dr. Trovato reflected on a career journey influenced by her father, who worked for IBM in Poughkeepsie and was both "technical and inventive." Inspired by inventors such as Thomas Edison, she recalled being a nine-year-old hand radio operator, which gave her valuable experience dealing with "technical men" — and the spunk to prove wrong those who said something "can't be done." As the first in her family to graduate from college, this DCC alumna went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees. While working for Philips Research her curiosity and determination led her to develop path planning algorithms that have supported GPS systems, self-parking cars, and medical device navigation. "Inventing is not wishing," she advised our graduates. "It is specific. It is action oriented. (You are) trying to find a solution."

Dr. Trovato closed by encouraging DCC's graduates to register to vote using the voter registration form in their graduation booklets. She advised them to find solutions in their communities by staying curious and taking action. She complimented the Foundation's leaders, Diana Pollard and Burnelle Roser, for the wonderful ways they connect students, alumni and community members. She then reminded these new alumni to maintain a relationship with their alma mater. "Use the tools you have been given by this great school," she urged. "You may be surprised at how far you can go. I know I am."



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Faculty & Staff Accolades

FACULTY & STAFF

DCC Faculty and Staff Receive SUNY Chancellor's Awards

Presented annually, the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence recognize efforts of SUNY employees from across all 64 campuses for consistently superior professional achievement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence. Five members of DCC's community were recognized by the SUNY Board of Trustees in 2022 with Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in their respective areas of work.



DCC's Diaz-Kelly Tapped for 2023 Hispanic Leadership Institute Program

Doris Diaz-Kelly, EOP director and assistant dean of students at DCC, is one of only nine fellows chosen by SUNY's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to participate in the 2023 Hispanic Leadership Institute (HLI) for emerging leaders of Hispanic/Latinx descent. In its sixth year, HLI is an intensive six-month program in which the selected faculty and staff from across the SUNY system are provided with training and networking opportunities, in addition to receiving strong support and mentorship.

In a recent interview by Spectrum News, Doris shared how she plans to leverage this opportunity to go even further in her mission to help underrepresented students flourish in higher education by collaborating with other leaders to help shape policies that support their success.

Doris has already made a profound impact on her students as director of our EOP program and dean of students. Just imagine what she will be able to accomplish with this experience under her belt!



EXCELLENCE IN FULL-TIME TEACHING

Jordan Bell,
Assistant Professor of English



EXCELLENCE IN FULL-TIME TEACHING

Margeaux Lippman,
Assistant Professor of Speech



EXCELLENCE IN PART-TIME TEACHING

Donna Logan,
Instructor of Chemistry



EXCELLENCE IN CLASSIFIED SERVICE

Teriann Texiera,
Senior Program Assistant



EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Rob Zasso,
Director of Financial Aid

**DR. D. DAVID CONKLIN
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**

Award-Winning Author and Harvard Historian Jill Lepore Delivers 2022 Conklin Distinguished Lecture

We're taught in school that the United States Constitution is a living, breathing document. But in the current climate of polarization — during a constitutional crisis — is our Constitution essentially unamendable?

That was the subject discussed by award-winning author and Harvard University historian Jill Lepore, during her lecture, "Making Amends: Rewriting the U.S. Constitution" last semester. Dr. Lepore addressed the audience in DCC's James and Betty Hall Theatre on Sept. 27, making some rather heavy and potentially uncomfortable concepts relatable and approachable for today's students and community members.

Lepore is the David Woods Kemper Professor of American History and Affiliate Professor of Law at Harvard University. She is also a staff writer at "The New Yorker," and a contributor since 2005. Her essays and reviews have appeared in "The New York Times," "Times Literary Supplement," "Foreign Affairs," "Yale Law Journal," "American Scholar," and "American Quarterly;" her works have been widely translated and anthologized.

Lepore's books have been described as lively, funny and intellectually rigorous. Her most recent book, "If/Then," explores how the Simulmatics Corporation developed manipulative computer technology to try to predict human behavior and win elections during the Cold War.

Lepore holds a B.A. in English from Tufts University, an M.A. in American Culture from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. She joined the Harvard History Department in 2003 and was Chair of the History and Literature Program in 2005-10, 2012 and 2014. In 2012, she was named Harvard College Professor, in recognition of distinction in undergraduate teaching.

Last fall's lecture was the fourth 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 after 22 years of outstanding service in that role.



*From left, Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, Dr. Werner Steger,
Dr. Jill Lepore, and Dr. D. David Conklin*

**HANDEL FOUNDATION ENDOWED FACULTY
CHAIR TO PERPETUATE THE LEGACY OF FRANKLIN
AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LECTURE**

George Washington University's Dallek Delivers 2022 Roosevelt Legacy Lecture

The Handel Foundation Endowed Faculty Chair to Perpetuate the Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture honors the memory of President and Mrs. Roosevelt by annually supporting a speaker to address local or national public policy issues, or research and scholarly activities related to matters affecting the community or nation.

In November, this year's lecture, "Defenseless Under the Night: The Roosevelts, LaGuardia and the Origins of Homeland Security," was given by George Washington University (GWU) Professor Matthew Dallek and facilitated by DCC History Instructor Shalon Hallager.

President Franklin Roosevelt established the Office of Civilian Defense (OCD) in 1941 to coordinate and utilize the efforts of private citizens in the event of an attack on the U.S. Dr. Dallek framed this as the precursor to the current Department of Homeland Security and discussed the tensions between OCD head Fiorello LaGuardia and his assistant director, Eleanor Roosevelt, that led to both being pressured to resign their positions in just one year.

Dallek is a political historian whose intellectual interests include the intersection of social crises and political transformation, the evolution of the modern conservative movement, and liberalism and its critics. He has authored or co-authored three award-winning books. He is a frequent national media commentator on politics, history and public affairs. His articles and reviews have appeared in the "Washington Post," "Politico," "The Atlantic," "Perspectives," the "Journal of Policy History," and numerous other publications, and his commentary has been heard on NPR, CNN International and MSNBC.

Dallek earned a B.A. in history from U.C. Berkeley and a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. Prior to GWU, he served as an associate director of the University of California Washington Center. He also worked as a speechwriter for House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dallek lives in Washington with his wife and two sons.



*From left, DCC President Peter Grant Jordan, Endowed Roosevelt
Lecture Series Founder Bernard Handel, DCC History Instructor
Shalon Hallager, and Featured Speaker Matthew Dallek.*

NEW LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raymond Houston Joins DCC as VP for Instruction and Learning



Dr. Houston oversees curricula and instruction matters, faculty and personnel, and manages DCC's academic budget. He aims to improve the efficiency of academic program delivery and ensure sound integration of resources. He will provide leadership for DCC to achieve the highest standards of teaching, learning, scholarship and student success at each of its locations.

Houston joined DCC from Westchester Community College (WCC) in Valhalla, N.Y., where he served as dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering (SMSE), in addition to various prior roles in his 12-year tenure. He held a tenure-track position in WCC's Mathematics Department as well. Previous experience includes teaching roles at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pa., and Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Houston holds an Ed.D.C.T. in Mathematics Education from Teacher's College at Columbia University, an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Point Park University and a B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh.

Adam Rathbun Named Vice President for Finance and Administration



Adam Rathbun joined DCC in August, overseeing all the College's finances and operations, which entails managing a staff of 138 and a \$60 million budget.

Before DCC, Rathbun held related leadership positions within and outside of higher education totaling over 25 years of financial and operational experience. He most recently served as vice president of administration and finance at

Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Previous collegiate appointments include director of finance and business at The Pennsylvania State University's Beaver campus, and similar roles at Carnegie Mellon University and Jhpiego, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University. Rathbun also worked in federal and local government, at the National Security Agency (NSA), Booz Allen Hamilton and as a councilman and board member of Beaver Borough Municipal Authority.

Rathbun holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University at Baltimore, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Towson University, and an associate degree in Computer Information Systems from SUNY Orange Community College. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps and in the Maryland Air National Guard.

Marc Bowman '95 Named Associate Vice President for Human Resources & Chief Diversity Officer



Bowman oversees DCC's wage and salary administration, employee benefits and retiree services, recruitment and employment, professional development, labor relations, and performance management human resource (HR) functions. He also serves as the college's chief diversity officer, leading efforts to foster equal opportunity and fair treatment for all faculty, staff and students.

Bowman joined DCC from FME, US LLC in Danbury, Conn., where he was head of its U.S. region's HR operations for four years. He's also held HR roles with such organizations as Active Media

Services in Pearl River, N.Y., Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic in White Plains, N.Y., Cintas Cleanroom Resources in Newburgh, N.Y., and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He is an adjunct professor as well, teaching graduate courses in HR and the law at Mount Saint Mary College since 2003.

A DCC alum (Business Administration) and bilingual in Spanish, Bowman holds an MBA and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management from Mount Saint Mary College. He also obtained senior professional in human resources (SPHR) certification, which recognizes mastery of the strategic and policy-making aspects of HR management as practiced in the U.S.

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Your gift to the Fund for Dutchess supports DCC's highest priorities and areas of most urgent need. These include merit-, need-based and daycare scholarships, student emergency support, student technology and programming, faculty development, campus facility improvements and esteemed lectures. Additionally, an event sponsorship offers a wide range of giving opportunities to highlight you, your business or your organization in fun, exciting ways, all while supporting the Fund for Dutchess.

Legacy Planning

Integrate philanthropy into your overall personal estate planning. We will work with you to achieve your personal philanthropic goals through a bequest from a will, retirement assets such as an IRA or 401k, life insurance benefit, charitable gift annuity or personal property. Our goal is to ensure that your legacy is preserved.

Naming Opportunities

Leave your mark on DCC. The Foundation offers many opportunities for you to name a building, room or other space. The naming of campus space will recognize your generosity publicly. Your name will be displayed in a place of honor for all to appreciate for generations to come.

Honor or Memorial Commemoration

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."

Gift of Time

Come back to campus — your time is a gift as well. Maybe you have professional experiences worth sharing with our students in class or a career expo. If you are an alum, your story could inspire potential or current students. We also are looking for volunteers to help the DCC Foundation by joining its Board of Directors or a committee, and/or volunteering at an event.

Get Started

To make a gift or pledge, contact Diana Pollard, executive director, at **(845) 431-8403** or **pollard@suny dutchess.edu**. To use a credit card, visit **www.suny dutchess.edu/giving**.

Checks should be made payable to the DCC Foundation and mailed to **53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**.



Around Campus

AROUND CAMPUS

Inaugural Aviation Maintenance Technology Cohort Graduates, Enters Workforce

DCC saw its first cohort of graduates from its new Aviation Maintenance Technology program take flight in August. Fifteen alumni earned their certificates to take their FAA aircraft mechanic's test, with several of them receiving job offers before they finished the program.

"These students joined a job market eager to hire qualified professionals," said Program Coordinator Genna Suraci.

The students had offers ranging from regional airlines, fixed-base operators (i.e., repair shops) and commercial operators. The U.S. Aviation Academy added a graduate, and one is working on helicopters.

This demand is being driven by market forces such as industry growth, a spike in retirements following the pandemic, and evolving industry regulations which include new curriculum designed to meet present-day standards. Starting wages are as high as \$25/hour and salaries of \$55,000/year.

One of those graduates is David Sookdeo, who traveled from Queens to enroll in this inaugural cohort. He was especially attracted by the program's compact timeline, in addition to DCC's strong reputation in Aviation Science. He received multiple job offers and chose a role with Delta Airlines.

"It was an intense program, but it was fun at the same time," said Sookdeo, who works as an aircraft support mechanic at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City. "We had a lot of hands-on experience on different types of aircraft, which really prepares you for a career in this field."

DCC welcomed its first Aviation Maintenance Technicians alumni last August, with several graduates receiving job offers immediately after earning their degrees and licenses.

Suraci is especially proud of the diversity among DCC's first cohort, a characteristic which holds true across the industry. Several ethnicities and a wide range of ages were represented — including a 62-year-old. DCC's second cohort, which graduated in December, includes similar diversity, while its third cohort will include the program's first female registrants when it begins August 15.

"The aviation industry has always been on the forefront of diversity and inclusion," attested Suraci, who was a trailblazer as a female mechanic when she entered the profession five decades ago. Today's mechanic workforce is less than 10% female, she estimates, adding that the industry has long welcomed women, LGBTQ community members and other diverse groups.

"This is truly a career where everyone is welcome, so long as you have the knowledge and abilities to perform the work," Suraci explained. "The training is rigorous because the stakes are so high, and the industry looks for talent first. That's what always wins out."

To learn more about the program, tour DCC's \$16 million hangar and education center at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport, and apply, visit sunydutchess.edu/aviationtech or call **(845) 431-8010**.

New Agreement Makes It Easier for DCC Grads to Earn Four-year Degrees from New Paltz

Last summer leaders from SUNY New Paltz and DCC signed an articulation agreement to streamline the process for DCC students transferring to New Paltz.

Among other benefits, qualified DCC students now have their New Paltz application fees waived and benefit from direct outreach and advising from New Paltz Enrollment Management staff to ensure a smooth transfer process.

The program deepens these institutions' long-established partnership, with staff from each now working even more closely on initiatives and events related to advising, career services and student life — all aimed at supporting students' success in earning four-year degrees. It also provides a steppingstone for those who had hoped to attend New Paltz as freshmen but were not able; they can now earn their associate degree, seamlessly transfer, and graduate with the bachelor's degree they initially sought.

"SUNY New Paltz has a longstanding relationship with Dutchess Community College, and we work hard to support the students we share and serve," said SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian. "Transfer students are a sizable, important part of the New Paltz campus community — about half of our graduates who cross the stage each year come to us as transfers.

Moreover, DCC is our largest source for transfers annually and a critical partner in serving these students as they pursue the two- and four-year degrees that will lead them to rewarding careers."

"I'm honored to enter Dutchess Community College into this new agreement, which will further benefit our students, their families, and our communities at large," added DCC President Peter Grant Jordan. "Anything we can do to accelerate their journeys to career success, without sacrificing the quality of their education — or adding needless cost — is an advantage for our students, our institutions, and the industries and communities which they join upon graduating."

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DR. PETER GRANT JORDAN
DCC PRESIDENT

The agreement expands the robust set of perks that students already receive when they transfer from one SUNY institution to another. It further streamlines the credit transfer experience for DCC students, both for the SUNY General Education Requirement and for major requirements at New Paltz.

This program is available to DCC students who maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75, are on track to earn an associate degree, and fully satisfy New Paltz's admissions criteria after their DCC degree is awarded.



2022 Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the DCC Foundation awards over 225 scholarships collectively valued at over \$300,000. We thank our donors for their generous support of our students and congratulate the 2022 scholarship recipients.

Continuing Student Scholarships

ALLIED HEALTH and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship: **Yadenny Torres**

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship: **Olivia Helms, Taryn Rowan**

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship: **Dean Fejes**

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship: **Calie Herman**

William E. Holland Scholarship: **Thomas Scaraville**

Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship: **Muna Eljamal**

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship: **Abrielle Hamilton**

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship: **Melody Burke**

Mazzetti Family Scholarship: **Miyor Gerard**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Natalie Doyle**

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: **Sydney Dansereau**

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship: **Samantha Erdt**

Tara Sweet-Flagler Scholarship: **Eduardo Munoz**

Pat Zerbe Scholarship: **Kelly Ann Muir**

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship: **Hanne Nicolaisen**

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship: **Erick Molina**

Diversity and Social Justice Scholarship: **Mel Gonzalez**

John J. Durkin Scholarship: **Arius James Sanfratello**

Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship: **Fredrick Koerber**

Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association Scholarship: **Tracey Osetek**

Dutchess County and NYS Southeastern Zone Retired Teachers Association Scholarship: **Alicia-Marie Aiello**

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship: **Samantha Adams**

Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship: **Gisselle Avila**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Cutter Stephen Quinn**

Vernell Charles "Fuzzy" McClinton Jr. Memorial Scholarship: **Aaron Czarnecki**

Cathie Tarpey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship: **Tracey Armeno**

Jane M. Shulkin - MARC Foundation Scholarship: **Kaitlin Rose**

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship: **Shernette Bourdier**

BUSINESS, AVIATION and CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONS

Business Administration Career Scholarship: **Patrick Kimmerle**

Business Community College Partnership Scholarship: **Victoria Rosado Cedeno**

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship: **Diondre Nugent**

Thomas Cawley Memorial Aviation Scholarship: **Sarah Harrison**

Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship: **Yasmin Fells**

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship: **Keven Martinez**

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship: **Austin Greene**

Hudson Valley Credit Union Scholarship: **Jenny Lazo**

Tony and Faith Krzywicki Business Scholarship: **Alicia Osban**

Lisicum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship: **Thomas Roselli**

"I am extremely thankful that I was chosen for this scholarship. It will help me to one day be able to stand in a situation where I can pay this chance forward to another individual or hopefully many more."

JAVON TURNER

Agostino, Lidia and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship



JAVON

Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship: **Leah Gordon**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Ryan Vogel**

Timothy J. McCormack Memorial Scholarship: **Randy Rodriguez**

Meyer Family Scholarship: **Jason Gravino**

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: **Jessica Spadafino**

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship: **Elyssa DiDomizio**

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship: **Jennifer Hodges**

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship: **Tamia Cox**

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship: **Esthefany Orellana-Flores**

Westage Companies Scholarship: **Callie LaFleur**

ENGLISH and HUMANITIES

Sylvia L. Jones Scholarship: **Anthony Moustakas**

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship: **Javonique Johnson**

Seth W. Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy: **Jordan Thirlwall**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Audrey Koffi**

McNish-Goffe Scholarship: **Giselle Quezada-Lopez**

Michael O'Dell Scholarship: **Lyla Rivera**

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship: **Paris Tretola**

HISTORY, GOVERNMENT and ECONOMICS

Eric W. Deyo Scholarship: **Emma Narok**

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship: **Nickolas Cruz**

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas Brungard, John Maksuta, Angelic Lopez**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Allison Varian**

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship: **Keith Thompson**

MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Nathaniel Jones**

NURSING

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship: **Millicent Orinda**

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship: **Jessica Meyer**

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship: **Athena Xenakis**

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship: **Ciarrah Gannon**

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship: **Erin Lynch**

Mary Lyman Memorial Scholarship: **Stacey Morris**

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship: **Natalie Hunt**

McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Jessica Kruk**

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship: **Jillian Lobo**

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship: **Naomi Flinchum-Marquez**

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship: **Fatoumata Sawo**

Jackie Warner Memorial Nursing Scholarship: **Lyndah Ouma**

Ann D. Whalen Memorial Scholarship: **Karissa Vandemark**

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George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship: **Regina Roman Ramirez**

Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial Scholarship: **Hudson Bucci**

Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship: **Gabrielle Donahue, Drew Point-Jour**

Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theatre Scholarship: **Kristen Li**

"Nursing was only just a gleam in my mind's eye for a decade. Finally, I knew it was time to move forward regardless of how much more complicated it would be to tackle it now as a single mother. This scholarship vindicated all the late nights and sacrifices I made over the last 2 years and provides enormous financial relief."



KARISSA VANDEMARK

Ann D. Whalen Memorial Scholarship

KARISSA

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship: **Sandra Lliguichuzhca**
 Agostino, Lidia and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship: **Javon Turner**
 JTN Scholarship: **Danielle Bunn**
 Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship: **Michael Basler**
 Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas Orapello**
 McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Arthuiz Sanico**
 Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship: **Rhianna Frantz**
 Dr. Holly Moella Dance Scholarship: **Tai Furlong**
 Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship: **Samantha Bosaz**

PHYSICAL SCIENCES, ENGINEERING and TECHNOLOGY

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology: **Glenda Giordani**
 Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Service Scholarship: **Philip Mazzurco**
 Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship: **Ryan Schubert**
 Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship: **Benjamin Leung**
 McCann Foundation Scholarship: **Julian Garcia, Leticia Torrescano**
 Michael J. Morris Scholarship: **Christian Quintana**
 Tompkins Mahopac Bank Scholarship: **Carol Pachar**
 Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship: **Allyson Persaud**

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Achievement Scholarship: **Carlia Gordon**
 Association of Women at DCC Scholarship: **Lujain Alghananim, Shinea Hutchings**
 Bridge to the Future Scholarship: **Vivian Noriega-Vernon**
 Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship: **Gabrielle Coghlan**

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship: **Ethan Collier**
 Peter J. Clark and Timmian C. Massie LGBTQ Scholarship: **Cam Ronnei**
 Carmine Curcio Scholarship: **Jeroen Hofstede**
 Alexander Cutonilli Memorial Scholarship: **Megan McConologue**
 Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholarship: **Hannah Pedersen**
 William Jeff Edwards Memorial Scholarship: **Devony Orweg**
 Sadie and William Efron Scholarship: **Nicole Gee**
 Nan Gingher Memorial Scholarship: **Raymond Delarosa**
 Dr. Michael J. and Lois Hall Memorial Scholarship for Education: **Mackenzie Ean**
 Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship: **Salvatore Lagana**
 Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship: **David Leino**
 Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship: **Arden Bevans-Jenkins**
 Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship: **Jonathan Garcia**
 Moody Family Scholarship: **Amy Mackey**
 Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship: **Geena Charles**
 Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship: **Faith Rizzo**
 Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial Scholarship: **Tara Fitch**
 Allan E. Rappleyea and Julia M. Rappleyea Scholarship: **Tyler Emmett, Kamara McLarty**
 Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship: **Daviyaun Dobbins, Ruth-Ann Gordon**
 Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Scholarship: **Sudeen Barnett-Lindsay**
 Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship: **Nathaniel Marino**
 Tiger Family Scholarship to Support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: **Timothy Schmitt**
 Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship: **Nicholas Sacerdote**

“Thank you so much. This award means a lot to me being a first generation student. I am always striving to become the best version of myself and being a successful student. My scholarship means that there is someone who believes in my future. I know that this will make my progress in school much easier.”

VICTORIA ROSADO CEDENO
 Business Community College Partnership Scholarship



VICTORIA

“I just wanted to say that having a scholarship awarded to me from you and the Sheriffs PBA has great meaning to me. The gift of scholarship dollars is very important to me. But just as important to me is the source that these funds come from. Thank you for the honor. I will do my very best to honor this gift toward my education.”

FREDRICK KOERBER
 Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff's PBA Scholarship



FREDRICK

“I am so honored to receive the Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholarship. This scholarship is helping me pursue my career in Elementary Education. One of my most valued goals is to continue helping children overcome obstacles. It is my hope that I can give back to my community in the years to come and this scholarship will help make my dream happen.”

HANNAH PEDERSEN
 Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholar



HANNAH

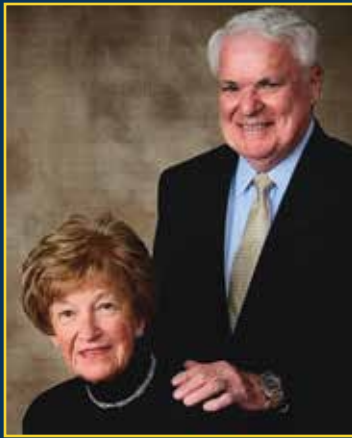
Graduating Student Scholarships

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship: **Isaac Castellanos, Rita Ruggerone, Ziare Suddith**
 American Association of University Women Scholarship: **Salimata Traore, Ann Jessica Hudson**
 Milton Chazen Scholarship: **Luciano Attie**
 Jim Curley Graduate Scholarship: **Emily Hanscom**
 DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea: **Emma Gabor**
 Cynthia R. Feldman Scholarship: **Maya Kardas**
 Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Graduate Scholarship: **Adriana Sulca, Jylan Williams-Mayo**
 James and Betty Hall Founding President's Scholarship: **Bryant Caizachana-Pilatani**
 Henry McDermott Scholarship: **Mikaila Sapp**
 Richard Reitano Scholarship: **Dylan Stanet**
 Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship: **Joseph Yozzo**
 Maximillian Schneider Memorial Scholarship: **Katherine Spurgin**
 Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship: **Dylan Johnson**
 Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship: **Daviyon Lawrence, Rhan Dabashi**
 Transfer 101 Scholarship: **Joseph Verzi, Kathleen Fitzmaurice**
 Allyn J. Washington Scholarship: **Luke Morris**
 Mildred I. Washington Memorial Graduate Scholarship: **Rayham Dabashi**
 Young Engineers Scholarship: **Christian Prosper**

The Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence

THE CHARLES E. AND MABEL E. CONKLIN SCHOLARSHIP for Academic Excellence was created to provide a full-tuition scholarship for Dutchess County high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class.

This extraordinary scholarship offers outstanding students the opportunity to earn their two-year degree tuition-free. This fall, a total of 24 first-year students from high schools throughout the county have been awarded the prestigious scholarship, bringing the number of Conklin Scholars at Dutchess Community College to 53.



This scholarship is made possible through a generous gift from the late Mr. & Mrs. Charles Conklin and the Dutchess Community College Foundation.

Charlie and Betty have created a legacy that will last many lifetimes with their \$2M gift. Their endowment will continue to grow to support more and more students through the generations.

As a recipient of the Conklin Scholarship, I would like to express the utmost gratitude to the respective donors. I feel that I now have the opportunity to direct my attention to my academic success and for that, I am so thankful.

EMILY THOMPSON



Thank you so much for investing in my future! The scholarship has been a huge motivation for me to continue to do well this school year and I cannot overstate how much I appreciate the support.

GIANNA LEONARDI



FIRST-YEAR CONKLIN SCHOLARS

- Alex Bass
- Justin Carman
- Margaret Chau
- Nicole Ciardullo
- Emily Thompson
- Andrew Dorfschmidt
- Maria Fabrizio
- Rachel Fenwick
- Stefanie Healy
- Amelia Jensen
- Emma Kiesbye
- Gianna Leonardi
- Sophia Lopez
- Lillian Mackin
- Angelina Merendino
- Benjamin Nikolai Miranda
- Ava Muscat
- Jeremy Newman
- Julianna Powers
- Ammar Qureshi
- Emily Rector
- Chanel Reed
- Waheed Saroyia
- Teagan Nicholson

SECOND-YEAR CONKLIN SCHOLARS

- Aidan Alvarado
- Dasia Bailey
- Charlotte Bartush
- Tytiana Britt
- Wesley Brooks
- Logan Cooper
- Michael DiLoreto
- Jashmin Gill
- Giovanna Grosvenor
- Jasmine Gunn
- Emily Hanscom
- Nicholas Jorge
- Natalie Khalil
- Karlie Klingner
- Alexa Liguori
- Evelyn Lopez
- Nicholas Luiso
- Dayaneri Martinez Ruiz
- Grace McCormack
- Rebecca Neville
- Christian Prosper
- Ryan Rabenda
- Adam Renth
- Julia Roberts
- Alana Shoureck
- Jamison Soden
- Jessica Strauss
- Andialisa Velasquez-Chaclan
- Sean Wilk

Hitting the Green

Twenty-five teams hit the links for the DCC Foundation's 32nd Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner, held at The Links at Union Vale in May 2022. The event is held in memory of Jack Orcutt, DCC's inaugural director of student activities and a founding member of the College's staff. Funds raised support various educational initiatives at the College.

We extend our sincerest thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors!

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FIRST PLACE *Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis LLP*
(From left) *David Meyer, Chris Norton, Michael McCormack '78*
and *Michael King '89*



SECOND PLACE *TEG Federal Credit Union*
(From left) *Mike Rostanzo, Ron Flaherty, Matt Bannon*
and *Scott McNally*



THIRD PLACE *Royal Carting Service Company*
(From left) *Vincent J. Nunziato, Joe Adonino, Vincent M. Nunziato*
and *Jamie Piccone*.

DCC's Foundation Gala — Two Years in the Making

Last spring dozens of DCC supporters, staff, faculty and leadership gathered at the Grandview to celebrate “Our Community’s Bridge to the Future Gala.” As the pandemic prevented the Foundation from hosting this annual event for the past two years, the ballroom and tent were filled with joy and frivolity as people reconnected, paid tribute to the honorees, enjoyed delicious food, danced and participated in a silent auction with many fabulous items donated by local businesses and supporters.

In addition, DCC’s Alumni Hall of Fame welcomed new inductees Shirley Roberts-Brereton ’88, Anthony DiMaso ’65, Joan Volino-DiMaso ’68, and Ellen M. Gambino, Ed.D. ’74.

Roberts-Brereton was celebrated for her long career as a registered nurse, her volunteer service to the YWCA, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, South Avenue Elementary School, and her tenure as a DCC Foundation board member. She shared that DCC prepared her for a life of caring for her community — something that she has always wanted to do.

DiMaso was recognized for his work supporting the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie, Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, Habitat for Humanity, World Wildlife Fund, Red Cross, Disabled Veterans National Foundation, Running Strong for Indian Youth, St. Labre Indian School and St. Joseph’s Indian School.

Volino-DiMaso was recognized for her long volunteer service to numerous local organizations. She has served on the boards of the Dutchess County Art Association/Barrett Art Center, Dutchess County Arts Council and Friends of the Samuel F. B. Morse Historic Site. “I didn’t have to go far to get far,” she noted in her acceptance speech, while recognizing that DCC helped provide her with a valuable educational foundation close to her home.

Dr. Gambino was honored for her dedicated service to and leadership of DCC. She was instrumental in developing the DCC CARES (Campus Assessment Response Evaluation Support) program to aid in much-needed wrap-around services for students to support their academic success. She also worked to establish the Think Ahead program (honored at this Gala) — a multi-agency collaboration that provides a collegiate experience for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition to her numerous academic roles at DCC since 2006, Dr. Gambino was acting president from Sept. 2020 to Aug. 2021. She acknowledged many of her colleagues and partners in her remarks, thanking them for supporting her initiatives.

County Executive Marc J. Molinaro ’01 accepted the DCCF Bridge to the Future Award on behalf of the Think Ahead Program partners: Dutchess County Government, Abilities First, Inc., The Arc of Dutchess, Maplebrook School and Taconic Resources for Independence. As Molinaro noted, students with intellectual and developmental disabilities need support to continue their educational path, join the workforce and live independently. Unfortunately, the percentage of people with disabilities who

can move through this path is very small. Bringing together these agencies to help assist students with their college experience enhances their quality of life and serves as an example of how communities can commit to support all of their members.

Martin Charwat accepted the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award for outstanding service, volunteer work and executive leadership for nonprofit organizations throughout Dutchess County. He has been a member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club and Literacy Volunteers, and a board member for the Bardavon 1869 Opera House. In addition, he is a co-founder and two-time president of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, a non-partisan organization that offers lectures, panels, debates and educational programs to raise public awareness of international issues. He continues to serve his community by being a reading mentor for second and third graders at Clinton Elementary School in Poughkeepsie.

Bernard Handel received a Lifetime Achievement Recognition for his longtime support. A trustee of the Handel Foundation and past DCC Foundation board member and chair of the DCC Foundation, he has contributed to DCC through several means. He formed the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship and created the Endowed Faculty Chair to Perpetuate the Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. He also co-created an Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies — all administered through the DCC Foundation. He is one of the original founders of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and has received numerous service accolades throughout his career.

Lastly, DCC Student Trustee Miguel Dominguez spoke about his experiences at the College and the many opportunities he has encountered through his work on the Board of Trustees.

We congratulate all the award recipients who continue to contribute to our community. We also thank all our sponsors and attendees for standing up and showing their support for DCC’s deserving students and programs. Because of your generosity, more than \$220,000 was raised!

Our 2022 Gala photos are available to view at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzHZ94>.

SAVE THE DATE
DCC Foundation Gala 2023
MARCH 25, 2023

Register at sunydutchess.edu/gala



LASTING

HALL LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Ellen L. Baker
Rosemarie I. Becchetti-Rice '83
Karen T. Blonder and Jerry L. Toepfer*
Charles E.* and Mabel E.* Conklin
Linda L. Connors '71
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Eric W. Deyo '71
Vincent J. DiMaso '66 and Joan DiMaso '68
Jack and Donna Dworak
Kathleen Eagan '67
Toni M. Emery '66 and Joseph A. Lucas '87
Dorothy J. Fitchett '81
James V. Forster III*
Raymond J. Freda '88

Gail Ganter-Toback and Arnold Toback
Patricia Ansari Gee
Gladys L. Glick* '75
Dr. James F. Hall*
Bernard and Shirley Handel
Mary V. Imperatori*
Vernon D. Jones
Gary J. Lindstrom* '60
Kathleen M. Marinn* '63
F. Kennon Moody*
Michael J. O'Dell '69
June S. Pierson
Barbara Jean Planck
Diana L. Pollard '97

Vincent F. Post, Jr. '73
Michael J. Quackenbush '78
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Shirley Roberts-Brereton '88
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Werner H. Schmidt*
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Edna K. Silber*
William R. Steinhaus '69
Mary Louise Van Winkle*
Allyn J.* and Mildred I.* Washington
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IMPACT

The James F. Hall Legacy Society was established to recognize benefactors who have pledged generous gifts to the Dutchess Community College Foundation through their estate plans.

Members understand the importance of a successful community college and seek to keep the spirit of educational excellence alive for future generations. The individuals listed to the left have notified the Foundation that they have made a planned gift to Dutchess Community College. Planned gifts may include a bequest, charitable trust, personal residence, life insurance policy, IRA or any appreciated items such as artwork.

Some members are former students who connected in a meaningful way with faculty and staff and, as alumni, appreciate how the support and dedication of their teachers positively impacted their lives. Others are faculty and staff who have dedicated their lives to teaching and learning, and community members, who recognize the impact that DCC has had on their neighbors. The College is fortunate to have so many friends and supporters who believe in its mission. The chance to help students enhance their lives through higher education inspires so many wonderful people from varying backgrounds to partner with DCC.

By becoming a member of the Hall Legacy Society, you are showing your commitment to the College and demonstrating a belief in future students.

Visit sunydutchess.giftlegacy.com to explore ways you can leave a lasting legacy.

DCCALUMNI

We'd love to hear from you!

The Dutchess Community College Foundation would love to hear from as many of DCC's 50,000 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 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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Visit www.bkstr.com/dutchessccstore to order apparel and gifts, including our new plush mini-mascot!



Class Notes

CLASS NOTES



CaraMia Bacchiochi '15 (*Liberal Arts; Human Services*) was one of nine people honored at the 16th annual Athena Awards, hosted by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. As Founder of Hope on a Mission, a not-for-profit which helps women caught in the cycle of homelessness, abuse and addiction, CaraMia strives to ensure that each

human being is met with eye contact and dignity and treated as a family member. She and her volunteers foster trust and build relationships that lead women out of the dark and into the possibility of what could be, beyond the streets.



William H. Beale, MPA '99 (*Criminal Justice*), Director of emergency management for Dutchess County, graduated from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) National Emergency Management Basic Academy in August. He was also recently elected district director for the Southern District of the New York

State Emergency Management Association by his colleagues in Westchester, Putnam, Columbia, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Green, and Sullivan Counties.



David Holowiak '20 (*Architectural Sciences & Technology; Construction Management*) received the AIA Westchester Hudson Valley Scholarship. Holowiak is continuing his education at the New York Institute of Technology and was recently promoted to senior project manager at Edmond G. Loedy Architect PC in Millbrook, N.Y.



Elliot Sheldon '12 (*Architectural Sciences & Technology; Construction Management*) went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Technology from New York City College of Technology. After working in the field of construction management for several years, he is now director of facilities for the Hyde Park Central School District.



Beth Mullen '01 (*Applied Science/ Commercial Art*) launched her own business, Fine Palette Art, in 2021. After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Studio Art/Painting) from Cazenovia College, she continued to paint while working for various organizations over the years, gaining experiences along the way that have helped her with the financial components of

her business, in addition to a having a mentor. She credits DCC for providing her with an excellent foundation such as drawing, painting/color theory, and 2D/3D design, which helped her understand and apply her artistic knowledge and technique. She enjoys taking two things she loves — art and nature (especially birds) — and creating things that she's proud to share with others. Having been at the DCC Annual Craft Fair several times as an attendee, she was honored to participate for the first time as a vendor in 2022.



Mark Swenson '01 is vice president of Dorsey Metrology International, a manufacturer of gauges, inspection instruments and optical comparators. This fall he gave an equipment demonstration to DCC's Workforce Development Liaison Laraine Kautz, Director of Off-campus Centers Tim Decker, and Assistant Professor of Engineering Abraham Tchako during an open house event.



Katrina Williams '04 discovered she wanted to be a social worker while attending DCC. She went on to earn her bachelor's in Psychology at SUNY New Paltz and a master's in Social Work at Adelphi University. A Poughkeepsie native, she served that community for many years in the fields of youth and families as well as addiction before going to work for

Ulster County, where she is now a resident. She joined the Ulster County Department of Mental Health team in 2018 and was appointed deputy commissioner this past May.



Remembering Allyn Washington

The family and friends of Allyn J. Washington, namesake of the **Allyn J. Washington** Center for Science and Art, came together on Saturday, October 8 and remembered his legacy. Allyn was one of the eleven founders of DCC and spent his entire career as the math department head and one year as acting executive dean. He always believed that everyone should have the opportunity to obtain a college education. Thanks to his devotion and generosity, countless students have been able to reach their goals.



DCC's Artist Community Celebrated at Juried Alumni Exhibition

One of the fall semester's highlights was the opening reception of our annual Juried Alumni Exhibition, which ran Nov. 14 through Dec. 9 in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery. The show highlighted the work of 22 DCC alumni and featured sculpture, paintings, drawings, digital illustrations, ceramics, mixed media and more. This year's artists included Roger Auger, Adam Casey, Bradley Delmar, Rosemarie Forzano, Nicole Frisbie, Vincent Graviano, Lauren Grzeczka, Carter Hillis, Lauren Hollick, Michael Hollick, William Hollick, Gabrielle Johnson, Jesse Navarra, Taylor Nevins, Laura Polirer, Monique Reyes, Larisa Sigalas, Victoria Stoerzinger, Catalina Vitalo, Morgan Wells, Najir Williams, and Xander Zucker. The exhibition was juried by local artist and educator Kate Collyer.

DCC Graduates, Employees, Honored at Forty Under 40 Mover & Shaker Awards

On April 14 the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and its foundation hosted the 17th annual Forty Under 40 Mover & Shaker Awards. The event "honors the shopkeepers, restaurateurs, lawyers, accountants, content creators, medical professionals and artists who log long hours and work with passion to keep the local and regional economies moving forward."

Each year 40 individuals under the age of 40 who live and work in the region are recognized for having shown a strong commitment to the Hudson Valley. This year's class included eight DCC alumni, two staff members, and several others who attended the college at some point in their career pathways.

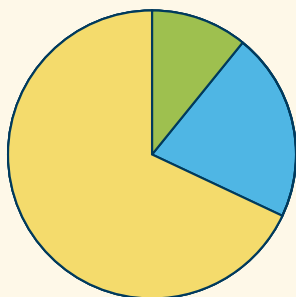
Congratulations to Satara Brown '12 (Rebuilding Our Children and Community, Inc.), Daniel Bush '10 (Hudson Valley Credit Union), Nicole Carino '03 (KeyBank), Jennifer Gableman '10 (Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc.), Hillary Henderson '02 (Sunrise Association), Lauren Hoheusle '10 (Chakra Bowls Inc.), Margeaux Lippman (DCC Assistant Professor of Speech), Michael Mancari '10 (MMG Fire Equipment, Inc.), Christina Mazarella '11 (Mackey, Butts & Whalen, LLP), and Vincent Pedi '12 (DCC Outreach Coach) for making a difference in our community. We are immensely proud to have helped so many of our region's leaders advance in their careers, and to watch them continue to give back to our community.

To read more about this year's honorees, visit <https://www.dccoc.org/40Under40>.

2022 FINANCIALS

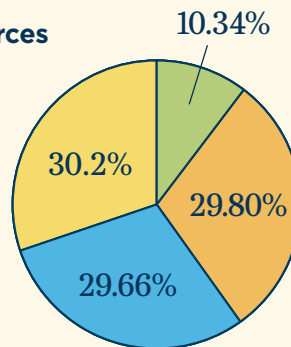
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Budget Allocation*



Instruction, Academic Support, Student Services and Library	\$37,639,977
General Administration	\$11,723,387
Facilities	\$5,999,981
Total	\$55,363,345

Funding Sources



County	\$16,787,898
State	\$16,707,282
Student Tuition	\$17,015,330
Other	\$5,827,898
Total	\$56,338,408

DCC FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Condition

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$89,190
Investments	\$14,534,391
Other Assets	\$73,133
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,696,714

Liabilities

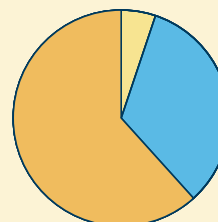
Accounts Payable	\$62,801
Other Liabilities	\$5,560
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$68,361

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$1,169,812
Temporarily Restricted	\$2,651,758
Permanently Restricted	\$10,806,783
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$14,628,353

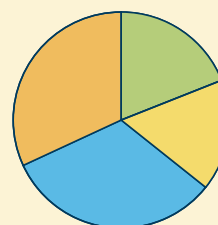
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$14,696,714
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Investment



Equity Mutual Funds	\$8,965,078
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	\$4,821,368
Cash	\$747,945
Total	\$14,534,391

Support



Scholarships	\$392,071
Program Support	\$397,687
Development and Stewardship	\$205,457
Fundraising	\$232,895
Total	\$1,228,110

*Fiscal year ended 8/31/22

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The Foundation extends a warm thank you to all who helped plan our events.

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Joan DiMaso '68 | Barbara Dolansky '90 | Marie Fitzmaurice | Ryan Fohl | Raymond Freda '88 | Mary Gabel '82
Susan Garrity | Maureen Gittelman | Jacqueline Goffe McNish | Michael Hall | Matt Hanlon | Stacey Langenthal | Renee Lathrop
Sarah Lee | Sabrina Lopez | Donna May | Melissa McCoy | Susan McGlynn | Rita McPeck '88 | Kate Monroe | Susan Moore '66
Lisa Morris '85 | Lori Morris | Vincent Nunziato | Barbara Pagan | Harro Penk | Adam Podpora '11 | Virginia Poznack '77
Rain Schwinger | Jennifer Scully | Yvonne Sewell '69 | Karen Slizewski '08 | Marilyn Vetrano | Sally Weglinski '77



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