

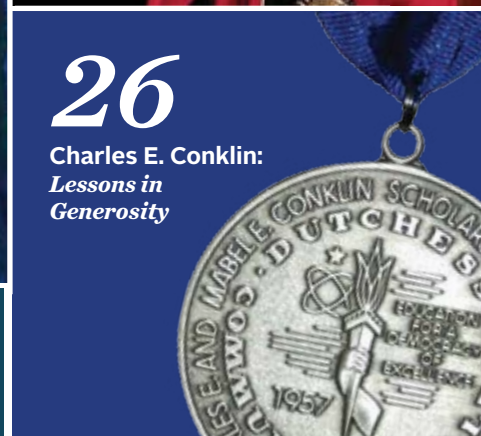
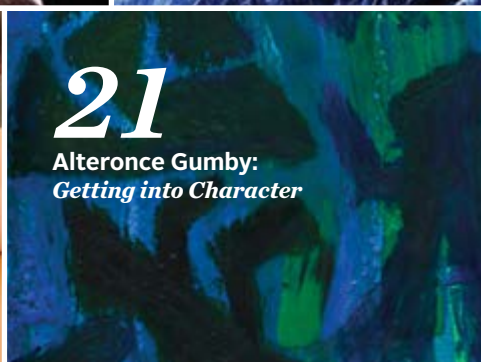
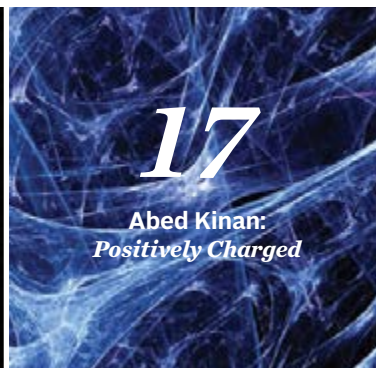
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to introduce the 2015 Dutchess Community College and Dutchess Community College Foundation Annual Report.

Much has been accomplished in the past year to enhance teaching and learning, expand community partnerships and continue the tradition of excellence established by this institution nearly 60 years ago. This commitment to serve as an exemplar of public higher education is reflected in our recently refreshed Vision, Mission, Values and Goals statement: “Our Community. Our College. Our Future.”

As a vital county asset, it is imperative that DCC serves as a catalyst in leveraging community-wide resources to achieve common goals. Under our new Service Learning initiative, students are gaining valuable skills and learning civic responsibility while working to meet the needs of local nonprofits. A new E-TECH program is preparing City of Poughkeepsie high school students for technology careers, and the institution continues to play a key role in the region’s economic development. This is an energized, passionate and dedicated community; by working together we can accomplish almost anything.

It is projected that two-thirds of future jobs will require some type of postsecondary credential. Almost 87% of today’s Dutchess County high school students continue directly on to college, and DCC attracts a remarkable one-third of them. However, many students – both locally and nationally – are graduating from high school academically underprepared for college-level work and without sufficient skills and work habits. We have made student success our first priority, and faculty and staff are harnessing best practices to improve retention, graduation rates and time to degree. We must provide the resources necessary to ensure students return from semester to semester, finish what they start, and graduate in a timely manner.

At the core of our mission is to serve the needs of every kind of learner, from those who are academically challenged, to the high school valedictorians – and the traditional students to those returning after working or serving our country.

The future of Dutchess County is directly linked to the success of public higher education. Investment in Dutchess Community College – both at the county and state levels – is returned exponentially in regional economic growth and the stability of an educated citizenry.

The College is fortunate to have an active and engaged Foundation that supports and enhances teaching and learning. Through the generosity of donors who believe in the institution and the power of education, we are able to offer more than 150 scholarships each year and fund special projects. You’ll learn more about the Foundation throughout this Report.

I hope you share my pride in our community, our college and our future, and thank you for your continued support of Dutchess Community College.

Pamela R. Edington, Ed.D.
President, Dutchess Community College

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President Pamela R. Edington, Ed.D., takes the podium as DCC Board of Trustees Secretary Dr. Sherre Wesley looks on.

Inauguration Marks New Era

The excitement on campus and within the community was palpable in early May in anticipation of the formal installation of the College's fifth president, Dr. Pamela Edington, who had assumed leadership of the College in August 2014. (In keeping with academic tradition, college presidents typically are inaugurated within their first year of service.) The event was especially significant because of the outstanding reputation Edington had built within the community in just nine months, and because it had been 22 years since the College had inaugurated a new president.

Attendees and speakers at the standing-room-only ceremony included College and DCC Foundation board members, elected officials, community members, presidents from other colleges, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Also participating in the joyous occasion were Edington's family members and friends.

The bestowing of presidential powers was carried out by SUNY officials H. Carl McCall, chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees and Johanna Duncan-Poitier, senior vice chancellor for community

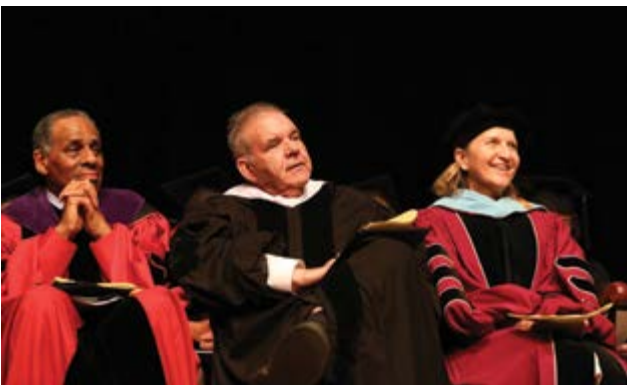
colleges and the education pipeline. In speaking about Edington's character, experience and accomplishments, McCall noted that Edington's work is nationally recognized, and that "she has dedicated her professional career to transforming lives through community college education." He added, "The ideas and enthusiasm she brings will propel Dutchess Community College to even greater excellence and success."

Proudly wearing the DCC presidential medal that had just been presented to her, Edington took the podium and first paid tribute to her four predecessors and their legacy of excellence, as well as to the College's employees for their commitment to students. She gave several examples of outstanding student achievements and noted, "It is the faculty and staff who are key to sustaining academic excellence and student success."

The president also focused on the College's role in the community, asking guests to imagine how life in Dutchess County would be different had there not been forward-thinking leaders who advocated for the development of a community college almost 60 years ago.



Students took a selfie with Dr. Edington at a reception following the inauguration ceremony in May.



SUNY Chair H. Carl McCall, DCC Board Chair Thomas LeGrand and President Edington listen to a speaker.

“Community colleges are an exceptional investment, worthy of tax dollars, private philanthropy, and all manner of individual and community support,” she said. Noting that more than one-third of college-bound Dutchess County high school students attend DCC, more than any other single institution in the country, Edington said, “The public financial investment in DCC is repaid in multiples by the engaged citizenship and economic productivity of our students, alumni and workforce. We transform the lives of individuals and this community.”

Edington came to DCC with nearly 30 years of experience in higher education. Prior to assuming the presidency, she served for nine years at Norwalk Community College (Norwalk, CT), first as Dean of Academic Affairs and then also as provost, serving as second in command to the president. Previously, she worked for 19 years at Middlesex Community College (Bedford/Lowell, MA), first as an Assistant Professor of Sociology, and then as Division Chair – and ultimately Dean – of Social Science and Human Services.

The president holds a doctorate in Educational Policy, Research and Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, a master’s in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame and a bachelor’s in Sociology from the College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. •

Graduates Look Ahead

Success was measured in degrees on May 21, as the College held its 56th graduation ceremony. More than 4,000 were in attendance at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center as 1,132 students received degrees and certificates in 52 programs of study.

In her first commencement address as president, Dr. Pamela Edington reminded the graduates that the end of their DCC career marked a new beginning and also challenged them to make a difference.

“You have only just begun your journey,” said the president. “But we hope Dutchess Community College has equipped you with the knowledge, skills and tools you need to realize dreams and achieve goals that may

not yet be on your radar.” Posing a question directly to the graduates, she asked, “What will you, Class of 2015, contribute to the world?”

Other speakers included DCC Board of Trustees Chair Thomas LeGrand, Dona Bulluck, associate counsel for SUNY, County Executive Marcus Molinaro (’01) and Dr. Ornella Mazzuca, Spanish professor and chair of the College’s Instructional Staff Council. In addition, Student Government Association President Zoe Kozma spoke about overcoming challenges.

“When things get hard, push on harder,” said Kozma. “You might not be able to see the light on the other side when facing obstacles, but I promise you it’s there.”



1,132
Total degrees awarded

55%
earned Associate in Science degrees

20%
earned Associate in Arts degrees

20%
earned Associate in Applied Science degrees

5%
earned career certificates

Graduation At-a-Glance



More than 1,100 students graduated in May.

College Refreshes Mission

After several months of self-reflection and thoughtful conversation focused on what we are and what we aspire to be as an institution of higher education, members of the College community last spring developed a renewed Mission Statement that was approved by the Board of Trustees in April. The document was last revised 12 years ago.

“It was an extraordinarily collaborative process,” said President Pamela Edington. “Faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and community members became engaged in lively discussions about yesterday, today and our tomorrow ... and our role and responsibility as one of the largest institutions of higher education in the region.”

She added, “There were recurring themes – our community, our college and our future – that resulted in our branding the refreshed Vision, Mission, Goals and Values under that umbrella.” The new document communicates the College’s priorities, principles and commitment, and will serve to guide the institution for years to come.

VISION

Dutchess Community College aspires to be an innovative, transformative community of learners that promotes exemplary student success.

MISSION

Dutchess Community College offers educational opportunities that prepare individuals to realize their full potential and contribute to a diverse and global society.

VALUES

Excellence • Access • Diversity • Collaboration • Accountability

GOALS

- Increase student success.
- Embrace diversity as an integral part of our institutional identity.
- Promote collaborative campus culture.
- Enhance institutional effectiveness through integration of assessment, planning and resource allocation.
- Contribute to the vitality of the region through community engagement.



DCC by the Numbers

Total Enrollment	9,920
Full-time	4,629
Part-time (non-high school).....	2,740
Part-time (high school/concurrent).....	2,551

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Diversity

White	65%
Hispanic	17%
Black, non-Hispanic	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	3%
More than one race.....	3%

Degrees Conferred

Associate in Science	55%
Associate in Applied Science	20%
Associate in Arts.....	20%
Certificate.....	5%

Alumni

Total Alumni	37,643
Alumni/Current Area Residents.....	25,000

Local Students. State and National Honors.

Achieving high marks in the classroom is a sure sign that a student is on the right track. Earning external validation is recognition not only of the student's prowess, but of the education received. Several DCC students have been honored by state and national organizations over the past year.



Cheyenne See

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Kennedy Center honors went to Cheyenne, who won the Richard Maltby Jr. Award for Musical Theater Excellence from the arts organization's American College Theater Regional Festival. She earned a \$4,000 scholarship to the highly competitive Broadway Theatre Project Intensive Training Program held last summer in a Florida studio and then aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean. More than 1,200 college students participated in the festival, which Playbill called "the world's most prestigious musical theatre arts education program for high school and college students."



Mauricio Paramo

MAURICIO PARAMO

Mauricio was selected to attend the Wadsworth Institute Summer 2015 Research Experience for Undergraduates program to work on a variety of microbiological and molecular biological projects. Approximately 300 students nationwide applied for just 10 spots on the team. They partnered with professional researchers for the 10-week program that focused on topics such as molecular genetics, cell biology, structural biology and environmental sciences. In addition to gaining valuable experience, Mauricio earned a \$5,250 stipend. The results of the projects will be presented at upcoming national scientific conferences. Five DCC students have received this honor since 2011.



Abigail Nohai

ABIGAIL NOHAI

Another artist whose work rose above the competition is Abigail Nohai. Her ceramic piece titled "Topographic Recollections" was recognized with the First Place Undergraduate Award for Excellence at the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts juried exhibition. Her work was the only piece created by a community college student to be selected from over 500 entries for inclusion in the exhibition. Abigail created the piece during an independent study course with instructor Christine Owen, and it was first displayed in Art Centro, a community art center and gallery in Poughkeepsie.



Heather Polgrean

HEATHER POLGREAN

Heather, 2014-2015 president of student honor society Phi Theta Kappa, was named a Coca-Cola Foundation Bronze Scholar, recognized for academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with demonstrated leadership and volunteerism. Only 50 community college students in the country each year are selected to become bronze scholars.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD WINNERS

Five DCC students were named SUNY Chancellor's Award winners for outstanding academic achievement as well as excellence in areas including leadership, athletics, creative and performing arts and career achievement. Awardees were Emily Avis, Abed Kinan, Letti Kittel, Zoe Kozma and Heather Polgrean.

Winners of the 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence were honored during a ceremony in May.



Five Faculty and Staff Earn Chancellor's Awards

Three teachers and two staff members earned 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.



From left: Dr. Pamela Edington with 2015 Chancellor's Award winners Carol Helion, Elizabeth Albertson, Tara Sweet-Flagler, Chrisie Mitchell and Margaret Craig.

Tara Sweet-Flagler and **Margaret Craig** both earned the award for Excellence in Teaching. Sweet-Flagler, associate professor and interim department head of Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance, has been with DCC for 16 years. Her accomplishments include development of the Exercise Science and Wellness Program in 2001, along with four new courses for the major.

Craig is an assistant professor in the department of Performing, Visual Arts and Communications. She was an adjunct instructor for 15 years before becoming a full-time faculty member in 2007. She has been the Art Program chair since 2012 and director of the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery since 2009.

Elizabeth Albertson earned the award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. An instructor in the English department for almost 20 years, she also offered a time and stress management program.

Chrisie Mitchell, associate director of the Dr. Mary Louise Van Winkle Teaching Learning Center, was honored with the award for Excellence in Professional Service. She has worked at DCC for almost eight years and has helped the campus transition through many online updates and software platforms while serving on various campus committees, often in leadership roles.

Carol Helion earned the award for Excellence in Classified Service. As secretary in the Department of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies, she was cross-trained in every aspect of her department and assisted with special department events. A 38-year DCC employee, she recently moved to the Academic Affairs office where she is assistant to the vice president.

Board Chair LeGrand Presented with Leadership Award



Thomas E. LeGrand

Thomas E. LeGrand of Rhinebeck, chair of the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees, received the Donald M. Mawhinney Jr. Trustee Leadership Award from the New York Community College Trustees consortium. The honor is given to a trustee who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the community college mission through exceptional leadership, inspired vision and outstanding professional contributions.

"Tom has earned a reputation throughout the county for his sincere concern for the well-being of DCC students and his commitment to do whatever necessary to enhance their educational experience," said Dr. Pamela Edington, College president. "His advocacy on behalf of the college is unparalleled."

LeGrand has served on the DCC Board of Trustees for almost 20 years – the last decade as chair. He has helped lead the College through

several major initiatives during his tenure, including the building of the Washington Center for Science and Art, the planning and construction of the College's first residence hall and the search for a new College president.

In addition to his work as DCC Board chair, LeGrand currently serves on the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Authority and the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority. He is a past board chair of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and is past president of the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce. He also has served on boards for the Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center and the Brookmeade Nursing Home. He is a past recipient of the Poughkeepsie Journal Business Person of the Year Award and earned the 2008 Marist College President's Award for Promoting Higher Education in Dutchess County.



Instructor Receives Forty Under 40 Award

English instructor and student newspaper advisor **Jordan Bell** earned a 2015 Forty Under 40 Shaker Award from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. The award is bestowed annually to 40 people under the age of 40 who have shown a strong commitment to the Hudson Valley.

Bell, who grew up in the City of Poughkeepsie, has volunteered at the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, presented for Dutchess County Dress for Success and served as a committee member for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, a march that raises awareness and funds in an effort to end domestic violence and sexual abuse. He also volunteers as a basketball coach for a summer basketball program and local after-school programs and cooks and serves food at Dutchess Outreach.

Professor Earns Second Fulbright

Communications Professor **Camilo Rojas** began researching and lecturing at Andes University in Bogota, Colombia last summer as part of his second Fulbright Scholar grant. He is working to help structure a communications and mass media curriculum at the university and is conducting research for a documentary film on how Colombian artists from the 1970s and 1980s created drawings that impacted Latin-American contemporary art.

Last summer, Rojas traveled to six cities in Colombia to conduct almost 40 interviews with subjects who included the most reputable visual artists in the country. He also led a series of talks at the FUGA Foundation in Bogota, Sin Lugar a Dudas (Space for Doubts) in Cali, Museo de Arte Moderno de Medellin and Andes University. Rojas currently is editing the documentary and will return to Colombia next summer to continue the project.

Rojas' first Fulbright, in 2007, supported his work on a documentary on artists in his native Venezuela and featured an interview with President Hugo Chavez.



Camilo Rojas (left) interviewed Colombian filmmaker Luis Ospina.



Sabbatical Projects enhance teaching and learning

Communications and Media Arts Program Chair **Dana Weidman** spent the fall of 2015 working on a documentary, "Progeny: Of Mice, my Mom, our Mutation, and Me."

The film tells the story of her journey to understand the dilated cardiomyopathy that was diagnosed in her family in 2013, and the steps taken by doctors to understand the gene mutation that causes the heart ailment.

Weidman was inspired to make the film after being invited to the University of Colorado School of Medicine to donate DNA for research in 2014. She taped interviews with geneticists, cardiologists and family members about how they discovered the precise mutation that causes the disease and how one doctor is using this research to develop a gene therapy that could potentially cure heart failure.

She will debut the one-hour documentary to DCC faculty in May and plans to screen the film at a documentary film festival, a professional conference and also at fundraising events for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center and Temple University.

History Professor **Andrew Rieser** used his fall 2015 sabbatical to research poverty and develop a new service-learning course called Poverty in America.

Rieser reviewed the scholarship in the interdisciplinary field of Poverty Studies, including classics like Michael Harrington's "The Other America" (1962) and William Julius Wilson's "The Truly Disadvantaged" (1987) and also more recent works like Peter Edelman's "So Rich, So Poor" (2014) and Robert Putnam's "Our Kids" (2015). He also developed reading lists and lesson plans for the new course, which will debut this spring as the capstone class for DCC's Honors Program.

A significant component of the new course will include service-learning projects at not-for-profits that serve Dutchess County residents at or below the poverty line, including Dutchess Community Action Agency, Mill Street Loft and the Catharine Street Community Center.

In addition, Rieser is working with partners on and off campus to host a Poverty Simulation at DCC this spring, where participants will role-play as members of low-income families who have to buy, borrow or beg to survive each day without starving or losing their homes in the process.

Serving those who have served: Veterans Resource Center Established

Opened in November 2015, the Dutchess Community College Veterans Resource Center provides military veterans and their dependents with the resources, services and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education in a supportive and comfortable environment.

The Center, one of the largest in the region, is located in Hudson Hall and includes a study lab with computers, a flat-screen TV, microwave and other amenities. Available services include peer-to-peer support, mentoring and social networking.

Elected officials and other community members, students and staff were in attendance for the opening, which was hosted by the DCC Veterans Club. A flag retreat ceremony, which is a ritual performed at U.S. military installations when the flag is lowered at the end of the work day, began the program, and was followed by brief remarks and a reception.

“This new Center will be of tremendous assistance as we continuously strive to be one of the nation’s top military friendly schools,” said Carlos Prince, president of the DCC Veterans Club.

“The Center reflects this institution’s commitment to those who have served our country, as well as their dependents,” said Dr. Pamela Edington, DCC president. “The vibrancy of our Veterans Club is an indication of the strong connection that our active duty and veteran students have to this campus, and the welcoming environment that our faculty and staff have created for them.”

The Center currently serves 165 students. •



A flag retreat ceremony (top) was part of the Veterans Resource Center opening event. Pictured above are DCC Veterans Club Vice President Anthony Kavouras, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, DCC President Pamela Edington, DCC Veterans Club President Carlos Prince and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney.



Living & Learning

Dutchess Community College's residence hall, which opened in fall 2012, welcomed 478 students at the end of August — filling to capacity for the fourth straight fall. About half the students were returners from last year and half were new to the College.

Over the summer, three lounges were enclosed, separating them from corridors to enhance tutoring, workshops, study hours and other activities.

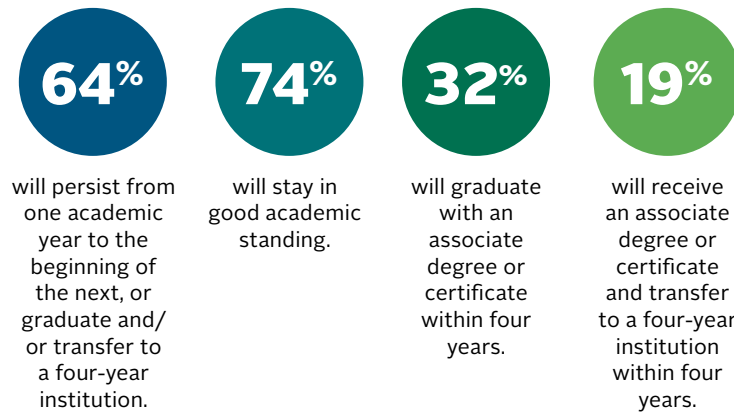
Conklin Hall's convenient location gives students quick access to academic buildings, campus activities and more.

TRiO Grant Targets Traditionally Underserved Students

Dutchess Community College has been awarded a Student Support Services grant of \$220,000 under the U.S. Department of Education's TRiO program, with the expectation that funding will be renewed for an additional four years.

The grant is designed to support initiatives that increase the number of disadvantaged, low-income, first-generation and/or disabled students who successfully complete a postsecondary program. Approximately 140 students will be served each year.

Target outcomes for TRiO participants include:



Ancient Pottery Donated by Professor Emeritus Reitano

A collection of pottery, containers and figures from West Mexico was donated to the DCC Foundation last spring by Richard Reitano, professor emeritus of Government, in honor of the inauguration of the College's fifth president, Dr. Pamela Edington. The handmade clay pieces were likely created between 500 BC and 1200 AD, and reflect the hopes and expectations of the people at that time. Many of the objects were discovered at grave sites. Similar items still are being made today in Mexican and Central American villages. The collection, on display on the fifth floor of Hudson Hall, was unveiled at an event attended by students, faculty and staff.

Program Develops Tomorrow's Leaders

The following students aren't followers at all. Kocelia Ayuoni, Taki Hattori, Jose Lopez-Hernandez, Jovanny Mejia, Marcus Quintana and Carla Williams are participating in the third Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders (ECCEL) program. Designed by the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the initiative is a dynamic and experiential leadership program that prepares students to excel academically, professionally and in their personal lives.

In November 2015, the students participated in the first of three retreat weekends. Workshop topics included project management, public speaking, leadership skills and diversity.

The students come from diverse backgrounds and cultures and are involved in many issues including child abuse awareness and prevention, healthcare and immigration.

All have career goals and aspire to be leaders in their respective fields. Marcus said he wants to finish his college education and then serve as a New York state representative and eventually address the issue of world poverty. Taki grew up in Alabama, but returned to his native Japan for three years to help his family and community rebuild following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The DCC Foundation helps support the ECCEL program.



Students in the ECCEL program

Service Learning Links Students with Community

Sometimes the best classrooms have no desks or whiteboards.

In the fall, DCC began its new service learning initiative, which combines community service with classwork to enrich the student experience and support local organizations.

Representatives from two dozen local community organizations were invited to join 25 faculty members and students on campus in June for three days of discussion on how best to make service learning part of the fabric of the institution. Lively and engaging conversation ensued about where the needs of local nonprofits might overlap with various curricula and classwork.

Coordinating DCC's service learning initiative is Cammie Jones, who continued the campus dialog to facilitate 20 College/community partnerships during the fall semester.

Two groups of students participated in a project with Arts Mid-Hudson in October. One group shared South African folklore with local children through storytelling; the other partnered with

a local artist to read the works of Shakespeare and create ceramic sculptures of food and serving dishes that were period-appropriate. Also in October, chemistry students performed experiments for Morse Elementary School students in Poughkeepsie. Pre-kindergarteners at the Catharine Street Community Center were regaled with a variety of stories acted out in character costumes by performing arts students in September. An anti-bullying curriculum for the Mediation Center of Dutchess County was created, and biology students interviewed, raised funds for, and prepared and delivered meals for HIV-positive residents. In addition, art students created marketing pieces such as postcards, brochures and graphic design layouts for the Dutchess County SPCA.

More local groups will benefit from DCC's service learning initiative during the spring semester.

According to a study by the Education Resources Information Center that included over 600 students in more than 30 academic disciplines, service learning enhances positive forms of motivation, problem-solving, civic skills and appreciation of diversity.

In related news, six students in the Communications and Media Arts program worked with professors and Walkway Over the Hudson representatives to make a documentary film about the organization's inaugural marathon, held in June. The partnership was an example of applied learning, a teaching approach that highlights real-world uses for academic subjects.

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Students in a Performance Skills for the Classroom course put on a series of skits at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum in December.

Local news site Hudson Valley News Network (HVNN) came to campus in October to interview students and Communications and Media Arts Program Chair Dana Weidman for a story about the documentary. HVNN ran the piece at the end of October and included a link to the film. The video can be viewed at www.sunydutchess.edu/walkwayvideo.

Funding for the film was provided by a mini-grant and scholarships from the DCC Foundation. •

HELPING HANDS

Students Support Community

Members of DCC's Student Government Association work to enhance both the campus environment and our surrounding community. Last year, the SGA and student clubs raised thousands of dollars for deserving organizations and volunteered hundreds of hours to improve the quality of life in our area.

FIRE SAFETY

Almost 60 students worked in conjunction with the Red Cross and local firefighters to install over 70 smoke alarms free of charge for City of Poughkeepsie families. The students also educated families about fire prevention and mapped fire escape routes, and were heartened by the gratitude shown by the recipients.

MORGAN LAKE

A Morgan Lake cleanup also attracted student volunteers, as the site is just up the road from the College and the trail is enjoyed by many in the campus community.

CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVES

Clothing and food drives also were a common occurrence on campus, with students, faculty and staff teaming up to benefit those in need. More than 1,000 non-perishable items were donated to local food banks last fall alone. The effort was bolstered by President Edington's "Can Do" initiative, where faculty and staff are encouraged to bring non-perishables to the opening meeting for each semester.

Walkway Marathon Water Bearers

The College collaborated with faculty and staff union Dutchess United Educators and the DCC Foundation to support the Walkway Over the Hudson marathon.

While some members of the college community participated in the marathon, dozens of other students, faculty and staff volunteered at water stations and at a health and wellness expo held the day prior.

As the DCC Foundation was a charity partner for the event, some of the funds raised by DCC runners, or other runners sponsored by members of the DCC team, went to benefit students.



Dr. Kathleen O'Connell, assistant professor of Exercise Science, teamed with students to deliver hundreds of canned goods to the Claudio Cares Foundation for distribution to those in need.

Special Programs Serve Tots through Teens

DCC hosts many programs for our community's youth, many of which are led by College faculty and staff dedicated to developing young minds. These initiatives give hundreds of students in elementary through high school the opportunity to learn while having fun.



MAGNETIC ATTRACTION

Two Magnetic Levitation (MAGLEV) competitions for middle and high school students drew more than 200 participants. The competition is sponsored by DCC's Department of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies and facilitated by Electrical Engineering Program Chair Daniel Barbuto.

Participants designed and built a car that uses magnets to levitate itself and incorporates a propulsion system, such as a battery-powered fan, a wind sail or a balloon. The students then race the cars on tracks lined with oppositely charged magnets to keep the vehicles afloat. The first-place division winners in the spring 2015 competition were Travis Bard, Kyra Cain, Dan Caso, Katie Cornell, Chris Li and Jaimie Pozzuto. Winners in the fall 2015 event were Jordyn Faranda, Michael Hanson, Maddie Lazarus, Zach Lockwood, Zachary Outman, Isabel Velez and Isabella Wilcox.

MATH AND SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

To encourage girls to pursue careers in the male-dominated fields of science, technology, engineering and math, DCC has for 19 years hosted an annual "Math and Science Matter ... Especially for Young Women" program for girls in grades five through eight. The program offers hands-on workshops developed by DCC faculty and is designed to engage girls in activities that highlight opportunities in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields. Students conducted experiments, examined fossils, learned about fire, studied the mind and more. The popular offering is supported by the DCC Foundation and coordinated by Tony Zito, department head of Mathematics, Physical and Computer Sciences.



LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS

Robots were on the march in the DCC gymnasium in February when the College hosted the 2015 Hudson Valley FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League Tournament robotics championship matches. The regional competition features teams of children ages 9-14, who use Lego components to build small robots that complete specific tasks.

The theme for 2015 was "World Class," which focused on helping participants reimagine how knowledge will be gathered and skills used in the 21st century. The autonomous robots designed by the teams performed tasks involving object collection and manipulation.

Dr. Leah Akins, a professor in the College's Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies department, served as coordinator for the event, which is supported by the DCC Foundation. FIRST is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1989 to foster an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Each year, more than 120,000 students in eight countries participate in the league.

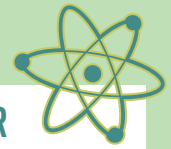


SUMMER EXPLORATION

DCC's Office of Community Services brought back the popular Kids on Campus summer program, offering sessions for children ages 6-18. Areas of focus included computers, music, performing arts, golf, and arts and crafts. A crime scene investigation program is pictured above.



SCIENCE FAIR



DCC hosted the 56th Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair in March, which featured projects from almost 250 students in grades five through 12 from 40 schools. The projects, which touched on robotics, physics, chemistry and many more subject areas, were judged by grade level with first-, second- and third-prizes awarded along with multiple honorable mentions.

MUSIC CLASSES



The non-credit Music School at DCC continues to offer Kindermusik classes for children through age 4 and a variety of Suzuki lessons, both private and group, in violin, cello and piano. Additional individual lessons are available in guitar, piano, violin, trumpet, clarinet and many other instruments as well as voice. For a full list of classes, click the Music School link at www.sunydutchess.edu/cfweb.

LEARNING BY DESIGN

The 23rd annual DCC High School Architectural Design Competition was held in June. DCC's Architectural and Construction Technologies program presented the initiative. Students were judged on their designs for a single-family home with a view across the Hudson River to the Catskill Mountains. Alicia Knights, Jake Bhangaia and Darlene Escoto of Arlington High School took home first, second and third place, respectively.

The event was coordinated by David Freeman, assistant professor and program chair for Architecture.

THE 3D PRINTING

Sophomore Chris Ham's life took on a new dimension when he came to DCC.

After using the College's 3D printer, the Electrical Technology major started building his own unit in late spring, and by July he was printing small items such as key chains and dice. A 3D object is printed by dividing a digital model into very thin layers, which are then produced successively from bottom to top until the piece is finished. The information is delivered to the printer via computer.

Much like the printing process, Chris' DCC experience is a layered one. It took a second attempt at a college education before he found his way to DCC. He began Engineering classes last year.

"All of the faculty members that I've taken classes with have been amazing," he said. "I've been in love with the content ever since I started here."

That newfound passion led Chris to accept the job of head student referee for last winter's Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League competition. The opportunity came about via a scholarship he received through the DCC Foundation. Lego League is an initiative that teaches science, technology, engineering and math skills to children ages 9-14 through the

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MARK COURTNEY, DEPARTMENT HEAD
Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies

construction of Lego Mindstorm robots (see story, page 13).

Chris' experience broadened further this past summer when he became a student worker in the E-TECH (Engineering, Technology, Early College High School) program, a partnership with the City of Poughkeepsie School District, Central Hudson and The Chazen Companies designed to prepare academically at-risk high school students for skilled jobs in technology (see story on page 16). He worked with the students on their first engineering projects; one of which was the die design Chris used with his printer.

"At Dutchess, I consistently feel like I'm so much more than a student," Chris said. "It's like I'm a part of the real life force of the college."

An engineering-focused program similar to E-TECH wasn't available to Chris during his high school years, but he remembers entertaining thoughts about the field at an early age.

"I was always the kind of kid who enjoyed building with Legos far more than playing with the finished designs," he said. "I think I realized that engineering is my passion long before I could even describe what an engineer was or identify real jobs in the profession."

Mark Courtney, head of the Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies department, said Chris' printer is a great example of how students can utilize information taught in class.

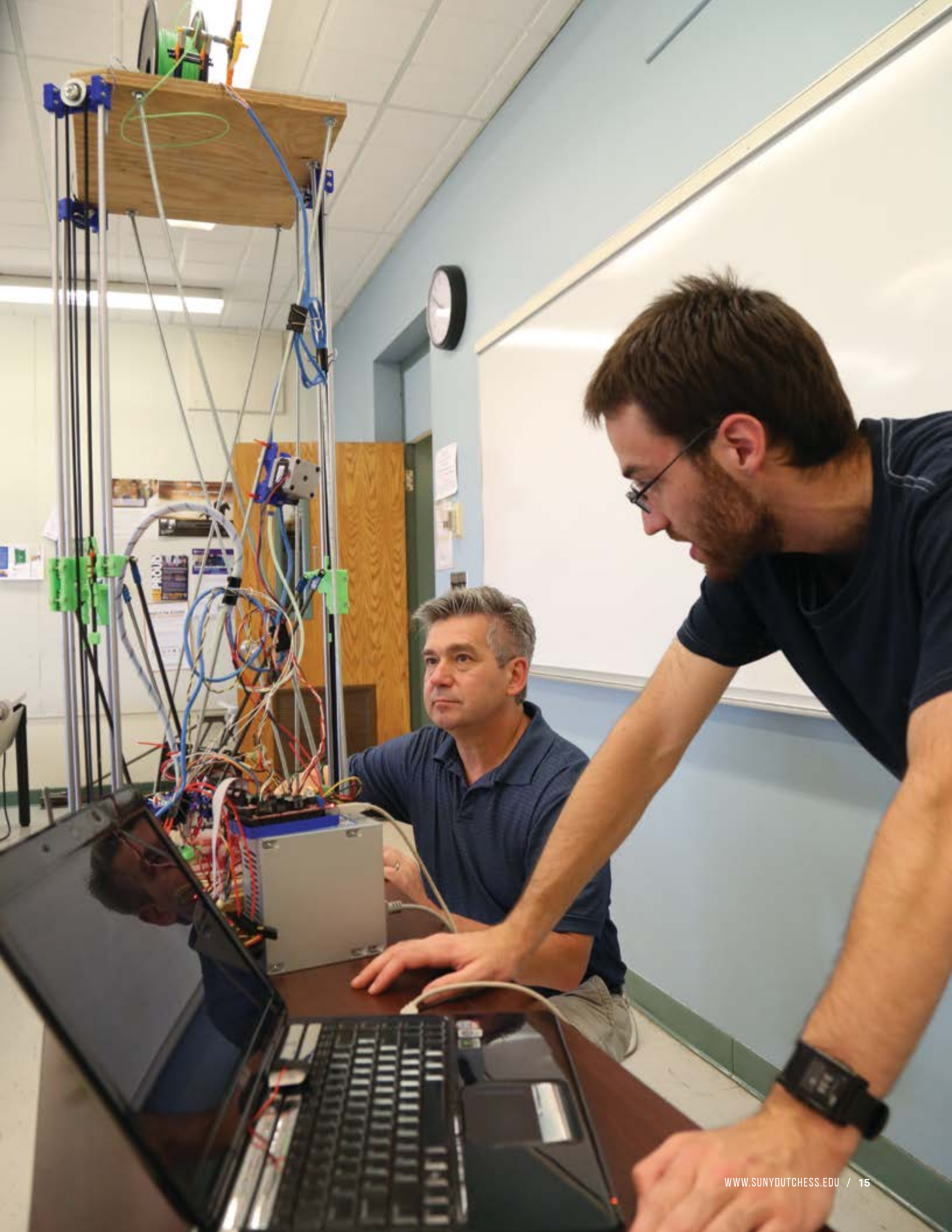
"As faculty, we strive to make our classes relevant, and for students to make 'real world' use of the knowledge they gain," said Courtney. "Chris' cutting-edge project is a shining example of what motivated and engaged students can accomplish, and an indication of the opportunities available to them."

So where might Chris go from here? "DCC has instilled in me a passion for learning, so I'm considering transferring to a four-year school to continue my education, and that's something I hadn't thought about doing before coming to DCC," he said.

Whatever prospects are on the horizon for Chris, it's clear he now has the tools to build a successful future for himself. •



Right: Mark Courtney, head of the Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies department (left) works with Chris Ham to prepare a 3D printing project. (At left are printed items.)





E-TECH PARTNERSHIPS

E-TECH prepares academically at-risk high school students for careers in technology.



A student from the City of Poughkeepsie School District shows off her project at an E-TECH Open House in July.

The College's E-TECH (Engineering, Technology, Early College High School) program, a partnership between DCC, the City of Poughkeepsie School District, Central Hudson and The Chazen Companies, launched last summer. Fifty participating ninth-graders and their families came to campus for an information session in June, and the students returned in July to begin the program.

Through the \$2.6 million grant-funded initiative, participating City of Poughkeepsie students have the opportunity to graduate in six years with both a high school diploma and an associate degree in engineering or electrical technology. The initiative is designed to prepare academically at-risk high school students for skilled jobs in technology. The students are taking both high school and college courses while getting workplace experience with engineering professionals.

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DCC faculty members have been instrumental in developing the program and working with students as they acclimate to the College environment. Up to 50 students will be accepted into the program for each of the next five years, bringing total enrollment in the program to 300.

Of the 50 ninth-graders who began the program last fall, 22% are now taking advanced courses in chemistry and 20% are taking a college-level technical drawing class. Ninety-four percent of the students are economically disadvantaged. •

Positively Charged

Energy can be neither created nor destroyed -
so states the first law of thermodynamics. But for Abed Kinan, a neuroscience major at Binghamton University who lacked motivation in high school, the energy he found to excel at DCC seemingly came out of nowhere.

“IN HIGH SCHOOL I DID JUST ENOUGH TO PASS,” said Abed Kinan (DCC ’15). “I hung out with the wrong crowd and didn’t take my education very seriously.”

He admits that he fell into a too-prevalent teenage culture that valued a busy social life over education. Toward the end of his junior year, his peers were applying for college while Abed found himself in the office of his guidance counselor discussing the downward trend in his grades. He decided to give education one last chance, inspired in part by his father, who lived in extreme poverty in Jordan before leaving for the U.S. at age 17 to provide a better life for his family back home.

Abed’s guidance counselor suggested a bridge program between John Jay High School and DCC that would allow him to take college classes while a senior in high school.

“I chose DCC because it was my only real shot at getting back on the right track,” he said. “I decided that I really wanted to make something of myself.”

Abed said that after coming to DCC and seeing firsthand how much passion his professors had for their respective fields, and for teaching, he began to feel connected to his education in a new way.

“I learned introspection and critical thinking from my honors English courses with Melanie Klein, the importance of getting involved in the political process from Matthew Murray’s government courses, selflessness and gratitude from volunteering at food pantries with Kathy O’Connell and grit from Joe Reilly’s motivational seminars,” said Abed.

He added that he was spurred on at DCC because of the

reciprocal nature of the environment around him; every ounce of effort he put in was rewarded with open doors and opportunities to grow.

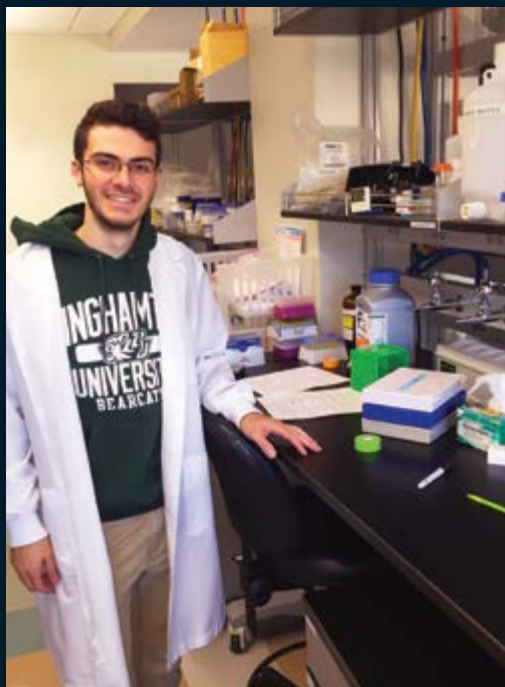
And there were many opportunities. Abed earned an eight-month internship with the New York State Senate, won a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence, was placed

on the New York Community College All-Academic Team, joined DCC’s National Model United Nations team and served in the student government. He also participated in the Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders Program, supported by the DCC Foundation.

With his strong academic performance and resume filled with honors and leadership activities, it’s no surprise Abed had many options when it came to transferring to a four-year school to pursue a bachelor’s degree. He was accepted into Boston University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, The University of Vermont, Bard College and SUNY schools including Stony Brook, Buffalo, Albany and the school he ultimately selected, Binghamton University.

In addition to his studies, Abed is an undergraduate assistant at Binghamton’s alcohol research laboratory, one of the largest in the country. He plans to write an honors thesis based on his research.

“DCC opened doors to remarkable opportunities and changed my life,” Abed added. “It’s not that long ago that I had untapped potential and little ambition or direction. Now, my ultimate goal is to earn a Ph.D. in neuroscience and pursue a career in the field of neurodegenerative disease.” •



Abed Kinan graduated from DCC in May 2015 and transferred to Binghamton University to major in neuroscience.

EXPANDED HORIZONS

*Contrary to the proverb, all roads do not in fact lead to Rome.
But Abigail Knickerbocker's did.*



When her plane landed in Rome last fall, the 2011 DCC graduate got right to work on her internship with the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization. She's working on a project called Accelerating Progress Toward the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women. It's a joint initiative between various international agriculture agencies and UN Women, a United Nations organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women.

"A couple of months ago I never would have imagined myself living in Rome and interning across from the Colosseum," she said. "Now that I'm here, I plan on delving into new challenges and making the most out of the opportunities that come my way."

Rome may be new to Abbey, but capitalizing on opportunities is anything but foreign to her. In 2009 she was accepted into DCC's Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence program, which grants two years of free tuition to any student who graduates in the top 10% of a Dutchess County high school. (See story on page 26)

"One of the reasons I chose DCC was because I had a lot of interests, but no idea how to make all of them work together," Abbey said. "But I was able to work with DCC's faculty to figure out where my strengths were and plan for my career."

She credits Dr. Werner Steger, professor of history, with helping her realize a liberal arts education could illuminate

what path might be best for her to take, and Anthropology Professor Stephanie Roberg-Lopez with the suggestion that Smith College would be a "perfect fit" as a transfer institution based on her selection of international affairs as a career focus.

Abbey excelled at Smith, and after graduating earned a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English at the only women's college in Peru, where she also ran the school's first Women's Writing Workshop to promote understanding of gender issues in the country.

"Although the Hudson Valley always will be my home, I thrive on experiences that challenge me to live, think and function outside of my comfort zone," Abbey said. "I have come to enjoy representing my culture while simultaneously learning from my host communities."

Rome may be the Eternal City, but based on Abbey's ambitions, it's bound to be just a temporary stop on her journey. It's difficult to tell where her road might lead next, but it's evident that DCC played a big role in pointing her in the right direction.

"I think one of the things that truly set DCC apart is the fact that the faculty and staff really want to be there and believe in the value of a community college education," she said. "I always felt that the DCC faculty's main concern was for their students. And having started my academic journey at DCC, I'm financially secure in a way that allows me to take advantage of amazing opportunities that will help me build my career." •

Community Services Drives Training, Local Economy

DCC's Office of Community Services and Special Programs serves thousands of students with credit-free courses in career and vocational training, workforce development, high school equivalency and ESL, professional and personal development, leisure activities, music, crafts, fitness and youth programs.

WORKFORCE INITIATIVE STRENGTHENS LOCAL FIRMS

More than 1,300 local employees received customized training last year through SUNY Workforce Development grants. Participants represented a comprehensive cross-section of the Dutchess County economy including business/retail, healthcare, engineering and manufacturing. The diverse workforce programs helped enhance operations at companies including Adams Fairacre Farms, Arnoff Moving & Storage, Ditron Inc., Elant Inc., Omega Institute, Stanfordville Machine & Manufacturing Company, Williams Lumber and Home Centers, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Mechtronics, Nerak Systems, Package Pavement, Schatz Bearing Corporation and The Council of Industry. Courses offered included Leadership, Team Building, Recruitment, Communications, Inventory Control, Lean Six Sigma - White Belt and Yellow Belt, Root Cause Analysis and Computer Training.

START-UP NY PROJECTS UNDERWAY

DCC is working with two information management firms and two aerospace companies as part of the START-UP NY initiative, which helps qualified businesses start, expand or relocate to a tax-free zone in the state. Additionally, negotiations are underway with several more companies to establish partnerships with the College that will create professional opportunities that are in line with DCC's mission. The College is soliciting more companies to apply for the program and locate to one of five properties near DCC's main campus in Poughkeepsie and south campus in Wappingers Falls.

COLLEGE EARNS COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY AWARD

The College's Office of Community Services (OCS) won a 2015 Manufacturing Champion award from the Council of Industry, the Hudson Valley's manufacturing association. OCS was recognized for its vision, dedication, hard work and tireless involvement to help overcome some of the many obstacles faced by manufacturers in the Hudson Valley and for making it possible for manufacturers and their employees to prosper.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY AND ESL SERVICES EXPANDED

DCC's High School Equivalency (HSE) program is now available during the day at Changepoint Church in Poughkeepsie. In addition, the College has partnered with the Exodus Transitional Community's re-entry program and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Youth One-Stop Program to offer on-location HSE classes.

OCS has responded to the growing demand for English as a Second Language (ESL) courses by adding new class locations at St. Mary's Church in Poughkeepsie, Red Hook High School, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in Mahopac and the First Baptist Church in Brewster.



From EKG Tech to Nurse

GABRIELLA HABER long suspected that a career in healthcare was in her future; she's always had an interest in medicine and a desire to help people. She's taken advantage of both the non-credit and credit offerings at the College to prepare herself to pursue her passion and enter the workforce.

A graduate of the EKG (Electrocardiograph Technician Certification) program offered by



DCC's Office of Community Services, Gabriella says the classes "were enjoyable and engaging, while also challenging." She recommends the eight-week course to those looking to enhance their job skills and increase their marketability.

Gabriella has taken her education one step further. She is now a second-year student in the College's Nursing program, and will graduate with an Associate in Science degree. "Between the skills I learned in the EKG program and the rigor of the Nursing program, I know I'm going to be an excellent nurse in the future," she said.



GETTING INTO CHARACTER

“I’ve been struggling all my life to become comfortable saying my own name,” admits Alteronce Gumby, currently a doctoral candidate at Yale University’s school of art.

Sharing a moniker with a malleable Claymation cartoon from the 1960s didn’t do much to bolster the confidence of a young man who was trying to figure out who he was. Eventually Alteronce Gumby (‘11) would overcome, not only coming to grips with the situation, but learning to bend the Gumby character to his own advantage — incorporating it into his chosen mode of self-expression: visual art.

The triumph of Gumby — the man — was evident last fall in DCC’s Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery where many of his paintings were on display. The pieces spanned several years and mediums, and a few recent works utilized the image of cartoon Gumby, a decision made by Alteronce to express a number of emotions, including some of the isolation he used to feel.

“Gumby was like the colored kid on the block,” said Alteronce. “In some of the cartoons he would be sitting in class with regular-looking white students and feel out of place. He was bullied a lot and had a wild imagination. I identified with some of that escapism, and expressing that imagination is what I do with my painting.”

It was while absorbing the works of Picasso in a Barcelona museum almost 10 years ago that Alteronce made the decision to pursue art. His initial focus was

on music, but after taking a drawing class, he decided that painting and drawing were for him. He said DCC’s location and value made enrolling an easy decision.

“I was blown away by an art history course,” said Alteronce. “And I also took photo classes in color theory and watercolors with Juan Garcia-Nunez. The big things for me were getting into a studio and getting messy, and also doing research in the library. My goal was to see everything that I could in the art world. I look at what I do as a lifestyle more than a career, and DCC was where I started to live that.”

Alteronce excelled during his time at the College and earned a scholarship from the DCC Foundation. He also earned the 2011 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence, and in 2012 some of his work was selected for the Best of SUNY Art Exhibition in Albany. His pieces have appeared in group exhibits throughout New York.

Cartoon Gumby is now relegated to mere reruns, but there will be many upcoming seasons for Alteronce Gumby the artist.

“I just want to keep exploring possibilities and finding new ways to express empathy in art,” he said. •



Artwork by Alteronce Gumby.



Team Spirit

The Lady Falcons softball team placed second in the region last year and first the prior three years, earning them a spot in the national tournament.

DCC also has men's soccer, baseball and basketball; women's volleyball and basketball; and co-ed cross country. The College is a member of the Mid-Hudson Athletic Conference of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

This past year, the DCC Foundation secured funds through local charitable entities to purchase new batting cages and covers for the baseball field.





FAST FACT: DCC HAS HAD THE LOWEST TUITION OF ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE FOR 15 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Funding

Dutchess Community College operations are funded by New York state, the county and tuition. The state supports approximately 33% of the budget, while the county contributes 26% and students, 41%. SUNY is working to increase state funding for its 64 campuses and the College continues to work with its local sponsor, the county, to ensure adequate support going forward.

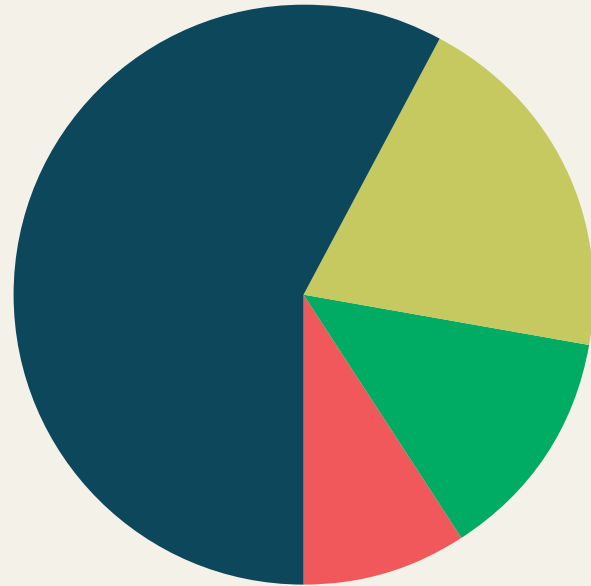
Special projects are made possible by private and public grants and the DCC Foundation, which through generous donor support provides approximately \$400,000 in student scholarships each year and funds initiatives that enhance teaching and learning. The DCC Association, which manages campus operations including the daycare center, dining services, residence hall and bookstore, also provides support.

Tuition

In the 2014-2015 academic year, tuition for New York state residents was \$1,600 per semester for full-time study of 12 credits or more (\$133/credit for part-time). This was the 15th consecutive year that the College had the lowest tuition in the state.

Students who graduate in the top 10% of their Dutchess County high school can attend DCC tuition-free for two years under the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence administered by the Foundation. (See story, page 26.)

Fiscal Year 2014-2015* Budget Allocation



■ Instruction, Academic Support and Library	\$35,564,000
■ Institutional Operations	\$12,211,000
■ Facilities Maintenance and Operations	\$8,177,000
■ Student Services	\$5,458,000
Total	\$61,410,000

*Fiscal year ended 8/31/15

Dear Friends,

The first year working with our new president, Dr. Pamela R. Edington, was remarkable. Shortly after her arrival, she harnessed the collective energy of the campus community to create a refreshed mission, vision, goals and values statement for the College, focused on student success, community engagement and institutional excellence. In a groundbreaking collaboration between the College, the City of Poughkeepsie School District and industry partners, an innovative technology program was launched for high school students. Her goal is to create synergy that will benefit the students and residents of the mid-Hudson Valley – and we are well on our way.

The DCC Foundation looks forward to continuing its support of teaching and learning at the College, especially during this pivotal and exciting time. Through the funding of student scholarships and special faculty and program endeavors, the Foundation has – and will continue to – transform countless lives.

Your support of these programs through direct donations, planned giving and special events throughout the year has made this possible. You should take great pride in all that has been accomplished; our collective work has had lasting impact on individuals, families and our community.

Looking forward, we will focus our efforts on raising funds to enhance student success and address urgent needs. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million in the next year to support six key College priorities:

- Opportunity grants for incoming students with financial need.
- Scholarships for high school students in the 11th - 20th percentile.
- Funds that support urgent student needs.
- Faculty, staff and program support.
- Entrepreneurship and workforce development investments.
- Unrestricted gifts to support emerging institutional needs.

About 60% of our matriculated students qualify for financial aid, and 22% of them are the first in their families to attend college. The need is great; together, we can leverage resources to make a difference in countless lives.

We know that a college degree opens doors to greater opportunities, and we must continue to help students stay the course, graduate and achieve their dreams.

Through your commitment and generosity, the Foundation can help remove financial and other roadblocks that hamper the success of deserving students. The Foundation's role as a crucial support system for the DCC campus community has never been more important, nor the need greater. *Thank you.*



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Whether it is a DCC student you want to inspire, a loved one you wish to honor or remember, or an academic or extracurricular program you would like to support, the DCC Foundation is here to help make your giving experience enjoyable and rewarding. There are many ways you can support our students. Please consider the following giving options:

Establish an Endowed Scholarship

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

Sponsor an Annual Event

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

Consider Planned Giving

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

Purchase a Commemorative Piece

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

Make an Annual Pledge or Gift

To make a pledge, payment on a pledge or give a cash gift, call (845) 431-8403 or visit www.sunydutchess.edu/giving to use a credit card, or send a check made payable to:

DCC Foundation
53 Pendell Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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Lessons in Generosity

On a sunny October day last year, Charles E. Conklin of Pleasant Valley had lunch with more than 60 DCC students, and then picked up the check. But it wasn't the meal he paid for – it was each student's college tuition.

Over the past decade-plus, Charles Conklin has been directly responsible for making a college education accessible to over 400 deserving students through the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence, which provides up to two years of full tuition for any Dutchess County high school student who graduates in the top 10% of his or her class. Forty-three freshmen earned the award in 2015 and 20 Conklin scholars currently are in their second year at DCC.

For some students and families, higher education might have been out of reach were it not for this remarkable opportunity. “When I learned that I had earned the Conklin Scholarship, an immediate sense of relief washed over me,” said Jalana Fuller, a 2014 Conklin Scholar. “Without the generosity of Mr. Conklin and his late wife, I am positive that I would not have been able to afford college. This scholarship has been a blessing not only to me, but my family as well.”

One family in Fishkill has had four children earn the scholarship over the past few years. The mother of the children wrote, “One of our priorities has been to offer our children college opportunities, and our hope has been to avoid going into debt to do so. The Conklin Scholarships have fulfilled our desire to give our children an affordable yet solid foundation for their postsecondary educations.”

The road that led to Charles Conklin and his late wife, Mabel (Betty), being able to offer this outstanding opportunity to students began, ironically enough, when he turned down the chance to attend college on the GI Bill. Following his military service in World War II as a combat paratrooper, Conklin decided to earn his flight certifications rather than continue on for a college degree. While flying was his passion, he quickly realized that working as a flight instructor wouldn't give him the income he needed to support his family.

Conklin decided to enter the field of manufacturing, working as a machinist for IBM and then for other local companies. In 1957, he opened his own manufacturing

business, Conklin Corp. After the company designed a service fix for a major telephone company, he received a \$50,000 contract on the spot. That deal was the catalyst for a decades-long business success story.

After expanding his business locally to employ more than 250 people, Conklin opened an engineering facility in Atlanta, GA. As he learned more about that community, he heard about a state-sponsored program that would provide a college education at no cost to Georgia students who could maintain a high GPA throughout their school career. He immediately was struck by the idea, and talked to his wife about trying to replicate the program in the Hudson Valley.

“I talked to Betty about the program in Georgia, and she said, ‘Isn't it a shame we don't have anything like that here?’” said Conklin. “I felt that education was a logical place to put money, but I didn't anticipate the program would grow the way it has.”

‘This scholarship has been a blessing not only to me, but my family as well.’

JALANA FULLER, 2014 CONKLIN SCHOLAR

In 2003 the couple approached DCC to work out the details, and the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence was soon established.

This past fall, Ryan Bisson became the third member of his family to receive the scholarship. He was preceded by two older brothers – twins David and Jonathan – who each earned the scholarship in 2009 after graduating from high school with an average of 102, separated only by decimal points, making them valedictorian and salutatorian of their class. In 2010, the Conklin Scholars group included Rebecca Canning, who at age 16 was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's



Top: Recipients of the 2015 Conklin Scholarship gathered in October for a lunch to celebrate their achievements. Seated in front, from left, are Ellen Conklin (daughter of Charles Conklin), Charles Conklin and DCC President Pamela Edington.

Above: A parent of a scholarship recipient thanks the Conklins at the 2014 scholarship luncheon while DCC President Pamela Edington looks on.

lymphoma. She maintained outstanding grades during her treatment, and subsequently has donated her time to help other cancer patients.

The scholarship luncheon last October was the first since Betty Conklin passed away in March 2015. Just weeks after her death, Charlie Conklin made an additional gift of \$800,000 to the scholarship endowment in honor of his late wife. This brings to \$2 million the Conklins' support of the program, which is administered by the DCC Foundation.

"My favorite part about being involved in this scholarship is the satisfaction of helping these wonderful young people, who already have proven how great they are," said Conklin. "I run into students and parents who have benefited from the scholarship in the past, and it's an emotional experience; it's a side of philanthropy I never gave any consideration to before." •

CURRENT RECIPIENTS

of the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Deyry Acevedo	Skye Haskell
Jeyry Acevedo	Rachel Hawks
Caroline Banks	Andrew Hoff
Paige Barto	Hannah Johnson
Sophia Barber	Megan Johnson
Zachary Britton	Samantha Kent
Jennifer Beahan	Brianna Kinzel
Ryan Bisson	Michael Knowles
Brandon Boyles	Pamela Kraus
Michael Briccetti	Kristina Kovacs
Lauren Byrnes	Shannon Lawlor
Alyssa Carl	Jessica Lopez-Garcia
Brooke Catapano	Amanda Lull
Heather Cerul	Kayla Miller
Olana Costa	Ethan Milone
John Curran	Gabriel Monck-Zweck
Victoria D'Ascanio	Akeva Morrison
Karen Demetros	Kelli Moseman
Zachary DiGregorio	Alexandra Nakutavicius
Kimone Dixon	Sarah Nesheiwat
Tiffany Dolfinger	Lindsey Nun
Donique Edwards	Christian Pagan
Jalana Fuller	Erica Palmer
Marina Fumasoli	Anne Marie Pillsbury
Amber Funk	Benjamin Prentiss
Christopher Gabryszewski	Makayla Ptasienski
Nicole Gallucci	Dominic Rizzi
Nikki Garofolo	Jessica Rymar
Judith Giampietro	Jessica Santos-Cruz
Thomas Giavatto	Celine-Dion Smith
Kyle Goodwin	Jessey Tomlins
Rachel Harden	

Planned Giving

Transforms Lives



“Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.”

—SHANNON L. ALDER, AUTHOR

Plans are made every day. Whether it’s a holiday gathering, moving to a new home or starting a family, preparing for what comes next can help provide peace of mind and ease the journey.

Estate planning, however, is something many simply never seem to address. This, like all major necessities of life, should not be put off until tomorrow. It often can be accomplished with less time and effort than one might think — and the rewards of taking the initiative and laying out a road ahead are immense. No matter the size of your estate, everyone needs a plan for the future.

Creating your plan will remove hurdles in estate administration for family and other beneficiaries. Loved ones can then focus on what’s important, all the while knowing that your wishes are being realized. You will be glad you did, and every day thereafter, you can expect peace of mind knowing

the life you live today will be your legacy tomorrow.

Many friends of DCC have chosen to touch hearts and create their legacy by naming the Dutchess Community College Foundation as a beneficiary. The members of the James F. Hall Legacy Society have chosen to demonstrate their commitment to DCC in this way. We welcome the commitment and devotion they have shown to the future of Dutchess Community College.

If you would like to help keep educational excellence alive for future generations at DCC and would like to demonstrate your support in an estate plan via a will, trust, life insurance benefit, gift annuity, personal property or other method, please visit <http://sunydutchess.giftlegacy.com> and click on “Create Your Plan” or contact Diana Pollard at pollard@sunydutchess.edu or (845) 431-8403. •

Legacy Society Members

Make a Lasting Impact



The James F. Hall Legacy Society was created to recognize donors who have pledged generous gifts to the Dutchess Community College Foundation through wills, trusts and other life-income channels. By becoming a member of the Hall Legacy Society, you are showing your commitment to the college and demonstrating a belief in future students.

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. The College also is fortunate to have many friends and supporters who believe in its mission. The chance to help a student enhance his or her life through higher education inspires so many wonderful people from varying backgrounds to partner with DCC.

Members of the James F. Hall Legacy Society understand the importance of a successful community college and seek to keep the spirit of educational excellence alive for future generations.

You too can be a member of the James F. Hall Legacy Society. Visit the new website, <http://sunydutchess.giftlegacy.com>, to explore ways you can leave a lasting legacy.

♥ JAMES F. HALL LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS ▶

The individuals listed to the right 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.

Rosemarie I. Becchetti-Rice '83
 Charles E. Conklin and Mabel E. Conklin*
 Linda L. Connors '71
 Eric W. Deyo '71
 Vincent J. DiMaso '66 and Joan DiMaso '68
 Toni M. Emery '66 and Joseph A. Lucas '87
 Dorothy J. Fitchett '81
 Patricia Ansari Gee
 James F. Hall
 Bernard 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
 Vincent F. Post, Jr. '73
 Michael J. Quackenbush '78
 Francis U. Ritz*
 Carol A. Roper
 Klara B. Sauer* '72
 Werner H. Schmidt
 Edna K. Silber
 William R. Steinhaus '69
 Arnold Toback and Gail Ganter-Toback
 Jerry L. Toepfer and Karen T. Blonder
 Mary Louise Van Winkle
 Allyn J. Washington
 Rita D. Weber-McKee
 Carole J. Wolf

**deceased*

Gala Honors Four, Supports Scholarships

The Foundation's annual Gala - Community's Bridge to the Future - was held in March at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The event drew approximately 500 guests to honor four outstanding individuals and raised more than \$220,000 for student scholarships.

Lisa Cathie ('86) and John Coppola ('82) were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame, while Emil Panichi earned the inaugural Bridge to the Future Award and Robert Dyson received the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award.

Cathie has had an impressive career in local banking, having served in executive positions with Ulster Savings Bank, Orange County Trust Company and Hudson United Bank. She serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council, the Marist College board, the Bardavon/Ulster Performing Arts Center board and the executive committee and board of directors for Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

Coppola, along with his brothers, owns and operates two namesake restaurants, a

catering service, Coppola Gourmet Sauces and the Village Square Motel. He is the president of the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce and member of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Dutchess County Tourism board.

Panichi is the owner of Royal Carting, a rubbish removal firm he purchased in 1955 that now serves parts of Westchester County north to Albany and parts of Connecticut. Panichi has been a past director and president of the East Fishkill Lions Club, past director of the Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Mid Hudson Savings Bank and its successors, Fidelity Bank and First Union Bank.

Dyson has been president of the Dyson Foundation since 2000. The organization made grants of over \$18.6 million in 2012, continuing the tradition started

in 1954 by his father, Charles H. Dyson. The Foundation supports colleges, hospitals, arts programs and community centers, and was a major supporter of the Walkway Over the Hudson. Unable to attend the event, Dyson was represented by daughter-in-law Joy Dyson.

Gala sponsors included Bonura Hospitality Group, Royal Carting, Absolute Auctions and Realty, Health Quest, IBM, Iseman Cunningham Reister & Hyde LLP, the Poughkeepsie Journal, Q92.1, Rhinebeck Bank and Ulster Savings Bank.

This year's gala is March 19, and will again be held at the Grandview. Dutchess County Assistant Emergency Response Coordinator Bill Beale and Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. Founder Sue Doyle (former Chair of the DCC Foundation Board) will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame; John O'Shea, chairman and former president of Marshall & Sterling Enterprises, will receive the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award; and the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill will be honored with the Bridge to the Future Award. •



Above: A group of DCC students attended the Gala courtesy of Jeff Smith ('72) and his wife, Lynn.

Left: From left, Alumni Hall of Fame inductee John Coppola, DCC President Pamela Edington, Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee Lisa Cathie and Bridge to the Future award winner Emil Panichi.

Lifelong Connection

ALLYN J. WASHINGTON, a founding faculty member and DCC's third million-dollar lifetime donor, came from California in October and visited DCC with his family. He toured campus and met former colleagues and current faculty and students during a reception in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery, named for his late first wife and located in the 80,000-square-foot building named in his honor.

As one of DCC's founding faculty members who taught from 1958 through 1979, his contributions varied from teaching mathematics and serving as executive dean of the College to carpentry and painting in preparation for DCC's first class of students. His two decades of outstanding teaching earned him the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges Award for Exemplary Service to Mathematics Education in 1978. In addition, he authored a leading textbook that revolutionized the teaching of technical mathematics; it has been updated and reprinted several times and still is in use today.

Washington also has supported various scholarships and other initiatives through the DCC Foundation. In 2011 he was presented with an honorary doctorate from the State University of New York. •



Above: Founding faculty member and DCC's third million-dollar lifetime donor Allyn J. Washington (seated, right) visited the campus with family in October and met with DCC Foundation Executive Director Diana Pollard (standing, left) and DCC President Pamela Edington (standing, second from left).

Below: The Washington Center for Science and Art was named in Allyn Washington's honor in 2000.



DCC Foundation Supports Faculty Endeavors

Endowed Chair Series Benefits Students



From left are Associate Professor of History Dr. Laura Murphy, President Pamela Edington, Endowed Chair benefactor Bernard Handel, guest lecturer Dr. Landon Storrs and Shirley Handel.

DR. RADU IOANID, director of the International Archival Program, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., gave a presentation called “The Holocaust in Romania: The Fate of the Romanian Jews and Roma Under the Antonescu Administration” in April. He is the author of “The Sword of the Archangel: Fascist Ideology in Romania” and “Holocaust in Romania: The Destruction of Jews and Gypsies under the Antonescu Regime, 1940-1944.” DCC Professor of English Dr. Lucia Cherciu, recipient of the Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, facilitated the lecture.

Also in April, **DR. LANDON STORRS**, associate professor of history at the University of Iowa, delivered a lecture called “Hidden Convictions: The Second Red Scare and the Unmaking of the

New Deal Left.” She explored how the federal employee loyalty program was used to silence influential New Deal policymakers and discredit their policies, thus undermining the reform potential of the New Deal and narrowing the scope of political discourse to this day. She is the author of “The Second Red Scare and the Unmaking of the New Deal Left” and “Civilizing Capitalism: The National Consumers’ League, Women’s Activism, and Labor Standards in the New Deal Era.” DCC Associate Professor of History Dr. Laura Murphy, recipient of the Handel Foundation Endowed Faculty Chair to Perpetuate the Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, brought Storrs to campus.

Other faculty-led initiatives received additional support this year from emeritus faculty **MARTY TRIOLA’S** donation to a mini-grant program.



Our Volunteers

The Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and the people behind the scenes who have helped make our events possible.

Karen Abramson
Michelle Anderson
Rachel Anderson
AnneMarie Andrews
Julie Audia
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Susan McClelland Boyce
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Betsy Brown '64
Richard Chazen
Demetria D'Aquanni
Tim Decker
Joan DiMaso '68
Barbara Dolansky
Susan Doyle '11
Jackie Goffe-McNish
Carol Gordon
Mike McCormack '78
Susan McGlynn

Chris Meyer
Jason Miller
Susan Moore '66
Vincent Nunziato
Harro Penk
Virginia Poznack '77
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Emily Ramsay
Donna Rocap
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Bob Wallace '89
Sally Weglinski '77
Patti Zakow

FAST FACT: THROUGH DONATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS, THE FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$400,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY



The winning foursome at the Foundation's 26th Annual Golf Tournament was (from left) Ray VanVoorhis, Sue Sullivan, Mark Fellenzer and Mike McCormack.

Golf Outing

The Foundation's 26th Annual Golf Tournament, in memory of Jack Orcutt, was held June 1 at Dutchess Golf Club and raised over \$50,000. Orcutt was DCC's first director of Student Activities and a founding member of the College staff.

Taking first place was the team of Mark Fellenzer, Mike McCormack, Sue Sullivan and Ray VanVoorhis. The Event Sponsor was Llelanie Orcutt and family, the Giveaway Sponsor was The Chazen Companies, Double Eagle Sponsors were Meyer Contracting Corporation and McCabe & Mack LLP, Attorneys at Law, Eagle Sponsors were Shirley Brereton, Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux and Real Property Abstract & Title Services LLC and the Media Sponsor was Q92.1 FM.

Condition Upgraded

New equipment secured for Nursing Lab



New manikins were part of recent improvements to DCC's nursing lab.

The Nursing program, under the leadership of department head Inge Grutzner, recently received more than \$100,000 to update equipment via a Dyson Foundation grant.

The new items included computerized manikins, hospital beds and an electronic medication administration system.

The manikins allow the students to practice medical skills in an instructional, non-stressful lab environment in preparation for working with actual patients. The technologically advanced models are compatible with the latest software.

The new beds mirror the technical capabilities of those used in hospitals, and the computerized medication dispensing system gives students experience with state-of-the-art technology now used to enhance drug safety in healthcare settings.

The College's nursing program is open to Dutchess and Putnam residents. Over 70% of the nursing staff in local hospitals and healthcare facilities have graduated from DCC's program.

Alumni News

“Let Me Go,” a short film created by four former students, premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May. The piece was directed by **Matt Van Tine** and written by his brother, **Rich Van Tine**. **Jessica Gramuglia** is the film’s music supervisor and **Robbie Stubbs** is the star. The story focuses on the guilt and subsequent psychological trauma inflicted when a man kills his father in a car accident. Matt and Rich Van Tine completed DCC’s Communications program and transferred to Hunter College in 2008. Gramuglia took the audio recording track in the Communications program and graduated in 2007 and Stubbs graduated from the Performing Arts program in 2008.



Robbie Stubbs was one of four former DCC students who collaborated on a film that premiered at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival.

Linda Trocine '84 is an engineer licensed to streamline real estate transactions. She brings extensive project management, engineering education and systems analysis experience to her real estate business from prior employment with the American Automobile Association (AAA), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Hospital Medical Center, NASA, University of Central Florida and Valencia State College. She is a 30-year resident of Central Florida where she has served her community professionally and through volunteer work.

Jennifer Killian '01 recently was hired to serve as a program officer for the Millbrook-based Dyson Foundation where she will be responsible for aspects of the foundation’s grant-making program in the mid-Hudson Valley and the management assistance program. Killian’s past experience includes serving as vice president of programs at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and regional manager for the New York Council of Nonprofits. A native of Dutchess County, Killian received her master’s in public administration from Marist College, a bachelor’s in sociology from Rutgers University and an associate in liberal arts and humanities from Dutchess Community College.

A series of paintings by **Joy E. Tartter '71** was displayed in an exhibition called “People and Places” at the Shenandoah Valley Art Center (SVAC) in Waynesboro, Va. The inspiration for some of the paintings came from photographs she took on a 2010 trip to China. Tartter is an accomplished painter and has been a member of the Paletteers, a local women’s painting group, since 1987. She is an exhibiting member of Co-Arts gallery in Staunton, Va. and a member and studio artist at SVAC. After graduating from DCC she transferred to Binghamton University to focus on fine arts.



The DCC Foundation would like to connect with as many of the College’s 40,000 alumni as possible. Alumni are invited to share information about their achievements on the “Tell us About Yourself” page at www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni. They also can connect with the more than 12,000 other alumni who are a part of DCC’s LinkedIn page, or visit www.facebook.com/DCCFAlumni to share their story or learn about other alums.

Additionally, alumni are entitled to numerous services and programs that can help with employment, personal and professional enrichment and savings on travel and events. More information is available at www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni.

Interested in volunteering? It’s a great way to support DCC, make a difference in the community, meet new people and learn new skills. To help with an event or suggest an idea for something new, please contact Burnelle Roser at (845) 431-8402 or burnelle.roser@sunydutchess.edu.

Giving to Our Students

New Opportunities for 2015

In addition to the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the DCC Foundation presents over 170 scholarships annually, with a value of about \$170,000. The awards listed below were given for the first time last year.

The **Virginia Ann Apollo Memorial Scholarship** was established by Frank Apollo in memory of his mother.

The **Bridge to the Future Scholarship** was established by the Dutchess Community College Foundation Board of Directors to be awarded to a student who is involved in the community.

The **Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League Scholarship** was established to support the mission of HVFLL to introduce young people to science and technology. Awardees have been part of the College's Engineering Club and have volunteered at an annual HVFLL competition.

The **Senator Steven M. Saland Bi-Annual Scholarship** was established by the Stephen M. Saland Legacy Fund to support students with a financial need who have engaged in, or demonstrated an interest in, community service.

The **Senator Steven M. Saland Legacy Scholarship** was established by the Stephen M. Saland Legacy Fund to support students in need.

The **DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea** was established to honor the former chair of the DCC Board of Trustees for his crucial contributions to the success of the College and its students.

The **Henry McDermott Scholarship** was established by the McDermott Family Charitable Trust.

The **Young Engineers Scholarship** was established by three Dutchess Community College graduates who now all work for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

For information about how to create a scholarship to honor a loved one, friend or group, contact Foundation Executive Director Diana Pollard at (845) 431-8403.

Scholarship Recipients - 2015

A complete list of scholarships and recipients for 2015 appears below.

ALLIED HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship
Jamison Swaney, Kadisha Whitney-Maxwell

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship
Binta Ceesay

Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship
Marianela Molina

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship
Dina Maston

The Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship
Karima Bengalla

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship
Andrew Doyle

McCann Foundation Scholarship
Beth Roach

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship
Jordan Deeb

Elbert Stillwagon Memorial Scholarship
Joshua Dauner, Kieran Spinelli

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship
Clarissa Virtuoso

Virginia Ann Apollo Memorial Scholarship
Summer Berry

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship
Kaitlyn Woodin

Chief Roger Doyle Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Criminal Justice
Brendan Gocha

Durkin Scholarship
Shannon Walsh

Dutchess County Correctional Officers Benevolent Association Scholarship
Paige Engler

Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship
Danielle Paul

Dr. Michael J. and Lois Hall Memorial Scholarship for Education
Michael Arnold

Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship
Desmond Donaldson Sr.

McCann Foundation Scholarship
Emily Dinga

Vernell Charles "Fuzzy" McClinton Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Sarah Greene

Cathie Tarpey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship
Amber Lee

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship

Michael Gately

Zaida Swan Memorial Scholarship

Allison Jonietz

Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship

Jessica Suphan

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

Ibtissam Elboukhari

BUSINESS

Business Administration Career Scholarship

Rachel Thomas

Business Community College Partnership Scholarship

Dana-Lynn Steele

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship

John Griffin

Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship

Nicole Gallagher

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship

Heather Bova

Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Lindsie Kane

Tony and Faith Krzywicki Business Scholarship

Anastasia Borisenko

Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship

Tara DiChiaro

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Audrey Kaye Dizon

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Nevie Kaan

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Simone

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Larrisa Pope

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

Jason Ranger

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship

Duran Carpenter

Westage Companies Scholarship

Andrew Squires

ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology

Emily Venuto

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Conor Incledon

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship

Samantha LoVerme

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship in Architecture

Frank Alexander

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Nicholas DiLoreto

Michael J. Morris Scholarship

Jacob Metro

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Zaccardi

ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship

Andrea Bialosuknia

Italian Center Scholarship in Language Arts

Noema Paredes

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Paul Christian

William and Margaret Mair Memorial Scholarship

Richard Brady, Abigail Bowen

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Timothy Gerstner

Michael O'Dell Scholarship

Nicolette Palushaj

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship

Noema Paredes

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship

Kaylin Romero

Richard White and Judith Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy

Jessica Suphan

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ATHLETICS AND DANCE

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Haynes

William E. Holland Scholarship

Nicholas Usuriello

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship

Brunilda Baloga

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Pulver

The Mazzetti Family Scholarship

Carolyn Gordon

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Michael Carroll

Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship

Terrence Lawrence

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship

Eric Ortiz

Pat Zerbe Scholarship

Heather St. Germain

HISTORY, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship

Jose Lopez

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Dickerman, Mardell Flonc, Richard Recchia

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Drita Yzbashi

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship

Laritza Caizachana

MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship

Joshua Nelson

Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship

Gia Rowan

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Rachel Puchkoff

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Waylon Gomme

NURSING

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship

Michael Sanders

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Kristal Leon

Eileen Firman Memorial Scholarship

Rokeya Hassan

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship

Roland Johnson

Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship

Ronald Knittle

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship

Gia Obert

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Krystal Lewis

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Morgan Thompson

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Manervlette Bradley-Roberts

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Rajdeep Kaur

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Cassandra Losee

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship

Ronald Karow

Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship

Danielle Van Ostrand

PERFORMING, VISUAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship
Tatiana Colonna

**Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial
Scholarship**
McKenna Gallinari

Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship
Sheryll Gainer, Andre Hyman

**Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theater
Scholarship**
Marvin Prince

**Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial
Scholarship**
Cedric James

**Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra
Scholarship**
Gregory Tyson

**Lidia, Agostino and Mary V. Imperatori
Memorial Scholarship**
Aidan Countryman

JTN Scholarship
Joseph Nieves-Luecke

Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship
Adam Patane

Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship
Hunter Geysen

**Russell and Gloria Kraft Memorial
Scholarship**
Darius Davis, Christopher Harding

McCann Foundation Scholarship
Sade Bereton

Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship
Jinsoo Choi

**Laura Lucille Staats Memorial
Scholarship**
Brendan Komarek

Academic Achievement Scholarship
Nicole Line

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
Sara Zobel

**Association of Women at Dutchess
Community College Scholarship**
Graciela Blechner, Paige Carlson

Bridge to the Future Scholarship
Amber Grogan

**Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW
Scholarship**
Natia Tonge

**William J. Buckner Exempt Firemen's
Scholarship**
Corey Santiago

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship
Cara Mia Bacchiochi

**Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for
Student Leadership**
Richard Recchia

Carmine Curcio Scholarship
Josias Agustin-Mendez

**Alexander Cutonilli Memorial
Scholarship**
Eric Tomik

**Dutchess County Youth Board and
Coordinating Council Scholarship**
Scott Hawkins, Alexis Hill

**The William Jeff Edwards Memorial
Scholarship**
Carlos Galarza

Sadie and William Efron Scholarship
Supria Biswas

Nan Gingham Memorial Scholarship
Jaclyn Sanchez

Louis Greenspan Honors Scholarship
Sarah Hoffman

**Bernard Handel Community Leadership
Scholarship**
Michelle Linker

**Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan
Memorial Scholarship**
Kymouye Williams

**The Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League
Scholarship**
Christopher Ham, Angelina Siragusa

**Helen and Henry Katula Memorial
Scholarship**
Jacob Banach, Jose Lopez

Key Bank Scholarship
Brianna Horning

**Mid-Hudson Sikh Cultural Society
September 11th Scholarship**
Stela Nikolova

**Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
Community Service Scholarship**
Reginald Donaldson

**Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
Scholarship**
Zahra Gayesinghateh

Moody Family Scholarship
Asia Harper

Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship
Melissa Ebneter

Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship
Jason Conforti

**Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial
Scholarship**
Melissa Morris

**Allan E. Rappleyea and Julia M.
Rappleyea Scholarship**
Chrystal South

The Richard Reitano Scholarship
Richard Recchia

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship
Victoria Critton

**Rose and Kiernan Charitable Foundation
Scholarship**
Koceila Ayouni

**The Senator Steve Saland Bi-Annual
Scholarship**
Matthew Velardo

**The Senator Steve Saland Legacy
Scholarship**
Kelly Feuer, Hesdras Jerume

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship
Sharleen Lima

**George A. Strba Charitable Trust
Endowment Scholarship**
Shana-Kay Martin, Kimara Richards

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship
Emily Avis, Abidemi Oyelade

**American Association of University
Women Scholarship**
Briana Bloomer, Hyesoo Choi

Milton Chazen Scholarship
Lauren Boston

**DUE Scholarship in Honor of
Allan E. Rappleyea**
Letti Kittel

**William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial
Scholarship**
Elizabeth Schlusser

**James and Betty Hall Founding
President's Scholarship**
Zoe Kozma

Henry McDermott Scholarship
Megan Bender

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship
Shanthakumar Thangiah

**Maximillian Schneider Memorial
Scholarship**
Annelise Vasti

**Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni
Scholarship**
Alexandria Prashad

**Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor
Memorial Scholarship**
Andre Gjini

Stop & Shop Supermarket Scholarship
Casey Jurutka, Wen Zhen Lin

Marty Triola Math Scholarship
Gabrielle Mattson

Allyn J. Washington Scholarship
Sarah Babcock

**Mildred I. Washington Memorial
Graduate Scholarship**
Daria Hanssen

Young Engineers Scholarship
Mark Toujiline

CLOSE-UP: FROM ETHIOPIA TO ISRAEL

IN A LAND DEFINED BY ITS DIVISIONS, DCC PHOTOGRAPHY
PROFESSOR **LOWELL HANDLER** IS MAKING A DOCUMENTARY FILM
ABOUT CONNECTIONS - AND RECONNECTIONS.





THE BESUFEKAD FAMILY IS PICTURED HERE IN 1992 PRIOR TO LEAVING ETHIOPIA FOR ISRAEL - A JOURNEY DOCUMENTED BY DCC PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR LOWELL HANDLER.



T WAS 1992, AND THE DESTINATION WAS ISRAEL.

For Lowell Handler, a secular Jew, that plane he was boarding in New York would take him to a place where he could explore his Semitic roots. At that same moment, the Besufekad family – two parents and six children – waited in an Ethiopian refugee camp, dreaming of their chance to immigrate to Israel. Their departure would have to wait for a new arrival – the child carried by mother Terefu.

As it turned out, the family’s travel party would increase by yet another. After spending time in Israel, Handler flew to meet the Besufekads in Ethiopia. He had learned about them through a relief organization in New York City months prior and wanted to document their trip to Israel as a contrast to his own. He took hundreds of photographs to document their plight, which began just a few months after thousands of other Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel as part of Operation Solomon.

“I spent 10 weeks in Ethiopia, and for two of those weeks I was at a refugee camp staying in sparse barracks with a doctor from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee who cared for the Ethiopians’ medical needs,” said Handler. “He introduced me to the family and helped interpret. Hours passed as I photographed them and spoke with them. I realized we had more in common than not; what bound us together not only was our ‘Jewishness,’ but also our humanity.”

While waiting for Terefu’s seventh child to make an

appearance, another birth was imminent - Ethiopian democracy. The country’s first free elections were held, and Handler spent a day covering the action. One of the images he captured landed in the international edition of Newsweek magazine.

“I would walk down the street to get lunch during the run-up to the elections, and I’d see skinny 18-year-olds holding Russian-made machine guns,” Handler said. “It was crazy!”

Unfortunately, the specter of violence didn’t stop there. The flight that eventually carried Handler, the Besufekads and other refugees made an overnight stop in Athens. A short time after the plane touched down, a bomb threat was made.

“I realized there was much resentment toward the Ethiopian Jews,” Handler said. “And not just in their own country.”

Despite potential problems, the group arrived safely in Israel. Before too long, Handler was back on a flight to the U.S. The story might have ended there, were it not for the lasting impression he made on the family, and the advent of social media. Fast forward to 2014.

“I got this note out of nowhere on Facebook,” said Handler. “It was Dikla, one of the younger children I met during my first visit. She asked me to call her in Israel.”

He learned that the family was living in the Tel Aviv suburb of Yavne, and that they had lost their father, Shimeless, to cancer a few years prior.

“I put the phone down and cried,” said Handler. “Even



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT FAMILY MATRIARCH TEREFU; ONE OF TEREFU'S GRANDCHILDREN; A COUSIN OF THE FAMILY WITH TEREFU'S DAUGHTER ZEWDE; MEMBERS OF THE BESUFEKAD FAMILY POSE WITH FRANCESCO CORDARO (FAR LEFT), THE FILM'S SECOND CAMERAMAN, DEVIN PICKERING (SECOND FROM RIGHT), DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE FILM AND LOWELL HANDLER (FAR RIGHT); FAMILY MEMBERS GATHER AT THE TABLE FOR A HAVDALAH CEREMONY. (ALL OF THE PHOTOS, EXCEPT FOR THE IMAGE IN WHICH HE APPEARS, WERE TAKEN BY LOWELL HANDLER.)

though it had been over 20 years since I had seen Shimeless.”

In the years since Handler first met the family, the younger children had learned Hebrew and some English. Neither of their parents could speak or write much outside of their native language, Amharic. In part, it was this juxtaposition between the assimilated children and their mother that inspired Handler to return to Israel and produce a documentary.

“The kids all lived as westernized Israelis,” said Handler. “But Terefu, who is in her 50s, is still living as if she is in Ethiopia. The film focuses on her and the relationships between mother and the children of the new generation.”

To help put the project in motion, the Dutchess Community College Foundation awarded Handler the Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies along with a mini-grant. He used the funding to make the trip back to Israel in 2014 to reconnect with the family and to begin shooting the film. Additional funds enabled him to bring along Devin Pickering, director of photography for the film, and second cameraperson Francesco Cordaro. Both are former DCC students. Arts Mid-Hudson is the current fiscal sponsor of the project.

The cultural divide between the age groups that Handler discovered upon his return brought into full view what was hinted at by daughter Dikla over the phone.

Six of Terefu's eight children still reside at home with her, primarily due to economics. Moshe, 23, is a veteran of the Israeli army and became very religious following his father's

death, becoming Hasidic and studying traditional religious texts at a nearby Yeshiva. Other children have taken a more westernized trajectory. One son works at a firm and speaks fluent English, another son is married with four children, owns a business and has a master's degree in engineering. The eldest son is married, works in the human resources field and is on his way to earning a master's degree in political studies. Daughter Dikla works in a court and plans to attend law school and become an attorney. Mother Terefu never has held a job in Israel.

The filming intensified during Handler's summer 2015 visit. Interviews were shot, in addition to other footage that reveals the personal and religious lives of family members. Dozens of hours of film will be edited down to a broadcast-ready 60-minute documentary. The film, titled “Black Sabbath: An Ethiopian Family's Quest for Israeli Identity,” is scheduled to be completed in 2016. A clip of the film, along with a series of photos, will be shown as part of a panel discussion at DCC April 25.

“I want the viewers of this film to get an insight into the worlds of other people,” Handler said. “I want to give the audience a chance to catch a glimpse of a culture that is not their own. We in the U.S. — ours is not the only perspective.” •

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 Ron Hicks
 Howard and Emily Himelstein
 Susan J. Hoctor '67
 Muriel Horowitz
 Margaret J. Horton
 Janet Houston
 Su-Hsuan Huang
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 Hudson Valley Office Furniture
 Carmela Hughes
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 Maryanne C. Johnson '82
 and Mark T. Johnson '78
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 Mark Kastner
 Shawn M. Kellam
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 Steven J. Klein and Anita M. Klein
 Barbara A. Knickerbocker '72
 Craig E. Kodat
 Mary Koniz Arnold '11 and
 Glenn W. Arnold '93
 Elly O. Kouri '86
 Dorothy Lancellata
 Kelly Lavelle
 Timothy P. Lawton
 Thomas E. LeGrand
 Anita L. Lester '80
 Stephen Lichtenberg
 Irene D. Light '92
 Judith A. Linville '66
 Nancy M. LoCicero '89
 Thomas H. Loeber '78
 Joseph A. Lucas '87 and
 Toni M. Emery '66

Matt Ludwig
 Lila R. Lynch
 Richard W. MacNamee
 Philip P. Malinovsky '75 and
 Lisa A. Morris '85
 Judith A. Martin '87
 Charles T. Martino '73
 Brian T. McCarthy
 Chris McCormack
 Kevin McCormack
 Justus E. McCurdy
 Susan J. McGlynn
 Shana McIlwee
 John R. McKinney
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 Richard J. Menfi '78
 Sandro Milanese
 F. Kennon Moody
 Margaret M. Moore '76
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 Deborah T. Most
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 Linda Murray
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 Christopher E. Naylor '95
 Barbara B. Neumann '92
 New York Communications
 Northgate Chiropractic Clinic
 Harold W. Oakhill '78
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 Ann E. Orcutt-Lane
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 Mary E. O'Sullivan '97
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 Michael A. Paretta '63
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 Michael C. Pellizari
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 Heinz Penk
 Philip C. Peters '73
 Frederick Pizzuto, II '68
 Barbara Jean Planck
 Robert B. Podris '66
 Robert G. Pollard, Jr. '95
 Julia M. Rappleyea
 Paula Reckess
 Virginia Rider '68
 Kim Roberto
 Ralph A. Roberto, Sr.
 Donna Rocap
 Rocky's Pizza & Restaurant
 Kenneth R. Roman
 Carol A. Roper
 Ruth M. Ryan
 Ernest Sarason
 Gertrud K. Saucy '83
 Fred W. Schaeffer '63
 Robert A. Seidel '84
 Gilbert J. Seligman
 Georgia Serroukas
 Yvonne K. Sewell '69
 Brian J. Silvers '95
 Jay H. Simpson '68 and
 Mary F. Simpson '74
 Kathlyn A. Stanley '83
 Werner H. Steger
 Carol and George Stevens
 Richard Strain
 Frank and April Strickler
 Patricia E. Suszcynski

Catherine M. Tegmeier '84
 Bruce W. Thompson '68
 Terrence A. Thompson '94
 Torsone Memorial Funeral Home
 Utica General Peterbilt
 George J. Vrba '69 and
 Jane L. Vrba '67
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 Wappingers Congress of
 Teachers
 Ed Weeks
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 Robert N. Wiggin '77
 Stephen and Carol Wing
 Gerald R. Wolniewicz '79
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 Mary E. Wooten
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 Peter J. Zajkowski '74

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 Ann M. Albrecht
 Suzanne B. Albright '95
 Marcia N. Ali
 John and Mary Amandolare
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 AnneMarie Andrews
 Sandra Archer '92
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 Donald T. Bartles, Jr. '71
 Rosemarie I. Becchetti-Rice '83
 Thomas O. Benjamin
 Jacqueline Bennett '99
 Marilyn I. Bialousz '88
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 Eileen R. Black '11
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 Francesca Bouffard '85
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 County Players
 William P. Croushore '78
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 Barbara W. Davenport
 Nadezda Davis

Mary M. DeMichiel '73
 John M. Desmond
 Richard Devens
 Virginia Dexter '75
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 Joel Diamond
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 Barbara A. Dolansky '90
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 Sheryl A. Dominguez '75
 Linda L. Doolittle '95
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 Donna M. Dubois '84
 Karen L. Dubois '80
 Anna May B. Duncan '75
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 Kathleen Eagan '67
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 Ralph and Roseanne Esposito
 Lynn M. Estes '80 and
 Donald M. Estes '73
 Antonietta Fattore
 Larry Fitzpatrick
 Nancy Fitzpatrick
 June S. Ford '72
 Karen L. Francett '78
 Barbara D. Franks '78
 Betty-Ruth Freer '86
 Corinne Fuimarello
 John E. Fumasoli '74
 Dane A. Fury '67
 Diana B. Gaetano '80
 Matoaka Garner and
 Patrick T. Goodall, Sr. '97
 Bonnie J. Goodrich
 Laura L. Goosby '11
 Julianne J. Graffam '85 and
 Mark S. Graffam '95
 Linda A. Grapel '76
 David L. Gray '71
 Madeline E. Grey '74
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 Timothy P. McManus '01
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 Kurt J. Moore '95
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 Susan L. Moore '66
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 Lisa A. Morris '85
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 Barbara J. Mosher
 William L. Muller '95
 Helen F. Murray and
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 David C. Nameth '81
 Ruth Nosonowitz
 Vincent Nunziato
 Paul W. Oakley '74
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 Gerald and Esther Ottaway
 Bill and Helen Page
 Michelle Palmas
 Patricia M. Peluso '80
 Toni Ann Perry
 Gerald Peters '67
 Margaret M. Pineiro
 Eleanore V. Pitcher '73
 Fred A. Policastro '63
 Mary Jane Pompa '89
 Delia A. Potenza-Makris '82
 Virginia A. Poznack '77
 David and Heeja Questad
 Jeanette E. Rambo-Lagrutta '76
 Debra J. Ramsay '88
 Alida Ransom
 Maureen T. Rant '82
 Joseph J. Reilly
 Joseph Reinhardt '83 and
 Cherrie B. Reinhardt '82
 James C. Reynolds '84
 Glenn E. Richardson, Esq. '73
 Thomas L. Rinaldi '99
 Elvira Rizza
 Sharon A. Rizzo '74
 Albert P. Roberts
 Joyce A. Robillard '87
 Jean M. Roe '66
 Richard M. Rose '80

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 Burnelle A. Roser
 Nicole L. Royster '08
 Maureen Ruberto
 Barbara W. Rymarczyk '79
 Klara B. Sauer* '72
 Chris Schmidt
 Paul R. Schule, Jr. '70
 Robert J. Schule '78
 Lori Scolaro
 Joan M. Seifts '70
 Linda D. Sewell '76
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 Jane B. Smith
 Eric Somers
 Stephanie M. Stafford
 Doris M. Stahl
 Richard C. Stalker '69
 Jody T. Sterling
 Cynthia D. Stirling
 Christine P. Summers '94
 Donna M. Swanson '12
 John C. Tacinelli '84
 Mark A. Takacs '72
 Steven Takacs '85
 John D. Testa
 Caren M. Thomas '79
 Diane E. Thompson
 April M. Tiffany '66
 Kathleen Timm
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 Frank and Lois VanZanten
 Robert K. Vaughan '82
 Eleanor K. Veltre '87
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 Anne V. Winans '68
 Paul Winnis
 James Wojtowicz
 Wayne G. Wright '69
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Statement of Financial Condition

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$198,304
Investments	\$9,805,830
Other Assets	\$125,268
Total Assets	\$10,129,402

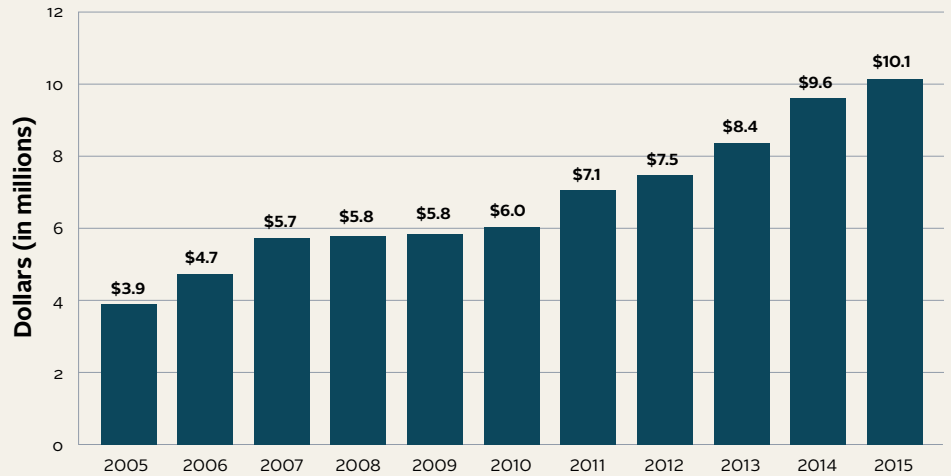
Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$24,927
Other Liabilities	\$28,635
Total Liabilities	\$53,562

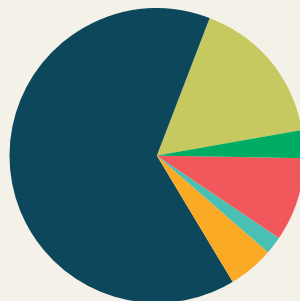
Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$143,293
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,071,720
Permanently Restricted	\$6,860,827
	\$10,075,840
Total Net Assets	\$10,129,402

Growth in Assets: 2005-2015

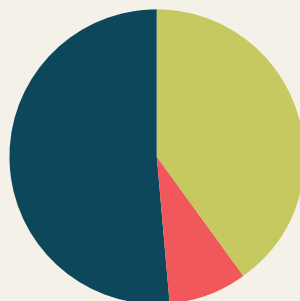


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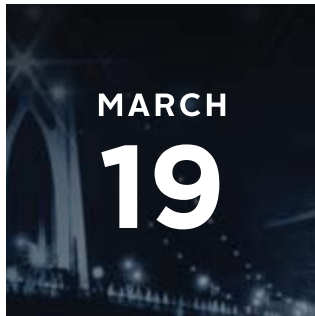
Equity Mutual Funds	\$6,080,152
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	\$1,575,943
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$871,283
Corporate & Foreign Bonds	\$556,714
Money Market Funds	\$310,726
U.S. Government Agencies	\$273,356
Cash	-\$34,950
Total	\$9,633,223

DCCF Support



Development and Stewardship	\$559,243
Scholarships	\$433,903
Program Support	\$92,292
Total	\$1,085,438

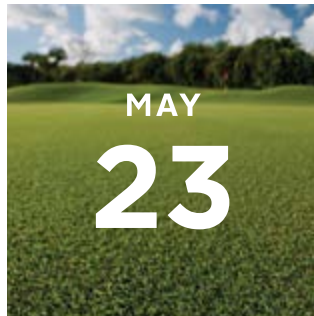
2016 Events



MARCH
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Gala

The Dutchess Community College Foundation Community's Bridge to the Future Gala will be held at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The honorees are: **John O'Shea**, Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award; **Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK)**, Bridge to the Future Award; **Susan Doyle '11**, Alumni Hall of Fame and **William Beale '99**, Alumni Hall of Fame.
SUNYDUTCHESS.EDU/GALA



MAY
23

Golf Tournament

The Dutchess Community College Foundation's 27th Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Jack Orcutt will take place at the Dutchess Golf Club in Poughkeepsie. The event includes dinner, sponsor recognition, awards, auction and raffle.
SUNYDUTCHESS.EDU/GOLF



SEPTEMBER
10

Lobster Bake

The 4th Annual Alumni and Friends Lobster Bake will be held on the DCC campus under a tent behind Bowne Hall from 4 – 7 p.m. Enjoy lobster, steamed clams and mussels or grilled chicken and BBQ ribs with live music and dancing.
SUNYDUTCHESS.EDU/ALUMNI



NOVEMBER
26/27

Holiday Craft Fair

The 45th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held in Falcon and Drumlin halls on the DCC campus. Find unique hand-crafted items and specialty foods from more than 100 vendors for holiday giving – or yourself!
SUNYDUTCHESS.EDU/CRAFTFAIR

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



Students enjoyed a fall day on campus.

These events raise money to support the more than \$400,000 in scholarships awarded each year to over 220 students by the DCC Foundation. Enrollment at the College is more than 9,500 and scholarships provide the bridge to success these students and our community need.



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