



HONORS CONVOCATION

Thursday, May 15, 2014
2:00 p.m.
James and Betty Hall Theatre
Poughkeepsie, New York

Welcome to Dutchess Community College's annual Honors Convocation, a celebration begun in 1997 to recognize the outstanding achievements of students who will continue their studies at DCC in the fall, or who will graduate and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

These students have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills and civic responsibility – and serve as role models both in and out of the classroom. Many of our awardees are juggling the responsibilities of school, work, family and volunteer service. Their hard work and dedication have enriched our campus and our community at large.

More than \$140,000 in scholarships will be awarded this afternoon by the Dutchess Community College Foundation. These are made possible through the generosity of individuals and organizations committed to recognizing excellence and helping students continue their academic pursuits.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients and to the family members and friends who share in their accomplishments by providing support, love and guidance. We look forward to working with those students returning next semester, and wish continued success to those transferring to other colleges.

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

JOHN DEWEY, PHILOSOPHER

WELCOME

Dr. Carol Stevens, Vice President and Dean, Student Services and Enrollment Management

REMARKS

Dr. D. David Conklin, President

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. José A. Adames, Vice President and Dean, Academic Affairs

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (For Continuing DCC Students)

ALLIED HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Including Fire Science, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Medical Laboratory Technology

Karen Ingham, Department Head

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Victoria Bozydaj

Award of \$500..... Rachid Tachakort

The Dutchess County Home Bureau is an organization of women whose goals are community service, consumer education, health and safety education. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in the allied health program.

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Abdullah Kinan

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Dr. Alfredo Fonts, a former faculty member and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at DCC. Also included in this endowment are funds raised in memory of Claire Cataldo Cutbill, '72, a graduate of the dental assisting program. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher and who has taken at least two courses pursuing a degree offered by the Allied Health and Biological Sciences Department.

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

Award of \$500..... Aime Cicilioni

Elvin Gottdiener was a prominent Poughkeepsie physician. This memorial scholarship was established by his wife, Dr. Florence Gottdiener, and is continued by his family today. It is awarded to a full-time student enrolled in a medically related field.

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Khalid Zouir

The family of Dr. Lloyd D. Harris, a prominent area psychiatrist, established this scholarship. It is awarded to a full-time student in DCC's allied health curriculum.

The Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Tajah Johnson

This scholarship was established by her family in memory of a driven young woman who followed her passion to heal.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Binta Ceesay

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Andre Gjini

This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden. This award is given to a full-time student in the allied health and biological science program who is a Dutchess County resident, with preference to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Elbert Stillwagon Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$3,000..... Kevin Costello

Award of \$3,000..... Scott Freeman

Award of \$3,000..... Nicole Wahlers

This scholarship is awarded to students studying in the fire science program. Recipients will be asked to assist in or help promote some LP gas training by the NY Propane Association.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Including Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Child Care and Human Services
Dr. Peter Phipps, Department Head

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Bianca Keesler
This scholarship is in honor of Sheriff Anderson's dedication to the citizens of Dutchess County and was established by his devoted friends. This award is for a full- or part-time student who is studying in the law enforcement area. Community service/volunteerism is an important factor to be considered.

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Ashley Stangl
This scholarship was established by the New York Corrections and Youth Services Association for a full-time student majoring in criminal justice.

**Chief Roger Doyle Memorial Endowed Scholarship
in Criminal Justice**

Award of \$500..... Danielle Paul
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Roger Doyle, chief of the Village of Rhinebeck Police Force for 26 years.

**Dutchess County Correctional Officers Benevolent Association
Scholarship**

Award of \$800..... Lidia Ferreyra
This award is for a full- or part-time Dutchess County resident studying criminal justice with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Joshua Ireland
By encouraging students to pursue criminal justice, the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA hopes that more college students will go into the field of law enforcement. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has taken at least two courses or is majoring in criminal justice, lives in Dutchess County, and shows academic achievement. First priority is given to a student who is a son or daughter of a police officer.

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

Award of \$500..... Samantha LaBarbera
This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Michael J. Hall and Lois Hall. They were lifelong advocates of a strong educational system and the importance of giving back to others through community service. The applicant should be a full-time student with a minimum GPA of 3.0, who demonstrates community service work and is pursuing a degree in Education.

Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jennifer Seidl
Patricia Krause was a professional staff member in the Behavioral Sciences Department at Dutchess Community College until her death in 1998. This scholarship was established by her friends and family to be awarded to a non-traditional student who has shown outstanding devotion to the field of human services and has earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Keli Precious
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Vernell Charles 'Fuzzy' McClinton Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Dolly Tassy
This scholarship was established by Exempt Firemen's Association of Poughkeepsie to honor Fuzzy, a member of their association and a teacher at Clarke Academy in Dobbs Ferry. The scholarship honors his passion for teaching, and is awarded to a full-time student enrolled in the Early Childhood program.

Cathie Tarpey Rodriquez Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Waleska Roche
Friends and colleagues established this award to memorialize Cathie's love for children. It is given to a full- or part-time, non-traditional student who is enrolled in one of the early childhood programs.

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Peter Haylett
This scholarship was funded by Fred Scoralick's friends and associates upon the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of Dutchess County. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident majoring in criminal justice and who has at least a 2.75 GPA.

Zaida Swan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Allison Jonietz
This scholarship was established by the family of Zaida Swan, a longtime early childhood teacher who loved working with DCC's youngest students. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student who has proven academic success and a commitment to working with young children.

Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jocelyn Covarrubias
This scholarship was established by the Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance, a student club at DCC, and is also funded with money from the Mid Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children Scholarship Endowment. Ideally the applicant should address tolerance and diversity from the perspective of youth, adolescence or schools and be committed to extending tolerance and increasing diversity.

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

Award of \$500..... Frank Apollo
This scholarship was established in 2001 by Elizabeth Whalen, a former member of the DCC professional staff, in memory of her parents. The applicant must be an active student pursuing a career in human services, who has demonstrated through volunteer activities on or off campus, a commitment to community service.

BUSINESS

Michael Araujo, Department Head

Business Administration Career Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Monica Rivera

This scholarship was established in 1981 to reward academic excellence by a full-time student studying business administration.

Business Community College Partnership Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Leah Fogarty

This scholarship, established by the local business community in partnership with the DCC Foundation, is for a full- or part-time high-achieving student in the business department.

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Emalie Lasko

The friends and family of Betty Canfield have established this scholarship for a full-time student in the accounting program with a GPA of at least 2.75.

Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Antoinette Perpepaj

This scholarship, founded by the Dutchess County Association of Realtors, is for a full-time student who has taken at least two courses in business administration at DCC.

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Alexander Feldmann

George Freedman was a professor in the Department of Business from 1965 until his death in 1986. His strong connections with the local retail community and the admiration of his peers and students led to the creation of this scholarship.

Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Sarah Santoro

As an organization dedicated to helping the local community, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union established this scholarship to help local students attend DCC. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student who is academically motivated and pursuing a degree in business.

Tony and Faith Krzywicki Business Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Destiny Gordon

This scholarship was established by Tony and Faith Krzywicki in honor of the Business Department faculty. Mr. Krzywicki is a faculty emeritus who was an original faculty member. He served as the first Business Department Head and taught at Dutchess for 28 years.

Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,100.....Moriah Roggio

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Ginger Mancuso, a DCC graduate who was actively involved with local restaurants and community functions. It is awarded to a non-traditional student in the business administration program who is motivated to pursue the fields of hospitality or tourism management.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Janae Rene

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Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Jason Blot

This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a full-time business student who is a Dutchess County resident; preference given to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Michael Bettini

Joe Roberto was a beloved business professor at Dutchess Community College. He was a wonderful colleague, a mentor to our students and a retired businessman who cared for his community. He exemplified the ABG qualities of leadership, scholarship and cooperation.

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Wenzhen Lin

As a long-time community supporter, TEG Federal Credit Union generously endowed this scholarship to help students attain a college education. This award is given to a full- or part-time business student who has achieved academic excellence.

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Katherine Recinos

The regional office of this national accounting firm has had a longstanding association with DCC, and generously established a scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in accounting.

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Amanda Brown

Understanding the need to help the students of the Hudson Valley, Ulster Savings Bank generously endowed this scholarship. This award is for a full- or part-time business student who has achieved academic excellence.

Westage Companies Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Andrew Squires

The Westage Companies have been supporters of many local economic development efforts in Dutchess County. This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student in the business program, to encourage them to become a local business leader.

ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

Mark Courtney, Department Head

Brian Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$3,200..... Ema Marter

Award of \$2,150..... Adam Russell

This scholarship was established by Terrence and Susan Carroll in memory of their son, Brian Carroll, who was a student in the Aviation Science program. These scholarships will be awarded to students in the Aviation Science program who have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology

Award of \$900..... Tennyson McCalla

This scholarship was established by David Conklin in honor of his father, Charles E. Conklin, founder of Conklin Corporation. It is awarded to a full-time student who demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit and who is pursuing a degree in technology, science, or engineering with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Brittany Bennett

Louis Greenspan was a local businessman and contractor who was actively involved with projects at several area colleges. This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time Dutchess or Ulster County resident studying in the architecture, engineering and computer technologies departments; preference given to a student studying architecture.

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Matthew Bogue

Gary J. Lindstrom was one of the three Engineering Plan A graduates in the first DCC class in 1960. Mr. Lindstrom established this scholarship to honor his engineering education at DCC and his interest in Studebakers.

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship in Architecture

Award of \$1,000..... Rachel Pearson

This scholarship was established by Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects for a high-achieving architecture student.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Steven Deede

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The McCann Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Michael J. Morris Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Dmitry Spinelli

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Michael J. Morris to honor the 30th anniversary of his engineering firm, Morris Associates.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Lauren Boston

Daniel P. White was an engineer with IBM for many years. His colleagues established this scholarship in his memory to support full-time students pursuing a degree in engineering sciences, technology, or related fields.

ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES

Dr. Richard A. Malboeuf, Department Head

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Demetria D'Aquanni
Russell Cleverley was not only a DCC graduate, but a member of the adjunct faculty as well. His family established this scholarship in his memory to be awarded to a full-time student majoring in English with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Italian Center Scholarship in Language Arts

Award of \$500..... Alexander Recchia
This scholarship has been established by the members of the Italian Center for a student who has shown outstanding devotion to the study of the Italian language.

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Katherine Sempell
This scholarship was established by the family of Dr. Jerry Lee, the third President of Dutchess Community College. It is awarded to a student interested in the humanities who also is academically motivated.

William and Margaret Mair Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Mikaela Marshall
Award of \$500..... Adam Whitten
William and Margaret Mair, noted Poughkeepsie philanthropists, joined with the Edwin Gould Foundation to establish this scholarship, awarded to students who are enrolled in liberal arts/humanities and social sciences programs.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Joseph Parise
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The McCann Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Michael O'Dell Scholarship

Award of \$1,100..... Zoe Kozma
This scholarship was established by alumnus Michael O'Dell, class of '69, as a reflection of his gratitude for the excellent education and guidance he received at Dutchess Community College. This award is for a student studying in the area of liberal arts or humanities.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Maria Hutman
This scholarship was established in 2001 by the members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls. This Society once provided religious and cultural support for Italian Americans. The applicant must be studying in the field of language arts and must have earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Taylor Fisher
Edmund Webb was a community-minded resident who had great respect for the quality of education offered at DCC. He left a large bequest to be used for scholarships for DCC students. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in liberal arts and sciences/humanities and social sciences.

Richard White and Judith Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy

Award of \$500..... William Troia
Judith Lessinger established this scholarship as a reflection of her gratitude to DCC faculty members who taught philosophy to her son, Richard White, while he was a student at the College. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student interested in the study of philosophy who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ATHLETICS AND DANCE

Tara Sweet-Flagler, Interim Department Head

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Daija Bullard
Mickey Cassetta was a tireless community volunteer who helped the DCC Foundation establish several successful fundraising events. This scholarship was established by his children. It is awarded to a full-time student who enjoys athletics and who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

William E. Holland Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Michael Weuste
Bill Holland was a member of the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance Department for more than 30 years. His friends, colleagues and family members honored him upon his retirement by creating this scholarship.

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kristin Lowe
This scholarship was established by the family of Sally Klein (a longtime faculty member) and Dr. Holly Molella. It will be awarded to a student who is academically motivated and wants to pursue a career in the health education field.

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Karen Grant
Margaret Fondren Koniz had a long career as a dietitian and medical nutrition specialist in the Hudson Valley region. Her family, friends, colleagues and clients honor her life's work with this scholarship. The award is presented to a student who is studying exercise science and wellness and who recognizes the importance of nutrition in the promotion of health and wellness through the lifespan.

The Mazzetti Family Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Megan Bender
This scholarship is funded through the friends and family of John Mazzetti, retired executive director of the DCC Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to a traditional student who has earned at least a 2.5 GPA and is a student athlete participating in a DCC team sport or the Dance Club.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Desmond Donaldson
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The McCann Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Briana DeLuca
The Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship has been established by Dr. Molella, a longtime DCC faculty member and currently interim associate dean of Academic Affairs. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is involved in dance and is academically motivated.

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Michael DeLong
Dick Skimin was an original faculty member at DCC, serving from 1958 through 1996 as department head for the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance Department. Upon his retirement, his family, friends and colleagues established this scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student who has embraced the importance of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

Pat Zerbe Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Melanie Battistoni
Patricia Zerbe is a retired faculty member of the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance Department. Her friends, colleagues and family established this scholarship in her honor. The scholarship is awarded to a female student who is academically motivated, who pursues athletics and who has achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA.

HISTORY, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS

Dr. Werner Steger, Department Head

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Joshua Steinhauer

Joseph H. Gellert, a Poughkeepsie attorney, was a member of the DCC Board of Trustees from 1972 through 1989. This scholarship was established by family and friends, to be awarded to a history, government and economics student recommended by the department head.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Graciela Blechner

Award of \$2,000.....Una Kittel

Award of \$2,000.....Elizabeth Morris

Louis Greenspan was a local businessman and contractor who was actively involved with projects at several area colleges. The trustees of the Louis Greenspan Charitable Trust have established this fund to award three scholarships to full-time Dutchess or Ulster County residents studying history, government or economics who have achieved at least a 2.5 GPA.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Steven Vinci

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Victoria Vogrincic

Vincent Tedone was a Dutchess County Legislator who was greatly respected by his political colleagues. This scholarship is awarded to a part-time Dutchess County resident majoring in history, government or economics who has achieved at least a 2.75 GPA.

MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Anthony J. Zito, Department Head

Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Warren Wilson

This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student in the sciences who has successfully completed a minimum of three, four-credit science courses. Student should be high-achieving and show significant improvement and growth in his or her academics at DCC. Department faculty identify and select the scholarship recipient.

Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kerri LaCour

Seth was an Adjunct MPCS Professor at the time of his death in March 2010. He was an avid hiker and environmentalist who enjoyed sharing his love of nature with his students. This award was established in loving memory of Seth by his wife, Mary, and will be given to a full- or part-time student who is pursuing a career in the environmental science field and who has a 3.0 GPA or higher.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Morgan Gilbert

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time Dutchess County resident. A student applying for the MPCS McCann Foundation Scholarship needs to be able to demonstrate, through their course selection, that s/he is concentrating in the physical sciences, mathematics, or computer science, and has achieved high grades in these courses. Students should be enrolled in LAM, CPS or LAX.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825.....Jan Jaminal

Daniel P. White was an engineer with IBM for many years. His colleagues established this scholarship to support a full-time student pursuing a degree in technology or a related field.

NURSING

Ingeborg Grutzner, Department Head

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Roland Johnson

This organization, affiliated with the American Legion, has fully endowed this scholarship, which is awarded to a full-time nursing student.

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Karina Pita

The Dutchess County Home Bureau is an organization of women whose goals are community service, consumer education, health and safety education.

Eileen Firman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Nargis Sultan

Award of \$500..... Gia Obert

Eileen Firman, a dedicated nurse in the community for 38 years, showed concern for others that went far beyond her nursing career. Applicants need to be dedicated, caring and exhibit compassion in the nursing field.

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Joanne Powers

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Arnold "Sonny" Frasier, a veteran of World War II and an American Legion member who served as chairman of the Legion's Nursing Committee.

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

Award of \$500.....Trang Truong

Elvin Gottdiener was a prominent Poughkeepsie physician. This scholarship, established by his wife, Dr. Florence Gottdiener, is continued by his family today.

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Rita Gonzalez

Blanche graduated from The Vassar Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during WWII. While she spent her life here in the Hudson Valley, much of her time was devoted to the family business, Hart Orchards on Dutchess Turnpike. Nursing was her first love.

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Dulce Celaya

This scholarship is awarded by the Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident enrolled in Nursing.

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Danielle VanOstrand

Leslie's family and friends established this scholarship for a non-traditional nursing student. It is important to honor students returning to college and especially to the nursing program. Leslie represented what DCC is all about - opportunity, growth and excellence.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Peter Campbell

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a Dutchess County resident.

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Megan Brainerd

This scholarship was established by the Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a nursing student who is a Dutchess County resident; preference will be given to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Colin Priest

This scholarship was started by Charles E. Conklin, a local businessman, to honor Martha for her foresight and generosity in helping start Conklin Industries.

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Royeka Hassan

This scholarship was established by the family of Jean D. Rock, a local nurse who lost her battle with a Glioblastoma Multiforme brain tumor in June 2008. Jean was a dedicated and highly skilled nurse, whose primary concern was her kindness to her patients and their families.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship

Award of \$3,500.....Allison Horne-Minott

Vassar Brothers Medical Center is dedicated and committed to the advancement of the nursing profession through support of individuals who are enrolled in the nursing program at DCC by sponsoring the Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a second-year student who has achieved a 3.0 GPA and has completed two semesters of nursing science courses

PERFORMING, VISUAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Joseph Cosentino, Department Head

George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Valentina Palushaj

George was associated with the Poughkeepsie Journal for most of his professional career, serving as a reporter, city editor and business editor. His friends and colleagues established this scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student enrolled in communications and media arts.

Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Brian Underkoffler

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Jacques Cohen. Music was his passion. He was the owner of the Space Recording Studio. This scholarship is awarded to an academically motivated student studying Communications and Media Arts with preference given to a student pursuing a career in music/audio technology.

Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship

Award of \$1,400..... HyeSoo Choi

Award of \$1,400..... Seth Acosta

This organization sponsors and hosts an outstanding quilt exhibition at Dutchess Community College every other year. The Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship is awarded to a full-time, non-traditional student.

Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theater Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Victoria Bartolotti

Talented in virtually all aspects of community theater, Mr. Ferrier earned an associate degree (with honors) in performing arts at age 66. This scholarship was established to honor Mr. Ferrier's dedication to the craft. This scholarship is awarded to someone who shows the same commitment. Given to a non-traditional student with at least a 3.0 GPA, this award will celebrate one aspect of the creative process of theater.

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Cheyenne See

Established by the Hayward family, this scholarship is named in memory of noted local engineer Harold Hayward and his wife, Dorothy. Created to honor Mr. and Mrs. Hayward's love of amateur theater, this scholarship is awarded to a student in the performing arts program who has been an active participant in some phase of a live theater production.

Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Emily Venuto

This scholarship is provided by the Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra, an ensemble comprised of music professionals and educators who teach in local middle schools, high schools and colleges. This award is given to a student who has completed 12 credits, and is enrolled in credit music lessons for the coming fall semester.

Lidia, Agostino and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Joseph Maggio

This scholarship, which was established by Susan L. Fil, niece of Mary Imperatori, is for a full- or part-time student enrolled in the performing arts.

JTN Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Meghanne Alexander

This award is for a student who is a graduate of either John Jay or Roy C. Ketcham high schools in the Wappingers School District. One scholarship shall be awarded to a student with a financial need who has a strong academic record and demonstrates an interest in the arts or theater.

Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... David Dross

This scholarship was created by friends and colleagues of Peter Klose, and fully endowed by his daughter, Erika Hammar-Klose, to memorialize Peter's many contributions as a member of the DCC visual arts faculty.

Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Rachel Thomas

Karen Lee Knapp, an alumnus of DCC, was an exceptional graphic artist. Her family and friends established this scholarship for a full-time student studying commercial art who has achieved at least a 2.75 GPA.

Russell and Gloria Kraft Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jared Gonzalez

The Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra has established this music scholarship, to be awarded to a DCC student instrumentalist.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Charles Knight

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$700..... JinSoo Choi

This scholarship was created by the husband of Lynette McKinney to memorialize her many contributions as a member of the DCC visual arts faculty. It is awarded to a student who has earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Larissa Alvarado

This scholarship was established to honor Laura Lucille Staats, a non-traditional graduate who was interested in art. It is awarded to a full-time, non-traditional student who is enrolled in commercial art or a related field and is a resident of Dutchess County.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONTINUING DCC STUDENTS

Academic Achievement Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Abidemi Oyelade

This scholarship was initiated by the 2001-02 Educationally Disadvantaged Student Committee. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown growth and persistence, and who has completed 24 credits or more at DCC, six of which must be credit-equivalent courses with a lower-than 100 designation.

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship

Award of \$1,200.....Brooke Wallace

The Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship is awarded to a student whose parent, guardian, grandparent, child or grandchild is a DCC alum.

Association of Women at Dutchess Community College Scholarship

Award of \$550..... Jessica Davis

Award of \$500..... Jacquelyn Rutchik

The Association of Women at Dutchess Community College encourages leadership and cooperation among women in community colleges.

Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Austin Raydo

This scholarship was established by Ken Briggs, husband of Trudy. Trudy taught for 25 years in the Poughkeepsie and Wappingers Falls school districts and served as principal of Vassar Road Elementary School. She served as president of the American Association of University Women and was a community activist.

William J. Buckner Exempt Firemen's Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Andrew Baker

Award of \$1,000.....Jonathan Elie

William J. Buckner served as President of the Exempt Firemen's Association for more than 20 years. He was a volunteer firefighter for the city of Poughkeepsie Fire Department, serving in the O.H. Booth Hose Company. Mr. Buckner passed away in September 2007 and the scholarship was created in honor of his dedication to the association.

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$550..... Fleshia Williams

It was stated in Ms. Cady's will that the student awarded this scholarship "shall believe in the principles of the United States Government and his or her manner of being shall be in conformity with the standards of society."

Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for Student Leadership

Award of \$1,000..... Zoe Kozma

Awarded each year to the incoming Student Government President in recognition of the skills and commitment that are needed to effectively lead and represent the student body.

Carmine Curcio Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Nicole Creighton

This scholarship was established in memory of Carmine A. Curcio who began attending DCC after graduating from FDR High School in Hyde Park. Carmine completed one year of classes and then decided to quit college to focus on working full time. After many years, he decided to once again pursue a degree at DCC and enrolled as an adult student in 2003. He matriculated into the Business Administration curriculum, attended classes part time and graduated in May 2007. Awarded to a non-traditional student with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Alexander Cutonilli Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,500.....Veronica Malloy

Alexander Cutonilli served in the DCC Admissions Office from 1967 until his death in 1994. A Hyde Park resident, he was committed to his community, students and the Dutchess County Counseling Association.

Dutchess County Youth Board Community Service Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... AnneMarie Ferraiolo

This award is for a high-achieving Dutchess County resident who has made contributions to community service through active volunteerism.

The William Jeff Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Hweida Sero

This scholarship was established by a committee under the leadership of Mike Pesacov to honor and remember the outstanding work done for at-risk youth by their friend and colleague Jeff Edwards.

Sadie and William Effron Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Harry Lynch

This scholarship was established by the children of Sadie and William Effron to honor their parents' contributions to DCC and the community.

Nan Gingher Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... De'Juan Encarnacion

Nancy "Nan" Gingher was a lifetime resident of Shenanigan Farm in Stanfordville, N.Y. and a long-time psychotherapist and staff member at Dutchess Community College until her retirement in 1989.

Louis Greenspan Honors Scholarship

Award of \$1,500.....Samuel Wyld

This scholarship is awarded to a returning DCC student who is a Dutchess or Ulster County resident who currently is a President's List student.

Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Lisa Larsen

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in community service work. This award is being made in honor of Dr. D. David Conklin, the 2014 recipient of the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award.

Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$650..... Anthony Green

This scholarship was established by the SMA Foundation to support non-traditional students with the costs of attending Dutchess Community College. Preference will be given to students with a GPA of at least 2.5.

Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jessica Gariolo

Award of \$500..... Nicole Stillwell

Maryanne Keller-Chai, DCC's 1984 Commencement speaker, established this scholarship in honor of her parents, Helen and Henry Katula. It is awarded to a full-time student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS *(continued)*

Key Bank Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Israel Frank

This award is for a student from New York state who has a minimum GPA of 2.5, is enrolled full- or part-time and has a history of community involvement.

Mid-Hudson Sikh Cultural Society September 11th Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Caleb Buccio

This scholarship was established by the Mid-Hudson Sikh Cultural Society to honor those who volunteered during the September 11 tragedy. Community volunteerism must be an important part of this student's life.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Kylie Kaufman

This scholarship was established to help local students who are members of the credit union attend DCC. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated and demonstrates a commitment to community.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Christopher Ogden

This scholarship was established by the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union to help local students who are members of the credit union attend DCC. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated.

Moody Family Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Dolores Cosma

Dr. F. Kennon Moody served as a teacher and administrator at DCC from 1974 until 1997. This award is for a non-traditional full-time student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and has not attended a post-secondary institution other than DCC in the last five years.

Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Marcia Switzer

Jean Needy, a longtime DCC Foundation board member, established this award for a high-achieving woman of outstanding integrity.

Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship

Award of \$500..... John Bittner

This scholarship has been established by the members of this Lions Club for a student who resides in the Town of Clinton in Dutchess County.

Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Steven Gillespie

This scholarship was established by Rob Weiss and other friends and supporters of Mark Palmateer, who served his country in Afghanistan with dignity and pride. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who is academically motivated.

Allan E. Rappleyea and Julia M. Rappleyea Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Nigel Simms

This scholarship was established by the family and devoted friends of Allan and Julia Rappleyea. Allan Rappleyea served the College for decades on the board of trustees and as the College attorney. This scholarship is in honor of their dedication to DCC and education in general. This award is for a full- or part-time student who applies themselves diligently to his or her job, as well as to academics. Community service/volunteerism and financial need are important factors to be considered. Preference is given to a student living in Poughkeepsie.

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Susan Mayorga

This award is for a student from either Dutchess or Ulster counties who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Rose and Kiernan Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Arjeta Gashi

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is pursuing a career in the field of health care, wellness, education or business.

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Maria Panza

This scholarship has been funded by The George T. Whalen, Jr. Foundation to honor Catherine Reeck Shanks, a founding officer of the Foundation and a 1979 graduate of Dutchess Community College.

George A. Strba Charitable Trust Endowment Scholarship

Award of \$3,750..... Brendan Donnelly

Award of \$3,750..... Tunicia Ward

This scholarship is awarded to two continuing DCC students who graduated from Poughkeepsie High School.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Matthew Cerasaro
Award of \$750..... Erica Hosch

The DCC Alumni Association has generously funded scholarships for two graduating students who have demonstrated educational excellence.

American Association of University Women Scholarship

Award of \$600..... Tina Staniscia
Award of \$500..... Cheryl Hopkins

As part of its goal to advance the continuing education of women, the Poughkeepsie branch of AAUW awards these scholarships to DCC non-traditional female students in any discipline transferring to a four-year college.

Milton Chazen Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Louis Zapp

This scholarship was established by Richard H. Chazen, P.E., in memory of his father, Milton Chazen, P.E., L.S. The Chazen Companies was started by Richard's father and mother in 1947. Milton was an engineer and entrepreneur. The scholarship is awarded to an engineering student in anticipation that he or she will carry on the tradition and determination of Milton Chazen into the field of engineering.

William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Andrea Monteleone

Awarded to a student with a GPA of at least 3.0, who is a resident of Dutchess County, transferring to an accredited four-year college, intending to study history or political science on a full-time basis.

James and Betty Hall Founding President's Scholarship

Award of \$3,000..... Unshin Kittel

This scholarship was established in 2003 by June S. Pierson, professor emeritus, on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of teaching at Dutchess. Professor Pierson created the scholarship to recognize and honor the outstanding integrity, commitment, and strong intelligent leadership of the founding president of DCC, James F. Hall.

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Elisa Kischuk

Established by former faculty member Gail Sayegh in memory of her husband, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating student demonstrating excellence in the computer information systems program.

Maximillian Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Nasim Gafur

Poughkeepsie resident Dudley Schneider established this scholarship in memory of his father. It is awarded to a graduating student who plans to continue the study of architecture.

Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Weston Baines

This scholarship was established by DCC engineering alumni to honor Professor Steffen's leadership as head of the Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies Department at DCC and to commemorate his retirement after more than 35 years of service. It is awarded to a student graduating with a degree in engineering or engineering technology who is transferring as a full-time student to a four-year engineering or engineering technology program. The award will be based on merit, need, faculty recommendations and activities outside of the classroom.

Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Joshua Wright

This scholarship was established by the colleagues and friends of Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor, beloved faculty members. It is awarded to a graduating student who majored in one of the science curricula at DCC and who intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in the sciences at a four-year college or university.

Stop & Shop Supermarket Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Yoshinori Tsuji

DCC students in either the retailing or business administration programs can qualify for this scholarship, which rewards academic excellence in those two curriculums. Students must have at least a 3.8 GPA.

Marty Triola Math Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Andrew Meier

In commemoration of his retirement as a faculty member of the Mathematics Department, Professor Triola established this annual scholarship. It is awarded to a graduating student who has taken elementary statistics and has achieved a GPA of at least 3.75.

Allyn J. Washington Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Matthew Perl

Mr. Washington was an original faculty member at DCC and is the author of several popular mathematics textbooks. He established this scholarship for a graduate who will continue to study mathematics at a four-year college.

Mildred I. Washington Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Matthew Travagline

Allyn J. Washington established this scholarship in memory of his wife. It is awarded to a graduating student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who plans to transfer to a four-year college and major in teaching.

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