



Honors Convocation

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Dutchess Community College's annual Honors Convocation began 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 \$160,000 in scholarships was awarded this spring by the Dutchess Community College Foundation and 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

Thank you to our generous donors for investing in a better future by supporting our hardworking students, whose aptitude and humanity will guide us through tomorrow's challenges. Your support has provided a lifeline to this generation of students facing the challenges of COVID-19.

Though social distancing guidelines have prevented DCC students, faculty, staff and donors from gathering this spring for a ceremony, the stories we see every day of medical professionals and other frontline workers stepping up during the crisis remind us of a principle at the heart of the Honors Convocation – the world is a better place when we help each other.

Congratulations to each of our scholarship recipients for succeeding in the face of difficult circumstances.



DUTCHESS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

The mission of the Dutchess Community College Foundation is to raise funds to provide scholarships and support the College's initiatives that will have a significant and direct impact on the students, faculty and staff of Dutchess Community College.

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR CONTINUING DCC STUDENTS

Allied Health and Biological Sciences

Including Exercise Science & Wellness, Fire Science and Medical and Allied Health Technologies

Karen Ingham, Department Chair

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Andrzej Lisiecki
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 has achieved at least a 2.5 GPA.

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Jacquelyn Delli Carpini
Award of \$500..... Rebecca Ostrander
The Dutchess County Home Bureau is an organization of women whose goals are community service, consumer education, health and safety education. Two scholarships are awarded to full- or part-time students who are enrolled in the Allied Health program.

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Amani-Dasia Augustin
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.

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Amelia Stewart
The family of Dr. Lloyd D. Harris, a prominent area psychiatrist, established this scholarship. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student in DCC's Allied Health curriculum.

William E. Holland Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Carlos Lewis
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. It is awarded to a full- or part-time male student who embraces the importance of athletics and has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Desire Moore
This scholarship was established by her family in memory of a driven young woman who followed her passion to heal. It is awarded to a hard-working, full- or part-time student in the Allied Health and Biological Sciences program.

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Caitlin Martin
Dennis Kipp was an environmental reporter for the Poughkeepsie Journal for many years until his death in the summer of 1998. Family and friends established this scholarship to assist a full- or part-time student with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Jay Smith
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 full-time student who is studying Exercise Science and Wellness with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Mazzetti Family Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Miguel Dominguez
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 student enrolled in the Exercise Science and Wellness program. The recipient must be a full-time student and have achieved at least a 2.5 GPA.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Francis McClue
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time student who is a Dutchess County resident and is studying in an Allied Health & Biological Sciences program.

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$1,250.....Jennifer Howard
This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a full-time student in the Allied Health and Biological Sciences program who is a Dutchess County resident, with preference to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Griffin Langiu
Dick Skimin was an original faculty member at DCC, serving from 1958 through 1996 as department chair 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.

Tara Sweet-Flagler Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Eman Khalifa
This scholarship was established by Tara Sweet-Flagler, associate professor of wellness and fitness. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is matriculated in the Exercise Science and Wellness program. The student must have a 2.75 GPA and demonstrate a financial need.

Pat Zerbe Scholarship

Award of \$1,500.....Lisette Tabales
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 full- or part-time female student who is academically motivated, who has embraced the importance of athletics and has achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Behavioral Sciences

Including Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Education and Human Services

Michael Hall, Department Chair

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Anthony Lombardo

This scholarship was established by the devoted friends of Sheriff Anderson in honor of his dedication to the citizens of Dutchess County. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student who is studying in the law enforcement area.

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Vanessa Phillips

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 Scholarship in Criminal Justice

Award of \$500.....Samantha Gonzalez

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Roger Doyle, chief of the Village of Rhinebeck Police Force for 26 years. The applicant must be a Dutchess County resident, a full-time student with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and who has taken at least two courses in Criminal Justice.

Dutchess County Correctional Officers

Benevolent Association Scholarship

Award of \$800.....Cierra Smith

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.....Tufan Melnik

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 full-time student who has taken at least two courses or is majoring in Criminal Justice, lives in Dutchess County and shows academic achievement.

Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association Scholarship

Award of \$800.....Demani Morrison

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in the Criminal Justice program who is a Dutchess County resident and has a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Dutchess County and NYS South Eastern Zone Retired Teachers Associations Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Akiera O'Brien

This scholarship was established in recognition of retired teachers in Dutchess County and is awarded to a continuing full- or part-time student who is pursuing a degree in teaching.

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

Award of \$1,000.....Savannah Sage

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 recipient is a full-time student with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who demonstrates community service work and is pursuing a degree in Education.

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kiara Santiago

This scholarship was established by the family of Sally Klein, a longtime faculty member, and Dr. Holly Molella, former dean of Academic Affairs. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated and wants to pursue a career in the health education field.

Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Samantha Smith

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 full-time 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 \$1,000.....Samantha Kops

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

Cathie Tarpey Rodriquez Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Bobbie Anderson

Friends and colleagues established this award to memorialize Cathie's love for children. It is given to a full- or part-time student who is enrolled in one of the early childhood programs and has a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference is given to a post-traditional student.

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship

Award of \$900.....Gabriela Lugo Nallem

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 who has at least a 2.75 GPA.

Zaida Swan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Brittany Stasiak

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 studying Early Childhood Education that has at least a 2.5 GPA.

Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Connor McCormack

This scholarship was established by the Pride Alliance Club at DCC, and also is funded with money from the Mid-Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children Scholarship Endowment. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student. 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.....Desiree Vazquez

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. He/she must be a full-time student who has earned a GPA of at least 3.25.

Business, Aviation and Construction Professions

Including Architectural Technologies

Joan McFadden, Department Chair

Business Administration Career Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Tyler Cross

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..... Stephanie Laugier

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 program.

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Logan Coon

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..... Angiolina Goldsmith

This scholarship, created by the Dutchess County Association of Realtors, is for a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident and has taken at least two courses in Business Administration at DCC with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Shane Sutton

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. It is awarded to a Business Administration student who has earned a 3.8 GPA.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$3,000..... Rebeca Duarte

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 a scholarship to a student studying in engineering, architecture or computer technology.

Hudson Valley Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Joshniel Monegro Mateo

As an organization dedicated to helping the local community, Hudson Valley 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..... Ndeye Madjiguene Cisse

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

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Michelle Arevalo

This scholarship was established by Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects for a high-achieving architecture student who is attending DCC as a full- or part-time student.

Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,100..... Thomas Ahmed

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 post-traditional student in the Business Administration program and who is motivated in pursuing the field of hospitality or tourism management.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Arden Bevans-Jenkins

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is a Dutchess County resident studying in a Business program.

Meyer Family Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Preston Balassone

Award of \$1,000..... Cameron Burnette

This scholarship was established by Christian and Mary Beth Meyer in recognition of Chris Meyer's lifelong career in construction management. Meyer Contracting has a long history of successful commercial construction projects in the Hudson Valley and this is the family's way of giving back to its community.

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$1,250..... Kevin Espinosa-Lopez

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

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Chizel Anderson

Joe Roberto was a beloved business professor at DCC. 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. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a member of Alpha Beta Gamma.

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Abby Knauss

As a longtime community supporter, TEG Federal Credit Union established this scholarship to help business students attain a college education. It is given to a student who has achieved academic excellence.

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Alyssa Potet

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

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Camila Turini

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

Westage Companies Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jannate Sekatawa

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.

English and Humanities

Dr. Joseph Allen, Department Chair

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Marcello Isidoro
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.

Sylvia L. Jones Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Michael Spero
Vernon D. Jones established this scholarship in memory of his wife, a former faculty member, and her love of DCC. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing, full-time student who is enrolled in a foreign language class.

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Dylan Stanet
This scholarship was established by the family of Dr. Jerry Lee, the third President of Dutchess Community College. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student interested in Humanities who also is academically motivated.

Seth W. Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy

Award of \$500..... Kyle Krinsky
Judith Lessinger established this scholarship as a reflection of her gratitude to DCC faculty members who taught philosophy to her son, Seth, while he was a student at the College. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is interested in philosophy and has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to a single parent.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Melissa Finnigan
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time student who is a Dutchess County resident and is studying in an English or Humanities program.

Michael O'Dell Scholarship

Award of \$1,600..... Nicholas Scott
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 full- or part-time student majoring in Liberal Arts or Humanities.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Elizabeth Beigert
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 a full-time traditional student who resides in Dutchess County who is studying in the field of Language Arts and has earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Moyinoluwa Daramola
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 a Dutchess County resident.

History, Government and Economics

Dr. Laura Murphy, Department Chair

Eric W. Deyo Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Jayla Turnbull
This scholarship was established by Eric W. Deyo, a 1971 DCC graduate and social worker at Dutchess County Social Services for 31 years. It is awarded to a full-time second-year history, government or economics student who has shown outstanding critical thinking skills and a willingness to question conventional wisdom. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... John Pawelczyk
Joseph H. Gellert, a Poughkeepsie attorney, was a member of the DCC Board of Trustees from 1972 through 1989. This scholarship was established by his family and friends, to be awarded to a full-time history, government and economics student who is recommended by the department head.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$3,000..... Jessica Custodio
Award of \$3,000.....Anthony Lozano
Award of \$3,000.....Renee Niles
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- or part-time Dutchess or Ulster county residents studying history, government or economics.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Ernest Folchi
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. This scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time student who is a Dutchess County resident and is studying in a History, Government and Economics program.

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Stephen Newman
Vincent Tedone was a Dutchess County Legislator who was greatly respected by his political colleagues. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident, is majoring in history, government or economics and has achieved at least a 2.75 GPA.

Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Sara Taylor, Department Chair

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Mark Venuto

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time student who is a Dutchess County resident and is studying in a Mathematics or Computer Sciences program.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Owen Riegler

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. A student applying for the scholarship needs to be able to demonstrate, through their course selection, that they are concentrating in mathematics or computer science, and has achieved high grades in these courses.

Nursing

Dr. Michele Lopez, Department Chair

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Sarah Durant

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

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500..... James Weber

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

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Marcello Castelli

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. The applicant must be a full-time student, a Dutchess County resident, be registered in the nursing program and have achieved at least a 2.5 GPA.

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Danielle Hale

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. This award will be presented to a full- or part-time nursing student who has demonstrated academic success.

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Alexandra Ziegler

This scholarship is awarded by the Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident, is enrolled in nursing, and has a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Mary Lyman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Brianna Gilman

This scholarship was established by Danielle Bailey, Erick Lyman and John Lyman in memory of their mother, Mary Lyman. Mary was a nursing lab assistant for five years and was a clinical adjunct instructor for 15 years. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing student who is in the nursing program with a minimum 3.25 GPA.

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Elizabeth Cowen

Leslie's family and friends established this scholarship for a full-time 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 \$1,000..... Caitlin Hudson

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

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$1,250..... David Perri

This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a full-time nursing student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Yazmi Gerard

This scholarship was started by Charles E. Conklin, a local businessman, to honor Martha for her foresight and generosity in helping start Conklin Corp. This award is for a full-time nursing student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and the necessary personal attributes to become a dedicated nurse.

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jessica Gleason

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. This scholarship is for a full- or part-time student who has a proven academic record.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Sienna Cody

Vassar Brothers Medical Center is dedicated and committed to the advancement of the nursing profession through support of individuals in the nursing program at DCC by sponsoring the Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating student who is enrolled in a BSN program at a regionally accredited four-year college and has achieved a 3.0 GPA or better.

Nursing

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Jackie Warner Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Patricia Fainguersch

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time continuing nursing student who attends DCC. The student must pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), have completed 27 credits, and maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Ann D. Whalen Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Julia Gunn

This scholarship was established by George T. Whalen, Jr. in memory of his beloved wife and her commitment to nursing. Ann became a registered nurse having graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in Poughkeepsie. She then worked at Sharon Hospital and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. This scholarship will be awarded to a continuing full-time nursing student who has passed the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS); has completed 27 credits and maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Performing, Visual Arts and Communications

Joseph Cosentino, Department Chair

George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Destiny Mercado

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- or part-time student enrolled in communications.

Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Demier Harrison

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 a full-time, 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..... Kimberly Francis

Award of \$1,400..... Timothy John Weigand

This organization sponsors and hosts an outstanding quilt exhibition at Dutchess Community College every other year. The Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarships are awarded to post-traditional continuing students who are residents of Dutchess County, are studying performing, visual arts and communications on a full-time basis and have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theatre Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Elizabeth Elkins Weigand

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 post-traditional, full- or part-time student with at least a 3.0 GPA, this award will celebrate one aspect of the creative process of theater.

Stuart Griffin Photography Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Jay-Jyikee Fincher

This scholarship is given in recognition of Stuart's personal love of photography. Stuart was an amateur photographer that focused his art on the mid-Hudson Valley and specifically the majestic Hudson River. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time continuing student. Eligible students must share Stuart's love of photography and be enrolled in photography classes at DCC and have a 2.5 or higher GPA. Preference will be given to a student whose art is focused on the mid-Hudson Valley.

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... William Beresford

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. The recipient must be a full-time student who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Justin O'Hearn

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

Agostino, Lidia and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Nicole King

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..... Patrick Lloyd

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. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student demonstrating financial need and who has had a strong academic record and demonstrates an interest in the arts or theater.

Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Danielle Hoffman-Caguiat

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. It is awarded to a full-time student who has taken at least one photography course.

Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Wardell Mitchell

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.

Performing, Visual Arts and Communications

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Russell and Gloria Kraft Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Joseph Richard
The Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra has established this music scholarship, to be awarded to a full-time DCC student instrumentalist.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Beth Fisher
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. This scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$700.....Jake Russo
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 full-time student with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Yajeev Britton
The Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship has been established by Dr. Molella, a former DCC faculty member and dean of Academic Affairs. This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student who is involved in dance and is academically motivated.

Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Amber O'Toole
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, post-traditional student who is enrolled in commercial art or a related field.

Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology

Timothy Welling, Department Chair

Brewer-Welling Scholarship for Environmental Studies

Award of \$1,000..... Luke Belardo
This scholarship was established by Gizel Brewer in honor of her professor, Timothy Welling, and their joint appreciation of environmental science. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has taken at least one science course and has a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology

Award of \$900..... Jared Revell
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 is pursuing a degree in technology, science or engineering with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Nicole Gallagher
This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student in the sciences who is high-achieving and shows significant improvement and growth in his or her academics at DCC.

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Ethan Benjamin
Gary J. Lindstrom was one of the three Engineering Plan A graduates in the first DCC class of 1960. He established this scholarship to honor his engineering education at DCC and his interest in Studebakers. The scholarship is for a full-time student studying engineering science who is a resident of Dutchess County.

Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Taylor Brooks
Seth was an adjunct 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 is given to a full- or part-time student pursuing a career in the environmental science field and who has a 3.0 GPA or higher.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Luciano Attie
Award of \$1,000.....Melissa Cuba
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a local full- or part-time physical sciences student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Michael J. Morris Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Samantha McCarthy
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Michael J. Morris to honor the 30th anniversary of his engineering firm, Morris Associates. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time engineering student who has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.

Tompkins Mahopac Bank Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Elijah King
This scholarship was established by Tompkins Mahopac Bank to support a student in the field of advanced manufacturing. It is awarded to a full-time, continuing student who is matriculated in the ELT program.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Arianna Luna
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 degrees in engineering sciences, technology or related fields with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR CONTINUING DCC STUDENTS

Academic Achievement Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Halimah Stone

This scholarship was initiated by the 2001-02 Educationally Disadvantaged Student Committee. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has shown growth and persistence, and who has six credit-equivalent courses with a lower than 100 designation.

Association of Women at DCC Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Talitha Hussey

Award of \$500.....Christina Rodriguez

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

Bridge to the Future Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jessica DeCarmine

This scholarship was established by the Dutchess Community College Foundation Board of Directors. It is awarded to a full-time continuing student matriculated in a DCC program who has completed a minimum of 12 credit hours with a minimum 2.75 GPA and is a Dutchess or Putnam county resident.

Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kaylla Wimberly

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. This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student who has proven academic success.

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$550..... Madison Fletcher

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." In addition, the applicant must be a full-time student who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Peter J. Clark and Timmian C. Massie LGBTQ Scholarship

Award of \$3,500.....Juan Malaver

This scholarship was established by Timmian C. Massie and Peter J. Clark to support members of the LGBTQ community at Dutchess Community College. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing, full-time student with a proven track record of leadership and community involvement; strong academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 2.5; demonstrates financial need; is matriculated in a degree-granting program and is "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for Student Leadership

Award of \$1,000..... Kyle Troia

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 \$1,800.....Konan Kouassi

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.....Amy Oblitas

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. The award is for a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Shannon Kelly

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

William Jeff Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Brigit Caizachana

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. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student. Preference is given to a student who demonstrates that he or she has overcome difficult odds to be successful at DCC.

Sadie and William Efron Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Camarae Hardy

This scholarship was established by the children of Sadie and William Efron to honor their parents' contributions to DCC and the community. The scholarship is awarded to a student attending on a part-time basis; preference is given to a post-traditional student.

Nan Gingher Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Saliman Bachilly-Redd

Nancy "Nan" Gingher was a lifetime resident of Shenanigan Farm in Stanfordville and a longtime psychotherapist and staff member at Dutchess Community College until her retirement in 1989. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is eligible to receive disability services at the College and has at least a 2.5 GPA.

Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Elijah Smalls

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is involved in community service work. This award is given in honor of this year's recipient of the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award, Martin Charwat.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued

Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Jared Revell
This scholarship was established to support the mission of HVFLL and is awarded to first- and second-year students who are active participants in the DCC Engineering Club and have demonstrated support of the mission of HVFLL by volunteering their time to encourage the youth of our region to explore math, science and technology. The DCC Engineering Club and its advisor select the recipient.

Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Lillian Collignon
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.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Patrick Dambra
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.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Ariel Paulino
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 and majoring in business or a business-related field.

Moody Family Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Cheryl Tomassetti
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 with a GPA of 3.0 or better who is enrolled in a degree or certificate program that will lead to a career in Human Services.

Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Arzam Khan
Jean Needy, a longtime DCC Foundation board member, established this award for a full-time, high-achieving woman of outstanding integrity.

Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Kyle Troia
This scholarship has been established by the members of this Lions Club for a full- or part-time student who resides in the Town of Clinton and has demonstrated volunteer work or community service. The awardee must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Madison Todaro
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..... Charles Ackerman
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 is applied diligently to his or her job, as well as to academics.

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Glenda Giordani
This award is for a full-time student from either Dutchess or Ulster counties who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Stefani Ramirez-Ossa
This scholarship was established by Steve Saland to support students in need and is awarded to a full-time continuing student in EOP or in great financial need. Qualifications include matriculation in a program at DCC, completion of 12 credit hours with a minimum 2.75 GPA and being a single parent and Dutchess County resident.

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship

Award of \$1,250..... Shakiel Blair
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. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated; preference is given to residents of the Millbrook School District.

Tiger Family Scholarship to Support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Award of \$1,000 Saliman Bachilly-Redd
Award of \$1,000 Jillian Lobo
This \$1,000 scholarship was established by Cynthia S. Tiger and Wendy Ciancetta in recognition of the deaf residents of the Mid-Hudson Valley and is awarded annually to two continuing students with at least a 2.5 GPA – one who is deaf, hard of hearing or CODA, and one who is taking ASL classes. Ideally, each student would be planning to enter nursing or another medical profession.

Captain Trevor Yurista Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Sheila Stukes
This scholarship was established by the Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley and is awarded to a student who is a spouse or child of a veteran and attending Dutchess Community College on a full- or part-time basis.

Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$650..... Carline Brown
This scholarship was established by the SMA Foundation to support non-traditional full-time students with the costs of attending Dutchess Community College. Preference will be given to students with a GPA of at least 2.5.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Nicholas Roth
Award of \$750..... Sydney Roth

The DCC Alumni Association has funded scholarships for three full-time graduating students who have demonstrated educational excellence and displayed outstanding qualities such as leadership, scholastic achievement, participation in clubs and organizations or community service.

American Association of University Women Scholarship

Award of \$600..... Lourdess Jordan
Award of \$600..... Ariyanna Teye

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

Milton Chazen Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jayson Graham

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. The student must be full-time and graduating or transferring to a four-year college or university as a full-time student majoring in engineering or a related field.

Jim Curley Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Natalia Sofokles

This scholarship was established by Jim Curley to recognize the importance of the scholarship he received when attending DCC. He would like to help a student in that same way. Jim graduated DCC in 1964 and went on to the University at Albany to pursue a degree in accounting. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating student moving on to a regionally accredited college to pursue a baccalaureate degree in accounting.

DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea

Award of \$3,750..... Hope Tanguu

Student qualifications for the award include a consistent record of academic excellence, with a minimum 3.5 GPA at the time of application and a strong record of community service.

William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Brian VanBenschoten

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

Cynthia R. Feldman Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Joy Parker

The applicant must be a graduating post-traditional student who is enrolled in an English and Humanities program, academically motivated, has embraced the importance of education, and has a 3.2 GPA or better.

Dr. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Brian Hanson
Award of \$500..... Evelyn Vasquez

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 who is continuing their education at a four-year institution.

James and Betty Hall Founding President's Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Belvin Nedumthakady

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. The annual award is given to a full-time graduating student who has maintained a GPA of at least 3.2.

Henry McDermott Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Azzan Williams

This scholarship was established by the McDermott Family Charitable Trust for a student who is a resident of Dutchess or Putnam counties transferring to an accredited four-year college or university in the United States on a full-time basis.

Richard Reitano Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Iridian Lucas-Garcia

This scholarship was created to honor Professor Richard Reitano, who taught Government at Dutchess Community College. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of DCC who will transfer to a four-year college and who will major in political science. The student must have taken either the Model UN course or at least one other honors course at DCC.

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Johanna Sanchez

Established by former faculty member Gail Sayegh in memory of her husband, this scholarship is awarded to a full-time graduating student demonstrating excellence in the Computer Information Systems program.

Maximillian Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... David Holowiak

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

Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Vera Ruiz

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 full-time 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.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued

Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Gabrielle Delpizzo

This scholarship was established by the colleagues and friends of Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor, beloved faculty members. It will be awarded to a full-time 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.

Transfer 101 Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Macarous Ansah

Award of \$1,000.....DeMia Billups

Eligible students must have attended the Transfer 101 Workshop, be full-time and have a 2.5 or higher GPA.

Allyn J. Washington Scholarship

Award of \$2,000.....Hana Gubran

Award of \$2,000.....Meghan Myler

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. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student through faculty nomination.

Mildred I. Washington Memorial Graduate Scholarship

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

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

Young Engineers Scholarship

Award of \$1,200..... Jason Bourne

This scholarship was put together by three DCC graduates who pursued bachelor's degrees in three different disciplines of Engineering and who now all work for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. This scholarship was formed to encourage young engineering students to pursue a career in Engineering. The student must be full-time, accepted into a four-year ABET-accredited school and have a minimum GPA of 3.3.

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