

# Perspectives

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. ~Robert Louis Stevenson*

## New Planned Giving Website and E-Newsletter to Aid Your Financial Planning

We are pleased to announce the Foundation's new Planned Giving Website. It's filled with great articles and information to help you plan for your future. The site is regularly updated with new information about changes to laws that may affect your giving and charitable deductions. All of the "Latest News" and "Most Read News" articles about planned giving are visible from every page. Additional features are our "Hot Topics", "Build Your Gift", or "Plan by Life Stage" buttons on the bottom of the page that open up into a world of inspired, useful, and life-changing subjects.



Currently under "Hot Topics" you can peruse articles such as:

- What Do You Know About Gift Annuities? Take Our Quiz
- Top 10 Questions to Ask Your Parents About Their Estate Plans
- Three Essential Additions to Your Pre-Travel Checklist



"Plan by Life Stage" has useful information for all adult age groups. Planning your estate is something everyone should do. There is a section devoted to under-40, 40-54, 55-69 and 70 and older. The under- 40 section has areas of interest such as creating your first will or putting a living will in place. The 55-69 age range focuses on creating an estate plan that maximizes benefits to your loved ones and beneficiaries, and planning for a financially secure retirement.



"Build Your Gift" has tools to help you decide what type of gift is best for you, a contribution during your lifetime or as part of your estate. As you navigate the series of possible choices and learn more about your options as a donor.

In conjunction with the planned giving website we are now producing a monthly e-newsletter about planned giving called SmartMatters e-news. It's a terrific one-page document with timely information about retirement, investments and giving. It's never too early or late to learn about choices regarding your estate.

We are always working to keep you informed. The new website and e-newsletter are two examples of our commitment to ensure you are getting the tools to make the best financial plan possible.

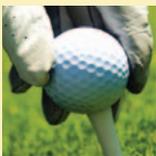
Please visit our new website at <http://www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni/> and click on "Planned Giving."

If you would like to be added to our e-newsletter please go to <http://www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni/> and click on "Tell Us About Yourself" and in the comments section tell us to add you to the e-newsletter list. For more information please contact Patricia Prunty at 845-431-8402 or [prunty@sunydutchess.edu](mailto:prunty@sunydutchess.edu)

# Giving Through Events

The Dutchess Community College Foundation coordinates major fundraising events to further its mission. These events help to support the mission by recruiting bright, young deserving scholars with the Conklin Scholarship, which provides full tuition for two years for any high school graduate in Dutchess County that places in the top 10% of her/his graduating class. In addition, second-year students are given the opportunity to apply for more than 150 additional scholarship awards offered through the DCC Foundation by various individuals, organizations and college departments.

## Future Events 2010-2011

Date	Event	Event Info
November 12 	<b>Festifall Annual Benefit Auction</b>	This event is sure to provide an evening of fun and excitement, so get your paddles ready. The items are contributed from local and national businesses and community members. Many pieces are hand crafted and one-of-a-kind. Other items include trips, spa days, gift baskets, artwork and much, much more. The event will take place at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club and will include wine, beer and soft drinks for the duration of the event, in addition to hors d'oeuvres and a full dinner catered by Cosimo's restaurant. Bring as many friends and family members as you can to enjoy the evening at your own private table.
November 27 - 28 	<b>Annual Holiday Craft Fair</b>	It will once again be held on the weekend following Thanksgiving. Please come see your favorite artists and find some new ones too. The event features artists that craft in many mediums such as fine arts, pottery, photography, fabric, jewelry, wood, floral, candles, soaps, oils and food. Every year there are new and unique items presented by the artists and 2010 is sure to be just as exciting. This event takes place just in time to buy that special someone a wonderful holiday gift. Please visit our website (address below) to receive your \$1.00 off coupon.
March 26 	<b>Community's Bridge to the Future Gala</b>	The gala has been said by some to be the "party you need to be at in Dutchess County." This event is a lot of fun and not to be missed. The gala recognizes two Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award recipient. This year the gala will include a tribute to Allan Rappleyea and Fran Ritz who recently passed away. They both have had a tremendous impact on Dutchess Community College and the Dutchess County Community.
May 23 - 22 	<b>Annual Golf Tournament</b>	The tournament in memory of Jack Orcutt is sure to be a fantastic event. It will be hosted once again at the Dutchess Golf & Country Club in Poughkeepsie, and has been a favorite among golfers throughout the Hudson Valley. Come out and try your hand on this beautifully manicured private course, but not before enjoying a great lunch on the outdoor patio overlooking the beautiful greens and fairways. The awards dinner and raffle is always jovial and first-rate and will be provided by Rolling Greens and the Bonura Hospitality Group. <b>Proper attire is required for this event.</b> (no jeans, shorts or other abbreviated attire, collared shirts for gentlemen)

For more information on how to attend, sponsor or to volunteer for any of these events please contact:  
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 or visit our website at <http://www.sunydutchess.edu/alumni/foundationevents/>