Wednesday, May 20, 2015
1:30 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
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS  
Dr. Ellen Gambino, Vice President, Academic Affairs  

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
(For Continuing DCC Students)  

ALLIED HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
Including Fire Science, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Medical Laboratory Technology  
Professor Karen Ingham, Department Head  

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship  
Award of $500........................................ Jamison Swaney  
Award of $500........................................ Kadisha Whitney-Maxwell  
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........................................ Binta Ceesay  
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........................................ Marianela Molina  
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........................................ Dina Maston  
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........................................ Karima Bengalla  
This scholarship was established by her family in memory of a driven young woman who followed her passion to heal.  

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $500........................................ Andrew Doyle  
Dennis Kipp was an environmental reporter for the Poughkeepsie Journal for many years until his untimely death in the summer of 1998. Family and friends established this scholarship to assist a full-time student with 24 or more credits who demonstrates a keen interest in the environment or human services programs.  

McCann Foundation Scholarship  
Award of $500........................................ Beth Roach  
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 $500........................................ Jordan Deeb  
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 $1,000........................................ Joshua Dauner  
Award of $1,000................................. Kieran Spinelli  
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.
Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................. Clarissa Virtuoso
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.

Virginia Ann Apollo Memorial Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................................. Summer Berry
This scholarship was established by Frank Apollo in memory of his mother. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing student in the Human Services Program. Qualifications include matriculation in the DCC Human Services Program; minimum 2.8 GPA; and work in at least a part-time capacity.

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship
Award of $500.......................................................... Kaitlyn Woodin
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.......................................................... Brendan Gocha
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Roger Doyle, chief of the Village of Rhinebeck Police Force for 26 years.

Durkin Scholarship
Award of $500.......................................................... Shannon Walsh
This scholarship was established by the McCann Foundation in honor of John J. Durkin who retired as President and CEO of the United Way of Dutchess County after 26 years of service. This award is given out on a rotating basis, to a student of DCC, Marist or Vassar. The recipient, a resident of Dutchess County, must be a full-time student who shows by his or her academic background and/or experience that he/she would be successful in human services.

Dutchess County Correctional Officers Benevolent Association Scholarship
Award of $800.......................................................... Paige Engler
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.......................................................... Danielle Paul
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.......................................................... Michael Arnold
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.......................................................... Desmond Donaldson Sr.
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......................................................... Emily Dinga
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....................................................... Sarah Greene
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.

Dutchess County Human Services Program Scholarship
Award of $500........................................................ Rich Volunteer
This scholarship was established by the Dutchess County Human Services Program; minimum 2.8 GPA; and work in at least a part-time capacity.

Chief Sally Znedo Scholarship in Criminal Justice
Award of $500.......................................................... Claudine Mckay
This scholarship was established by the Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance, for an incoming student majoring in Criminal Justice who is a member of the GLS community, and is committed to extending tolerance and increasing diversity.

Elizabeth T. & Patrick J. Whalen Memorial Scholarship in Human Services
Award of $500......................................................... Jessica Suphan
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 Administration Career Scholarship
Award of $500......................................................... Rachel Thomas
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..................................................... Dana-Lynn Steele
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................................................. John Griffin
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.................................................. Nicole Gallagher
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................................................... Heather Bova
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.................................................. Lindsie Kane
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.................................................. Anastasia Borisenko
This scholarship was established by Tony and Faith Krzywicki in honor of the Business Department faculty. Mr. Krzywicki was 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..................................................... Tara DiChiaro
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.................................................. Audrey Kaye Dizon
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.

Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................... Nevie Kaan
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.................................................. Anthony Simone
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.................................................... Larrisa Pope
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.................................................... Jason Ranger
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.................................................... Duran Carpenter
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.
Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology
Award of $900.................................................Emily Venuto
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................................................Conor Incledon
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 actively involved with projects at several area colleges. This scholarship award of $2,000.....................................................

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship
Award of $1,000..............................................Samantha LoVerme
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.

McCann Foundation Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................Nicholas DiLoreto
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................................................Jacob Metro
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Michael J. Morris to honor the 30th anniversary of his engineering firm, Morris Associates.

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................Andrea Bialosuknia
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 support full-time students 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.................................................Noema Paredes
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................................................Paul Christian
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................................................Richard Brady
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................................................Timothy Gerstner
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.

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship in Architecture
Award of $1,000..................................................Frank Alexander
This scholarship was established for a high-achieving architecture student by Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship Award of $500...........................................Noema Paredes
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.

Richard White and Judith Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy
Award of $500..................................................Jessica Suphan
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.
Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $500.......................................................... Alyssa Haynes  
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..................................................... Nicholas Usuriello  
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.................................................... Brunilda Baloga  
This scholarship was established by the family of Sally Klein (a longtime faculty member) and Dr. Holly Molella. It is 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......................................................... Amanda Pulver  
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...................................................... Carolyn Gordon  
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...................................................... Michael Carroll  
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.................................................... Terrence Lawrence  
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 is awarded to a student who is involved in dance and is academically motivated.

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $500......................................................... Eric Ortiz  
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.................................................heather st. Germain  
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....................................................... Jose Lopez
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.............................................. Ethan Dickerman
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Award of $2,000......................................Richard Recchia
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...................................................... Drita Yzbashi
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................................................... Laritza Caizachana
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.

JOSEPH H. and MIRIAM B. GELLERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Award of $500..................................................... Jose Lopez
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MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES
Professor Anthony Zito, Department Head

Melanie A. Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship
Award of $500...................................................... Joshua Nelson
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. The 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...................................................... Gia Rowan
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 is 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...................................................... Rachel Puchkoff
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..................................................... Waylon Gomme
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

Professor Ingeborg Grutzner, Department Head

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship
Award of $500....................................................... Michael Sanders
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.................................................. Kristal Leon
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.................................................. Rokeya Hassan
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.................................................. Roland Johnson
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.

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Dr. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship
Award of $500.................................................. Ronald Knittle
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.................................................. Gia Obert
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.................................................. Krystal Lewis
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.................................................. Morgan Thompson
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.................................................... Manervlette Bradley-Roberts
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 $500.................................................. Rajdeep Kaur
This scholarship was established by the Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a nursing student who is a Dutchess County resident, with preference to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Award of $1,000.................................................. Cassandra Losee
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.................................................. Ronald Karow
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.................................................. Danielle Van Ostrand
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.
George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $825.................................................. Tatiana Colonna  
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.................................................. McKenna Gallinari  
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............................................. Sheryll Gainer  
Award of $1,400............................................. Andre Hyman  
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.................................................. Marvin Prince  
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 celebrates one aspect of the creative process of theater.

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $500.................................................. Cedric James  
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 $750.................................................. Gregory Tyson  
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 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.................................................. Aidan Countryman  
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............................................ Joseph Nieves-Luecke  
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.................................................. Adam Patane  
This scholarship was created by friends and colleagues of Peter Klose, and is 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.................................................. Hunter Geysen  
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.................................................. Darius Davis  
Award of $500.................................................. Christopher Harding  
The Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra has established this music scholarship, to be awarded to a DCC student instrumentalist.

McCann Foundation Scholarship  
Award of $500.................................................. Sade Bereton  
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.................................................. Brendan Komarek  
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............................................................. Nicole Line
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............................................................. Sara Zobel
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 $1,000.............................................................. Graciel Brechner
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............................................................. Amber Grogan
This scholarship was established by the Dutchess Community College Foundation Board of Directors. It is awarded to a continuing matriculated DCC student who resides in Dutchess or Putnam counties and has had a positive impact on their community.

Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship
Award of $500.............................................................. Natia Tonge
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............................................................. Corey Santiago
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 and Wappingers Falls school districts and served as principal of 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............................................................. Cara Mia Bacchiochi
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............................................................. Richard Recchia
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............................................................. Josias Agustin-Mendez
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 Cutionill Memorial Scholarship
Award of $1,500............................................................. Eric Tomik
Alexander Cutionill 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 and Coordinating Council Scholarship
Award of $1,500............................................................. Scott Hawkins
Award of $1,500............................................................. Alexis Hill
This scholarship 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............................................................. Carlos Galarza
This scholarship was established by a committee under the leadership of Mike Pesav 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............................................................. Supria Biswas
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............................................................. Jaclyn Sanchez
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............................................................. Sarah Hoffman
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............................................................. Michelle Linker
This scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in community service work. This award is being made in honor of this year’s recipient of the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award, Robert Dyson.
Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $650.................................................. Kymouye Williams  
This scholarship was established by the SMA Foundation to support non-traditional students with the costs of attending Dutchess Community College. Preference given to students with a GPA of at least 2.5.

The Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League Scholarship  
Award of $500.................................................. Christopher Ham  
Award of $250.................................................. Angelina Siragusa  
This scholarship was established to support the mission of HVFLL. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year student and a continuing second-year student 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 their advisor select the students.

Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $500.................................................. Jacob Banach  
Award of $500.................................................. Jose Lopez  
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.

Key Bank Scholarship  
Award of $2,000.............................................. Brianna Horning  
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.................................................. Stela Nikolova  
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.................................................. Reginald Donaldson  
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.................................................. Zahra Gaysinghateh  
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.................................................. Asia Harper  
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 $500.................................................. Melissa Ebener  
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.................................................. Jason Conforti  
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.................................................. Melissa Morris  
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............................................... Chrystal South  
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.

The Richard Reitano Scholarship  
Award of $500.................................................. Richard Recchia  
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.

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship  
Award of $2,500............................................... Victoria Critton  
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............................................... Kocel Ayouni  
This scholarship is awarded to a student who is pursuing a career in the field of health care, wellness, education or business.
The Senator Steve Saland Bi-Annual Scholarship
Award of $1,000 ................................................... Matthew Velardo
The source of the grant is the Senator Saland Legacy Fund maintained by the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. The recipient should be a Dutchess County resident and a full-time student demonstrating financial need and a commitment to community service, with a 3.0 GPA.

The Senator Steve Saland Legacy Scholarship
Award of $500 .................................................. Kelly Feuer
Award of $500 .................................................. Hesdras Jerume
This scholarship was established by Steve Saland to support students in need. This scholarship is awarded to two continuing students in the Educational Opportunity Program or with great financial need. The recipient should be a Dutchess County resident and a full-time student with a 3.75 GPA demonstrating a commitment to community service.

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship
Award of $500 .................................................. Sharleen Lima
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 .................................................. Shana-Kay Martin
Award of $3,750 .................................................. Kimara Richards
This scholarship is awarded to two continuing DCC students who graduated from Poughkeepsie High School.

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship
Award of $750 .................................................. Emily Avis
Award of $750 .................................................. Abidemi Oyelade
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 .................................................. Briana Bloomer
Award of $500 .................................................. Hyesoo Choi
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 .................................................. Lauren Boston
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.

DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea
Award of $3,750 .................................................. Una Kittel
DUE established this endowed scholarship in the name of Allan E. Rappleyea, former Chairman of the DCC Board of Trustees, to honor his crucial contributions to the success of the College and its students. Student qualifications for the award include a consistent record of academic excellence, with a minimum 3.5 GPA at the time of application, a strong record of community service with plans to transfer to a four-year, accredited institution.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial Scholarship
Award of $1,000 .................................................. Elizabeth Schlusser
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 $3,500 .................................................. Zoe Kozma
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.

Henry McDermott Scholarship
Award of $4,000 .................................................. Megan Bender
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. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books and fees. Eligible students must have a GPA between 3.47 and 3.73 at the time of application.

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship
Award of $500 .................................................. Shanthakumar Thangiah
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.................................................Annelise Vasti  
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.............................................Alexandria Prashad  
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 is based on merit, need, faculty recommendations and activities outside of the classroom.

Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship  
Award of $1,000................................................Andre Gjini  
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.................................................Casey Jurutka  
Award of $2,500..............................................Wen Zhen Lin  
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 $2,500.................................................Gabrielle Mattson  
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.................................................Sarah Babcock  
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................................................Daria Hanssen  
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.

Young Engineers Scholarship  
Award of $1,000.................................................Mark Toujiline  
This scholarship was put together by three Dutchess Community College 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 other students like themselves to pursue a career in Engineering. The student must be accepted into a four-year ABET-accredited school and have a minimum GPA of 3.3.
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