



*Supporting Student Success*

ANNUAL REPORT  
2009-2010



# Message FROM THE PRESIDENT



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*Paul Antinozzi, AIA  
President, HCC Foundation*

Last year was a year of transition for the Foundation. After six years of outstanding service as President of the Board, Barbara Johnson stepped down from that position. Barbara will remain an active member of the Board, which will continue to benefit from her experience in Foundation matters and in business, as a former Vice President of People's United Bank. The HCC administration, Foundation staff and all Board members wish to thank Barbara for her exceptional commitment and for spearheading the significant achievements accomplished during her tenure.

Under Barbara's leadership, the Foundation launched its first Major Gift Campaign, which raised more than \$1 million for the College's "Pathways to Success" initiative. She also worked to institute operational policies and procedures required by new IRS rulings for college foundations, and encouraged the Board to convert the Foundation's tax exempt status from a supporting organization to a public charity, so that the Foundation would continue to qualify for funding from private foundations.

Barbara also spearheaded initiatives to strengthen the infrastructure of the Board, better preparing the Board to oversee growth in asset size and manage projects with greater complexity.

That process continued this past year with the restructuring of the Resource Development Committee. Recognizing the development potential that exists in several areas – some previously untapped – the Committee established five subcommittees, each focusing on cultivating constituencies and developing fundraising potential within their targeted areas: Alumni Relations, the HCC Museum of Art, Events, Real Estate Development and Planned Giving. Rather than operating independently, these subcommittees are working within an integrated structure designed to foster mutual support and coordination.

The Foundation itself experienced expansion last year with President Gliniecki's decision to place the newly formed Office of Alumni Relations under the auspices of the Foundation. Alumni Relations is committed to establishing strong and on-going relationships with alumni, providing them with numerous networking opportunities and encouraging their continued professional growth. Day to day operations will be handled by the Foundation's Magaly Cajigas, with overall direction from the Foundation and the Board's Alumni Relations subcommittee.

The Foundation also expanded staffing for its Scholarship Program by elevating the Scholarship Administrator's position from a part time to a full time position. Last year, the Foundation disbursed \$159,771 in scholarship awards.

Highly qualified staff, experienced Board members and high caliber volunteers are the reasons why the Foundation is able to handle with great professionalism its ever-increasing responsibilities. That's why I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen Dowdle in particular, and all the Board members, committee members, and Foundation and HCC staff who helped to produce the Foundation's first Alumni Hall of Fame Gala last November. The event honored three Distinguished Alumni and was successful in raising much-needed funds for the Foundation's Scholarship Program. This year, we have expanded the concept and will be hosting HCC's first Alumni Weekend on November 19 & 20, with the Alumni Reunion Dance on Friday night, and the Alumni Hall of Fame Gala on Saturday night. We hope you will join us in celebrating our alumni at either or both events.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Antinozzi". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Antinozzi, AIA  
President, Housatonic Community College Foundation

# Mission

WHO WE ARE

*The Housatonic Community College Foundation provides financial assistance to the College and its students beyond the fundamentals provided by the State of Connecticut and assists the College in becoming a unique educational resource for its students and the community. The Foundation also serves as a vehicle generating funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for parents enrolled, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art.*



The Housatonic Community College Foundation is a unique and vital resource that works to support the mission of Housatonic Community College. The Foundation was established in 1990 when a dedicated group of citizens from the region joined together to raise funds to assist local students. Today, the Foundation works in partnership with the College to bring a broad range of financial assistance to men and women from the Greater Bridgeport area who have the desire to learn and the determination to build a better life.

Funds raised by the Foundation help support scholarships, tuition assistance, tutoring, childcare and textbooks for deserving students, and provide supplemental support to the College to meet needs including staff development and educational resources not covered by state funding.

The Foundation also provides necessary funding for strategic initiatives and capital improvements that enhance HCC's ability to thrive as a quality academic institution, and serves to strengthen and expand community support for the educational, cultural and community programs the College offers.

# Foundation News

## GROWTH & EXPANSION

**H**CC took significant steps this past year to connect more formally with its alumni, and has worked diligently to strengthen the bond that exists between the College and the students who have passed through its corridors.

In facilitating its commitment to alumni, the College recently instituted the Office of Alumni Relations, under the auspices of the HCC Foundation. Overseen by a newly designated Board Committee and staffed by Foundation personnel dedicated to handling day-to-day interaction with alumni, the Office of Alumni Relations is committed to further developing relationships and establishing lifelong connections between HCC and its alumni, leading to increased support for the institution's mission and goals.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### 2010 Alumni Weekend

Nov 19: Alumni Reunion Dance

Nov 20: Alumni Hall of Fame Gala



*Joan Lunden, award-winning broadcast journalist, best selling author and community college graduate will be the guest speaker at the Alumni Hall of Fame Gala.*

One of the first major efforts put forth by Alumni Relations is the upcoming 2010 Alumni Weekend on November 19 & 20. Friday night will feature the Alumni Reunion Dance – an evening for alumni to reunite with old friends, make new ones, chat with department heads and faculty, and enjoy great food, music and dancing in a “club-like” setting in Lafayette Hall. Saturday night, the Foundation will host the second annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala, where three distinguished alumni – chosen for the success they have achieved in their chosen fields and for the service they have provided to their communities – will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. The black-tie event will include cocktails, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and a presentation by award-winning broadcast journalist and best selling author Joan Lunden, who is a graduate of American River College – a community college in Sacramento, CA. Proceeds from the Alumni Weekend will benefit the Foundation's Scholarship Programs.

To accommodate the Foundation's expanded responsibilities and in an effort to make the Foundation more visible and accessible to visitors and students, the Foundation recently relocated its offices to larger quarters on the first floor of Lafayette Hall. The area provides office space for Magaly Cajigas – the primary contact for alumni, and Cindy Cominsky – whose position as Scholarship Administrator has been elevated from a part time to a full time position. It will also include a conference area for the Foundation's Maureen Dowdle, Director of Institutional Advancement, to meet privately with HCC administration, Board members, community leaders, donors and students.



*Maureen Dowdle, Director of Institutional Advancement, (center) heads the HCC Foundation, with support from full time staffers, Cindy Cominsky (left) and Magaly Cajigas (right).*

### A Special Thank You to Linda Bayusik



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*HCC administration, faculty, staff and alumni would like to thank HCC alumna, Linda Bayusik, for the important role she has played as HCC's Outreach Associate, and more recently as Acting Director of Student Activities, in developing on-going relationships with HCC alumni. Her efforts have helped to lay a solid foundation for the Office of Alumni Relations, as it begins its new endeavors.*

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# Events

## ALUMNI HALL OF FAME GALA

Last year, the Housatonic Community College Foundation established the Alumni Hall of Fame to honor alumni who have maximized the education they received at HCC and have distinguished themselves in their careers and in the realm of community service. Three Distinguished Alumni – John L. Evanich, CPA, of Wallingford; Charlene “Charlie” Santoro, CPA, of Seymour; and Mary Ann Vlahac of Stratford – were selected from many qualified nominees and were inducted at a black-tie gala on November 21 in the Beacon Hall Events Center. Hundreds of guests – family, friends, HCC administration, the Foundation Board and staff, and business and community leaders – were on hand to congratulate them.



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*Guest Speaker LeVar Burton has made a life-long commitment to advocating literacy worldwide.*

LeVar Burton – well known for his award-winning role in the miniseries *Roots*; as long-time host of the highly acclaimed PBS children’s series *Reading Rainbow*; and as co-star of the Emmy award-winning television series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, was the guest speaker. Noting that his mother was a librarian who instilled in him a love of literature, Mr. Burton stressed the importance of worldwide literacy, stating “I am always moved by the power of the written word in our lives. The collective hopes, dreams and aspirations of our human family are contained in the great literature of the world, and I believe it is everyone’s birthright to be able to read and enjoy that legacy.”



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*LeVar Burton (far left) and HCC President Anita Gliniecki (far right) congratulate Charlene Santoro, Mary Ann Vlahac and John Evanich on their induction in 2009 into the Alumni Hall of Fame.*

With the importance of education the theme of the night, the Gala also served to raise funds to support the Foundation’s Scholarship Program, which provides much needed financial support to deserving HCC students.

The Gala included a gourmet dinner, dancing to the music of “The Essentials” and a silent auction including a limited number of high-end items and entertainment opportunities. HCC’s own Geoffrey Sheehan served as emcee. Sponsors included People’s United Bank, the Connecticut Post, The Bannow Larson Foundation, Bigelow Tea Company, Pequonnock River Partners and other generous businesses and individuals.



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*LeVar Burton, (left) with Foundation Board member and gala sponsor Mark Tillinger (Pequonnock River Partners LLC) and his wife, Theresa.*

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presentation by award-winning broadcast journalist and best-selling author Joan Lunden, who is also a community college graduate. Proceeds from the Alumni Weekend will benefit the Foundation’s Scholarship Programs.



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*Foundation Board member Don Janezic, representing gala sponsor Bigelow Tea Co., and his wife Tammy.*

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*Director of Institution Advancement, Maureen Dowdle and LeVar Burton.*

Photo by Harold Shapiro



*Armando Goncalves, Division President, spoke on behalf of People’s United Bank, a sponsor of the gala.*

Photo by Harold Shapiro



*Gala Committee member and gala sponsor Denise Fenton (The Bannow Larson Foundation) and her guest, Lec Pjetri.*

# Museum

## HOUSATONIC MUSEUM OF ART

The Housatonic Museum of Art, founded in 1967 by Burt Chernow – a noted art historian, writer and professor at HCC – houses one of the most significant art collections of any two-year college in New England. The permanent collection includes works by master artists including Rodin, Picasso, Matisse, Miro and Chagall. The collection, galleries and exhibitions throughout the College offer students, faculty, administrators and visitors a unique opportunity to experience art as an integral part of the educational environment.

Under the guidance of Museum Director Robbin Zella, the Museum has organized a number of important art exhibitions and hosted a variety of special events that have greatly increased the Museum's visibility and have introduced a wide range of notable artists to the community. Consequently, the Museum has become recognized as a major cultural resource for the Greater Bridgeport area, with more than 10,000 people visiting each year.

One of the Museum's most successful programs is the Werth Family Foundation Peer Docent Program, a popular after-school program that introduces middle and high school students to art and art history, teaches them how to look at art critically and ultimately provides them with an opportunity to develop visual and analytical skills that will assist them in all areas of learning throughout their lifetimes.

The Werth Family Foundation has been a strong and consistent supporter of this program over the years. After fulfilling a \$150,000 three-year pledge to the Museum through the HCC Foundation's "Pathways to Success" campaign, the Werth Family Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant last year to support the Museum's education and conservation programs and special exhibitions. The grant also helped to establish a Museum Curator's position, with responsibility for overseeing collections management, developing programs and an exhibition schedule, and working closely with faculty and staff to engage students more actively in Museum exhibits and activities. This position was made possible in part by a \$30,000 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation and a \$10,000 grant from Elizabeth Fray, a long-time friend and supporter of the Museum.



Photo by Andy Warhol

*Pia Zadora; one of 158 Polaroid photographs, part of the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Project, gifted to the Museum from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. and the Estate of Andy Warhol. The exhibition will run September 9 - October 15.*

One of the Museum's major accomplishments this past year was the comprehensive reinstallation of its permanent collection. Placing works on view in designated areas demarcated by colored walls, Museum staff succeeded in "framing out" the objects on view, creating a more formal environment for the presentation of the art. This project, titled *Refresh*, has rejuvenated the collection by creating new, thematic mini-exhibitions on view in both Lafayette and Beacon Halls.

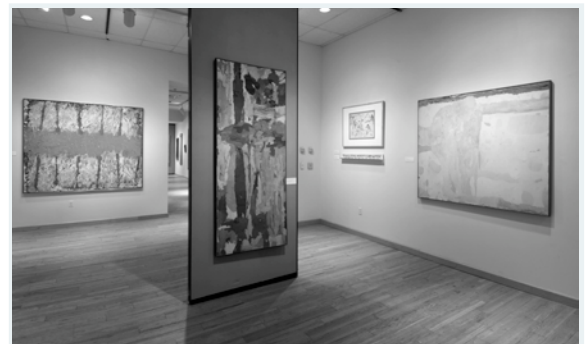


Photo by Paul Murino

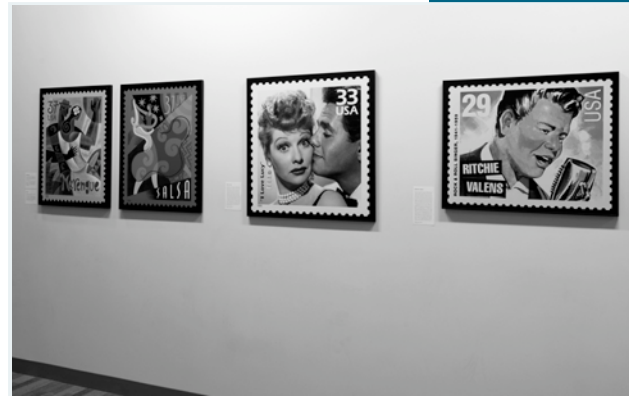
*Installation of rememberingstanleyboxer on view in the Museum in 2010.*

The Museum also hosted a number of impressive exhibitions during the year, the most significant of which was *Post Secret* – an exhibit of people's innermost secrets by founder and curator Frank Warren. This event was sold out with 400 people in attendance and was the best attended lecture in the history of the College.



Other important exhibitions included *D. Dominick Lombardi: Post Apocalyptic Tattoos*; *Debra Wing-Sproul: Water Algae Ice*; *rememberingstanleyboxer: A Retrospective 1946-2000*; and *Flower (Re)Power*.

The Museum has always played an important role in the community through its exhibitions, open door policy and educational offerings, and throughout the last fiscal year, Museum Director Robbin Zella and HCC's administration were instrumental in the formation of the Bridgeport Arts and Cultural Council, which will focus on coordinating funding, programs and activities for arts and cultural organizations in the area, including the Housatonic Museum of Art. The Werth Family Foundation took a leadership role in awarding a grant of \$15,000 toward the development of the Council, with funding from the Fairfield County Community Foundation, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, and the City of Bridgeport supporting the effort. The HCC Foundation has accepted fiduciary responsibility for the project during its developmental stage, and Museum Director Robbin Zella continues to chair the Council.



*Installation of U.S. Postal Service Commemorative Stamps and Post Cards Honoring Culture & History of Hispanic Americans, on temporary exhibit in Beacon Hall.*

Photo by Paul Murrino



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*Sculptures (left to right) by Alexander Archipenko, Louis Valtat, William King and Auguste Renoir on display in Beacon Hall are part of the Museum's permanent collection.*

### *2010-2011 Exhibition Schedule*

September 9-October 15	<i>Everybody's Famous: Selections from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program</i>
	<i>Screen Test</i> Curated by Terri C. Smith
October 25-Dec 15	<i>Sculptors Guild Invitational</i> Curated by Sir Tony Caro
January 15-February 20	<i>Ground Truth</i> Curated by Susan Sharp in consultation with Terri C. Smith
March 3 – March 25	<i>It's For You: The Phone in Conceptual Art</i> Curated by Terri C. Smith
April 1 – April 30	<i>Faculty Exhibition</i>
May 5 – May 31	<i>Student Exhibit</i>
June/July	<i>Open Juried Show</i>

# Programs

## FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Foundation actively pursues grants from private and public foundations in an effort to meet the expanding needs of the College and its students. During the past year, the Foundation succeeded in securing funding from a number of organizations for the following HCC programs, several of which are part of the College's Student Success initiative, developed to help students succeed, stay in college and graduate.

### Middle College Program

This program – a partnership between HCC and Bridgeport's Warren G. Harding, Bassick and Central High Schools – addresses the serious problems faced by students who enter college with academic deficiencies that limit and often prevent their achievement in the classroom. The program provides at risk students with a greater level of college preparedness, particularly in the areas of language arts and math/science.

Previously, the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County made a three-year commitment to the program through the HCC Foundation. The third year funding of \$52,500 last year included a contribution from the United Way through its "Operation Graduation" program, Sikorsky Aircraft's "Project Graduation Initiative," and funding from Sikorsky employees.

The Foundation also received \$40,000 from the Educational Foundation of America in support of the Middle College Program. This represented the second installment on a grant of \$80,000 awarded to the Foundation during the 2008-09 academic year.

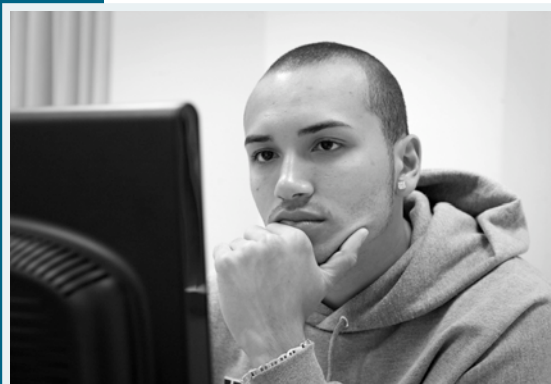


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*A young man learns academic and life skills through HCC's You Can Do It initiative.*

### You Can Do It Initiative (YCDI)

The Foundation received \$15,000 from the Fairfield County Community Foundation to support the College's You Can Do It (YCDI) initiative, a program dedicated to helping minority male students achieve academic success. YCDI students are helped to envision positive futures by establishing and pursuing career goals while developing leadership skills through service to HCC and the community.

### Foundation Scholarship Program

The Foundation was awarded an unrestricted grant of \$10,000 from General Electric that will be used to help fund the salary of the Foundation's Scholarship

Administrator position, which was elevated from a part-time to a full-time position.

### Industrial Technology Program

Continuing its commitment to the development of a qualified regional workforce, Sikorsky Aircraft has again awarded the Foundation a grant of \$10,000 to supplement HCC's Industrial Technology Program. This program was developed in response to requests from local manufacturers for programs to train new employees and advance the skills of current employees so they could be promoted within their companies.

### Early Childhood Education Department (ECED)

The City of Bridgeport's Early Reading First grant has awarded the Foundation \$19,000 to support the professional development of individuals working in the field of early education.

The Foundation also is slated to receive \$7,500 through the Bridgeport Board of Education's Quality Enhancement Program (School Readiness Grant) to enable HCC's Early Childhood Education Department to host its third consecutive "Kith and Kin" (friends and family) Conference. This all-day workshop unites children, the non-parental people caring for them, and representatives from Bridgeport's Family Resource Centers in a relaxed environment that fosters discussion and provides information. The children participate in a number of activities and receive a variety of books and writing materials to take home.

### Certificate Programs

The Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from The United Illuminating Company in support of initiatives for the Weatherization and Sustainable Building Practices Certificate Program at HCC.

### Bridges Program

The *Bridges* Program – an Achieving the Dream Initiative – is designed to develop strong partnerships with area high schools in an effort to close the gap between high school preparation and college expectations and to help students make a seamless transition from high school to college. Last year, the *Bridges* Program partnered with twelve public high schools within the College's eleven-town service region and provided a series of college readiness workshops, including: Orientation to College, Applying for Financial Aid, Placement Test Preparation and Career Planning.

The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County awarded the Foundation a grant of \$4,000 in support of this program.

### Early Childhood Laboratory School



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*Children from throughout the Bridgeport community participate in a wide range of programs at HCC's Early Childhood Laboratory School.*

The Westport Young Women's League awarded \$1,000 for programs conducted by HCC's Early Childhood Laboratory School (ECLS), which provides quality early care and educational programs for children of HCC students, faculty and staff as well as for the Bridgeport community. ECLS also serves as a laboratory setting and observation site for students and teachers studying in the fields of early childhood care and education, and as a state training site for individuals being retrained in the use of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS).

The Foundation also received a grant of \$2,000 from The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County for the Early Childhood Laboratory School's "Bringing Learning Outdoors" program. The funding allows the ECLS to partner with the Connecticut Audubon Society to provide science and math-based curriculum for children enrolled at the ECLS, and purchase materials pertaining to the program.



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*HCC President Anita Gliniecki (left) congratulates Bridges Program graduate and HCC Foundation scholarship recipient, Sarah Hwang, of Jonathan Law High School (Milford).*

# Private & Public Grants

## FUNDING FOR HCC INITIATIVES

Throughout the past year, the College was awarded funding through various public and private sources. These grants were directed toward a number of HCC initiatives, including programs that have been supported through Foundation funding since their inception.



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*Grants enable students from all three Bridgeport high schools to enroll in developmental or introductory college courses for credit in mathematics and English composition to further their readiness for college.*

### Congressionally-Directed Grant

HCC was notified of a \$285,000 Congressionally-Directed grant for the College's Middle College Program. This funding was awarded through the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education and will be used to sustain the Middle College Program for the next two years. A grant of \$92,500 was awarded this past year, and the balance of \$192,500 will support the program for the coming school year.

### Developmental Education Initiative

Last year, MDC, Inc. provided \$243,000 in year one of HCC's participation in the national Developmental Education Initiative. According to MDC, Inc., "The remedial education models developed by the fifteen community colleges represent some of the most promising work in the country aimed at boosting college completion rates among struggling students." This prestigious award acknowledges the efficacy of the remedial programs HCC has in place, and enables the College to expand those programs and introduce additional programs to enhance student success.

### Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Carnegie Collaboratory of Community Colleges

HCC was selected as one of sixteen high-performing community colleges chosen to partner with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in a national effort to address low success rates in developmental mathematics. During the planning year, HCC will receive a grant of \$50,000 and will convene a five-person team to participate in the Carnegie Foundation's "Statistics Pathway." Over the course of two years, that team will work with faculty from participating community colleges nationwide to design and implement an integrated math curriculum that will take students who have placed in developmental math to and through college level statistics in one year.

### Connecticut State Gear Up Project

The State of Connecticut Gear Up Project continued its support of the Middle College Program with a grant of \$35,000, which will help fund program enrollment for students from all three Bridgeport high schools.



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*HCC tutor Karin Lee works with a student enrolled in HCC's Gear Up initiative.*

# Scholarship Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each semester, the Foundation awards scholarships to a wide range of students. Merit Scholarships are awarded to select students in recognition of their outstanding academic performance. Other scholarships are awarded on a need basis, often making a huge difference in the lives of the recipients – sometimes determining whether or not the student even can enroll in HCC, or complete his or her course work and graduate.

Many scholarship recipients graduate from HCC and enter rewarding careers. Others continue their education at prestigious colleges and universities including Yale, NYU, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Smith, Wesleyan, Fairfield, and the University of Connecticut, to name a few.

This past year, a \$30,000 grant from the William Pitt III, Foundation and grants from the Barden Foundation, the Culpeper Foundation, the DeLuca Foundation and the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport helped support the Foundation's efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students.

Scholarships from regional foundations, organizations and generous individuals this past year included the following:

**The Academic Dean's Prize** is awarded to graduating students who achieve the highest academic average while attending Housatonic Community College and who qualify for the Academic Dean's Award.

**The Bannow Larson Foundation Scholarship** is intended for students who demonstrate academic achievement and have demonstrated financial need. Any student in good standing who has completed at least nine credits is eligible to apply.

**The Barden Foundation Scholarship** is awarded to two students continuing their education in the field of science, including computer science.

**The BlumShapiro Accounting Scholarship Award** is given to an outstanding student in the Business Administration: Accounting Department who will be continuing his/her degree in Accounting at a four-year institution.

**The Burt Chernow Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need, and plans to major in art or art education at a four-year institution.

**The Christopher Hasiotis Scholarship** was created to honor the memory of HCC student Christopher Hasiotis.

**The Connecticut Women's Forum Endowed Scholarship Fund** is made possible by this group of professional women from throughout the state and is awarded to female students with financial need who are enrolled in any two-year degree program at HCC.

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. CO-OP Center Scholarship** is awarded to clients who are ex-offenders and are furthering their education at Housatonic Community College.

**The Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to graduating students who are recipients of the HCC Senate Scholarship and who plan to continue their education. This scholarship is a complement to the HCC Senate Scholarship awarded by the College in honor of the late Professor Emeritus Dale Ward.

March 31, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jennifer DiMasso, and I am one of the many recipients of a scholarship that has been awarded on behalf of your Foundation. I am forever grateful and truly honored to accept this award which assists me in following my dreams of becoming a nurse, something I never thought I would financially be able to accomplish. With your help, I am now able to continue on my pathway of success in achieving an outstanding academic record while enrolled at HCC. Once again, thank you for your commitment, dedication and support in guiding us into our desired fields, in my case, an up and coming nurse.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer L. DiMasso*

The **Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation Scholarship** is awarded to a HCC student continuing his or her education in the field of Allied Health.

December 7, 2009

To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity of furthering my education at Housatonic Community College by awarding me a full scholarship. A heavy load of stress was lifted from my shoulders once I read that I would be receiving a scholarship. I am more than thankful for the chance to continue my education. If it wasn't for the scholarship, I would have to quit school and search for a full time job until I had sufficient funds in order to pay for my tuition. Again, I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Amanda Torres*

The **David Susskind Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating student in the behavioral sciences who plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science, history or public administration. This scholarship, in memory of the renowned broadcast journalist, was established by his daughter Samantha Mannion, a professor at HCC.

The **Doane Endowed Scholarship** is a fund established by Elizabeth Lombardi Doane, a retired mathematics professor at HCC, in memory of her late husband, Paul Doane, a computer lab assistant at the College. It is presented to a student continuing his or her studies in computer science, mathematics or engineering.

The **ECE Coordinator's Award** is a fund established by Laurie Noe, an associate professor of the Early Childhood Education Department at HCC. It is presented to a student who has achieved the highest academic average and is continuing his or her education through the Wheelock College Program at Housatonic Community College.

The **Elizabeth Raymond Ambler Trust Endowed Scholarship** is awarded to a Housatonic student in a standard academic program who has shown financial need and has demonstrated scholastic performance, diligence and a willingness to help others.

The **Elizabeth Pfriem Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to a Housatonic Foundation scholar who has completed nine or more credits at the College with a GPA of 3.0 or above, and who demonstrates financial need.

The **Eunice & David Bigelow Foundation Scholarship** is awarded annually for five years to students who graduate from any of Bridgeport's high schools and are current HCC students returning to the College for the academic year on a full-time or part-time basis. The students must display an aptitude for studies and a desire and a commitment to do the work necessary to complete their goal of graduating from HCC.

The **Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship** is given to a current student in need who demonstrates success in academics and extra-curricular activities. The student also must be employed, with preference given to employees of Subway Restaurants.

The **George Endowed Scholarship Fund**, established by retired HCC professor Thomas George, is awarded to a graduating student in the computer science degree program who demonstrates academic achievement.

The **Dr. Janis M. Hadley Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to students who have completed their first year at HCC and are continuing their studies there. The scholarship was established by Dr. Hadley, HCC's third president, who retired in 2006.

The **Industrial Technology Scholarship**, provided by the Manufacturing Association of Southern Connecticut, is awarded to students in good academic standing at HCC who are enrolled in one of the HCC's College of Technology's Pathway programs and are taking one of the Industrial Technology courses.

April 5, 2010

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Housatonic Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support, I will be able to continue with my studies. I know that I will not let you down because I know that I will do my best in all my classes.

Although I am just a general studies student, my goal is to become a dental hygienist. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goal. By awarding me the Housatonic Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning.

Sincerely,

*Erika Preciado*

**The Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship** provides a financial award to graduating students in early childhood education with the highest GPAs who plan to continue their education at a four-year institution. This scholarship was established in recognition of Joyce Gerber, a retired HCC professor of early childhood education.

**The Kim Thibodeau Chiaraluce Fund** provides a financial award to a young woman attending HCC on either a full-time or part-time basis, who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need. The DeMattia family established this fund to honor the memory of a dear friend.

**The Koskoff-Bieder Scholarship Fund** assists incoming students who are working part-time, demonstrate financial need, are in good academic standing and who otherwise are not receiving financial aid. Preference is given to applicants who participate in FSW's (formerly Fairfield Services Woodfield) Business Youth Center Program.

**The Marguerite Sullivan Dunigan Endowed Scholarship Fund** provides financial assistance to a student currently enrolled at HCC and who is a single mother. It was established to honor Marguerite Sullivan Dunigan's achievements as a single mother, grandmother, friend, sister and HCC graduate.

**The Mercy Learning Center "Mother's Advantage Scholarship"** was established by HCC Foundation board member Marianne Laska and her husband Robert in memory of their mothers. The scholarship is available to graduates of the Mercy Learning Center who are mothers and are attending HCC.

**The Nursing Scholarship Fund**, established by an anonymous donor in recognition of the quality nursing care given his wife, provides tuition assistance to students in the pre-nursing program. Preference is given to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who have completed nine or more credits and who are not receiving full financial aid.

**The Pam Prestin Scholarship** was created to honor the memory of Pamela Prestin, who was the secretary in the HCC Foundation Office for six years. During that time, she provided assistance to many HCC students. The scholarship will be awarded to students to help ease the burden of the high cost of textbooks.

**The President Edward J. Liston Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to a student enrolled in a two-year program who participates in extra-curricular activities and demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I accept the Housatonic Community College Foundation Scholarship with great appreciation to all involved in making this scholarship a reality for me. The award will be of tremendous support as I "work" full time in my final semester, my internship in occupational therapy. One again, please accept my most sincere gratitude for recognizing my hard work with such a wonderful reward.

Sincerely

*Conrad J. Firgau*

**The Professor Maureen Maloney, Ed.D. Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating HCC student who will be pursuing a career in the field of teaching or psychology. Professor Maloney is retired from HCC where she taught for fifteen years and served as Chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department.

**The Salvatore Curiale Scholarship** was established in memory of Salvatore Curiale, the former Director of Admissions at HCC. It is presented to a current HCC student continuing his or her education at Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing.

**The Southern Connecticut Gas Company Community Scholarship** is awarded to students who have completed one year at HCC. Preference is given to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and who have demonstrated financial need.

December 12, 2009

Dear Maureen Dowdle,

I am honored to be a recipient of the Housatonic Foundation Scholarship. I thank you for your generous support of this award and for helping me with my financial need to afford college... Without scholarship patrons like you, there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue the career they have dreamed of.

My future plans include pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. I have a passion for working with people and making this community a better place. I have volunteered at Kennedy Center Inc. and provided one-on-one care for people with special needs. This gave me a lot of satisfaction and I gained more knowledge that I can apply in a field of social work.

Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks for your continued generosity ...

Sincerely,

*Marzena Gordon*

The **Sylvia Gordon Wettstein Scholarship** was created to honor the memory of Sylvia Gordon Wettstein, who completed her education at HCC, then served several years as a publicist for the College. The textbook scholarship will be awarded to older women returning to college to complete their education.

The **William Pitt, III Foundation Scholarship** is awarded to ten full-time Housatonic Community College students who are in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.3 or better and who are not receiving financial aid.

### AWARDS NIGHT

Students, HCC administration, faculty and staff, and many family members and friends attended the College's annual Awards Night on May 26, 2010. The event was held to recognize outstanding students and the generous individuals, groups and organizations supporting them. Foundation Board member Paula Chapla, who serves on the Board's Scholarship Committee, graciously served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

Thirty-four Housatonic Foundation Scholars who received their Associate Degrees this year were honored both for their academic achievements and for having been the deserving recipients of scholarships or financial awards during their education at HCC.

Other financial awards provided by the HCC Foundation included:

- The Beverly G. Anderson Memorial Award
- The Elizabeth Doane Lombardi Honors Award
- The Ralph Fabrizio Scholarship
- The Jane Mahoney Memorial Award
- The Marshall Rachleff Scholarship
- The Swain Award

### COMMENCEMENT

HCC's forty-third Commencement Ceremony was held on May 27 at the Bridgeport Harbor Yard Arena.

The commencement address was given by Mr. Juan Sepulveda, J.D., Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. A total of 414 Associate Degrees and Certificates were awarded.



*Pamela and Peter Werth join in the applause at graduation as Deborah Werth Bachard accepts the Board of Trustees Merit Award in recognition of the Werth Family Foundation's strong and continued support of HCC through the Museum of Art.*

December 15, 2009

Housatonic Community College Foundation,

I very much appreciate the opportunity that has been given to me by the Foundation. Getting this scholarship gets me a step further to reaching my goals here at HCC. With all that the Foundation has done for me I will be proud to say that I am a Housatonic Community College alumna once I graduate. When I need help I can always find someone at the college to assist me. No door has ever been closed when I have needed assistance at Housatonic and therefore I am forever grateful. It goes to show when you work hard you will find the support needed to back you up and that is why I will never stop working towards achieving my goals.

Gratefully yours,

*Cynthia Philogene*



# Thank You

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Our success in fundraising is the direct result of the generosity of those who made a contribution and the efforts of faculty, staff and volunteers who effectively communicate our mission to the general public.

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	\$148,568	\$275,998	\$2,400	\$426,966
Interest and dividends	54,992			54,992
Realized and unrealized gain on investment	16,831			16,831
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>387,445</u>	<u>( 387,445)</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total revenue and support	<u>607,836</u>	<u>( 111,447)</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>498,789</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Scholarships and awards	159,771			159,771
Programs	144,172			144,172
Museum	111,586			111,586
Management and general	78,999			78,999
Fund raising events	89,806			89,806
Other fund raising	4,361			4,361
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Expenses	<u>588,695</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>588,695</u>
Change in net assets	19,141	( 111,447)	2,400	( 89,906)
Net assets, beginning	<u>156,831</u>	<u>476,614</u>	<u>296,394</u>	<u>929,839</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$175,972</u>	<u>\$365,167</u>	<u>\$298,794</u>	<u>\$839,933</u>

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