In April 2015, Dr. Paul Broadie II joined Housatonic Community College as its new President. His arrival is an exciting moment for the College and for the Housatonic Community College Foundation.

Dr. Broadie was selected after a search by the state Board of Regents for Higher Education. I had the privilege of participating in that process as a member and co-chair of the College Advisory Committee, which included members representing faculty, administration, alumni, students and the community. I came away from this experience with new appreciation for the dedication of the College’s faculty and staff. But I also gained a deeper understanding of the challenges the College and its students face.

The Foundation’s mission is to help overcome those challenges, and the inauguration of Dr. Broadie's tenure is an occasion to reaffirm our commitment. Our participation in the search process established relationships that have the potential to lead to broader, deeper collaboration with the College. We hope to build on those relationships to expand alumni outreach, to identify non-tuition needs the Foundation can help students meet, and to provide opportunities for students in complementary areas of study such as marketing and software development to gain practical experience in connection with Foundation activities.

These new opportunities will build on the significant support the Foundation already provides to the College. As you will read in this Report, scholarships remain our central focus. Our annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala focuses on scholarship dollars and the achievements of distinguished graduates. In 2014, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, our first American Manufacturing Hall of Fame event honored Bridgeport’s industrial heritage and attracted new scholarship commitments for the College’s Advanced Manufacturing Program.

The Foundation also collaborates with the College and others on programs and opportunities that enrich student experience. These range from visits by working authors in the “Writing Across the Curriculum” program, to the multi-year “Family Economic Security Program,” which the Foundation and the College in collaboration with Fairfield County’s Community Foundation will implement beginning in the fall of 2015. And we are proud of our role in support of the Housatonic Museum of Art.

The Foundation owes its success to the energy and commitment of its Board and Committee members. I take this opportunity to thank them for all they do. I also want to extend thanks to Christopher R. Carollo, the Foundation’s Executive Director and the College’s Director of Institutional Advancement, and to his dedicated staff, for their contributions.

In these pages, you will find ample confirmation of the importance of the Foundation’s mission. I hope you will also be inspired to join us in supporting the students for whom Housatonic Community College is such a vital resource.
The mission of the Housatonic Community College Foundation is to solicit, secure and manage contributions from the private sector through philanthropic individuals, corporations and foundations for the benefit of Housatonic Community College.

All funds received in connection with a program will be managed by the HCC Foundation on behalf of the College. The HCC Foundation supports funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for parents enrolled, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art.

The HCC 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 HCC 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.

In addition to assisting students, funds raised by the Foundation help provide supplemental support to the College to meet needs including staff development and educational resources not covered by state funding.

The HCC 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.

Dr. Paul Broadie II, President of HCC since April, 2015, provides support and guidance to the HCC Foundation as an Ex-Officio Board Member.
Last year, we introduced the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame event, which helps to support one of HCC’s most important endeavors – the Advanced Manufacturing Center. As a result of that event, we were able to connect with over 275 new people in the manufacturing industry and introduce them to the campus to learn all the ways we are positioned to provide them with highly trained workers who can meet their specific manufacturing needs. In addition to making important, long-term connections, the event generated $62,500 in new funding for scholarship and program support.

For the third year running, to further strengthen the HCC Foundation’s ties to the Greater Bridgeport business community and engage business leaders in the Foundation’s efforts, we hosted the Distinguished Citizen Award Luncheon, which recognizes community leaders who positively impact the lives of others, flourish within their professional industries, and support education in our communities. Since the event’s inception three years ago, it has generated over $70,000 in new money for program support, and has connected over 250 new people to the College. In addition, it has bridged the way for our students to engage in internships with Bridgeport area companies.

To attract new bequests or planned gifts to the College, we have expanded the financial vehicles available and have created a new website to allow for information to be disseminated throughout our various communities. Additionally, we have mailed to current donors who might be interested in making a long-term gift. A number of gifts have resulted.

I wish to thank all of the HCC Foundation Board members, faculty, staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this another year of progress for the Foundation in our mission to serve the students of HCC. In addition, I thank all the donors who supported our students this past year. Due to your commitment to HCC, you have helped to change and influence the lives of many students – students of all ages and backgrounds, who are seeing a brighter future through education.

This past year has been one of expansion for the Foundation – not in terms of personnel or physical space – but in terms of the programs, fundraising events, and customized outreach to the individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations within the Greater Bridgeport area. Our goal has been to strategically connect people with our organization and familiarize them with the opportunities that help make a difference in the lives of our students.

Christopher R. Carollo
Director of Institutional Advancement
Executive Director, HCC Foundation
SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION

There are many reasons to contribute to the HCC Foundation. Whether personal, business or civic in nature, the result is the same: all contributions support the work of the College in educating its students and in strengthening the economic and cultural integrity of the community it serves.

The HCC Foundation offers many options that provide you with flexibility in your contributions while also giving you the opportunity to maximize tax advantages. Some of these options are listed below:

- A monetary contribution is, by far, the most popular way to make a donation to the HCC Foundation. We gratefully accept cash, checks, and charge cards, including American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.
- A Matching Gift program through your employer is an easy way to increase the value of your donation. Check with your Human Resources Department to see if your company participates in a Matching Gift program, or any other donation-based incentive program.
- Gifting Appreciated Securities can be an extremely advantageous way to give. Such gifts may eliminate your capital gains tax and maintain flexibility to change beneficiaries if your family’s needs change during your lifetime.
- A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is a tax-advantaged, split-interest charitable trust. A CLT directs the charitable interest during your lifetime, enabling you to enjoy seeing the benefits of your gift. That is, the HCC Foundation would receive the income stream generated by the trust during your lifetime, and after your death or a term of years, the remaining assets in the CLT – which will often have appreciated – will pass to your beneficiaries without further gift or estate taxes.
- A Planned Gift, which can be stipulated in your will, is an excellent way to contribute for those who appreciate the work of the HCC Foundation, but may be financially unable to contribute during their lifetime. Requesting personal assets through your will may be the most appropriate way for you to contribute.
- Life insurance plans will allow the HCC Foundation to be your beneficiary. This is an excellent way to give a substantial gift after your death. You can also transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to HCC Foundation and receive an income tax deduction for your contribution.

Before considering a contribution, it is best to consult with your financial advisor to determine which vehicle will work best for your individual financial situation. Once you know how you want to proceed, please make an appointment with the Foundation to discuss your plans. Christopher Carollo, Director of Institutional Advancement, is available to assist you by phone (203) 332-5078 or email (ccarollo@hcc.commnet.edu).

For more information, please visit our website: http://www.hcc.commnet.edu/ HCCF/foundation/ways2give.asp.

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Thomas E. Walsh
Partner, BlumShapiro

“Housatonic Community College is a vital member of our community and, with its Foundation, provides opportunity for students to excel and make a difference. In response to community and student needs, HCC continues to offer a wide array of course offerings and services to help its students achieve in our ever-changing society. For more than 30 years, BlumShapiro has done the same by building a tradition of integrity, quality service and innovation to meet the changing needs of our clients and communities. HCC is a dynamic and diverse organization, creating leaders and environments to excel. BlumShapiro applauds the College’s mission and success, and is proud to support today’s students preparing for tomorrow’s workplace.”

“Near & Far Aid is proud to support the Housatonic Community College Foundation Scholarship Program. It is our common goal to achieve lasting change in Fairfield County by providing education and job training for students who might not otherwise have access to the academic programs that will prepare them for employment and career advancement.

Over the past 10 years, a member of the Near & Far Aid board of directors has made a yearly visit to HCC and our organization has committed over $100,000 in grants during that period to help low-income students reach their full potential. We value our long and continuing relationship with HCC, working together we are breaking the cycle of poverty.”

“Since 1992, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation has been a supporter and philanthropic partner to Housatonic Community College and the HCC Foundation. We’re proud to be associated with this important community pillar and asset.

Our Foundation and its Fund for Women and Girls knows that economic security and a better life for families begins with higher education. For many people in Greater Bridgeport, HCC offers access to higher education, a new career, or fresh start.

That’s why we’re collaborating with HCC and the HCC Foundation to create and implement the Family Economic Security Program, which represents an exciting opportunity to positively impact not only the College, but also the community in ways far beyond the campus.”

Bly Higina
President, Near & Far Aid Association, Inc.

Suzanna B. Peters
Vice President, The Fund for Women and Girls
During the past year, the Foundation succeeded in securing funding from a number of organizations to benefit HCC programs. This funding was due in large measure to the efforts of Janet Zamparo, HCC Foundation Grant writer, under the direction of Christopher Carollo, Director of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the HCC Foundation and Lisa Vane, recently hired as Institutional Advancement Coordinator, with responsibilities for both the Special Events and Grant programs. The most notable gifts and grants are indicated below:

The HCC Foundation’s Scholarship Program

These funds help finance the education of deserving students enrolled in HCC’s many Associate Degree and Certificate programs. The William H. Pitt Foundation, established by the late Stamford-based real estate entrepreneur and community leader William H. Pitt, has been a long-term supporter of the Scholarship Program. This year, the Pitt Foundation provided yet another generous gift of $30,000. The Near and Far Aid Association, whose generosity to the Scholarship Program has spanned many years, committed to a grant of $10,000. GE, also a continuing supporter, awarded $10,000 for manufacturing program student scholarships, and Bank of America contributed $7,500 for the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The Bridges Program

Since 2007, HCCC’s Bridges Program has worked directly with principals, counselors, teachers, parents and students at urban and suburban high schools in Southwestern Connecticut in order to make students ’college ready.’ To meet that goal, the Bridges Program has designed and implemented workshops for students and parents, including college orientation, career planning, financial aid and college placement testing. The partnership has grown to include sixteen high schools, with approximately 20% of Bridges participants ultimately enrolling at HCC.

Recently, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation awarded a grant of $15,000, while a grant of $7,500 from People’s United Community Foundation has solidified the program further by helping to fund a much-needed Bridges Coordinator position.

Housatonic Community College Gifts and Grants

HCC has been very successful in receiving federal grants to support the strategic mission of the College through diligence of Grants Development Specialist, Andrea Macnow, and countless other dedicated faculty and staff who have collaborated to bring these necessary resources on campus.

Housatonic Community College’s FORWARD Program

Last fiscal year, the United States Department of Labor’s Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program (TAACCCT) awarded HCC $2,196,144 over four years to implement a new initiative at the College – the FORWARD Program.

FORWARD is designed to train dislocated workers, underemployed veterans, and unemployed individuals as a highly skilled and resilient workforce capable of entering high-demand jobs in healthcare and information technology occupations. New non-credit and credit curricula have been developed that align with workforce needs. Students accelerate progress toward successful outcomes through new technological advancements and innovative teaching methods in the classroom, prior learning assessments on campus, a web-based advisement tool, and a resiliency curriculum.

In the coming year, the FORWARD program will continue to educate and train students to meet the needs of employers. We will help more students update their resumes to reflect job readiness, partner with local businesses for potential internship sites, and assist with the ultimate goal of landing job placements.

HCC is part of the Northeast Resiliency Consortium (NRC), a collaboration of seven east coast community colleges in partnership with Achieving the Dream and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. These entities are collaborating to implement the grant’s goals.

Housatonic Community College’s Advanced Manufacturing Center

Through its manufacturing programs and state-of-the-art manufacturing labs, HCC’s Advanced Manufacturing Center provides students with 21st century manufacturing knowledge and the skills needed in today’s economy, and has created a strong anchor for manufacturing in Southwestern Connecticut.

The AMC was selected to receive nearly $1.3 million over three years through the CAMI (CT Advanced Manufacturing Innovation) Grant. This grant supports instruction, marketing, and supply for the AMC. The grant also has enabled the center to extend its classes beyond the HCC campus through a collaborative program with Platt Tech (Milford), and soon, with Emmett O’Brien Tech (Ansonia) and Bullard-Havens Tech (Bridgeport).

Housatonic Community College’s STEM Courses Enhancement

This past year, the College received a $200,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop teaching modules that will enhance the teaching of a variety of science, technology, engineering and math courses with the aid of 3-D solid modeling software.

The modules will allow students to create three-dimensional objects through the use of three-dimensional equations, thus bringing the educational experience from the theoretical realm into the real world. The modules will allow students to see the results of their equations in 3-D on computer screens.

After final testing and assessment, the modules will be disseminated to the state’s twelve community colleges and four state universities. Ultimately, this method of instruction and learning will be available at the high school level.

Support for this grant is provided by the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program under grant number DUE140551.

Housatonic Community College’s Family Economic Security Program

The Fund for Women and Girls (a major initiative under Fairfield County’s Community Foundation) and Housatonic Community College have developed an enhanced Family Economic Security Program (FESP) to support low and moderate income students balancing work, studies and family while attending the College.

The program will provide up to 400 eligible students with academic, financial and life coaching; financial assistance in the form of scholarships, an opportunity fund, financial education, and credit repair; peer support and personal development workshops; and career services including identifying career goals, providing job readiness support, and search assistance. It is intended that these courses and support services will help to enable the participants to earn a degree or certificate and move up to family-sustaining wage employment.

In addition, HCC will include the FESP in college-wide efforts to build connections with Fairfield County employers for internships and other work-based experiences. The Fund for Women and Girls will provide over $1.7 million over four years – more than half the total funding required for the Program.

The HCC Foundation actively pursues financial gifts and grants from individuals, private and public foundations, and other organizations in an effort to meet the expanding needs of the College and its students.
Scholarships

Housatonic Community College Foundation, Inc.

Each semester, the HCC 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 can enroll in the College, or complete his or her course work and graduate.

Many scholarship recipients graduate and enter rewarding careers in the workforce. 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.

In addition to HCC Foundation scholarship funds, the following awards and scholarships are available to incoming and current students:

Scholarships for Incoming Students

Allison Foundation Scholarship Fund – Provides scholarships for tuition, fees and book purchases for students attending HCC.

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Scholarships for Current Students

For current or incoming students who demonstrate financial need, are in good academic standing and are not receiving financial aid.

To female students with financial need who are enrolled in any two-year program at HCC.

Established in memory of HCC's first president (1967 – 1973) to provide funds for students enrolled in one of the College's two-year degree programs and who demonstrate academic achievement or financial need, and show involvement in extracurricular activities.

Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund – This student scholarship, funded 100% by current HCC students, was established in 2010 to assist current or incoming students who demonstrate financial need, are in good academic standing and are receiving financial aid.

William H. Pitt Foundation Scholarship Fund – Awarded to full-time Housatonic students who are in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.3 or better and who are receiving financial aid.

Karen D. Torres Memorial Scholarship Fund – Provides scholarships to be used for tuition and fees for students in good academic standing.

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Currently, I am completing my last four prerequisite courses at HCC in order to apply for nursing school. With only being able to take out loans to pay for school, this scholarship helps me in such a tremendous way. I cannot thank you enough!”

Broke Hutchinson

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With the theme "One World, Two Views – Arts and Sciences", the 6th annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala presented two guest speakers who embody the very best of those diverse, but synchronistic viewpoints.

Dr. Henry C. Lee is one of the world's foremost forensic scientists. He has been a prominent player in many of the most challenging cases of the last 50 years, and has worked with law enforcement agencies from 46 countries in helping to solve more than 8,000 cases.

Currently, Dr. Lee is the director of Forensic Research and Training Center and Distinguished Chair Professor in Forensic Science at the University of New Haven. In addition, he is the Chief Forensic Advisor for the New Haven Police department, and continues to serve as an advisor/consultant to more than 150 law enforcement agencies around the world.

Everett Raymond Kinstler is one of the nation's most celebrated portrait painters. His works are on view in galleries and private collections throughout the country. The Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, which owns more than 100 of his portraits, awarded him the Copley Medal, its highest honor.

Although Kinstler's portraits include people from all walks of life, he is best known for his portraits of U.S. Presidents, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Jerry Vigorito, one of HCC’s distinguished alumni, was honored for building on the education he received at HCC and for distinguishing himself in his career and in community service.

Jerry is a seasoned harmonica player and a popular member of the Connecticut music scene. His love for music, over 25 years of performance experience, a deep spiritual connection, and a dedication to those in need, ultimately led him to co-found the Band Together CT Stage, an organization that unites musicians, artists, fans and businesses with those needing help. Through a series of concerts, the organization has helped raise over $1.4 million for Connecticut-based charities.

In addition to receiving The Fairfield Theatre Company ENCORE 2013 “Artist of the Year” award for his musical talents, Jerry has received numerous awards for his efforts and philanthropy. They include the Red Cross “Hero Award” for Public Impact 2010, and The Bridgeport Dental Association 41st “Outstanding Citizen Award.” He has been recognized by former Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell and both Connecticut and U.S. Legislatures.

In addition, Jerry has been a Connecticut licensed mortgage banker for 30 years and is currently employed at William Raveis Mortgage, LLC.

Jerry graduated from Housatonic Community College, then went on to earn a Bachelor’s of Science Degree from Sacred Heart University.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Gala is the Foundation’s primary fundraising event. Proceeds from the event fund the Foundation’s Scholarship Program, which disburses an average of $150,000 annually to deserving HCC students.

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From left: 2015 Distinguished Alumni Jerry Vigorito, Guest Speakers Dr. Henry Lee and Ray Kinstler, and Foundation President Christopher McGrath.

From left: Nancy Ignatowski with Distinguished Alumni, Jerry Vigorito, and daughter, Tori Vigorito.

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The 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award was Bruce T. Silverstone, Vice President, Corporate Communications for Aquarion Water Company - the largest private water utility in Connecticut, and the seventh largest in the United States. Bruce is responsible for all external communications, marketing programs, public relations, social media, government affairs, and philanthropic programs.

Bruce holds a BA in Journalism from the University of Bridgeport and an MA in Corporate and Political Communications from Fairfield University. He is a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a licensed Emergency Medical Technician.

Bruce serves on an impressive number of local and regional boards, and serves in Washington on the National Association of Water Companies Government Relations Committee.

He was presented with the award on March 26 at the Distinguished Citizen Award Luncheon in HCC’s Beacon Hall Event Center. Family, friends, business associates and numerous college and government officials were there to congratulate him.

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HCC has long maintained strong relationships with regional manufacturers, developing credit and non-credit courses to meet their specific business and/or industry needs for the education or retraining of their workforce. HCC’s on-going efforts in this area help employers sustain their operations and take advantage of emerging trends and commercial opportunities in the global market.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, HCC received state funding to open a regional Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC). Since then, the center has produced nearly 100 candidates for employment in manufacturing jobs across the Greater Bridgeport region. That success has served to attract an increased number of students and employers to the center, all sharing a common interest in manufacturing opportunities.

This year’s Phase II expansion will almost double the center’s footprint, adding more advanced machinery, labs and classroom space, all designed to focus on Tool & Die, Metrology, and Additive Manufacturing, which will be offered in a new third semester. Students following this career path will have the opportunity to earn an Associate or Bachelor’s Degree in Advanced Machining Technology.

Success Stories

Scott Carruthers

Scott is a U.S. Army veteran with a mechanical background and a long-standing interest in manufacturing. Looking for a solid career, he enrolled in the AMC, where, he says, he “enjoyed the learning experience. It was concise and presented in a way that was easily understandable.” Now working for Bridgeport’s Moore Tool Company, Scott has a good job that has, as he says, “greatly improved my life.” Scott says he recommends the AMC because “it is a great opportunity for anyone to learn and grow as an individual.” Scott’s employers add that “Scott has some very good skills as far as machining and knowledge of the Haas controls. We purchased 4 new Haas machines and Scott was able to show our experienced operators some of the features of the newer controls.”

Carlos Mocete

Carlos was looking for a fresh start and a strong career. He was introduced to the AMC program through CT Works and was immediately interested in becoming a machinist. At the AMC, he learned many facets of the industry, including the skills necessary to operate varied equipment, metrology, Auto-CAD software and technical math. Following an internship, Carlos graduated the AMC program with sufficient skills and knowledge to work for a great company - Wendon Corp. According to his employer, “We hired Carlos over candidates with more experience - this speaks volumes regarding the quality of the education that was afforded him in a relatively short period of time.”

Corey Andrews

Corey became interested in the manufacturing industry and the AMC after doing some market research that indicated opportunities in manufacturing were on the rise. He joined the AMC program, and after completing it, Corey said he would recommend the AMC programs to family and friends, particularly because “The instructors really work with you until you fully understand. I had no education in manufacturing before starting the program, but now I am well aware of machining techniques and principles of inspection and metrology. I have a lasting career.” Corey is currently employed at Wendon Corp, where is learning more about metrology while also being cross-trained on manual and CNC machinery.

Corey has long maintained strong relationships with regional manufacturers, developing credit and non-credit courses to meet their specific business and/or industry needs for the education or retraining of their workforce. HCC’s on-going efforts in this area help employers sustain their operations and take advantage of emerging trends and commercial opportunities in the global market.
The mission of the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame (AMHoF), instituted in 2014, is to raise awareness of the positive aspects and solid economic sense that advanced manufacturing brings to U.S. communities, and to raise funding for manufacturing students and programs to create American jobs.

The inaugural chair was Bridgeport’s native son John Ratzenberger, the former producer and host of the Travel Channel series “Made in America.” The inaugural inductees were Bridgeport Machines, Inc., Bullard Machine Tool Company, Hubbell Incorporated, Sikorsky Aircraft, and Warners. The induction took place on October 7, 2014 at HCC’s Events Center.

The “two-time” alumni guest speaker was Dominic Figueiredo, who graduated from HCC in the early 80’s with an Associate Degree, and began a manufacturing career with Sikorsky. He took a detour into stand-up comedy, but his love of manufacturing remained, and he eventually took a position at Pitney Bowes. Dominic later enrolled in HCC’s Advanced Manufacturing Center, and after graduation, was hired as an instructor in Fairfield University’s School of Engineering. “HCC started me on my way almost 40 years ago and then when I wanted to change direction in my career, HCC helped me out again. I couldn’t be more grateful to the College and the AMC,” he said.
The Housatonic Museum of Art (HMA) is home to one of the premier community college art collections in the United States. Its collection offers students and the community alike the opportunity to view works that span the history of art from the ancient to the contemporary. This permanent collection is on continuous display throughout the 300,000 square foot College, offering a rare opportunity for serious art enthusiasts, students and faculty, and casual observers to view and interact with art every day.

The Museum serves as a rich cultural resource for the Greater Bridgeport area, presenting lectures, programs and changing exhibitions in the Burt Chernow Galleries for viewing by HCC students and the community at large. More than 10,000 people visited the Museum last year to enjoy a series of exhibitions including the following:

**September 25 - Nov 17, 2014, Mia Brownell: Delightful, Delicious and Disgusting**

**January - February 8, 2015, David Hayes: American Modern Master**
Curated by Robin Zella

**Feb 15 - March 28, 2015, Paper Visions**
Curated by Ben Ortiz

**April 1 - 25, 2015, Faculty Show**

**May 1 – 25, 2015, Student Show**

**May 16, 2015, Lisa Lampanelli Comedy Benefit**

**June, 22 – 24, 2015, Lineal Investigations II**
Curated by Robin Zella

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This fall, the Peer Docent Program will continue with 30 more peer docents and its focus on Downtown Bridgeport with a visit to the Barme Museum for a docent-led tour of its temporary gallery and a field trip to New York City in order to give Bridgeport students an opportunity to study a number of significant architectural landmarks.

None of these efforts would be possible without the strong support of HMA funders. Their contributions included $55,000 from the Werth Family Foundation, a $10,000 matched grant from the Lumpkin Family Foundation, $14,800 from Housatonic Community College, and proceeds of $12,000 from the Lisa Lampanelli Comedy Benefit.

The Museum also plays an important role in educating youth on the value of art in their lives. Completing its fifteen year, the HMA Peer Docent Program continues to introduce students to art and art history, teaches them to look at art critically, and provides them with an opportunity to develop visual, analytical, and leadership skills that will assist them across the academic disciplines and throughout their lifetimes.

The Program’s focus for the past two years has been on architecture with an examination of historic and noteworthy Bridgeport structures. During the spring of 2015, forty-five peer docents were trained, and conducted tours for 160 of their classmates.

With works by artists such as Warhol, Wesselman, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Yoko Ono, Bodin and Picasso in its trust, it is incumbent on the Museum to maintain the highest levels of conservation. The major project this year has been the reappraisal of the entire collection to determine that all objects are valued properly for both security and insurance coverage. To that end, the Museum purchased a membership to the auction database site ARTNET to research objects, determine value, and to establish the object’s provenance. All the objects (paintings, sculptures and artifacts) are being carefully measured, photographed, and described in a detailed condition report as well. Three major paintings received conservation treatment.

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In addition, the HMA partnered with the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County for the second year to offer a workshop for professional artists titled Make Art: Work: Making your Life as an Artist with Andrew Simonet.

The HMA continues to sponsor and host a special poetry/performance series in association with Lyrical Voices:

- In His Words presented Chief Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Face, Kayo, and Ahbodun Oyewole, one of the founding members of the Legendary Last Poets credited as a major influence on the development of hip hop.
- Funding through Bridgeport’s Downtown Special Services District and individual donors enabled the HMA to bring City Lore’s POEMobile to Bridgeport to participate in ARTFest in July, 2015.

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Celebrating Student Success

Students, administration, faculty and staff, family members and friends attended the College’s Annual Awards Night in the Beacon Hall Events Center on May 27, 2015. The event recognized HCC’s outstanding students and the generous individuals, groups and organizations supporting them. Foundation Board Member Paula Chapla, representing the HCCF Scholarship Committee, took the lead once again as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Twelve Housatonic Foundation Scholars who received their Associate Degrees were honored both for their academic achievements and for having merited scholarships or financial awards during their education at HCC.

Academic Dean’s Prize** – Awarded to graduating students who have each achieved the highest academic average at HCC.

Beverly G. Anderson Memorial Award** – Established in memory of HCC and Harding High School counselor Beverly G. Anderson and presented to an outstanding graduate from a Bridgeport high school.

Lillian Andersen Award – Established in memory of HCC Professor Lillian Andersen and awarded to a graduate who has furthered the goals of the Art Program outside of regular assignments.

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

Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the Connecticut Society of CPAs Accounting Prize – Presented by this local professional group to an outstanding student in the Business Administration - Accounting program who demonstrates academic achievement.

Burt Chernow Endowed Scholarship Fund ** – Established in memory of the founder of the Housatonic Museum of Art, Coordinator of the HCC Art Program, and Professor of Art, and presented to a graduate continuing his/her education in art or art education at a four-year institution.

Connecticut Post Award – Presented by Post Publishing Company and the Connecticut Post to outstanding journalism students.

Graduate Alvina Smith received two awards – the first for being an HCC Foundation Scholar, and the second – the Elizabeth Lombardi-Flame Endowment Award for outstanding performance in the Honors Program. She is chaired with Professor Keith J. Hughes, Ph.D. (Humanities Department) and Coordinator of the Honors Program.

Salvatore Curiale Scholarship Fund** – Established in memory of Salvatore Curiale, the Director of Admissions at Housatonic and presented to a student continuing his/her education in nursing.

Elizabeth Lombardi Doane Honors Award** – Presented to a student in the Honors Program who has exhibited outstanding achievement and potential for four-year study.

Ralph Fabrizio Scholarship Fund ** – Established in memory of HCC Psychology Professor Ralph Fabrizio and awarded to an outstanding student in the behavioral sciences.

George Endowed Scholarship Fund** – Established in honor of HCC Business Professor Thomas George and presented to a graduating student in the Computer Science Associate Degree program who demonstrates academic achievement.

Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship Fund** – Established in honor of HCC Professor and Director of the HCC Early Childhood Lab School, Joyce Gerber, and presented to a student who is graduating with a degree in Early Childhood Education with the highest grade point average among graduates of the Early Childhood Education Program, and who plans to transfer to a four-year college.

Maureen Maloney Scholarship Fund** – Established in memory of HCC Psychology Professor Maureen Maloney and awarded to a student who is graduating with a degree in Early Childhood Education with the highest grade point average among graduates of the Early Childhood Education Program, and who plans to transfer to a four-year college.

Jane Mahoney Memorial Award** – Established in memory of HCC English Professor Jane Mahoney and presented to a student who began his or her studies in developmental English classes.

Victor Swain Award** – Established in honor of HCC English Professor Victor Swain and awarded to an outstanding student in English.

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The HCC Foundation Board and Staff wish to thank the following Board Members who have completed their terms, or for personal or career reasons, have retired from the Board. They have provided great service to the Foundation, the College and to the HCC students.

Paula Chapla, Manager – Instructor, Advanced Manufacturing Technology at HCC, served on the Board for eight years*. She played a significant role on the Scholarship Committee, serving for eight years – one of those as Chair. Paula is known for her interaction with students, and since 2010, was Mistress of Ceremonies at the College’s Awards Night.

Mary McNamara, Vice President – Customer Experience at People’s United Bank, completed her term after serving six years. Mary played a significant role in helping to develop and promote the various funding mechanisms through which donors can make gifts and bequests through the Foundation’s Planned Giving program. Mary was also instrumental in the creation of a new website devoted to Planned Giving.

The Board Wishes to Thank

The Board continually seeks new talent and fresh ideas. We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

The Board Wishes to Welcome

The Board is a new team with new ideas. We are very happy to welcome these new Board Members, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve.

*Prior to term limitations.
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