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### **HCCF Mission**

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 are managed by the HCC Foundation on behalf of the College. The HCC Foundation supports funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for enrolled parents, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art. Additionally, funds raised 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, and serves to strengthen and expand community support for the educational, cultural and community programs offered by Housatonic Community College.

### Letter from HCCF President and Executive Director



Bruce Murray and Fiona Hodgson

The 2017-2018 academic year marked the 50th anniversary of Housatonic Community College and it was a banner year for our 5000 plus students, dedicated faculty, staff and Alumni, and for the Foundation which supports the college.

This 50th year Housatonic Community College received several prestigious awards, including recognition by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. HCC was named as one of only 8 "Dream Leader" colleges nationwide by Achieving the Dream, certified to train other colleges in policies and techniques to support student success. HCC was also one of only 10 colleges nationally to win a \$1.8 million Federal Title III grant for the Strengthening Institutions Program to bolster student retention and success.

The Housatonic Community College Foundation also had a banner year. Created in 1990 by a group of dedicated citizens to support local students, HCCF has provided over \$6 million in private funds from individuals and foundations to support student scholarships, academic programs and the Housatonic Museum of Art.

### **2017-2018 Highlights:**

- The Foundation awarded over \$500,000 in student scholarships and grants, making us one of the largest community college scholarship funds in the nation;
- Through generous grants from the Fairfield County's Community Foundation, HCCF was able to fund over 400 students in our Family Economic Security Program. These students achieved an 86% retention rate, over 30% higher than the average student population at HCC;
- Through a donor advised fund at FCCF, the College was able to launch an Ophthalmic Technician Assistant certificate program, fully funded for equipment, scholarships, faculty and books;
- The Robert Scinto Scholarship Fund was established to award significant grants to the top 20 students at the College;
- The Werth Family Foundation has given large annual grants for several years to support the Housatonic Museum of Art and the Student Docent Program. This year was no exception;
- The American Manufacturing Hall of Fame held another very successful induction Gala as it continued to raise awareness and significant scholarship dollars for our advanced manufacturing program;
- The Foundation now has assets of over \$2 million and will begin to focus on building endowment funds from planned and current gifts. These will ensure the long-term sustainability of the College, even when state budgets fluctuate.

In summary, Housatonic Community College at 50 is thriving as never before. This is only possible because of donors like you, who believe in our mission of providing excellence in teaching and counseling at an affordable price. Student success is our goal, every day. Through your support, individual lives are transformed and the future is brighter for us all.

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Fiona Hodgson

Executive Director of Institutional
Advancement and Resource Development
HCC Foundation

Bruce Murray

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### Scholarships, Gifts, Grants

Housatonic Community College empowers students to reach their full potential. Through generous scholarships, gifts and grants, donors are making a meaningful difference in students' lives, sometimes determining whether a student can attend the College. Thank you for believing in the power of education, and for your continued support.

Ellie-Joe, Johnay and Johnoey Ellis are siblings from humble beginnings. "We know what it means to go hungry, to have your water and lights turned off. Coming from where we come from, it pushes us to work harder."

Ellie-Joe is a nursing student with dreams of becoming a pediatric doctor. Johnay, majoring in chemistry, plans to attend a four-year college and then medical school to focus on either cardiology or neurosurgery. Johnoey is a math major, planning to attend a four-year college to study mechanical engineering. Each has received HCC Foundation scholarships and will graduate in 2019.

"The scholarships are a lifesaver for us, they relieve the financial burden on our Mom, and provide an opportunity for us to go to school," said Ellie-Joe. "The scholarships tell me that people believe in me and that I'm going to be able to achieve what I want to be," echoes Johnay. "This support is a testament of why I should keep working hard – to whom a lot has been given, a lot is expected," quotes Johnoey. "If it wasn't for these scholarships, we wouldn't be here. We're extremely grateful."



Johnoey Ellis, Ellie-Joe Ellis, Johnay Ellis, recipients of the HCC Foundation scholarship

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Allison Foundation Scholarship Fund Burroughs Fund Scholarship Connecticut Women's Forum Scholarship Fund Daphne Seybolt Culpepper Memorial Foundation Dr. Janis M. Hadley Scholarship Fund The Ernest & Joan Trefz Foundation Scholarship Elizabeth M. Pfriem Scholarship Eunice & David Bigelow Foundation Scholarship Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship The Gene Haas Scholarship Gertrude Flicker Gould Educational Scholarship HCC's Family Economic Security Program (FESP) Karen D. Torres Memorial Scholarship Kim Thibodeau Chiaraluce Scholarship Klein Family Foundation Fund Manufacturing Association of Southern Connecticut Inc. (MASC) Scholarship Fund Marguerite Sullivan Dunigan Scholarship Fund President Edward J. Liston Scholarship Richard E. Parent Memorial Scholarship The Bryant Family Scholarship

The Eileen A. and Margaret J. Delaney Memorial Foundation

The Mellen Foundation Scholarship

The Mercy Learning Center "Mothers Advantage" Scholarship

Near and Far Aid Scholarship

William H.Pitt III Foundation Scholarship

### **AWARDS**

Betty Mackey Mentorship Award Burt Chernow Scholarship Dale Ward Scholarship Dr. Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Scholarship Dr. Maureen Maloney Scholarship Elizabeth Lombardi Doane Honors Project Award Jane Mahoney Memorial Award Lillian M. Andersen Award Martha Flint Academic Dean's Prize

Mildred J. Klebe Scholarship

Paul Doane Scholarship

Peter Ulisse Literature Award

Thomas George Scholarship

### HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM

The Family Economic Security Program (FESP) is a partnership between HCC, Fairfield County's Community Foundation Fund for Women and Girls, and LifeBridge. FESP offers low-moderate income students the resources and tools to advance their education, career and economic security. FESP adapted the Center for Working Families model from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which provides bundled services that involve employment, financial and work supports. Students receive comprehensive services, coaching and access to scholarships, emergency funds and professional development opportunities.

Salomé Inda graduates in December 2018 with plans of getting a Master's degree in social work and becoming a psychotherapist. She also juggles two jobs, school and being a single mom.



Salomé Inda, participant in the HCC Family Economic Security Program

Originally from Kenya, she came to the US at age four, when her Mom passed away. Here, she has very little family to lean on. "I pay for school out of pocket and before I applied for FESP I was struggling financially. FESP gave me access to resources I didn't know about. They connected me with a food pantry, taught me time management skills and lifted some weight off my shoulders so I could stay in school."

"I'm really grateful for this program. The FESP population is filled with women that are single moms. We're low-income and struggling, but not giving up. FESP helps us beat the negative stereotype – without FESP, we might not be able to complete school, we wouldn't have the support to keep going. Without FESP I'd probably be a statistic. There is no better program to donate money to."

### **BOB SCINTO SCHOLARSHIP**

A generous \$10,000 scholarship was established this year by Bob Scinto, the Chairman of RD Scinto Inc and longtime friend of HCC, to reward 20 students with exceptionally high GPAs for their commitment to academic excellence and hard work. Mr. Scinto was recognized with the "Community Service Award" from the HCC Foundation at the annual gala in April.







Deivi Perez, recipeint of the Bob Scinto Scholarship

Deivi Perez will graduate in December 2018 with a degree in psychology. With a GPA of 3.8 he was one of HCC's top 20 students to receive the Scinto scholarship. "I'm dedicating myself to school, and having this scholarship motivates me to do even more to improve myself. They're investing in me and I want them to see me doing well. By going to school I'm investing in myself and my end goal is to get a Ph.D."

## **STEAM** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics









The critical thinking skills and applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) are fundamental to the current and future workforce. STEAM is the newest approach in connecting national STEM initiatives with art. STEM + Art = STEAM. (stemtosteam.org)

Job opportunities in STEAM are consistently on the rise, and in order to succeed, students are required to have a strong and innovative foundation. HCC students can choose from over 60 associate degree or certificate options under the STEAM disciplines. Through active hands-on learning, students in these courses build 'stackable credentials,' whereby learning accumulates to build up qualifications and support movement along educational goals or career paths to potentially higher-paying jobs.

### **STEAMfest**

In November, Housatonic Community College held the 1st annual STEAMfest, a four-day event featuring employer panelists, student projects, career planning and guest speakers. Highlights included 'Women in STEAM' featuring guest speakers: Dr. Ashley Slaybaugh, Labor Relations Manager for Sikorsky, and Catherine Sneed, Employee Communications and Community Relations for Sikorsky/Lockheed Martin.

### From HCC to Ph.D.

Yusuff Abdu, originally from Nigeria, graduated from HCC in 2006 and went on to graduate from the University of Connecticut, and earn his Master's Degree in DNA Recombinant Technology Biology from New York University. In January, 2018 Yusuff received his doctorate in developmental genetics from the NYU School of Medicine and is currently a Postdoctoral Associate at Rockefeller University, undertaking neuroscience research.

When earning his Master's Degree, Yusuff made scientific history; he discovered a previously uncharacterized form of cell remodeling in the nematode Caenorhabditis elegans primordial germ cells. His seminal work was published and reviewed in scientific journals and has won him many awards including the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute International Student Fellowship.





"Housatonic was a gateway to American education. It was a nurturing environment that allowed me to get the confidence to tackle my dreams."

- Yusuff Abdu Ph.D.



### Scholarship - Recipients



Michelle London is a scholarship recipient who credits this support with allowing her to finish her degree. "I was planning to go back to school and was expecting my tax refund, but the IRS used it to pay off unpaid loans. I was devastated," said the 33 year old single mom who also works full time and plans to become a nurse. When she learned about the scholarship award, she said, "I couldn't believe it, I started balling my eyes out. This is huge for me. I'm so grateful and blessed that I got this opportunity."

Michelle London



Deby Ruiz is a 2nd year Advanced Manufacturing student, graduating in May. She expects to continue her studies in Mechanical Engineering at a 4-year university and has hopes of becoming a designer. "I love math and I like to create things. I want to design cars, motorcycles and airplanes."

Deby received a Manufacturing Scholarship her first year, and a Foundation scholarship in her second. "I'm so thankful for these scholarships. They helped me in an economic way, but they also inspired me to do even better in my classes. I'm working even harder to get good grades. They are really helping me to reach my goals and pursue my dreams."

Deby Ruiz Recipient of the Manufacturing Scholarship

The HCC Foundation Inc. also honored the following graduating students who have received a scholarship during their time at Housatonic.

Alena M. Aubrey Christopher R. Buchanan

Marjorie C. Carpio

Keyla D. Cerron

Thien H. Dang

Jodi Ann S. Dyer

Drew A. Eccelston

Leona Gjuraj

Alexis Jimenez

John Kalyondo Azalea A. Leon

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Ines M. Licata

Michelle V. London

Giovana Rodrigues de Senna

Leidy C. Vargas

Michelle L. Wilson

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Michelle V. London

Giovana Rodrigues de Senna

Leidy C. Vargas Michelle L. Wilson



Azalea Leon with her Grandmother



Ines Licata, Carla Mackintosh, and Giovana Rodrigues deSenna

### **Awards Night**

Housatonic Community College's 47th Annual Awards Night ceremony recognizes graduating students who have achieved remarkable success. These are the students who have earned excellence and brought honor to themselves, their families, and to Housatonic. The HCC Foundation Inc. funded the following Awards:

The Martha Flint Academic Dean's Prize

Elizabeth Lombardi Doane Honors Project Award

Paul Doane Endowed Award

Mildred J. Klebe Award

**Betty Mackey - Mentorship Award** 

Dr. Joyce Gerber - Early Childhood Education Award

**Dale Ward Endowed - Student Senate Award** 

Maureen Maloney Award

**Victor Swain Award** 

Peter Ulisse Literature Award

**Burt Chernow Award** 

Lillian Andersen Award

**Tom George - Computer Science Award** 

# **Housatonic**Museum of Art

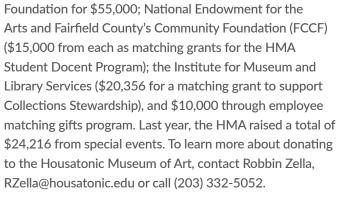
The Housatonic Museum of Art (HMA) is committed to serving HCC students and Fairfield County through education, exhibitions and conservation. Founded on the philosophy that works of art should be an everyday part of the educational environment, the HMA is committed to teaching through the display, collection, interpretation and preservation of original works of art. The HMA believes that an important component of its educational mission is to provide students an opportunity to engage with original works of art by integrating the Collection into the learning environment. Thematic exhibitions are on display

throughout the campus and in the galleries making the Collection accessible on a daily basis.



As an art lover,
a donor,
and practicing artist
myself, I believe that
art is essential.

- Deborah Bachard



The HMA received funding from The Werth Family

### 2017-2018 Exhibitions, Gallery Talks, Special Events and Student Docent Program

Joe Zucker: Scrolls
Reimagining Little Liberia
When Caged Birds Sing: Ann Weiner
Pattern, Power, Chaos and Quiet
Bridgeport Regional High School Art Show
HCC's Annual Student Art Show
2018 Congressional Art Show for the 4th District
HCC Faculty Art Show
Student Docent Capstone Tours







# Werth Family Foundation Student Docent Program

The Werth Family Foundation Student Docent Program introduces 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. With its arts enrichment emphasis, the Program teaches Bridgeport students to become "experts" about several iconic buildings in Downtown Bridgeport and present their knowledge to their classmates during guided tours. During 2017-2018, the Program expanded its scope to include the Mary and Eliza Freeman Houses, the last remaining structures of a community founded by free blacks in the 1830s called Little Liberia. To date the Program has served over 4,000 students in 17 Bridgeport schools.

# Commencement 2018

The 50th commencement of Housatonic Community College was celebrated on May 24, 2018 at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport. Seven hundred and sixteen graduates received degrees and certificates. The commencement address was given by Elizabeth Figueroa, a 2015 HCC Alumna and co-producer and host of the youth radio talk program "Ain't No Stopping' Us Now," which airs on radio station WNLK (1350 AM) in Norwalk. This year's commencement ceremonies also included new honors conferred by President Broadie on two distinguished community leaders: Joseph M. Carbone, President and CEO of The WorkPlace Inc., who received the President's Award for Community Leadership, and Juanita T. James, President and CEO of the Fairfield County Community Foundation who was awarded an Honorary Degree.

HCC concluded the 2017-18 academic year on a high-note, having just celebrated a milestone 50th anniversary, being named to the illustrious roster of top 150 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute, and selected as an Achieving the Dream Leader Institution.





### **50th** Anniversary

For half a century, thousands of students have pursued their dream of a better life through higher education at Housatonic Community College. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the College. The celebration began with a kick-off reception on November 4, 2017 in the Lafayette Hall Atrium where faculty, staff, emeritus, and alumni shared the history and triumphs of HCC. Offices throughout the college also contributed to the 50th celebration by holding various events throughout the year. The yearlong celebration concluded with a Community Day Celebration on April 19, 2018 in the Lafayette Hall Concourse. The event began with a procession led by a Harding High School drum line. Among those honored at the celebration were Dean of Academic Affairs Robin Avant, who received a statewide award for teaching excellence, and retired professor and advocate for the blind, Elizabeth Doane, who received a lifetime achievement award.

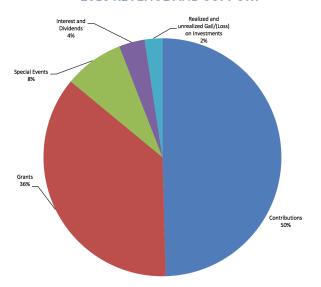




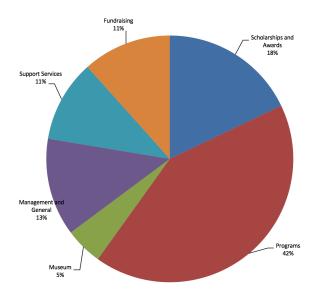
### **Financials**

	2017	2018
Total Revenue and Support	1,667,435	1,926,690
Total Expenses	1,328,473	1,557,174
Change in Net Assets	338,962	369,516
Net Assets, Ending	\$1,803,670	\$2,173,186

### **2018 REVENUE AND SUPPORT**



#### **2018 EXPENSES**







### **Alumni Hall of Fame Gala**

The HCCF Gala was held April 21 in the beautiful new Lafayette Hall Atrium. Over 200 supporters, HCCF Board Members, HCC faculty, staff and students enjoyed a delightful evening that included performances by the HCC Music Club the HCC All Stars. President Broadie, Senator Richard Blumenthal, and HCCF President Christopher McCormack, Esq., congratulated the Gala honorees: the Allison Family Foundation, Mr. Robert D. Scinto, the Honorable Edward Rodriguez, and alumnus Dr. Yusuff Abdu.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 50th Anniversary Gala! Through your generosity, we have been able to expand our scholarship offerings to many more students.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Housatonic Community College Foundation thanks the individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations who have given so generously. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students.

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"We all know that Housatonic Community College transforms lives. Consider including Housatonic Community College Foundation in your estate plans, to ensure that student needs continue to be met through our collective support."

Elizabeth Doane, HCC Professor Emerita of Mathematics





