



*Strategic Initiatives  
for Student Success*

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# Message FROM THE PRESIDENT



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*Barbara P. Johnson,  
President, HCC Foundation*

One of the major priorities of the Foundation's strategic plan has been to implement initiatives that would ensure a strong, effective and well-managed Board of Directors for the Foundation – a Board prepared to oversee growth in asset size and manage projects with greater complexity. This called for enlisting new Board members with a variety of skills from a cross section of business sectors; amending the Foundation's bylaws to establish leadership term limits; reviewing and redefining committee structure and establishing new committees as warranted; and redefining investment policies and strategies.

I am very pleased to report that these goals have been met. Foundation staff and Board members worked diligently throughout this past year, focusing on the many issues of board governance. In addition, the Foundation instituted operational policies and procedures required by new IRS rulings for college foundations. As a result, the Foundation's structure is clearly defined and stronger than ever before.

Another important result of this process was the Board's decision to convert the Foundation's tax exempt status from a 501(c)(3) supporting organization to a 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) public charity. This change in status – driven by new IRS requirements for donors – will assure that the Foundation continues to qualify for funding from

private foundations. It will also provide more flexibility in the types of programs and projects the Foundation can provide to the College. Determination from the IRS is expected shortly.

In other news of great importance, the College – one of fifteen community colleges nationwide – has been selected to receive a grant of \$743,000 “to expand groundbreaking educational programs” that promise to help more young people succeed in college and beyond. It is very gratifying to the Foundation that this grant was awarded to support student success programs funded by the Foundation since their inception, including the highly successful Middle College Bridges Program, and the Open-Entry/Open-Exit Math Lab.

The success of these endeavors makes it easier for me to announce that at the annual meeting in September, I will step down as President of the Foundation – a position I have held with great pride for the past six years. My plans are to remain on the Board as co-chair of the Board Governance committee. It has been a privilege to work with a dedicated group of volunteer Board members who contribute their time and talent, and with HCC President, Anita Gliniecki, and Director of Institutional Advancement, Maureen Dowdle. Their commitment to the College and its students has inspired the Board and has challenged us to reach for significant goals regardless of any obstacles.

Paul Antinozzi, President of Antinozzi Associates, PC Architects, has been nominated for the position of Board President. Paul joined the Board in June 2004, served as the Chair of the Corporate Campaign for the “Pathways to Success” program, and is currently Vice President of the Foundation. I hope you will join with us in wishing him great success in his new role.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara P. Johnson".

Barbara P. Johnson  
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.*



**T**he 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.

# Events

## THE BEACON HALL EVENTS CENTER

### MYSTERY NIGHT

On October 17, the HCC Foundation hosted a disco-themed Murder Mystery Night entitled “Friday Night Fever,” which served as a fundraiser for the Foundation’s Scholarship Program. The fun-filled night spotlighted an “all-star” cast featuring HCC faculty members and staff who posed as characters in this highly-interactive murder mystery. Assistant professor Geoffrey Sheehan – outstanding as the emcee – offered clues to the audience as the mystery unfolded throughout the evening. The event included an Italian buffet, dancing, and a raffle of more than 50 items and gift baskets. The event was a success on all levels, and garnered more than \$10,000 for the Scholarship Program.



*A costumed John Favret, Coordinator of the Art Program, provides hints about his mysterious character “Dalan Doogart” to emcee Geoffrey Sheehan.*



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*HCC President, Anita T. Gliniecki, admires the items on the raffle table at the highly entertaining Murder Mystery Night.*

Thank you to the generous sponsors who made this evening possible: “Dance Fever” Sponsor R.C. Bigelow Tea; “Disco Ball” Sponsors Blum, Shapiro & Co., P.C., and Virginia and Joel Giuffrè; “Staying Alive” Sponsors Cohen & Associates, LLC, Southern CT Gas Company, Glenn and Tina Tatangelo and Advanced Cleaning Concepts, Inc., and the many businesses, organizations, HCC departments and individuals who contributed raffle items, gift baskets, refreshments, time and expertise – all of which helped to make this night the success it was.



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*A sincere “Thank You” to the spirited HCC faculty and staff who performed in the Friday Night Fever Mystery Night: (front row) Jackie Leo, emcee Geoffrey Sheehan, Jane Wampler, Yotisse Williams, (back row) Rob Nelson, John Favret, Linda Griffin, Steve Mark, and Mary Clark.*

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## “PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS” DONOR RECOGNITION EVENT

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*Deborah Bachard, Peter Werth and David Moore of the Werth Family Foundation were among the major donors honored at the Donor Recognition Event on October 23.*

Last year, the Foundation’s first Major Gifts Campaign – “Pathways to Success,” surpassed its fundraising goal, raising more than \$1 million in support of the College’s initiatives. In celebration, the Foundation hosted a special Donor Recognition Event on October 23 to honor the individuals, businesses, organizations and agencies whose contributions made the campaign the success it was.

The event included the formal unveiling of the Donor Wall – an impressive sand-carved glass monument created to recognize the benefactors of the “Pathways to Success” campaign. Installed in the lobby of the Events Center on the second floor of Beacon Hall, the Donor Wall stands as a permanent and highly visible “thank you” to all those whose contributions propelled the Foundation past its original fundraising goal.

Foundation Board President, Barbara Johnson, spoke on the significance of the campaign, while HCC President, Anita Gliniecki, spoke on the impact the success of the campaign would have on the College. Paul Antinozzi, Chair of the Corporate Campaign, and Cindi Bigelow, External Chair, both expressed their appreciation to the donors. Maureen Dowdle, Director of Institutional Advancement, assisted President Gliniecki and Barbara Johnson in presenting donor appreciation plaques to the major donors.



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*Barbara Johnson, President of the HCC Foundation, presented donor appreciation plaques to Timothy B. Hodges, President of the People’s United Community Foundation, and other major donors following the unveiling of the Donor Recognition Wall.*



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*Cindi Bigelow of R.C. Bigelow Tea, and John Albini of The United Illuminating Company, were among those recognized for their generous contributions to the “Pathways to Success” campaign.*

# Museum

## HOUSATONIC MUSEUM OF ART

The Housatonic Museum of Art, founded in 1967 by the late Burt Chernow, has developed into one of the most significant art collections of any two-year college in New England. The permanent collection is valued at over \$13 million and includes works by master artists including Rodin, Picasso, Matisse, Miro and Chagall. The collection and galleries provide essential learning opportunities for students, faculty, administrators and visitors and the 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 served to introduce 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. This program is supported by generous contributions: this past year, the Werth Family Foundation completed their third year pledge through the "Pathways to Success" campaign with a gift of \$50,000. The Fairfield County Community Foundation donated \$15,000 and the Target Corporation donated \$2,000.

The Werth Family Foundation has also funded an exhibition series at the Museum that includes the well-received show *Illustrating Connecticut: People, Places and Things* (2008); *PostSecret* (2009); *Aeolian Ride* (2009); and *Remembering Stanley Boxer: A Survey* (2010).

The Museum continues in its efforts to preserve important works in the collection. Several outdoor sculptures have been cleaned and restored to their original condition. In addition, numerous paintings have been re-stretched and restored, preserving them for future students.

The Housatonic Museum of Art continues to receive important works of art through the generosity of artists, collectors and foundations. In March 2009, the HMA accepted a gift of 152 Polaroid photographs as part of the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Project from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. and the Estate of Andy Warhol. The Museum plans to mount a special exhibition to highlight this important gift.



*Why Not? – a juried exhibit of the work of some 40 women artists from New England and New York was on display in the Housatonic Museum of Art Gallery this past fall.*

Photo by Paul Martino



*Uncurled Plate – a sculpture by Lila Katzen, was relocated from the interior courtyard to a more prominent location at HCC's entrance as part of the College's renovation and expansion of its facilities.*

Photo by Blaine Kruger

# Programs

## FOUNDATION GRANTS

The vast majority of HCC's students require some level of financial assistance during their studies. In an effort to meet their needs and the expanding needs of the College, the Foundation continues to actively pursue grants from private and public foundations. This past year, the Foundation succeeded in securing funding from a number of committed organizations for the following HCC programs:

### 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 seeks to provide those students with a significantly greater level of college preparedness, particularly in the areas of language arts and math/science. Further efforts are made to increase the students' motivation to continue to pursue advanced course work in those areas, so that they can take advantage of the many career opportunities offered by the increasing number of industries and professions seeking highly trained and skilled individuals with mathematical and scientific expertise.

The Educational Foundation of America has awarded a grant of \$80,000 in support of the Middle College Program, payable over a two year period. The first installment of \$40,000 was awarded during the 2008-09 academic year.

Previously, the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County made a three-year commitment to the program. The second year funding of \$50,000 included contributions from the United Way through its "Operation Graduation" program; from Sikorsky Aircraft's "Project Graduation Initiative;" and from Sikorsky employees.

The Connecticut Department of Higher Education allocated \$35,000 in federal grant money to the College for the Middle College Program through its "GEAR UP" Program. The funding supports the enrollment of students from all three Bridgeport high schools in HCC's Middle College Program.

Two avid proponents of the program also continued their support this year: The Charter Oak Challenge Foundation with a grant of \$10,000 and The United Illuminating Company with a grant of \$10,000. Xerox Corporation, also a past contributor, provided a grant of \$2,000.



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*Children with no preschool experience participated in "Kick Off to Kindergarten" – a preparatory initiative facilitated by HCC's Early Childhood Education Department during the summer months.*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (ECED)

The Bridgeport Public Education Fund and the Bridgeport Alliance for Young Children in partnership with The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, Inc. awarded a grant of \$8,000 to HCC's Early Childhood Education Department for its second year operation of "Kick Off to Kindergarten." This program was conceived by the Bridgeport Alliance for Young Children and is intended for children who have had no preschool experience and are entering kindergarten in the fall. The program focuses on two key sets of readiness skills that are critical to success in kindergarten: personal/social skills and language/literacy skills.

The Bridgeport Board of Education awarded a grant of \$7,450 through its Quality Enhancement Program that enabled

HCC's Early Childhood Education Department to host a "Kith and Kin" (family and friends) Conference. This all day workshop united children, the non-parental people caring for them, and representatives from Bridgeport's Family Resource Centers in a relaxed environment that fostered discussion and provided information. The children participated in a number of activities, and received a variety of books and writing materials to take home.

## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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*Susan Hitchcock, Sikorsky Aircraft's Manager of Community Relations, presents a check to HCC President, Anita T. Gliniecki, in support of HCC's Industrial Technology Program.*

Continuing its commitment to the development of a qualified regional workforce, Sikorsky Aircraft has again awarded 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 train current employees so they could be promoted within their companies.

The Manufacturing Association of Southern Connecticut (MASC) contributed \$10,000 to create an Industrial Technology Scholarship Program. During the 2008-09 academic year, this scholarship was awarded to three HCC students in good academic standing

who were enrolled in the College of Technology Pathway Program, and took one of the Industrial Technology courses (AutoCad and/or Manufacturing Processes).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD LABORATORY SCHOOL

The Westport Young Women's League has been a supporter of the Foundation and HCC students for many years. The organization has awarded \$1,000 for programs conducted by The Early Childhood Laboratory School (ECLS) at HCC, 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 school was one of the first programs in the country to be reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children under its new accreditation system.

## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING GRANTS

Throughout last year, Housatonic Community College was the recipient of grants from various public and private funding sources. These grants were directed toward a number of the initiatives included in the College's Student Success Program, as well as to groundbreaking programs instituted at the College that have been supported through Foundation funding since their inception.

## DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Recently, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MDC, Inc. announced "\$16.5 million in grants to 15 community colleges and five states to expand groundbreaking remedial educational programs that experts say are key to dramatically boosting the college completion rates of low-income students and students of color."

HCC was chosen as one of those fifteen community colleges, and will be the recipient of \$743,000 in total funding over the next three years.

The grant was awarded to fund the Developmental Education Initiative, which is being led by MDC, and will build upon the most promising programs developed through Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, a multi-year initiative to boost graduation rates at community colleges, particularly among low-income students and students of color. 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 already has in place, and enables the College to expand upon those programs and introduce additional programs geared to enhance student success:

- HCC will expand its innovative Open-Entry/Open-Exit Math programs that allow students to study at their own pace in computer labs with an instructor and tutor present. Three courses: Pre-algebra, Elementary Algebra Foundations, and Intermediate Algebra, are being offered in this format.
- HCC will expand the OE/OE concept to English courses as well. The first OE/OE English course, Writing Foundations of English, will be offered this fall.
- HCC will offer qualified students the College’s iMATH (Intervention Math) program – an intensive three-week math review/refresher program that gives them the opportunity to test better and be placed in higher level math courses.
- HCC will offer college placement testing to incoming high school seniors so they can begin work to strengthen their academic foundations while still in high school. The tests will be offered to the more than 800 area high schools participating in the College’s Bridges college readiness program.

### CONGRESSIONALLY-DIRECTED GRANT FOR THE MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM

HCC was notified of a \$285,000 Congressionally-Directed grant for the College’s Middle College Program. This funding was awarded through the United States Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education and will be used to sustain the Middle College Program for the next two years.

### STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS AT HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*HCC Adjunct Professor, Robert Caciopoli, works one-on-one with students participating in the GEAR UP summer program conducted on the HCC campus.*

HCC is dedicated to helping each student succeed, stay in college and graduate. In order to facilitate this, HCC has available a wide range of programs and services designed to help students realize a successful Housatonic experience. In 2008, the College established the College Success Department within the Student Services division to coordinate outreach programs for current and prospective HCC students. The programs that fall under this division include the following:

**Summer GEAR UP** – For the third consecutive year, HCC offered a six-week summer instruction and tutoring program for 85 students who either graduated high school this year or will be entering their senior year at Bridgeport’s Bassick, Central, or Harding High Schools in the fall. These students were enrolled in developmental or introductory college courses for credit in mathematics and English composition to further their readiness for college. The program also offered college readiness workshops that included topics incorporated from HCC’s Bridges Program. Funding for this program was provided by the State of Connecticut GEAR UP Program.

**College Access Challenge Grant Program (Connections)** – Under the College Access Challenge Grant program, the Connecticut Department of Higher Education partnered with HCC for the development, implementation and evaluation of a demonstration project to explore the effect of interventions on the retention and graduation rates of students at risk for not staying in school. The participating students enrolled in classes for Academic Skills, English Writing: Paragraph to Essay, and English Composition, and throughout the program, had access to success coaches, tutoring, advising, and counseling. The program, which was instituted during the 2008-09 academic year, will resume in the fall of 2009.

**Connecticut College Access and Success (ConnCAS) Program** – The ConnCAS program focuses on increasing the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of minority students. In facilitating the six week summer session program, HCC provided a bridge program for selected students to help them become “college ready.” Participating students also enrolled in the College’s Academic Skills and English Writing: Paragraph to Essay classes. Throughout the upcoming school year, these students will continue to have access to support services including advising, tutoring, and mentoring.



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*Joyce Gonzales, Director of HCC’s College Success Programs, helps a student prepare for an English class offered through the College’s Connections Program.*



Photo by Harold Shapiro

*HCC Professor Aubrey Montcrieffe and a student enrolled in the You Can Do It (YCDI) Initiative are shown in discussion during one of the sessions held last summer.*

**You Can Do It Initiative (YCDI)** – This pilot initiative funded by the Connecticut State GEAR UP Program included a six week summer bridge program on the HCC campus.

The program focused on minority males, placing them in an environment where they would feel welcomed, understood and supported in becoming successful students at HCC and contributing citizens of the Greater Bridgeport area. English and mathematics classes were offered through methodologies that allowed every student to experience success at his own level. The project’s intention is to continue these relationships and supports throughout the following semesters.

**College Career Pathways (formerly Tech Prep)** – CCP is a high school-based and college-based experience that combines academic and occupational learning. The program, which is geared towards high school juniors, provides a linkage between high school and college-level curriculum in a sequential program of

study that includes coursework in mathematics, science, communication, and career courses in the student’s areas of interest. Students are eligible to receive an associate’s degree or certificate after two years of post-secondary training. Funding has been provided by the State of Connecticut Department of Education.

# Programs

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**A**lthough tuition at HCC continues to be quite reasonable in today's educational environment, the cost is sometimes still too much to pay for some students desiring a solid education and a chance at success. Scholarships make a huge difference in the lives of many of our hard-working, deserving students. In fact, scholarships can often determine whether or not a student can even enroll in college, or can complete his or her course work and graduate. Most HCC scholarship recipients are excellent students whose solid academic performances enable them to graduate from HCC and enter rewarding careers. Others choose to 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.

Housatonic Community College Foundation Scholarships are awarded to 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. This past year, a \$20,000 grant from the Inner City Foundation for Charity & Education and a \$12,500 grant from the Near & Far Aid Association helped support the Foundation's efforts to provide scholarships to the many HCC students relying on them.

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 Blum-Shapiro 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 have decided to further their education by attending Housatonic Community College.



Photo by Blaine Kruger

*HCC President Anita T. Gliniecki and Director of Institutional Advancement Maureen Dowdle are shown with Jill Heck, Board Member of the Near & Far Aid Association – a generous and on-going supporter of the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.*

## AWARDS NIGHT

Students, faculty, staff, family and friends attended the College's annual Awards Night on May 26, 2009. This event was held to recognize outstanding students and the generous individuals, groups and organizations that support them. Twenty-nine Housatonic Foundation Scholars who received their associate's degrees this year were honored both for their academic achievements and for having been the recipients of scholarships or financial awards during their educations at HCC.

General Electric and the G.E. Elfun Society sponsored the event for the 21st consecutive year.

**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.

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

**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 Housatonic Community College, 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 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** will be 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 display 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 in extra-curricular activities. The student must also be employed, with preference given to employees of Subway Restaurants.

July 9, 2009

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 am motivated to work hard and give 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 that 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 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 (MASC), is awarded to students in good academic standing at HCC who are enrolled in the College of Technology's Pathway Program and take one of the Industrial Technology courses (AutoCad and/or Manufacturing Processes).

**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, HCC student and graduate.

July 9, 2009

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you all very much for awarding me the Near & Far Aid Association Scholarship for the fall 2009 semester. I am extremely grateful for your generosity; this will help me tremendously in pursuing my degree in Criminal Justice. I am very appreciative to now be able to take my final class here at Housatonic Community College and obtain my Associates Degree. Once again, thank you so much for the awarded scholarship. It truly means a lot to me.

Sincerely,

*Steven Figueroa*

**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 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.

**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 15 years and served as Chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department.

**The Quinn Award for Exceptional Improvement as a Writer and Reporter** is awarded to a graduating HCC student who has shown significant development as a writer and reporter over the course of their tenure working for HCC's student newspaper, Horizons.

**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.

**The Sylvia Gordon Wettenstein Memorial Scholarship** was created to honor the memory of Sylvia Gordon Wettenstein, class of 1971. At the age of 48, she was the oldest student at the then new Housatonic Community College. Upon graduation with Honors, she founded the college's Public Relations Department, where she worked for more than ten years. This scholarship will be awarded to older women enrolling at HCC to continue 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.

July 9, 2009

To the Members of the Scholarship Committee,

The gratitude I wish to extend to each and every one of you can hardly be expressed in words. One would have thought July 8th was Christmas morning having seen the manner in which I ran excitedly about the house! You have blessed me with the greatest gift. Receiving that letter signified more than me being given a tangible scholarship. Rather, your generosity has granted me the opportunity to focus on my education – and not the four jobs I currently hold! For that I am incredibly grateful. Please rest assured that I will dedicate 100% of myself to this final year at Housatonic Community College and will continue to do so at the four year institution I transfer to.

God Bless!

*Mary Ellen Skawinski*

Photo by Harold Shapiro



*Richard T. Stone, Director of the Inner City Foundation for Charity & Education, congratulated HCC student and scholarship recipient Nicole Teixeira. The scholarship enabled Nicole to complete her associate's degree.*

# The Future

LOOKING AHEAD

## THE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME GALA

A goal of the College has long been to strengthen its relationship with its alumni.

While alumni relations have been successfully fostered in the past, the College recognizes that by making a formal effort to connect with alumni – strengthening the bond that exists between the College and the students who have passed through its corridors – a greater sense of community will result. Engaged alumni are more apt to become ambassadors to the community, making local business and organizations increasingly aware of the role HCC plays in the economic structure of Bridgeport, and are more apt themselves to become actively involved in the fundraising efforts put forth by the HCC Foundation.

Toward that end, the Foundation has established The Alumni Hall of Fame to honor select HCC alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and in the realm of community service. The first three HCC alumni to receive this prestigious award will be inducted at a black tie Gala on Saturday, November 21 in HCC's Beacon Hall Events Center. Their induction not only will recognize them for their accomplishments, but will serve as an important reminder to our current student population that with an education, they too can achieve their goals in the careers they choose and in the communities they live.

The Foundation is thrilled to announce that LeVar Burton – star of the miniseries *Roots*, long-time host of the award-winning PBS children's series *Reading Rainbow*, and co-star of the Emmy award-winning television series *Star-Trek: The Next Generation* – will be a special guest and presenter at the Gala. In addition to his roles as an actor, director, producer and author, Mr. Burton is a literacy advocate who speaks internationally on the importance of education.



*LeVar Burton – actor, director, producer, author and literacy advocate – will be the Guest Speaker at the Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame Gala on November 21, 2009.*

The Gala is also intended to call much-needed attention to the Foundation's Scholarship Fund, and will provide event sponsors, alumni and attendees the opportunity to support the fund through ticket purchases and contributions. This aspect of the Gala has critical importance: it is estimated that this year, due to the decline in college loans granted by traditional lenders, student need will more than double that of last year, reaching the \$1.5 million level. We believe this event will help raise awareness of the problem and jumpstart – in a big way – our fundraising efforts to help our students obtain the education they need to make successes of themselves and become contributors to the community.

The Gala will include 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. Mr. Burton will be on hand to autograph special photos and memorabilia from his extensive career.

Full information on the Alumni Hall of Fame (including nomination forms) and on the Gala is available on the HCC website at <http://www.hcc.commnet.edu>.

# Thank You

## FOR MANY WAYS OF GIVING

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.

Giving levels during this fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 include unrestricted donations and individual, corporate, foundation and grant support for scholarships, a wide-range of program enhancements, the Housatonic Museum of Art, and in-kind donations to the Foundation's special events.

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## REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	\$64,999	\$232,512	\$851	\$297,862
Interest and dividends	17,942			17,942
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>402,733</u>	<u>( 402,733)</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Total revenue and support	<u>485,174</u>	<u>( 170,221)</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>315,804</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Scholarships and awards	160,020			160,020
Programs	227,689			227,689
Museum	60,198			60,198
Management and general	82,606			82,606
Fund raising events	38,063			38,063
Other fund raising	35,478			35,478
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	<u>97,249</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>97,249</u>
Total Expenses	<u>701,303</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>701,303</u>
Change in net assets	( 216,129)	( 170, 221)	851	( 385,499)
Net assets, beginning	<u>372,960</u>	<u>646,835</u>	<u>295,543</u>	<u>1,315,338</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$156,831</u>	<u>\$476,614</u>	<u>\$296,394</u>	<u>\$929,839</u>

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