

# Annual Report



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## HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# Message

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Paul Antinozzi, AIA  
President, HCC Foundation

September 2011 marks the completion of my second year as President of the Foundation Board. During this time, I have had the opportunity to develop close working relationships with board committee members and Foundation staff, and I realize now, more than ever, the depth of the commitment these individuals have to the success of the Foundation as we fulfill our mission to support the goals of Housatonic Community College.

Their commitment reflects that exhibited by HCC President Anita Gliniecki herself. Despite the difficult economy and the challenges facing higher education at the state level, she has successfully instituted important initiatives to encourage student success, and has put HCC in the national spotlight as the recipient of major grants to continue those innovative programs. She is a visionary, and we value her involvement and support.

The board also benefits from the contributions made individually and collectively by its dedicated members, and I personally appreciate the guidance, responsiveness and generosity provided by each and every one of them. In that regard, I would like to highlight the efforts of Barbara Johnson, former Board President and current Chair of the Resource Development Committee. Each of the subcommittees under her watch – Alumni Relations, the HCC Museum of Art, Events, Real Estate Development and Planned Giving – have made meaningful progress this year. On behalf of the board, I thank her for the determination with which she is propelling us to clarify and accomplish our long-term development objectives.

As we move forward however, we will be doing so without the expertise of Maureen Dowdle, the Director of Institution Advancement and head of the Foundation Office, who retired in July, 2011. Maureen joined the Foundation in 1998 and since that time succeeded in growing it from a fledgling unit to a highly effective, professional organization that has consistently produced results beyond expectations. Please make note of Maureen's exceptional accomplishments highlighted on page 3 of this report.

And finally, please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 19, when the Foundation hosts the third annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala. Once again, three illustrious alumni will be inducted into the Hall of Fame and a celebrity presentation, gourmet dinner and delightful music and dancing will be enjoyed by all. It is a wonderful occasion you will not want to miss. I look forward to seeing you there!

Paul Antinozzi, AIA  
President, Housatonic Community College Foundation

# Mission WHO WE ARE

# Foundation News MAUREEN DOWDLE



**Left:** (top row left to right) Board members Diane Nunn, Mary Jane Paris and Marianne Laska with Board Treasurer Don Janezic (center) and HCC President Anita Gliniecki. (bottom row left to right) Board President Paul Antinozzi with Board members Barbara Johnson and Cynthia Payne.

**Right:** HCC President Anita Gliniecki (left) with Maureen Dowdle, former Director of Institutional Advancement.



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

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

Funds raised by the Foundation help support scholarships, tuition assistance,

tutoring, childcare and textbooks for deserving students, and provide supplemental support to the College to meet needs including staff development and educational resources not covered by state funding.

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

**When Maureen Dowdle came to the HCC Foundation thirteen years ago from Bridgeport's Mercy Learning Center, she knew she would be using her finely-honed development skills to fund scholarships for students who could not afford HCC's tuition on their own.**

The scope of her responsibilities changed rapidly, however. Recognizing the enormous financial needs of HCC's student body, Maureen restructured the Foundation Office, created an operational plan, then worked hand-in-hand with board members to create a long-term strategic plan. Later, she played a significant role in strengthening the board – adding to the highly experienced membership several new board members with fresh perspectives and important skill sets. She further professionalized the board by developing new governance documents, and encouraged the conversion of the Foundation's tax exempt status from a supporting organization to a public charity, so that the Foundation would continue to qualify for funding from private foundations.

Maureen took on the fundraising for the Housatonic Museum of Art, helping to bring focus to the Museum through special events such as the highly successful Ansel Adams exhibit,

and strengthened the Museum's capabilities by spearheading the placement of a full time curator.

Most recently, she accepted responsibility for the newly formed Office of Alumni Relations – designated by HCC President Anita Gliniecki as a vehicle to organize and involve alumni as ambassadors, mentors and donors.

Maureen's most important accomplishment, however, has been her success in building the base of funding for the Foundation. Starting with the creation of a donor data base, she later incorporated state-of-the-art software to expand its capability. She initiated the Foundation's grant writing process, which recently brought in a grant of \$238,998 from the Manufacturer's Association of Southern Connecticut Inc. (MASC) – the largest single gift the Foundation has received in its twenty year history – and worked to raise awareness and funding for the Foundation through special events, including the Alumni Hall of Fame Gala.

Maureen also has invested considerable time and energy in nurturing donor relationships and working to build the Foundation's endowment. She initiated the annual appeal and facilitated the Foundation's first major gifts campaign. This year alone, her efforts raised nearly \$1 million for HCC initiatives, the Foundation's Scholarship Fund and the Housatonic Museum of Art. Over the years, she has raised in excess of \$6 million.

Maureen has left the Foundation in excellent financial health, with trained staff and the procedures in place to ensure the continuity of the board's efforts. Nonetheless, her enthusiasm, professionalism, humor and skills will be greatly missed by us all.

Thank you, Maureen, for all you have done!  
The Foundation Board of Directors

**Below:** Maureen Dowdle, Director of Institutional Advancement, retired in July, 2011 after thirteen years of service.



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## A special note TO MAUREEN DOWDLE:

We would like to acknowledge Maureen Dowdle for the dedication and passion she has shown toward the mission of the HCC Foundation, and for her leadership throughout the past years, when so much has been created, learned and achieved.

Thank you, Maureen, for being not only a great supervisor, but a phenomenal mentor to us.

HCC Foundation Staff,  
Magaly Cajigas & Cindy Cominsky

# Alumni News

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



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**Left:** Magaly Cajigas, Institutional Advancement Associate (left) with Maureen Dowdle, Director of Institutional Advancement (center) and Cindy Cominsky, Foundation Scholarship Administrator.

**Right:** Board member Mary Jane Paris and HCC alumna Marion Schrade at the Alumni Reunion Dance last November.

**L**ast year, in recognition of the importance of alumni to the growth and vitality of HCC, and in an effort to connect more effectively with alumni as potential mentors, ambassadors and donors, the College instituted the Office of Alumni Relations, under the auspices of the HCC Foundation. Overseen by a Board Committee and staffed by Foundation personnel dedicated to handling day-to-day interaction with alumni, Alumni Relations is committed to further developing relationships and establishing lifelong connections between HCC and its alumni, leading to increased support for the institution's mission and goals.

As a means of jump starting the alumni program, Alumni Relations hosted the College's first Alumni Reunion Dance on Friday, November 19. Held in the atrium in Lafayette Hall, the event proved to be a great way for alumni to reunite with old friends, make new ones, chat with department heads and faculty, and enjoy great food, music and dancing. During the evening, President Anita Gliniecki

addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of alumni to HCC, and inviting them to go out into the community as advocates for the College.

Since then, Alumni Relations staff has been working diligently to nurture alumni relationships, and has been reaching out to thousands of additional alumni to engage them in the Alumni Association. Their efforts



Photo by Harold Shapiro

have focused on the utilization of social media – including the development of an Alumni Association Facebook page, and the creation of *Connections* – an alumni newsletter. Significant progress also has been made in the further refinement of the alumni data base.

Recently, Alumni Relations worked with President Gliniecki to host a President's Breakfast for the six Distinguished Alumni who were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in the last two years. In addition to thanking them for their fine representation of HCC in the community, President Gliniecki invited them to become members of the newly-formed Alumni Advisory Board, and in that capacity, provide insight on how to grow the Alumni Association – particularly as the College prepares to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Alumni Advisory Board will also work closely with Alumni Relations to determine ways to further involve alumni through social

events, networking opportunities and professional development programs.

Alumni Relations also was instrumental in encouraging alumni to attend the May 26 HCC Commencement ceremony, which concluded with the graduates being presented with a special gift to commemorate their new status as alumni.

**For more information on the Alumni Association, contact Magaly Cajigas at 203-332-5038 or [MCajigas@hcc.commnet.edu](mailto:MCajigas@hcc.commnet.edu)**

**Left:** (photo left to right) Alumnae Cindy Kydes, Linda Bayusik (HCC's Director of Student Activities) and Carie Beale at the Alumni Reunion Dance.

**Right:** Emeritus faculty members (left to right) Ron Abbe, Sheila Anderson and Peter Ulisse joined in the festivities at the Alumni Reunion Dance.



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# Events

## 2010 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME GALA



**Left:** Distinguished Alumna Frances Newby (far left), HCC President Anita Gliniecki (left), media personality and guest speaker Joan Lunden (center) with Distinguished Alumni Janet Janczewski and David Peck.

**Right:** Board member Mark Tillinger and his wife, Theresa, sponsors of the 2010 Gala.

(opposite page)

**Left:** Board member Mary McNamara (left), representing Gala sponsor Peoples United Bank, with Joan Lunden.

**Middle:** Board Vice President Virginia Giuffré (left) and guest Peggy Shaeffer.

**Right:** Board member and Gala committee member Denise Fenton, of the Bannow Larson Foundation, a sponsor of the Gala.



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At the Foundation's second annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala, held on November 20, three distinguished alumni were honored for maximizing the education they received at HCC and for distinguishing themselves in their careers and in the realm of community service. Hundreds of guests – family, friends, HCC administration, the Foundation Board and staff, and business and community leaders were on hand at HCC's Beacon Hall Event Center to congratulate them.

- **David J. Peck** graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy, the University of New Haven and the FBI National Academy. Following thirty-one years of service as a police officer, he was appointed Chief of Police for the Fairfield Police Department. Mr. Peck has received numerous awards and a department commendation, and has spent countless hours volunteering for a range of law enforcement organizations and humanitarian efforts on both the domestic and international fronts. Now retired, he continues his community efforts.

- **Janet L. Janczewski** earned her B.S. from

Sacred Heart University, and her J.D. from the University of Bridgeport School of Law. She became Senior Corporate Counsel and Secretary for The Southern Connecticut Gas Company and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation. She served on a number of non-profit boards and has been a member of several legal advisory boards and foundations. Now retired, Ms. Janczewski continues to be involved in various community projects, including Habitat for Humanity.

- **Francis M. Newby** graduated from Sacred Heart University and received her Master's in Counseling from the University of Bridgeport. Known as a "catalyst for change" throughout the Greater Bridgeport area, Ms. Newby is the Chief Human Resource Officer for Southwest Community Health Center, which provides primary medical, dental and behavioral health services and offers a wide range of community outreach programs. Ms. Newby serves on a number of non-profit boards, community agencies and committees, and is the recipient of several awards for her efforts on behalf of child advocacy.

In addition to honoring the alumni, the

evening was highlighted with a special presentation by guest speaker Joan Lunden – the long-time host of *Good Morning America*, an award-winning broadcast journalist, a best-selling author, and a community college graduate herself. Ms. Lunden commented not only on the importance of education, but reminded the audience that a start at a

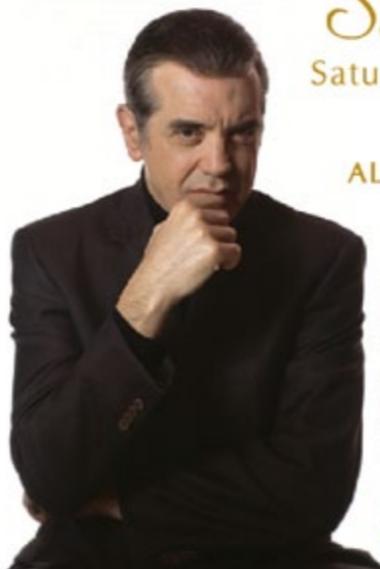
community college can "launch a career to remarkable heights."

The Gala included a gourmet dinner, dancing to the music of "The Essentials" and a silent auction including a limited number of high-end items and entertainment opportunities. HCC's own Geoffrey Sheehan served as emcee.

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.

*Save The Date*  
Saturday, November 19, 2011

*third annual*  
**ALUMNI HALL OF FAME GALA**



Actor/Writer (*A Bronx Tale*) and Academy Award Nominee Chazz Palminteri (*Bullets Over Broadway*) will be the guest speaker at the 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Gala. As a young man growing up in the Bronx, he chose discipline and education over a life connected to organized crime. Hear his story and enjoy a gourmet dinner, music and dancing, while honoring our 2011 Distinguished Alumni.

Contact: Maureen Dowdle at 203-332-5078 or MDowdle@hcc.commnet.edu

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# Museum

## HOUSATONIC MUSEUM OF ART

**The Housatonic Museum of Art has one of the most significant collections of any two-year college in the country. The collection comprises the works of contemporary and modern artists, including Warhol, Wesselman, Christo and Jean Claude, Yoko Ono, Rodin and Picasso. The philosophy governing the display of the impressive collection sets it apart from most other museums: objects are placed on view in discrete areas and arranged thematically in halls and common areas throughout the school as part of everyday surroundings – a part of the environment in which one lives and works.**

The Museum also presents lectures, programs and changing exhibitions in the Burt Chernow Galleries for HCC students and the community at large, serving as a rich cultural resource for the Greater Bridgeport area. The Museum is the only art institution serving the City of Bridgeport, and welcomes more than 10,000 visitors annually.

Consistent with this commitment to art for the community, Museum Director Robbin Zella has been instrumental in founding two art councils: the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, and the local Bridgeport Arts and

Cultural Council. The Museum also acts as an anchor in the region serving Connecticut artists and audiences alike. Each year, Ms. Zella organizes between six and eight exhibits that are enhanced by lectures, tours, films, musical performances, poetry readings and discussions.

Behind-the-scenes work continues to expand as well. During the 2010-2011 academic year, HCC completed a \$400,000 renovation project on the Lafayette Hall art storage area. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system for both the storage, office and

gallery were replaced to ensure the long term environmental protection of artworks in the Museum's trust. Delicate paper objects were relocated from Lafayette Hall to a new, stable-environment storage space in Beacon Hall, and inventory of the sculpture and painting collections was completed.

During the year, the Museum received funding of \$50,000 from the Werth Family Foundation – strong supporters of Museum's efforts over the years. The funds support the Museum's conservation programs and special exhibits, as well as the Werth Family Foundation Peer Docent Program – a highly successful after-school program that introduces middle and high school students to art and art history, teaching them how to look at art critically and ultimately providing them with an opportunity to develop visual and analytical skills that will assist them in all areas of learning throughout their lifetimes. Werth funding enabled the Museum to contract an outside consulting group to conduct an extensive evaluation of the program, which resulted in the development of advanced program materials and a formal evaluation process to accurately measure participants' strengths and weaknesses before and after their training, thus providing concrete data to further refine the methodologies and curriculum for the program.

Werth Family Foundation funding and grants from The Fairfield County Community Foundation (\$20,000) and arts patron Elizabeth Fray (\$10,000) also funded a full-time curator position. As a result, the entire collection was reinstalled throughout both Lafayette Hall and Beacon Hall and two original exhibitions were developed and exhibited with tandem programming. The curator also offered monthly tours to the general public as well as private tours by



Left: Deborah Werth Bachard of the Werth Family Foundation – herself an artist – with the artwork she recently created and donated to the Museum, entitled, "Lennon." With her is Museum Director Robbin Zella.

Photo by Harold Shapiro

appointment to donors, community groups and the business community.

The Museum also hosted a number of major exhibitions during the year. Of particular note was *In the company of*, an exhibit inspired by two distinct periods in Andy Warhol's career: his early years, which included the living theater of his studio, called "The Factory", and his later years, which relied heavily on portraits of collectors, celebrities and socialites. This exhibit was inspired by the generous gift to the Museum of one hundred and fifty-eight Polaroids and black-and-white photographs from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts through the Warhol Photographic Legacy Project, and was sponsored by the Werth Family Foundation and The Bank of Fairfield. The Werth Family Foundation, along with the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, and Bob Schneider of Jimmy's Apparel also sponsored the successful showing of *It's For You: Conceptual Art and the Telephone*, which included sound pieces, videos and objects that resonate with the functions, technologies and physicality of the telephone.

Bottom Left: A representation from the Museum's exhibit, *It's For You ...*

Bottom Right: HCC recently completed the construction of a one-half million dollar museum-quality storage facility for the preservation of artworks under the Museum's care.



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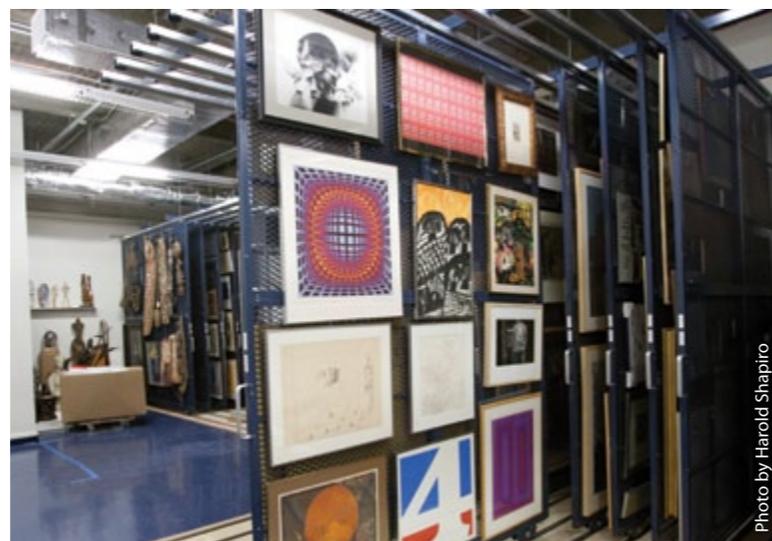


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### Exhibition Schedule 2011-2012

July - August 2011  
*Splash* – Water themed exhibition

August 15 - October 20, 2011  
Cuban Polaroids organized by International Art and Artists

November 4 - December 18, 2011  
*Traces – Montana's Frontier Revisited*  
Photographs by Richard Buswell

January - February 2012  
*Ground Truth*  
Curated by Sue Sharp and Robbin Zella

February - March 2012  
*Sculptors Guild Invitational*  
Curated by Nicholas Capasso  
Chief Curator Decordova Museum

April 1 - April 30, 2012  
Faculty Exhibition

May 5 - May 31, 2012  
Student Exhibit

August - October 2012  
*Reimagining the Distaff Toolkit*  
Curated by Rickie Solinger

# Grants

## HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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

### Manufacturer's Association of Southern Connecticut

This past year, the Foundation was awarded a grant of \$238,998 from the Manufacturer's Association of Southern Connecticut Inc. (MASC). This donation represents the largest single gift the Foundation has received in its twenty year history.

The MASC donation was made in support of endowed funds, the income of which will be used for scholarship awards for HCC students residing in greater Bridgeport and pursuing studies in areas related to supporting and working in the manufacturing industry. After ten years, the income may be used at the discretion of the Foundation's scholarship committee. The MASC funds were under the management of the late Robert Hawie,

President of Hawie Manufacturing Company, and Don Janezic, CFO of Bigelow Tea Company and MASC Chairman at the time of the grant.

HCC is well known for its Associate Degree programs through the Community College's College of Technology in Engineering Science, Industrial Technology, Technological Studies, Technology Studies (Electrical Option), and programs in Pre-Engineering Science and Pre-Environmental Science.

Many students receiving their degrees in these areas opt to continue their education at four-year academic institutions. To facilitate a seamless transition, HCC has developed articulation agreements with colleges including UCONN, Central Connecticut State

University and Fairfield University. Students also transfer to other engineering programs such as the one at the University of New Haven.

Previous donations from MASC have provided scholarship support for a number of students taking courses in Engineering Science and Industrial Technology. Over the years, MASC has been a consistent supporter of the Foundation's efforts, providing scholarship support that has enabled students to receive the technical education they need to enter and excel in careers in the manufacturing industry. This most recent award has the potential to provide life-changing opportunities for many of HCC's deserving students.

### Early Childhood Education Department

During the last academic year, HCC's Early Childhood Education Department was awarded a grant of \$33,000 from Rotary Districts 9400 and 7980. This grant will fund two on-line classes and the corresponding textbooks for twelve students from the Greater Bridgeport area and twelve students from South Africa. The classes will take place during the 2011-12 academic year.

The grant also paid for professional development workshops conducted at HCC during the three-week visit of the South African early childhood educators that took place last year. The funds also support an online discussion community for early childhood educators and instructors at HCC to communicate throughout the year with South African early childhood educators and administrators in South Africa.

### You Can Do It Initiative (YCDI)

The Foundation received \$15,000 from the Fairfield County Community Foundation to



South African educators read a picture book written in their native language of Setswana to children at the HCC Lab School during a project supported by Rotary Districts 9400 and 7980.

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

### Industrial Technology Program

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

### Bridges Program

The Bridges Program – an Achieving the Dream Initiative – is designed to develop strong partnerships with area high schools in an effort to close the gap between high school preparation and college expectations and to help students make a seamless transition from high school to college.

Last year, the Bridges Program partnered with twelve public high schools within the College's eleven-town service region and provided a series of college readiness workshops, including: Orientation to College, Applying for Financial Aid, Placement Test Preparation and Career Planning. A grant of \$2,500 from the Bank of America will support this effort in the 2011-2012 academic year.

### Early Childhood Laboratory School

The Foundation also received a grant of \$2,000 from the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County and a grant of \$1,000 from The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation for the Early Childhood Laboratory School's "Bringing Learning Outdoors" program. The funding covered the costs of two field trips to the Connecticut Audubon Society, and allowed the ECLS to purchase outdoor science tables, garden planters and other supporting learning materials.



Children from HCC's Early Childhood Learning School inspect their seedlings – a garden project made possible by the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.

The ECLS also was awarded a grant of \$735 in book credits from First Book – a nonprofit organization that connects book publishers and community organizations to provide access to new books for children in need. The funding will be used to purchase books with content supporting outside learning for the home libraries of children attending the ECLS.



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MASC has had a long-term commitment to preserving, promoting and protecting manufacturing in Southern Connecticut, and we can think of no better way to fulfill our mission than by encouraging and supporting the education of students entering the manufacturing industry.

*Don Janezic, Foundation Board Treasurer, CFO of Bigelow Tea Co., and MASC Chairman at the time of the grant.*

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# Scholarship Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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

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

Throughout the past, grants from major organizations have helped support the Foundation's efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students. Of particular note is the **William H. Pitt Foundation**, established by the late Stamford-based real estate entrepreneur and community leader William H. Pitt. When asked about his strong commitment to funding education, Mr. Pitt replied, "Educating the young is the make or break issue in this country. We can't count success just by counting office buildings. We have to build up people too, and the best place to start building is with the young who need help. If we don't, we'll find we built on sand." Over the past ten years, the William H. Pitt Foundation has contributed \$180,000 to the Foundation's scholarship fund.

Another solid Foundation supporter is Southport-based **Near and Far Aid** – an all-volunteer organization working to end poverty in Fairfield County. In the last five years, the organization has contributed more than \$57,000 in scholarship aid to the HCC Foundation, enabling dozens of HCC students to receive the education they need to accomplish their goals and become contributing members of the community. They are continuing their support for the 2011-2012 academic year with an additional gift of \$10,000.

Scholarship funding from other regional foundations, organizations and generous individuals this past year included the following:



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*The late William H. Pitt, founder of the Foundation that bears his name*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Connecticut Women's Forum Endowed Scholarship Fund** is made possible by this group of professional women from throughout the state and is awarded to female students with financial need who are enrolled in any two-year degree program at HCC. In addition, the Forum has made an additional gift of \$4,000 to support full-time attendance for a female student for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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

**The Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to graduating students who are

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

**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 HCC, in memory of her late husband, Paul Doane, a computer lab assistant at the College. It is presented to a student continuing his or her studies in computer science, mathematics or engineering.

*Below: Foundation Board member Virginia Giuffrè (left) with HCC President Anita Gliniecki. The Forum is an avid supporter of the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.*



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

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

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

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

# Scholarship Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**E**lizabeth (Betsey) Lombardi Doane, a highly respected Professor of Mathematics at HCC for over 32 years and now retired, is an avid supporter of HCC's Honors Program and has committed funding of \$25,000 over a five year period. The Honors Program – designed for the outstanding student – is an interdisciplinary course that examines a topic from the differing perspectives of the major academic disciplines: humanities, natural and physical sciences, and social studies. It encourages creative thinking and requires independent work. Students in the Honors Program must maintain a 3.5 GPA and earn no less than a B grade in all honors subjects.



Students in HCC's Honors Program with HCC English Instructor and Honors Program Coordinator, Kirk Hughes, PhD (right).

Photo by Anison Smith

Ms. Doane's generous donation is underwriting the cost of a Distinguished Speakers lecture series that correlates with the College's honors seminar course, and provides private discussions for seminar students and public presentations for the entire student body. The funding also provides support for specialized field trips for honors students and concludes with an Elizabeth Lombardi Doane Honors Project Award.

with preference given to employees of Subway Restaurants.

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

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

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

College of Technology's Pathway programs and are taking one of the Industrial Technology courses.

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

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

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

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

**The Mercy Learning Center "Mother's Advantage Scholarship"** was established by HCC Foundation board member Marianne Laska and her husband Robert in memory of

their mothers. The scholarship is available to graduates of the Mercy Learning Center who are mothers and are attending HCC.

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

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

**The President Edward J. Liston Endowed Scholarship Fund** is awarded to a student

enrolled in a two-year program who participates in extra-curricular activities and demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

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

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

**The Sylvia Gordon Wettstein Scholarship** was created to honor the

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

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

**W**hen Housatonic Community College (HCC) student Adriana Cedeño was invited to Washington D.C. last October to witness President Obama's signing of an executive order to extend the Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanic Students, she could hardly contain herself. "Something like this doesn't happen to everyone," she said.

Adriana is a criminal justice major in her second year at HCC and is secretary of the College's Association of Latin American Students (ALAS). Her strong work ethic, her desire to succeed and the financial support she has received through the Foundation's Scholarship Program are propelling her toward achieving her educational goals.



Right: President Barack Obama and HCC scholarship recipient Adriana Cedeño (right) with her mother, Emily Lauriano-Cedeño, at the White House last October.

# Awards Night and Commencement

## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

### Awards Night

Students, HCC administration, faculty and staff, and many family members and friends attended the College's annual Awards Night on May 25. The event was held to recognize outstanding students and the generous individuals, groups and organizations supporting them. Foundation Board member Paula Chapla, who serves on the Board's Scholarship Committee, graciously served again this year as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

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

#### Other financial awards provided by the HCC Foundation included:

The Academic Dean's Prize	The HCC Foundation Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Award
The Beverly G. Anderson Memorial Award	The Jane Mahoney Memorial Award
The BlumShapiro Accounting Scholarship Award	The Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship
The Burt Chernow Scholarship	The Marshall Rachleff Scholarship
The Dr. Maureen Maloney Scholarship	The Peter Ulisse Literature Award
The Early Childhood Education Coordinator's Award	The Ralph Fabrizio Scholarship
The Elizabeth Doane Lombardi Honors Award	The Swain Award
The George Endowed Scholarship	



### Commencement

HCC's forty-fourth Commencement Ceremony was held on May 26 at the Bridgeport Harbor Yard Arena.

The commencement address was delivered by The Honorable John Turner, Presiding Judge for Family Matters in the Judicial District of Ansonia/Milford. A total of 491 students received Associate Degrees and 65 students received Certificates. This was the largest graduating class in the history of the College.

*HCC graduate Luis Rueda - a scholarship recipient and a member of the U.S. Marine Corps- is justifiably proud of his accomplishments at the 2011 Commencement Ceremony.*

# Financials

## REVENUE AND EXPENSES - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue and support</b>				
Contributions	\$ 84,133	\$328,721	\$297,006	\$709,860
Special Events	84,332	25,000		109,332
Interest and dividends	17,482	3,752		21,234
Realized and unrealized gain on investment	129,884			129,884
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>433,162</u>	<u>( 433,162)</u>		
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<u>748,993</u>	<u>( 75,689)</u>	<u>297,006</u>	<u>970,310</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Scholarships and awards	144,636			144,636
Programs	227,040			227,040
Museum	76,955			76,955
Management and general	132,421			132,421
Fund raising events	119,562			119,562
Other fund raising	<u>16,374</u>			<u>16,374</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>716,988</u>			<u>716,988</u>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	32,005	( 75,689)	297,006	253,322
<b>Net assets, beginning</b>	<u>175,972</u>	<u>365,167</u>	<u>298,794</u>	<u>839,933</u>
<b>Net assets, ending</b>	<u>\$207,977</u>	<u>\$289,478</u>	<u>\$595,800</u>	<u>\$1,093,255</u>



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The Housatonic Community College Foundation welcomes donations via company gift matching programs.

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