



# Annual Report 2021

# Mission

The Housatonic Community College Foundation expands access to quality, affordable higher education and works closely with the College to enhance the learning experience and workforce development education and training of students. As a 501 (c)3 tax exempt organization, its mission is to solicit, secure and manage contributions from the private sector through philanthropic individuals, corporations and foundations for the benefit of Housatonic Community College.

The HCC Foundation was founded in 1990 by a group of Greater Bridgeport residents and business and arts leaders. Beyond the fundamentals provided by the State of Connecticut, the HCC Foundation provides financial assistance to HCC students and assists the College in becoming a unique educational resource for its students and the community.

# HCC at a Glance



**\$4,476**

full-time  
tuition per year



**11**

service  
towns



**Students**

4,360 full-time /part-time  
degree & certificate

65% female  
35% male

83% students of color

25 average age



**HOUSATONIC**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**78**

degree & certificate  
programs

Source- 2020-2021 Academic Year Data



# THANK YOU



Bruce Murray  
President



Kristy Jelenik  
Executive Director

Dear friends,

The power of partnerships has never been more pronounced than this past year. You helped carry us through another uncertain year with your outpouring of support, unwavering kindness and sincere commitment to the wellbeing of our students.

Our important ties with HCC leadership, faculty and staff allows the Foundation to improve students' access to quality postsecondary education and empowers them to turn their dreams into realities. In turn, by providing financial assistance to HCC, the Foundation expands the College's position as a formidable educational resource for the region.

Most essential are our strong relationships and alliances with you, our generous donors. Your interest in wanting to achieve more with your giving has never been more apparent. All of the support for students detailed in the following pages was only possible with your help.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Kristy & Bruce*

## Message from HCC CEO

As CEO of Housatonic Community College, I greatly value the Foundation's role in supporting student access to excellent education and vocational skill training. Through scholarships, awards, emergency loans, program funding, a food pantry, a lending library, and more, the Foundation is an essential partner in helping students, faculty and staff build a strong foundation for a great future. Your support truly makes a difference, thank you.

Dwayne Smith Ph.D.







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*I have been a student at HCC for three years because I started my education with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. With the knowledge I am gaining at HCC and the knowledge I will earn at a four-year university after HCC, I plan to develop my management, accounting, and marketing skills to run my own business.*

*Being at Housatonic has helped me gain confidence in myself and has taught me that having big goals and achieving them is possible. Thanks to scholarship support, I was able to learn another language and had the opportunity to pursue my education without worrying about my financial situation. I will always be grateful for this support, and I hope one day I can also help others achieve their educational goals.*

*- Teresa*



# Scholarships

## made possible with your generosity

Your generosity provided access to HCC's quality higher education learning environment for over 300 students through \$375,000 in scholarships and awards.

Each semester, students apply for need-based scholarships, often making a huge difference in the lives of the recipients – sometimes determining whether or not the student can enroll in the College, or complete his or her course work and graduate. Many scholarship recipients graduate HCC and enter rewarding careers in the workforce. Others choose to continue their education at prestigious colleges and universities including Quinnipiac, Sacred Heart University, University of Connecticut, NYU, Boston College and many more.

**THANK YOU** for believing in the power of education for our students, and setting them on a pathway toward financial security.



# Equity Programs

launched with your generosity

## Family Economic Security Program

FESP addresses barriers that marginalized students face to college persistence and completion through intensive and comprehensive wrap-around services and supports. It is a model program that has evolved across three campuses in CT. Over 400 students participated in FESP since 2015; average student retention rate was 30% higher than general population.

Beginning in the Fall 2021, FESP will narrow its focus on supporting low-income, female students with children who are also working one or more jobs. Its “2Gen” approach will encourage 50 students annually and their families to become financially secure and independent, achieve their education goals, and wage sustaining careers.

## Equity Project

Launched as a one-year pilot initiative in January 2021, the Equity Project increases access to opportunities and economic mobility by intentionally and strategically supporting under-resourced and under-represented students including first generation college student, undocumented, LGBT+ and students of color. The first cohort of 20 students (10 male/ 10 female) received financial supports targeted at access and retention, combined with campus engagement and learning opportunities to increase their sense of community, belonging and ability to succeed at HCC and beyond.

In 2022, the Equity Project will double the number of students served, building on the pilot’s year of learning and achievements, and impacting more students.

**THANK YOU for empowering marginalized students to persist, stay on track, move closer to earning their degree and graduate prepared to enter the workforce.**





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*HCC was a bounce back into my education pathway. My experience here has helped me realize that I am still able to perform well in school, especially despite starting my first semester during the pandemic.*

*The Equity Project helped equip me with tools that can benefit my education now, and for years to come. I'm majoring in Computer Science and I'm planning on transferring to Southern Connecticut State University after I earn my Associate degree. I want to be either a full stack developer or a mobile developer for a larger tech company.*

*- Ibrahima*





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*The Advanced Manufacturing Technology program was one of the best educational experiences that I have had. I love the support from all the school staff.*

*As a parent, it would be hard for me to go and pay for my school while trying to support my family at the same time. The HCC Foundation's support has better positioned me to support my family now.*

*- Yvarsen*



# Career Readiness Pipeline Programs

supported through your kind gifts and partnerships

## Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

HCC's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTC) is a pipeline for the state's manufacturing industry, Connecticut's third largest sector. With training designed to respond to specific employer-driven manufacturing needs, the AMTC program prepares students to join CT's manufacturing community of over 4,400 companies.

This past year, 26 students completed the 9-month intensive AMTC program. A new evening cohort was added to the program to meet student enrollment demand. Nearly 100% of students secured employment immediately following program completion. Scholarships, book funds and other financial assistance make this happen for the majority of students.

An additional 30 students participated in College Connections, a dual enrollment opportunity for high school students to earn up to 18 college credits toward a certificate in Advanced Manufacturing.

## STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)

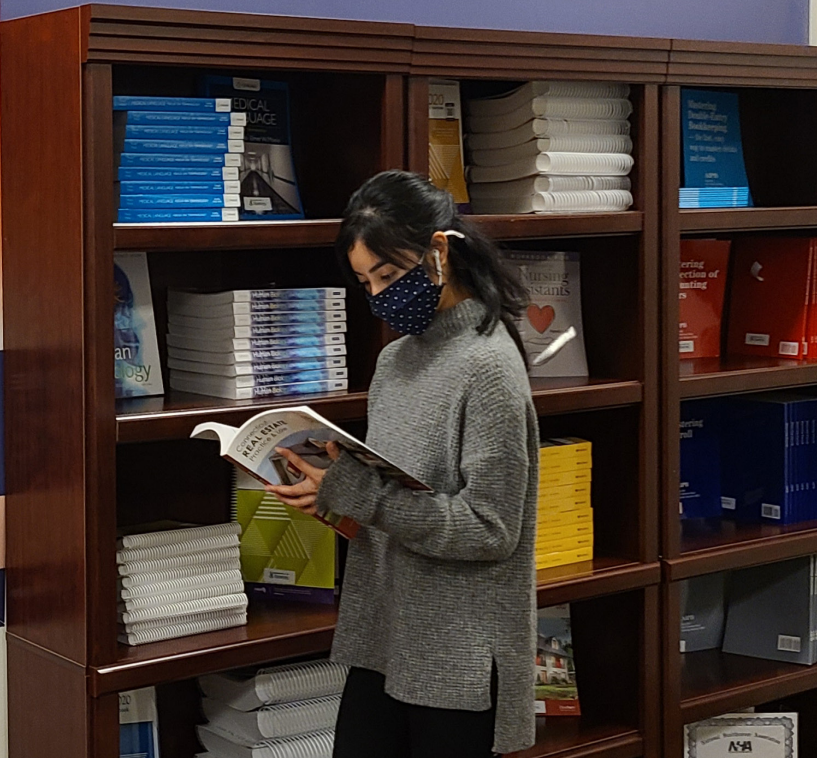
Nearly 2,000 students pursued higher education in one of HCC's 50+ STEAM associate degree or certificate options.

Highlights that supported STEAM learning for students, made possible with your generosity, included the following: the 4th Annual STEAMfest, STEAM Center of Excellence, STEAM student club, Faculty and Staff STEAM Taskforce, Earth Day Celebration, and membership to the Greater Bridgeport STEM EcoSystem. Also, a new agriculture and gardening course work began last year, as well as the establishment of a chapter of the National STEM Honor Society to inspire future student leaders of our increasingly tech-driven world by nurturing STEM education and innovation through project-based learning, leadership development, and community collaboration.

**THANK YOU** for allowing students access and creating opportunities for career exploration and educational growth in high-demand workplace sectors.



Continuing Education  
Textbook Lending Library



# Student Resources

increased with an outpour of your support

## Food Pantry

In response to the increased food insecurity experienced by students as a result of the pandemic, the College's first on-campus Food Pantry was established this past year, thanks to Stop & Shop. Hundreds of students have received pre-packaged bags of food and are now welcome to walk into the Pantry five days/week to "shop" for food. A mobile food truck provides fresh fruit and vegetables twice/month thanks to Fairfield County's Community Foundation.

## Emergency Fund and Book Assistance

Rapid response to student emergencies help keep students in school. Demands for help have increased; 300+ students over the past year received help paying for rent, unexpected health care bills, groceries, technology related to schoolwork, and more. Book Funds ensure students are prepared on their first day of class.

## Textbook Lending Library

HCC Foundation is easing the burden of textbook costs for low-income students pursuing noncredit certificate programs thanks to an establishing grant from The Scripps Family Fund for Education and the Arts. The Textbook Lending Library was stocked with over 350 books this past year, and is a valuable resource that allows many students to enroll in certificate programs that lead directly to jobs.

**THANK YOU** for helping students persist at HCC especially during their most challenging times.

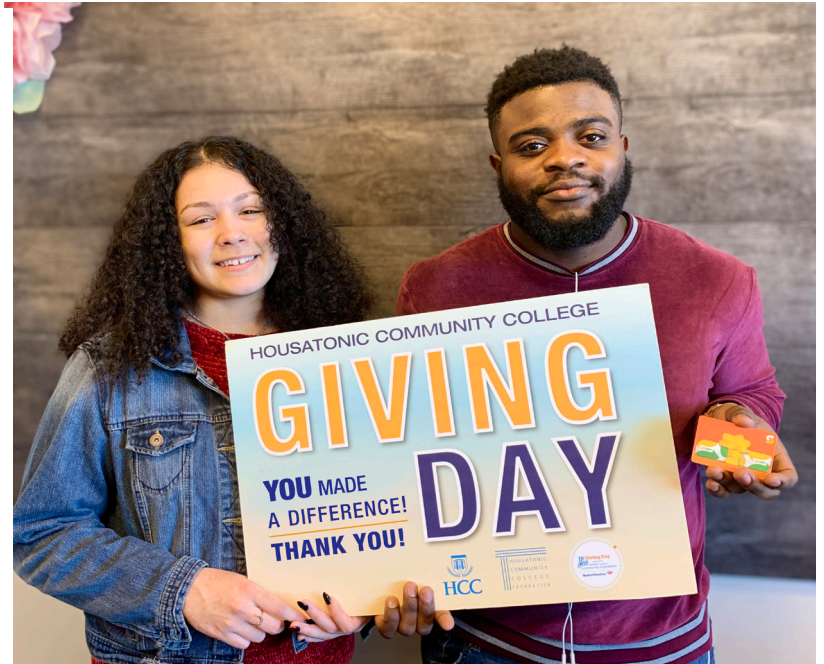


# Celebrating...

## Giving Day at Housatonic

On February 25th, hundreds of HCC students, faculty and staff, community members and you celebrated an amazing day of philanthropy. On the HCC campus, it was a Giving Day take-over! Nearly \$40,000 was raised to support our students; a record high of contributions for Giving Day at Housatonic.

**THANK YOU** to Fairfield County's Community Foundation for spearheading the region's Giving Day, and to the hundreds of givers for believing in HCC students and showing your support.



## Partnership with Adam J. Lewis Academy



Photograph by Don Hamerman

Around the corner from HCC sits a nonprofit elementary school, Adam J. Lewis Academy (AJLA). Realizing the opportunity to support the parents of the children attending AJLA, a scholarship was established by a Board member of the elementary school. Scholarships encourage parent enrollment at HCC in vocational education and training programs that lead directly to jobs. "Hope Rising" is the tag line for AJLA, and this partnership is truly uplifting the entire family through education. To date, over 25 parents from AJLA have enrolled in a credit or certificate program at HCC.

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*Both organizations [AJLA and HCC] are outstanding in aiding parents, offering tools and solutions for personal development. My experience at HCC opened my mind, gave me confidence, and helped me find new ways in building my career path.”*

- Endre





# Housatonic Museum of Art

The Housatonic Museum of Art (HMA) is home to one of the premier college art collections in the country. The collection, comprised of over 6,000 original works of art and artifacts, is on display throughout the campus creating a warm and welcoming educational environment that allows students and visitors to enjoy and learn about art.

Despite limited access to the collection on campus over the past year due to the pandemic, we remained committed to ensuring access to our artwork and programming. We reinvented our Peer Docent program by digitizing the curriculum that is now available to all students throughout CT. The HMA commissioned a new work for the permanent art collection by South Korean sculptor, Jongil Ma titled *Be There When You Return*. Our collection continued to grow through gifts to our Native American Art, African Art and Contemporary Art Collections.

The HMA reopened its doors to the public in the Fall 2021 with the BIG ART BASH featuring:

- Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler-Art and War
- Joseph Fucigna: Drip Drop, Tick Tock, HERE + NOW
- Are We Born Connected: Eric Chiang

**THANKS TO YOU, art is enriching the lives of our students, faculty and the greater community.**



## \$500,000 Landmark Gift from the Werth Family Foundation to establish an Endowment

The Werth Family Foundation is a longtime supporter of the Housatonic Museum of Art, donating nearly \$900,000 since 2004. This past year, the Foundation boosted its support by establishing an endowment to ensure the care and preservation for the museum's collection of over 6,000 pieces of artwork. This gift represents the largest contribution from a single donor in the history of the museum, and underscores the importance of supporting the arts in the greater Bridgeport region.

In honor of this landmark gift, the Werth Family Foundation Atrium was established at the entry to the museum's Burt Chernow galleries, located in Lafayette Hall at Housatonic Community College.

# Thank you for your Support

The success of our students is greatly boosted by you, all of our generous donors and partners. Thank you for making a significant and direct impact on the lives of our students and community.

## \$500,000 & above

The Werth Family Foundation

## \$100,000-\$499,000

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## Scholarship & Award Funds

### Thank you for investing in HCC students

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Adam J. Lewis Academy Scholarship  
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Victor Swain Award  
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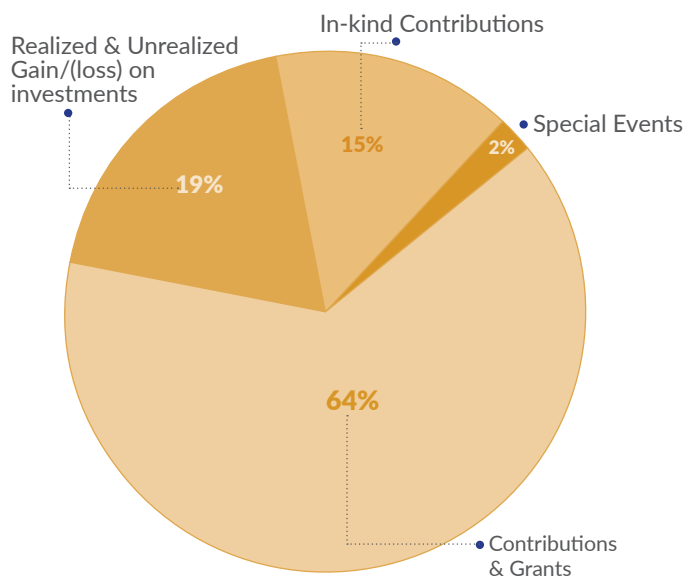
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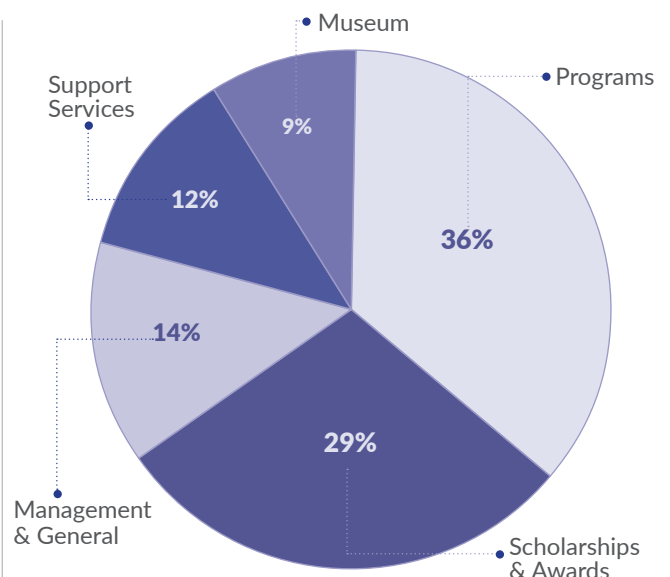
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## Financials

	2020	2021
Total Revenue and Support	1,415,213	1,601,515
Total Expenses	1,619,625	1,198,039
Change in Net Assets	(204,412)	403,476
<b>Net Assets, Ending</b>	<b>1,510,060</b>	<b>1,913,536</b>



2021 Revenue & Support



2021 Expenses



# WAYS TO GIVE

Whether you want to inspire an HCC student, honor or remember a loved one or support an academic program, the HCC Foundation is here to help make your giving experience enjoyable and meaningful. You can make a difference in many ways.

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## Establish a Scholarship

You can honor or memorialize a loved one with a named-scholarship, or nurture a tradition of philanthropy among your family by creating a scholarship to benefit HCC students.

## Give Stock

Gifts of appreciated stocks may offer substantial tax advantages. The HCC Foundation accepts direct transfers of securities.

## Make an Annual Gift

Your donation can be received via our secure online donation page at [housatonic.edu/donations](https://housatonic.edu/donations) or mail your check to the address below.

## Consider a Bequest

You can elect to remember HCC with a bequest in your will which may also have estate tax planning benefits. Through a bequest, we can help you build your legacy and achieve your charitable goals. And if you let us know of your intentions, we will include you in our legacy society.

## Make a Corporate Matching Gift

Many employers offer matching gifts that will increase the value and impact of your gift. Contact your human resources department to learn if your company participates.

## Give Through Your Donor Advised Fund

If you have a donor advised fund with a commercial bank, investment firm or community foundation, you can recommend a grant award to the HCC Foundation.

HCC Foundation's Executive Director Kristy Jelenik welcomes your call or email to answer questions and provide help. [KJelenik@Housatonic.edu](mailto:KJelenik@Housatonic.edu) or 203.332.5078.



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