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DCC Students Awarded Scholarships at Honors Convocation Ceremony

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – One hundred and thirty seven scholarship awards were handed out at Dutchess Community College’s Honors Convocation on May 15.

More than \$100,000 in scholarship money was awarded to students this year, and more than \$715,000 has been given in the Convocation ceremonies since they began 12 years ago.

The scholarships are awarded to both students entering their second year at Dutchess and to graduating students who are moving on to four-year colleges and universities in the fall. DCC scholarships are created by local people and organizations to honor family members and reward academic excellence.

The Convocation, and the graduation ceremony later that evening, brought to a close the College’s 50th Anniversary celebration. The yearlong commemoration included the “Some Enchanted Evening” gala, a Sock Hop hosted by legendary DJ Bruce “Cousin Brucie” Morrow, many guest speakers, and other events.

The awards and recipients are as follows:

Allied Health and Biological Sciences

Debra C. Cohen, the Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth A. Ochieng, the Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship

Christine A. Krumm, the Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Kayleigh C. Ras and Braden K. White, the Dutchess County Dental Society Scholarship

Kelly L. LoPiccolo and Mayshell S. Tucker, the Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Thomas R. Stirzel, the Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship

Jessica A. Croshier, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Maria F. Perez, the Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Erik D. Swingle, the Bruce W. Pells Memorial Scholarship

Behavioral Sciences

Janel M. Farmer, the CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship

Amanda L. Feller, the Chief Roger Doyle Memorial Scholarship in Criminal Justice

Patricia L. Dutcher, the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship

Sandra C. Budd, the Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship

Evan L. Coon, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Cherylynn M. Cargain, the Mid-Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children Scholarship

Nikki Johnson, the Cathie Tarpey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship

Brooke P. Kaase, the Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship

Andrea M. Wong, the Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship

Pauline M. Negron, the Elizabeth T. and Patrick J. Whalen Memorial Scholarship in Human Services

Business

Latoya N. Ross, the Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship

Gina M. Rizzo, the Business Administration Career Scholarship

Fatema Tasneem, the Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship

Robert J. Watterson, Jr., the Alicia Hicks Forster Memorial Scholarship in Merchandising and Retailing

Tommy L. Boykin, the George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship

Joan Gerardi, the Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship

Ahmed O. Uro, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Simmy Williams, the Millbrook Tribute Garden, Inc. Scholarship

Alexandra Z. Blue and Joshua M. Cookingham, the Stop & Shop Supermarket Scholarship

Kattyska Stamenovic, the TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Bao Q. Quang, Shauna M. Rudden, and Karen A. Slizewski, the Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust Scholarship

Deanne Buchner, the Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship

Carol V. Escobar, the UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

Renee M. Rizzi, the Westage Companies Scholarship

Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies

Mark A. Cohen, the Charles Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology

Michael A. Vavrica, the Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Patrick J. Cody, the Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship

David Rosencrans, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Jonathan E. Leon and Scott V. Leinen, the Mid-Hudson Valley Land Surveyors Association Scholarship

Samuel H. Porter, the Michael J. Morris Scholarship

Craig M. Buechele, the Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

English and Humanities

Jade A. Sprauer, the Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship

Lydia C. Spurgeon, The Italian Center Scholarship in Language Arts

Amber S. McAnulty and Andrew A. Valitutto, the William and Margaret Mair Memorial Scholarship

Brian B. Adamo, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Christina L. Fuschetto, the Michael O'Dell Scholarship

Daniel Crocker, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship

Shoshana Akins, the Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship

Emma Stamm, the Richard White and Judith Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy

Health, Physical Education, Athletics, and Dance

Elizabeth W. Capowski, the Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship

Ahmed Taofik, the William E. Holland Scholarship

Leigh A. Toth, the Margaret Fondren Koniz Scholarship

Aidan S. Topley, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Kacey A. Civitella, the Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship

Janea A. Thompson, the Pat Zerbe Scholarship

History, Government and Economics

Patricia E. Keane, the Joseph H. Gellert Memorial Scholarship

Joseph L. Augiar, Mireia Giol, and Jacquelynn A. Voss, the Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan M. Silver, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Jillian M. Medina, the Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship

Mathematics, Physical and Computer Sciences

Jennifer A. Weber, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Marc S. Gagliardo, the Dr. Paul Roland Scholarship

Felix O. Omolo, the Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Nursing

Christine Simon, the Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship

Susan A. Morris-Lizzo, the Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Lisa M. Vosburgh, the Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship

Jacqueline J. Moreira, the Drs. Florence H. and Elvin Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship

Patricia A. Fusco, the Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Laura J. Yatsko, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Ashe A. Barrett, the Millbrook Tribute Garden Inc. Scholarship

Stephen M. Burger, the Margaret Miller Memorial Scholarship

Janet S. Dickel, the Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Patricia A. LaRose and Lori M. Mayo, the Saint Francis Hospital Nursing Scholarship

Rose Gray and Asma Irving, the Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship

Performing, Visual Arts, and Communications

Michele M. Llanes, the George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship

Linda M. Shell, the Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship

KellyAnn Buckman, the Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theatre Scholarship

Sara N. Leoni, the Harold Hayward Memorial Scholarship

Eric T. Delage, the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Jennifer M. Archer, the JTN Scholarship

Alicia M. King, the Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship

Kelley A. Christensen, the Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship

Sylvia A. Smythe, the McCann Foundation Scholarship

Yuki R. Mickler, the Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship

Kyle A. Livecchi, the Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra Music Scholarship

Jacqueline Maisonet, the Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship

Kane T. Kroener, Kiara Daniello, and Rebecca I. Smith, the Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust Scholarship

Special Scholarships

Aaron J. Churkoo, the Academic Achievement Scholarship

Christine D. Lauber and Nettie J. Hill, The American Association for Women in Community Colleges Scholarship

Gertrude M. Andrews, the Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAWU Scholarship

Joseph L. Eramo and Scott M. McCord, the William J. Buckner Memorial Scholarship

Alison R. Young, the Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship

Curtiz S. Simpson, the Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for Student Leadership

Emani I. Wilmore, the Alexander Cutonilli Memorial Scholarship

Thomas R. Herles, the Dutchess Community College Alumni Association 2nd Generation Scholarship

Mary A. Gomez, the Sadie and William Effron Scholarship

Destiny L. Orthi, the Nan Gingher Memorial Scholarship

Brittany M. Brace, the JFK Scholarship

Angela Anderson and Anna M. Fister, the Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship

Rachel A. Mead, the Mazzetti Family Scholarship

Krittika Wadhwa, the Mid-Hudson Sikh Cultural Society-September 11 Scholarship

Luke S. Angell, the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship

Emily R. O’Keeffe, the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Richard K. Haviland, the Moody Family Scholarship

Hannah G. Angell, the Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship

Madeleine J. Oullette, the Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship

Kenyatta D. McKenzie, the Rhinebeck Savings Bank Scholarship

Yousra I. Khan and Shanea R. Patterson, the George A. Strba Charitable Trust Scholarship

Graduate Scholarships

Debora J. Peet and Maria J. Vallejo, the American Association of University Women Scholarship

Eriklejd Cupa, Cathryn R. Johnson, and Vincent A. Speziale, the Dutchess Community College Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship

Jonathan L. Myers, the James and Betty Hall Founding President’s Scholarship

Joshua D. Mendez, the Mid-Hudson Engineers Association Scholarship

Jesse D. David, the NYSUT Retiree Council #13 Scholarship

Seleste L. Albury, the Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship

Leslie M. Dongo, the Maximillian Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Joshua M. Dragula, the Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship

Daniel R. Dragula, the Marty Triola Math Scholarship

Christina M. Pelletier, the Allyn J. Washington Scholarship

Jentil D. Mansfield, the Mildred I. Washington Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Founded in 1957, Dutchess Community College is a two-year community college celebrating its 50th anniversary of excellence and service to the residents of Dutchess County. It is part of the State University of New York and is one of 30 community colleges in the state system. The College offers a wide variety of associate degree

programs, as well as career programs in major technical, human service and business areas. The College also offers non-credit courses through its Office of Community Services to meet the continuing education needs of civic, cultural, business and professional groups and the community at large. The main campus is at 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie, while the Dutchess South extension site is in Hollowbrook Park, Building #4 at 31 Marshall Road in Wappingers Falls.