



HONORS CONVOCATION

Scholarship and Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
1:30 p.m.
James and Betty Hall Theatre
Poughkeepsie, New York

Welcome to Dutchess Community College's annual Honors Convocation, a celebration begun in 1997 to recognize the outstanding achievements of students who will continue their studies at DCC in the fall, or who will graduate and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

These students have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills and civic responsibility – and serve as role models both in and out of the classroom. Many of our awardees are juggling the responsibilities of school, work, family and volunteer service. Their hard work and dedication have enriched our campus and our community at large.

More than \$170,000 in scholarships will be awarded this afternoon by the Dutchess Community College Foundation. These are made possible through the generosity of individuals and organizations committed to recognizing excellence and helping students continue their academic pursuits.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients and to the family members and friends who share in their accomplishments by providing support, love and guidance. We look forward to working with those students returning next semester, and wish continued success to those transferring to other colleges.

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

JOHN DEWEY, PHILOSOPHER

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Gambino, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services

REMARKS

Dr. Pamela R. Edington, President

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Holly Molella, Dean of Academic Affairs

Dr. Melvin D. Adams III, Dean of Students

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

(For Continuing DCC Students)

ALLIED HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Including Fire Science, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Medical Laboratory Technology

Karen Ingham, Department Chair

Michael J. Cassetta Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Daniel Odindo
Mickey Cassetta was a tireless community volunteer who helped the DCC Foundation establish several successful fundraising events. This scholarship was established by his children. It is awarded to a full-time student who enjoys athletics and who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Carolina Frias
Award of \$500..... Mingma Sherpa
The Dutchess County Home Bureau is an organization of women whose goals are community service, consumer education, health and safety education. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in the allied health program.

Dr. Alfredo Fonts Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Lauren Bushek
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Dr. Alfredo Fonts, a former faculty member and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at DCC. Also included in this endowment are funds raised in memory of Claire Cataldo Cutbill, '72, a graduate of the dental assisting program. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher and who has taken at least two courses pursuing a degree offered by the Allied Health and Biological Sciences Department.

William E. Holland Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Leroy Lloyd
Bill Holland was a member of the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance Department for more than 30 years. His friends, colleagues and family members honored him upon his retirement by creating this scholarship.

Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Matthew Ledenko
Elvin Gottdiener was a prominent Poughkeepsie physician. This memorial scholarship was established by his wife, Dr. Florence Gottdiener, and is continued by his family today. It is awarded to a full-time student enrolled in a medically related field.

Dr. Lloyd D. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Meriam Destefano
The family of Dr. Lloyd D. Harris, a prominent area psychiatrist, established this scholarship. It is awarded to a full-time student in DCC's allied health curriculum.

The Ariel E. Ingoglia Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Kaitlyn Rodish
This scholarship was established by Ariel's family in memory of a driven young woman who followed her passion to heal.

Dennis Kipp Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Sergio Retana
Dennis Kipp was an environmental reporter for the Poughkeepsie Journal for many years until his untimely death in the summer of 1998. Family and friends established this scholarship to assist a full-time student with 24 or more credits who demonstrates a keen interest in the environment or human services programs.

Margaret Fondren Koniz Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Monique Barrow
Margaret Fondren Koniz had a long career as a dietitian and medical nutrition specialist in the Hudson Valley region. Her family, friends, colleagues and clients honor her life's work with this scholarship. The award is presented to a student who is studying exercise science and wellness and who recognizes the importance of nutrition in the promotion of health and wellness through the lifespan.

The Mazzetti Family Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Robert Greco
This scholarship is funded through the friends and family of John Mazzetti, retired executive director of the DCC Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to a traditional student who has earned at least a 2.5 GPA and is a student athlete participating in a DCC team sport or the Dance Club.

ALLIED HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Summer Maaieh
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Bridget Giddings
This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden. This award is given to a full-time student in the allied health and biological sciences program who is a Dutchess County resident, with preference to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Richard L. Skimin Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Rodrigo Vilca Suarez
Dick Skimin was an original faculty member at DCC, serving from 1958 through 1996 as department head for the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance department. Upon his retirement, his family, friends and colleagues established this scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student who has embraced the importance of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

Tara Sweet-Flagler Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Martin Conine
Tara Sweet-Flagler is an associate professor of wellness and fitness at DCC. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has a minimum 3.0 GPA, demonstrates a financial need and matriculates in the Exercise Science and Wellness program.

Pat Zerbe Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Echo Hanson
Patricia Zerbe is a retired faculty member of the Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Dance department. Her friends, colleagues and family established this scholarship in her honor. The scholarship is awarded to a female student who is academically motivated, who pursues athletics and who has achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Including Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Child Care and Human Services

Michael Hall, Department Chair

Sheriff Butch Anderson Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Ambar Arias
This scholarship is in honor of Sheriff Anderson's dedication to the citizens of Dutchess County and was established by his devoted friends. This award is for a full- or part-time student who is studying in the law enforcement area. Community service/volunteerism is an important factor to be considered.

CAYSA Region IV Criminal Justice Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jessica Curry
This scholarship was established by the New York Corrections and Youth Services Association for a full-time student majoring in criminal justice.

Chief Roger Doyle Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Criminal Justice

Award of \$500..... Alexis Acerra
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Roger Doyle, chief of the Village of Rhinebeck Police Department for 26 years.

Dutchess County Correctional Officers Benevolent Association Scholarship

Award of \$800..... Joseph Tamas
This award is for a full- or part-time Dutchess County resident studying criminal justice with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Samantha Gaston
By encouraging students to pursue criminal justice, the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA hopes that more college students will go into the field of law enforcement. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has taken at least two courses or is majoring in criminal justice, lives in Dutchess County, and shows academic achievement. First priority is given to a student who is a son or daughter of a police officer.

Dr. Michael J. and Lois Hall Memorial Scholarship for Education

Award of \$500..... Elena Nikisher
This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Michael J. Hall and Lois Hall. They were lifelong advocates of a strong educational system and the importance of giving back to others through community service. The applicant should be a full-time student with a minimum GPA of 3.0, who demonstrates community service work and is pursuing a degree in Education.

Sally D. Klein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Justin Megna
This scholarship was established by the family of Sally Klein (a longtime faculty member) and Dr. Holly Molella. It is awarded to a student who is academically motivated and wants to pursue a career in the health education field.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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Patricia Krause Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....LeKeisha Roberts-Adede
Patricia Krause was a professional staff member in the Behavioral Sciences Department at Dutchess Community College until her death in 1998. This scholarship was established by her friends and family to be awarded to a non-traditional student who has shown outstanding devotion to the field of human services and has earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Brianna Bolettieri
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Vernell Charles 'Fuzzy' McClinton Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Angelina Bellis
This scholarship was established by Exempt Firemen's Association of Poughkeepsie to honor Fuzzy, a member of their association and a teacher at Clarke Academy in Dobbs Ferry. The scholarship honors his passion for teaching, and is awarded to a full-time student enrolled in the Early Childhood program.

Cathie Tarpey Rodriquez Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Brianna Vaughan
Friends and colleagues established this award to memorialize Cathie's love for children. It is given to a full- or part-time, non-traditional student who is enrolled in one of the early childhood programs.

Sheriff Fred Scoralick Family Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Richard Crowe
This scholarship was funded by Fred Scoralick's friends and associates upon the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of Dutchess County. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident majoring in criminal justice and who has at least a 2.75 GPA.

Zaida Swan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Nicole Jones
This scholarship was established by the family of Zaida Swan, a longtime early childhood teacher who loved working with DCC's youngest students. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student who has proven academic success and a commitment to working with young children.

Tolerance and Diversity Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Shane Gallo
This scholarship was established by the Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance, a student club at DCC, and also is funded with money from the Mid Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children Scholarship Endowment. Ideally the applicant should address tolerance and diversity from the perspective of youth, adolescence or schools and be committed to extending tolerance and increasing diversity.

Elizabeth T. & Patrick J. Whalen Memorial Scholarship in Human Services

Award of \$500.....Marjorie Beaubrun
This scholarship was established in 2001 by Elizabeth Whalen, a former member of the DCC professional staff, in memory of her parents. The applicant must be an active student pursuing a career in human services, who has demonstrated through volunteer activities on or off campus, a commitment to community service.

BUSINESS

Michael Araujo, Department Chair

Business Administration Career Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Joseph Palushaj
This scholarship was established in 1981 to reward academic excellence by a full-time student studying business administration.

Business Community College Partnership Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Nanci Ocello
This scholarship, established by the local business community in partnership with the DCC Foundation, is for a full- or part-time high-achieving student in the business department.

Betty J. Canfield Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Upama Mazumder
The friends and family of Betty Canfield have established this scholarship for a full-time student in the accounting program with a GPA of at least 2.75.

Dutchess County Association of Realtors Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Dustin Maslik
This scholarship, founded by the Dutchess County Association of Realtors, is for a full-time student who has taken at least two courses in business administration at DCC.

George N. Freedman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Melissa Teran-Contreras
George Freedman was a professor in the Department of Business from 1965 until his death in 1986. His strong connections with the local retail community and the admiration of his peers and students led to the creation of this scholarship.

Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Rebecca Englert
As an organization dedicated to helping the local community, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union established this scholarship to help local students attend DCC. It is awarded to a full- or part-time student who is academically motivated and pursuing a degree in business.

Tony and Faith Krzywicki Business Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Anisia Townsend-Tingling
This scholarship was established by Tony and Faith Krzywicki in honor of the Business Department faculty. Mr. Krzywicki was an original faculty member who served as the first Business Department Head and taught at Dutchess for 28 years.

BUSINESS

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Ginger Mancuso Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,100.....Erica Call

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Ginger Mancuso, a DCC graduate who was actively involved with local restaurants and community functions. It is awarded to a non-traditional student in the business administration program who is motivated to pursue the fields of hospitality or tourism management.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kosei Iwamoto

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Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Mikayla Sarmiento

This scholarship was established by Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a full-time business student who is a Dutchess County resident; preference given to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Joe Roberto Alpha Beta Gamma Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Elizabeth Mahoney

Joe Roberto was a beloved business professor at Dutchess Community College. He was a wonderful colleague, a mentor to our students and a retired businessman who cared for his community. He exemplified the ABG qualities of leadership, scholarship and cooperation.

TEG Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Karla Sofia Linares Abrego

As a long-time community supporter, TEG Federal Credit Union generously endowed this scholarship to help students attain a college education. This award is given to a full- or part-time business student who has achieved academic excellence.

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Oscar Rivera

The regional office of this national accounting firm has had a longstanding association with DCC, and generously established a scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in accounting.

Ulster Savings Bank Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jean Luc Ahouangonou

Understanding the need to help the students of the Hudson Valley, Ulster Savings Bank generously endowed this scholarship. This award is for a full- or part-time business student who has achieved academic excellence.

Westage Companies Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Tiffany Peterson

The Westage Companies have been supporters of many local economic development efforts in Dutchess County. This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student in the business program, to encourage them to become a local business leader.

ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

Mark Courtney, Department Chair

Charles E. Conklin Entrepreneurial Scholarship in Technology

Award of \$900..... Elizabeth Bellissimo

This scholarship was established by David Conklin in honor of his father, Charles E. Conklin, founder of Conklin Corporation. It is awarded to a full-time student who demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit and who is pursuing a degree in technology, science or engineering with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$2,000..... Nickolas Burton

Louis Greenspan was a local businessman and contractor who was actively involved with projects at several area colleges. This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time Dutchess or Ulster County resident studying in the architecture, engineering and computer technologies department; preference given to a student studying architecture.

Gary J. Lindstrom Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Ryan Thompson

Gary J. Lindstrom was one of the three Engineering Plan A graduates in the first DCC class in 1960. Mr. Lindstrom established this scholarship to honor his engineering education at DCC and his interest in Studebakers.

Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects Scholarship in Architecture

Award of \$500..... Darius Sealy

This scholarship was established for a high-achieving architecture student by Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis, Architects.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....John Madalenoitia

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The McCann Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Michael J. Morris Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Ali Terkia

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Michael J. Morris to honor the 30th anniversary of his engineering firm, Morris Associates.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825..... Zachery Haag

Daniel P. White was an engineer with IBM for many years. His colleagues established this scholarship in his memory to support full-time students pursuing a degree in engineering sciences, technology or related fields.

ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES

Dr. Richard A. Malboeuf, Department Chair

Russell S. Cleverley Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Nnennia Mazagwu
Russell Cleverley was not only a DCC graduate, but a member of the adjunct faculty as well. His family established this scholarship in his memory to be awarded to a full-time student majoring in English with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Italian Center Scholarship in Language Arts

Award of \$500.....Jessica Caccavale
This scholarship has been established by the members of the Italian Center for a student who has shown outstanding devotion to the study of the Italian language.

Sylvia L. Jones Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Caitlin O'Brien
Vernon D. Jones established this scholarship in memory of his wife, a former faculty member, and her love of DCC. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing, full-time student who is enrolled in a foreign language class.

Jerry A. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Sarah Soltich
This scholarship was established by the family of Dr. Jerry Lee, the third president of Dutchess Community College. It is awarded to a student interested in the humanities who also is academically motivated.

Seth W. Lessinger Scholarship in Philosophy

Award of \$500.....Kayla Bowen
Judith Lessinger established this scholarship as a reflection of her gratitude to DCC faculty members who taught philosophy to her son, Richard White, while he was a student at the College. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student interested in the study of philosophy who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Ehab Muhammad
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The McCann Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Michael O'Dell Scholarship

Award of \$1,600.....Isabella Condorelli
This scholarship was established by alumnus Michael O'Dell, class of '69, as a reflection of his gratitude for the excellent education and guidance he received at Dutchess Community College. This award is for a student studying in the area of liberal arts or humanities.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Carlene Remsburger
This scholarship was established in 2001 by the members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Wappingers Falls. This society once provided religious and cultural support for Italian Americans. The applicant must be studying in the field of language arts and must have earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Edmund Webb Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825.....Melissa Ana Freytes
Edmund Webb was a community-minded resident who had great respect for the quality of education offered at DCC. He left a large bequest to be used for scholarships for DCC students. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is enrolled in liberal arts and sciences/humanities and social sciences.

HISTORY, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS

Dr. Werner Steger, Department Chair

Joseph H. and Miriam B. Gellert Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Jared Raffan
Joseph H. Gellert, a Poughkeepsie attorney, was a member of the DCC Board of Trustees from 1972 through 1989. This scholarship was established by family and friends, to be awarded to a history, government and economics student recommended by the department head.

Louis Greenspan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$2,000.....Jessica Bruning Lopez
Award of \$2,000.....Roland Johnson
Award of \$2,000.....Thomas Stolz
Louis Greenspan was a local businessman and contractor who was actively involved with projects at several area colleges. The trustees of the Louis Greenspan Charitable Trust have established this fund to award three scholarships to full-time Dutchess or Ulster County residents studying history, government or economics who have achieved at least a 2.5 GPA.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kiamani Thomas
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Vincent J. Tedone Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Rachel O'Mara
Vincent Tedone was a Dutchess County Legislator who was greatly respected by his political colleagues. This scholarship is awarded to a part-time Dutchess County resident majoring in history, government or economics who has achieved at least a 2.75 GPA.

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Sara Taylor, Department Chair

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Taylor McAuliffe
The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Daniel P. White Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825.....Stephanie Venuto
Daniel P. White was an engineer with IBM for many years. His colleagues established this scholarship in his memory to support a full-time student pursuing a degree in technology, or a related field. A student applying for the MCS Daniel P. White Scholarship needs to be able to demonstrate, through their course selection, that they are concentrating in mathematics or computer science, and have achieved high grades in these courses. Students should be enrolled in LAM or CPS.

NURSING

Ingeborg Grutzner, Department Chair

Dutchess County 40/8 Voiture #502 Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Rokeya Hassan
This organization, affiliated with the American Legion, has fully endowed this scholarship, which is awarded to a full-time nursing student.

Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Danielle Cebron
The Dutchess County Home Bureau is an organization of women whose goals are community service, consumer education, health and safety education.

Eileen Firman Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Shannon Angot
Award of \$500.....Nicole Perlik
Eileen Firman, a dedicated nurse in the community for 38 years, showed concern for others that went far beyond her nursing career. Applicants need to be dedicated, caring and exhibit compassion in the nursing field.

Sonny Frasier Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....James Weber
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Arnold "Sonny" Frasier, a veteran of World War II and an American Legion member who served as chairman of the Legion's Nursing Committee.

Drs. Florence H. and Elvin E. Gottdiener Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Shannon Johns
Elvin Gottdiener was a prominent Poughkeepsie physician. This scholarship, established by his wife, Dr. Florence Gottdiener, is continued by his family today.

Blanche Knapp Hart Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Aida Kuka
Blanche graduated from The Vassar Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during WWII. While she spent her life here in the Hudson Valley, much of her time was devoted to the family business, Hart Orchards on Dutchess Turnpike. Nursing was her first love.

Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Amanda Nenni
This scholarship is awarded by the Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident enrolled in Nursing.

Leslie D. Maserjian Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Andrea LaValle
Leslie's family and friends established this scholarship for a non-traditional nursing student. It is important to honor students returning to college and especially to the nursing program. Leslie represented what DCC is all about - opportunity, growth and excellence.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Deanna Strang
This scholarship was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a Dutchess County resident.

Millbrook Tribute Garden Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Joanne Powers
This scholarship was established by the Millbrook Tribute Garden and is given to a nursing student who is a Dutchess County resident, with preference to a resident of the Town of Washington.

Martha Reifler Myers Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Denise Rivera
This scholarship was started by Charles E. Conklin, a local businessman, to honor Martha for her foresight and generosity in helping start Conklin Corp.

Jean D. Rock Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Amy Hamill
This scholarship was established by the family of Jean D. Rock, a local nurse who lost her battle with a Glioblastoma Multiforme brain tumor in June 2008. Jean was a dedicated and highly skilled nurse, whose primary concern was her kindness to her patients and their families.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center Scholarship

Award of \$3,500.....Susan Reilly
This scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the Nursing program who maintains a GPA of 3.0 or higher and receives a letter of recommendation from two DCC faculty members.

Jackie Warner Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Mary Green
This scholarship was established by Richard M. Warner in memory of his wife Jaclyn J. Warner and her love of nursing. Jackie was a nurse that initially worked in pediatrics and then in adult care. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing nursing student who attends DCC and has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

PERFORMING, VISUAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Joseph Cosentino, Department Chair

George Bernstein Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$825.....Savana Rivera

George was associated with the Poughkeepsie Journal for most of his professional career, serving as a reporter, city editor and business editor. His friends and colleagues established this scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student enrolled in communications and media arts.

Jacques Cohen '89 Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Darcy Conley

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Jacques Cohen. Music was his passion. He was the owner of the Space Recording Studio. This scholarship is awarded to an academically motivated student studying Communications and Media Arts with preference given to a student pursuing a career in music/audio technology.

Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship

Award of \$1,400.....Benjamin Hartley

Award of \$1,400.....Sirope Sirope

This organization sponsors and hosts an outstanding quilt exhibition at Dutchess Community College every other year. The Dutchess Heritage Quilters Scholarship is awarded to a full-time, non-traditional student.

Clarence J. "Woody" Ferrier Theater Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Taylor Halbert

Talented in virtually all aspects of community theater, Mr. Ferrier earned an associate degree (with honors) in performing arts at age 66. This scholarship was established to honor Mr. Ferrier's dedication to the craft. This scholarship is awarded to someone who shows the same commitment. Given to a non-traditional student with at least a 3.0 GPA, this award celebrates one aspect of the creative process of theater.

Stuart Griffin Photography Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Jessica Albert

This scholarship was established by Susan Conforti Neilson in memory of her lifelong friend, Stuart Griffin, and his passion for taking photos of the Hudson River Valley. The scholarship is awarded to a continuing, full-time student taking photography classes. Preference will be given to a student with a minimum 2.5 GPA whose art focuses on the mid-Hudson Valley.

Harold and Dorothy Hayward Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Tori Degrenier

Established by the Hayward family, this scholarship is named in memory of noted local engineer Harold Hayward and his wife, Dorothy. Created to honor Mr. and Mrs. Hayward's love of amateur theater, this scholarship is awarded to a student in the performing arts program who has been an active participant in some phase of a live theater production.

Lidia, Agostino and Mary V. Imperatori Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kristina Newcomb

This scholarship, which was established by Susan L. Fil, niece of Mary Imperatori, is for a full- or part-time student enrolled in the performing arts.

JTN Scholarship

Award of \$1,000.....Adjuja Johnson

This award is for a student who is a graduate of either John Jay or Roy C. Ketcham high schools in the Wappingers School District. One scholarship shall be awarded to a student with a financial need who has a strong academic record and demonstrates an interest in the arts or theater.

Peter Klose Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Stokely Watson

This scholarship was created by friends and colleagues of Peter Klose, and fully endowed by his daughter, Erika Hammar-Klose, to memorialize Peter's many contributions as a member of the DCC visual arts faculty.

Karen Lee Knapp Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Kelsey Whalen

Karen Lee Knapp, an alumnus of DCC, was an exceptional graphic artist. Her family and friends established this scholarship for a full-time student studying commercial art who has achieved at least a 2.75 GPA.

Russell and Gloria Kraft Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Jack Lindros

Award of \$500.....Michaela Starzyk

The Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra has established this music scholarship, to be awarded to a DCC student instrumentalist.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Adam Bissessar

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is a Dutchess County resident.

Lynette McKinney Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$700.....Henry Zhiniv

This scholarship was created by the husband of Lynette McKinney to memorialize her many contributions as a member of the DCC visual arts faculty. It is awarded to a student who has earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship

Award of \$500.....Alicia Rosado

The Dr. Holly Molella Dance Scholarship has been established by Dr. Molella, a longtime DCC faculty member and current dean of Academic Affairs. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in dance and is academically motivated.

Laura Lucille Staats Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$750.....Samantha Cervini

This scholarship was established to honor Laura Lucille Staats, a non-traditional graduate who was interested in art. It is awarded to a full-time, non-traditional student who is enrolled in commercial art or a related field and is a resident of Dutchess County.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Timothy Welling, Department Chair

Melanie Kotes Memorial Science Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Peter Kiewra

This scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student in the sciences who has successfully completed a minimum of three, four-credit science courses. The student should be high-achieving and show significant improvement and growth in his or her academics at DCC. Department faculty identify and select the scholarship recipient.

Seth B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Gizel Brewer

Seth was an adjunct MPCS professor at the time of his death in March 2010. He was an avid hiker and environmentalist who enjoyed sharing his love of nature with his students. This award was established in loving memory of Seth by his wife, Mary, and is given to a full- or part-time student who is pursuing a career in the environmental science field and who has a 3.0 GPA or higher.

McCann Foundation Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Kimberley Williams

The McCann Foundation was established by James J. McCann, a local feed and grain dealer. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time Dutchess County resident. A student applying for the MPCS McCann Foundation Scholarship needs to be able to demonstrate, through their course selection, that s/he is concentrating in the physical sciences, mathematics or computer science, and has achieved high grades in these courses. Students should be enrolled in LAM, CPS or LAX.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONTINUING DCC STUDENTS

Academic Achievement Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Carmen Ruiz

This scholarship was initiated by the 2001-02 Educationally Disadvantaged Student Committee. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown growth and persistence, and who has completed 24 credits or more at DCC, six of which must be credit-equivalent courses with a lower-than 100 designation.

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship

Award of \$1,200..... Emilia Lisiecki

The Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship is awarded to a student whose parent, guardian, grandparent, child or grandchild is a DCC alum.

Association of Women at Dutchess Community College Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Maria Leon Sanchez

Award of \$500..... Kelsey Glynn

The Association of Women at Dutchess Community College encourages leadership and cooperation among women in community colleges.

Bridge to the Future Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Erika del Carmen Mancía Alvarado

This scholarship was established by the Dutchess Community College Foundation Board of Directors. It is awarded to a continuing matriculated DCC student who resides in Dutchess or Putnam counties and has had a positive impact on their community.

Trudy Hankinson Briggs AAUW Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Noah Fields

This scholarship was established by Ken Briggs, husband of Trudy. Trudy taught for 25 years in the Poughkeepsie and Wappingers Falls school districts and served as principal of Vassar Road Elementary School. She served as president of the American Association of University Women and was a community activist.

William J. Buckner Exempt Firemen's Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Erin Rose McGovern

William J. Buckner served as president of the Exempt Firemen's Association for more than 20 years. He was a volunteer firefighter for the city of Poughkeepsie Fire Department, serving in the O.H. Booth Hose Company. Mr. Buckner passed away in September 2007 and the scholarship was created in honor of his dedication to the association.

Phyllis L. Cady Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$550..... Gizelle Wilson

It was stated in Ms. Cady's will that the student awarded this scholarship "shall believe in the principles of the United States Government and his or her manner of being shall be in conformity with the standards of society."

Peter J. Clark and Timmian C. Massie LGBTQ Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Vanessa Cappuccio-Baer

This scholarship was established by Timmian C. Massie and Peter J. Clark to support members of the LGBTQ community at Dutchess Community College. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing, full-time student who has a proven track record of leadership and community involvement; strong academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 2.5; demonstrates financial need; is matriculated in a degree-granting program and is "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community. An essay about why this scholarship will make a difference in their life also is required.

Dr. D. David Conklin Scholarship for Student Leadership

Award of \$1,000..... Lilith Fichtmueller

Awarded each year to the incoming Student Government President in recognition of the skills and commitment that are needed to effectively lead and represent the student body.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Carmine Curcio Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Amanda-Jo Wasilko

This scholarship was established in memory of Carmine A. Curcio who began attending DCC after graduating from FDR High School in Hyde Park. Carmine completed one year of classes and then decided to quit college to focus on working full time. After many years, he decided to once again pursue a degree at DCC and enrolled as an adult student in 2003. He matriculated into the Business Administration curriculum, attended classes part time and graduated in May 2007. Awarded to a non-traditional student with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Alexander Cutonilli Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Kirsten Dolan

Alexander Cutonilli served in the DCC Admissions Office from 1967 until his death in 1994. A Hyde Park resident, he was committed to his community, students and the Dutchess County Counseling Association.

Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Kevin Glinski

This award is for a high-achieving Dutchess County resident who has made contributions to community service through active volunteerism.

The William Jeff Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jocelyne Gonzalez Herrera

This scholarship was established by a committee under the leadership of Mike Pesacov to honor and remember the outstanding work done for at-risk youth by their friend and colleague Jeff Edwards.

Sadie and William Effron Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Emily Dinga

This scholarship was established by the children of Sadie and William Effron to honor their parents' contributions to DCC and the community.

Nan Gingher Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Tiffany Barrera

Nancy "Nan" Gingher was a lifetime resident of Shenanigan Farm in Stanfordville, N.Y. and a long-time psychotherapist and staff member at Dutchess Community College until her retirement in 1989.

Louis Greenspan Honors Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Katie Tate

This scholarship is awarded to a returning DCC student who is a Dutchess or Ulster County resident who currently is a President's List student.

Bernard Handel Community Leadership Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Deborah Jenks

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in community service work. This award is being made in honor of this year's recipient of the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award, Shirley Adams.

Usman Zia and Moez-UL Hassan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$650..... Jasmine Thompson

This scholarship was established by the SMA Foundation to support non-traditional students with the costs of attending Dutchess Community College. Preference given to students with a GPA of at least 2.5.

The Hudson Valley FIRST Lego League Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jennifer Beahan

This scholarship was established to support the mission of HVFLL. The scholarship is awarded to first- and second-year students who are active participants in the DCC Engineering Club and have demonstrated support of the mission of HVFLL by volunteering their time to encourage the youth of our region to explore math, science and technology. The DCC Engineering Club and their advisor select the students.

AAUW Wilda Dible Hunt Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Stacie Woodard

This scholarship was established by Linda Beyer in memory of her mother, who was a strong advocate for education of women. This scholarship will be awarded to a continuing student with preference to a female student with a child. Qualifications include matriculation in a program at DCC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Helen and Henry Katula Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Daniel Kenet

Award of \$500..... Francesca Zegarelli

Maryanne Keller-Chai, DCC's 1984 Commencement speaker, established this scholarship in honor of her parents, Helen and Henry Katula. It is awarded to a full-time student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Angelique Malcolm

This scholarship was established to help local students who are members of the credit union attend DCC. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated and demonstrates a commitment to community.

Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Piedad Buceta

This scholarship was established by the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union to help local students who are members of the credit union attend DCC. It is awarded to a full-time student who is academically motivated.

Moody Family Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Fatima Gaye

Dr. F. Kennon Moody served as a teacher and administrator at DCC from 1974 until 1997. This award is for a non-traditional full-time student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and has not attended a post-secondary institution other than DCC in the last five years.

Jean and Dr. Carl Needy Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Sharon Brookes

Jean Needy, a longtime DCC Foundation board member, established this award for a high-achieving woman of outstanding integrity.

Nine Partners Lions Club Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Ryan Richard

This scholarship has been established by the members of this Lions Club for a student who resides in the Town of Clinton in Dutchess County.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Bryan Ortiz
This scholarship was established by Rob Weiss and other friends and supporters of Mark Palmateer, who served his country in Afghanistan with dignity and pride. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who is academically motivated.

Allan E. Rappleyea and Julia M. Rappleyea Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Muhammad Hassan
This scholarship was established by the family and devoted friends of Allan and Julia Rappleyea. Allan Rappleyea served the College for decades on the board of trustees and as the College attorney. This scholarship is in honor of their dedication to DCC and education in general. This award is for a full- or part-time student who applies themselves diligently to his or her job, as well as to academics. Community service/volunteerism and financial need are important factors to be considered. Preference is given to a student living in Poughkeepsie.

Rhinebeck Bank Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Breanna Pileggi
This award is for a student from either Dutchess or Ulster counties who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Senator Stephen M. Saland Bi-Annual Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Betzy Garcia-Martinez
This scholarship is awarded to a matriculated DCC student who has completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA who is a Dutchess County resident and demonstrates a commitment to community service.

The Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Briana Holness
This scholarship was established by Steve Saland to support students in need. This scholarship is awarded to two continuing students in the Educational Opportunity Program or with great financial need. The recipient should be a Dutchess County resident and a full-time student with a 3.75 GPA demonstrating a commitment to community service.

Catherine Reeck Shanks Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Devon Jackson
This scholarship has been funded by The George T. Whalen, Jr. Foundation to honor Catherine Reeck Shanks, a founding officer of the Foundation and a 1979 graduate of Dutchess Community College.

George A. Strba Charitable Trust Endowment Scholarship

Award of \$3,750..... Nadivah Barker
Award of \$3,750..... Kimone Dixon
This scholarship is awarded to two continuing DCC students who graduated from Poughkeepsie High School.

Captain Trevor Yurista Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Stella Rojas
This scholarship was established by the Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley for a student who is a spouse or child of a veteran, attends DCC on a full- or part-time basis, has successfully completed 24 credits, maintains a minimum GPA of 2.0, has completed at least 10 hours of community service and provides a letter of recommendation addressing their involvement in community activities.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Zachary Britton
Award of \$750..... Ellen McAuliffe
Award of \$750..... Francisco Roche-Escalera
The DCC Alumni Association has generously funded scholarships for two graduating students who have demonstrated educational excellence.

American Association of University Women Scholarship

Award of \$600..... Amanda Booth
Award of \$600..... Kristina Daniels
As part of its goal to advance the continuing education of women, the Poughkeepsie branch of AAUW awards these scholarships to DCC non-traditional female students in any discipline transferring to a four-year college.

Milton Chazen Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Jacqueline Sedlor
This scholarship was established by Richard H. Chazen, P.E., in memory of his father, Milton Chazen, P.E., L.S. The Chazen Companies was started by Richard's father and mother in 1947. Milton was an engineer and entrepreneur. The scholarship is awarded to an engineering student in anticipation that he or she will carry on the tradition and determination of Milton Chazen into the field of engineering.

Eric W. Deyo Scholarship

Award of \$750..... Joshua Sedore
This scholarship was established by Eric W. Deyo, a 1971 DCC graduate and social worker at Dutchess County Social Services for 31 years. It is awarded to a second-year history, government or economics student who has shown outstanding critical thinking skills and a willingness to question conventional wisdom. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

DUE Scholarship in Honor of Allan E. Rappleyea

Award of \$3,750..... Andrew Teubl
DUE established this endowed scholarship in the name of Allan E. Rappleyea, former chairman of the DCC Board of Trustees, to honor his crucial contributions to the success of the College and its students. Student qualifications for the award include a consistent record of academic excellence, with a minimum 3.5 GPA at the time of application, a strong record of community service with plans to transfer to a four-year, accredited institution.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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William J. and Pauline Egan Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Hannah Collins
Awarded to a student with a GPA of at least 3.0, who is a resident of Dutchess County, transferring to an accredited four-year college, intending to study history or political science on a full-time basis.

James and Betty Hall Founding President's Scholarship

Award of \$3,500..... Paige Barto
This scholarship was established in 2003 by June S. Pierson, professor emeritus, on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of teaching at Dutchess. Professor Pierson created the scholarship to recognize and honor the outstanding integrity, commitment, and strong intelligent leadership of the founding president of DCC, James F. Hall.

Henry McDermott Scholarship

Award of \$4,000..... Jacob Odell
This scholarship was established by the McDermott Family Charitable Trust for a student who is a resident of Dutchess or Putnam counties, transferring to an accredited four-year college or university in the United States on a full-time basis. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books and fees. Eligible students must have a GPA between 3.47 and 3.73 at the time of application.

The Richard Reitano Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Matthew Stephens
This scholarship was created to honor Professor Richard Reitano who taught Government at Dutchess Community College. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of DCC who will transfer to a four-year college and who will major in Political Science. The student must have taken either the Model UN course or at least one other Honors course at DCC.

Robert B. Sayegh Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$500..... Noah Kischuk
Established by former faculty member Gail Sayegh in memory of her husband, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating student demonstrating excellence in the computer information systems program.

Maximillian Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Brandon Galasso
Poughkeepsie resident Dudley Schneider established this scholarship in memory of his father. It is awarded to a graduating student who plans to continue the study of architecture.

Richard Steffen Engineering Alumni Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Andrew Hoff
This scholarship was established by DCC engineering alumni to honor Professor Steffen's leadership as head of the Engineering, Architecture and Computer Technologies Department at DCC and to commemorate his retirement after more than 35 years of service. It is awarded to a student graduating with a degree in engineering or engineering technology who is transferring as a full-time student to a four-year engineering or engineering technology program. The award is based on merit, need, faculty recommendations and activities outside of the classroom.

Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Jinsoo Choi
This scholarship was established by the colleagues and friends of Rochel Stein and Richard O'Connor, beloved faculty members. It is awarded to a graduating student who majored in one of the science curricula at DCC and who intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in the sciences at a four-year college or university.

Stop & Shop Supermarket Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Jeyry Acevedo
Award of \$2,500..... Erica Palmer
DCC students in the business administration program can qualify for this scholarship, which rewards academic excellence in those two curriculums. Students must have at least a 3.8 GPA.

Transfer 101 Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Aaron Stewart
Award of \$1,000..... Morgan Wells
This award is for two students who have a 2.5 or higher GPA, attended the Transfer 101 workshop and applied for FAFSA.

Marty Triola Math Scholarship

Award of \$2,500..... Dana Denoyelles
In commemoration of his retirement as a faculty member of the Mathematics Department, Professor Triola established this annual scholarship. It is awarded to a graduating student who has taken elementary statistics and has achieved a GPA of at least 3.75.

Allyn J. Washington Scholarship

Award of \$1,500..... Quinn Torres
Mr. Washington was an original faculty member at DCC and is the author of several popular mathematics textbooks. He established this scholarship for a graduate who will continue to study mathematics at a four-year college.

Mildred I. Washington Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Award of \$1,000..... Jessica Minieri
Allyn J. Washington established this scholarship in memory of his wife. It is awarded to a graduating student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who plans to transfer to a four-year college and major in teaching.

Young Engineers Scholarship

Award of \$1,200..... Abbas Kazan
This scholarship was put together by three Dutchess Community College graduates who pursued bachelor's degrees in three different disciplines of Engineering and who now all work for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. This scholarship was formed to encourage other students like themselves to pursue a career in Engineering. The student must be accepted into a four-year ABET-accredited school and have a minimum GPA of 3.3.

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