

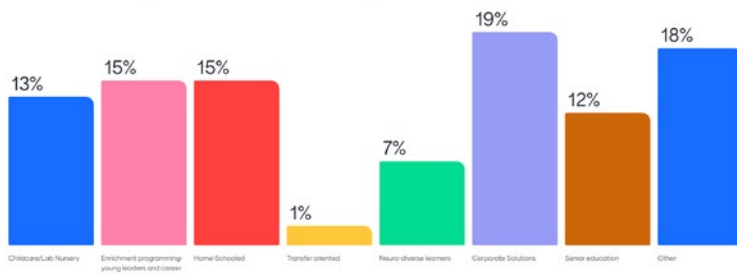
This is Our Future

On Oct. 11, President Jordan held the first of four town halls scheduled this semester, each focused on one of the lenses from [DCC's 2023-28 Strategic Plan](#). The presentation, centered on the **Students** lens, took place in a packed Bowne 122, where faculty, staff and administrators gathered to hear his vision and engage in meaningful conversation.

Framing the discussion around our wildly important goal (WIG) of reaching 5,000 students by 2028, he emphasized the need to adapt and innovate in a rapidly changing higher education landscape while creating an inclusive environment that welcomes learners of all ages and backgrounds—from “cradle to cane”—to attend and thrive at DCC.



Is there a population mentioned you didn't previously consider a focus for DCC?



Dr. Jordan led an exercise that highlighted the diverse groups we serve at DCC, sparking a discussion on how we can better support these populations. The poll asked faculty and staff to identify groups mentioned in the presentation that they had not previously considered a focus for DCC. The results were as follows: Corporate Solutions (19%), Other (18%), Home-Schooled (15%), Youth Enrichment and Career Exploration (15%), Childcare/Lab Nursery (13%), Senior Education (12%), Neurodiverse Learners (7%) and Transfer-Oriented (1%).

The presentation outlined key initiatives to engage community members beyond the traditional transfer-oriented high school graduate, underscoring the value of lifelong learning. These initiatives include expanding youth enrichment programs, strengthening partnerships with P-12 schools and enhancing opportunities for adult learners. Dr. Jordan also introduced the concept of a University Center that would bring baccalaureate degrees not offered in the area to campus and discussed building on successful programs, such as our honors program, aviation.

Recognizing the vital role of our daycare and nursery programs in promoting early engagement, the discussion explored ways to connect families to the DCC community. One area identified for potential growth is our homeschool student population, which can benefit from access to college courses, workshops and extracurricular activities that facilitate academic growth and socialization.

Additionally, the president addressed how to improve our service for specific populations, such as veterans, seniors and neurodiverse learners, encouraging faculty and staff to consider the unique strengths and challenges of these groups. This collaborative dialogue aimed to identify ways DCC

Fall Family Festival This Sunday from 2-5 p.m.!

Grab your costume and join your DCC community on Washington Quad this Sunday, Oct. 27, rain or shine*. There'll be games and prizes, food and fun activities—from pumpkin decorating to trick-or-treating. Bring your family and friends and soak up the fun of fall!



*Rain location TBA

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can create a more inclusive and responsive environment for all students.

The town hall ended with a call to action from President Jordan: to see future DCC students for who they are and to meet them where they are. He urged the College community to adapt policies, processes and practices to better serve students who have not yet been reached. "Our new students are already here," Dr. Jordan said, reminding us that from "cradle to cane," DCC must embrace diversity and evolve to become a truly student-ready college.

Upcoming Town Halls:

Due to the strong turnout at the first Town Hall, locations have been changed to accommodate more attendees.

This is Our Future: The Learning Lens

Friday, Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

James & Betty Hall Theatre ***New location***

This is Our Future: The Community Lens

Friday, Nov. 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

Greenspan Cafeteria

This is Our Future: The Growth Lens

Friday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

James & Betty Hall Theatre ***New location***

DCC Intranet in the Works

When she started at DCC in August, one of the first goals AVP for Information Technology Deepa Dubal had in mind was a campuswide intranet. Mainly because there was so much information the DCC community needed that was not located in a place where students, staff and faculty could all access it.

Those plans are taking shape now. It will be a one-stop site where you can get internal documents and information. The target launch date is early 2025 with 3-4 departments to start with, and more will be phased in along the way.

Stay tuned!



October is Cyber Security Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The DCC IT Department would like to take this opportunity to educate our community on best practices for safeguarding data, such as using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication and recognizing phishing attempts.

These topics will be communicated throughout the month in the form of weekly emails along with digital signage updates and in-person presentations. As cyber threats become more sophisticated, Cybersecurity Month encourages everyone to take proactive steps in enhancing their digital security.

Please watch your inbox for communication about these important security topics. As always, we appreciate your continued cooperation with the advancement of our information security program.

Remember, the Help Desk can be reached at Helpdesk@sunydutchess.edu.

Can't email? Call x4357 or (845) 431-8005.

If you get voicemail, please leave your contact information and a description of your troubles.

All voicemails are automatically generated into tickets.

DCC in the News

DCC's Arts Programs Steal the Show at Dutchess County Executive's Arts Award Ceremony

Arts Mid-Hudson presented nine awards on Oct. 2 at their 38th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Award ceremony, and notably, at least four of the recipients are directly connected to DCC.

Dr. Thomas Costello, professor of theatre, received the Arts in Education award for his exceptional dedication to inspiring and educating students through the arts. He credits the recognition to the countless students, colleagues and artists he's had the privilege of collaborating with throughout his career.

Susanna Gilgert ('24), recipient of the Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts Award, graduated in May with two degrees from DCC: an AA in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and an AS in Performing Arts. Gilgert may be familiar to many as the national anthem singer at our 2024 commencement or as one of the Chancellor's Award winners honored in April. She is now studying classical vocal performance in the honors program at SUNY New Paltz.

This year's Arts Organization award was presented to The New Deal Creative Arts Center, with executive director and former DCC performing arts student **Teresa Gasparini** accepting the honor.

Hudson Slocum, a current DCC student, was among the actors representing In Flight, Inc. and Standing Room Only Theater Company, recipients of the ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts award.

Beyond earning awards, members of our DCC community also provided entertainment and captured the evening's highlights on camera. The music was led by **Larry Ham**, a former DCC student and retired part-time music faculty member. The photographer was **Lori Adams ('06)**, an alumna and former part-time photography faculty member.



Professor of Theatre Tommy Costello



DCC Alum Susanna Gilgert

DCC's Human Services Program Named Among Most Affordable Associate Degrees for Social Workers in New York

NewYorkSocialWorkEDU recently spotlighted two-year colleges in New York that provide an affordable pathway for students interested in social work. The [article](#) emphasizes the significant value of completing a community college degree, contrasting the average tuition for a four-year program (\$52,752) with that of an associate program (\$11,310).

DCC stands out from the list of peer institutions for our below-average tuition, hands-on learning and diverse program options—including seven specializations from psychology, sociology and social work to child care, mental health assistant, chemical dependency counseling and direct support professional training.

"We're proud to provide an accessible and affordable pathway to social work through our human services program," said Instructor and Program Chair Lacie Reilly. "We take great pride in preparing future social workers and other professional helpers by offering a range of internship and community engagement opportunities alongside a rigorous and robust curriculum."



Got News?

Whether it's a student success story, new instructional equipment, a class trip, an exciting event, an award, a conference presentation or something else, we want to hear about it and share your story with our audience! Send your stories to www.sunydutchess.edu/media.

Veteran's Art Exhibit

A collaborative art project by six U.S. veterans is on display between the main entrance of Washington Hall and the Mildred I. Washington Gallery through the end of October. Titled "The Other Side of the Door," the exhibit is a collection of shadow boxes that come together to form an American flag on the exterior, while the interiors visually depict the artists' internal landscapes. This project provides valuable insight into the experiences of military service members, revealing the challenges they face in reintegrating into civilian life and coexisting within their communities.

A reception was held on World Mental Health Day, featuring artists from Mental Health America (MHA) and DCC who shared insights about the creative process and the artwork itself. Veterans Resource Coordinator Stewart Dawes and art therapist Heather Harris, contracted by MHA, were also present to answer questions and discuss the project.

Among the artists is Christopher Fontana, a former Marine who served from 2010 to 2015. He first attended DCC after graduating high school in 2004, initially majoring in business before switching to psychology. Shortly after completing his military service, he earned his personal trainer certification through our microcredential program. Fontana is now pursuing an associate degree in human services and working toward his Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) certificate while serving as a peer advocate for Dutchess County.

He learned about the opportunity to participate in the project through Dawes, who has been his advisor since he returned to DCC in 2015. "The process was fun," Fontana shared. "Being able to sit there and talk to everybody about heavy things in a not-so-heavy way was great." He emphasized the importance of having people who understand and a supportive space to process and express difficult and traumatic experiences.

DCC currently serves 101 veterans and eligible family members, and our Veterans Resource Center is listed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a Principles of Excellence program. This exhibit not only allowed veterans to share their personal journeys through art but also gave the campus community a meaningful way to engage with and better understand and connect with their experiences.



From left are DCC Human Services student Christopher Fontana and MHA participant Stacey Worden

VIPs in Action

Angela Flesland Elected Board Chair

Dr. Angela Flesland ('06), a dedicated member of Dutchess Community College's Board of Trustees since 2019 and vice chair from 2021-24, was named chair during the Board's Sept. 24 meeting. As a proud graduate of DCC, Flesland is passionate about the high-quality education the College provides and looks forward to advancing its mission by focusing on student success and expanding career opportunities for graduates.



"If you look at our community, you can see how many successful individuals have their roots at Dutchess," says Flesland, who, as an eighteen-year-old unsure of

her career path chose DCC to save money while completing her general education classes. That first year, she took a biology class, forging lasting connections with classmates who have gone on to high-level healthcare careers, including a cardiothoracic surgeon, an emergency room physician, an internist and two chiropractors. She credits DCC not only with preparing her academically but with teaching her essential study skills that helped her succeed in higher education. The achievements of her classmates, she says, are a testament to the College's role in shaping students' futures.

What better role for a community college than to be part of the solution to the challenges facing our region? If that's not the epitome of what a community college should be, I don't know what is."
-Dr. Angela Flesland, Board of Trustees chair

This strong foundation enabled Flesland to earn her bachelor's, master's and eventually her doctorate in nursing. Today, she serves as network director of Clinical Care Management for WMC Health and leads the DCC Board of Trustees. Looking ahead, Flesland is committed to ensuring DCC remains a vital resource for the community, equipping students with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in today's workforce. As chair, she plans to strengthen career-focused programs in areas such as mechatronics and aviation while building on the strengths of the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program to meet the growing demand for emergency services in the Hudson Valley.

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Darrah Cloud, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2022 by New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, will continue in her capacity as secretary.

Inside the Family Partnership Center

Located just two miles from our main campus, the Family Partnership Center (FPC) in downtown Poughkeepsie plays a vital role in serving our community.

It's our hub for English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency (HSE) programs (offered in English and Spanish)—two life-changing opportunities for many students. Completing these programs opens doors to new career and educational possibilities, including the chance to attend college at DCC.

In addition to providing pathways to DCC, the ESL program is also an excellent resource for current DCC students. It offers a range of levels, from beginner to advanced, with options to take classes online or in-person, either at the FPC or The Center of Excellence for Industry & Innovation in Fishkill.

The DCC Foundation recently provided over \$10,000 in equipment and internet access to support students in these programs, ensuring they have the tools to succeed. In addition, the Foundation offers scholarships to cover tuition and fees, making college more affordable and accessible for students with financial barriers.

If you know any students who might be interested in focused instruction to help them improve their English skills, be sure to let them know about our ESL program! You can find more information at www.sunydutchess.edu/esl.



From left are Transition Coach Emma Slate, Bilingual Program Assistant Ginger Casserly, HSE Senior Program Assistant Lynette Patrice, ESL Program Coordinator Kimberly Bacon and HSE Coordinator Judith Lopez



DCC CARES Receives Additional Funding

DCC students facing housing and food insecurity will benefit from increased support, thanks to Assemblymember Didi Barrett, who secured \$300,000 in the enacted New York State 2024-25 Budget, doubling the \$150,000 DCC received in 2022 and 2023. Assemblymember Barrett made the commitment to advocate for more funding after attending the DCC Foundations Bridge to the Future Gala this past spring.

Administered through the DCC Foundation, **DCC CARES** helps students stay on track academically despite personal challenges. During the 2023-24 academic year alone, DCC CARES served over 314 students, with 146 receiving emergency grants. The program also provided housing assistance payments to seven students and helped 36 others secure housing in DCC's residence hall. Read the full story [here](#).



From left are VP for Enrollment and Student Success Scott Schnackenberg; Chief of Staff and VP for Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Susan Rogers; Assemblymember Didi Barrett; President Jordan; AVP of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the DCC Foundation Diana Pollard; Student Resource Navigator Whitney Morris; and Director of Academic Housing Kaina Rivera.

Admissions on a Mission: Engaging Students and Counselors, Starting in High School

At DCC, our commitment to student success begins long before they officially enroll. Through hands-on activities, innovative learning experiences and strategic outreach, our Admissions team is connecting with future students and their counselors early on. Below are just a few of the highlights from the start of the 2025-26 recruitment season.

Instant Admissions Goes on Tour!

This fall, our Admissions team is on the move! Every high school in Dutchess County will have an “Instant Admissions program” where our team assists students with their applications, answers questions about programs and promotes the upcoming Open House. The best part? Students can receive acceptance letters on the spot! This early engagement is streamlining the application process and helping us build meaningful connections with future students.

According to Assistant Director of Admissions Michelle Diano, Dover High School loves the program. On a recent visit, 33 students—about one-third of their senior class were accepted. A few excited faces are pictured here with their acceptance letters.



Counselor Luncheon: Is AI Our Educational Future?

On Oct. 4, DCC hosted the annual Dutchess County Counseling Association Luncheon, welcoming 35 local school counselors in an exploration of this year’s theme, “Understanding AI in Education.” During the event, Assistant Director of Admissions (Enrollment Communications Specialist) Xavier Velasquez demonstrated ChatGPT’s potential applications in school counseling. Director of Instructional Technology and E-Learning Chrisie Mitchell and Professor Carolyn Rounds presented on the implications of AI in the classroom. Director of Student Financial Services Rob Zasso gave updates on financial aid, and Associate Dean of Enrollment Mike Roe shared what’s new at DCC. Assistant Director of Admissions Michelle

Diano rounded out the session by highlighting new opportunities available to students through BOCES articulation agreements.

Don’t Break the Egg!

On Oct. 10, DCC hosted a hands-on STEM event for Poughkeepsie Middle School students, featuring an exciting—and sure-to-be memorable—“egg drop” experiment. About 40 participants designed and built parachutes and cushions using paper and tape to protect their eggs from breaking during a drop off the Dutchess Hall stairs. The activity, led by Engineering Program Chair and Professor of Physics Renee Lathrop and CSTEP Director Adjiwanou Gbagba, introduced students to basic engineering principles while encouraging creativity and problem-solving. Afterward, the students toured the main campus and received valuable insights on college planning and student success from Associate Dean of Student Services & Enrollment Management Mike Roe.



Upcoming Events

Looking for a fun way to support your colleagues and DCC students? Consider attending one of our upcoming events.

To view a full list, visit www.sunydutchess.edu/events.

Hispanic Heritage Month Committee Juanitas Chicas Concert

Oct. 31, 12:30-1:45 p.m. • Washington Quad

Join in on the grand finale of Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 at DCC! The female-fronted, musical boundary-pushing group Juanitas Chicas will take listeners on a musical adventure—blending the sounds of son jarocho, racheras and norteño with jazz, cumbia and flamenco to create a captivating tapestry honoring the rich diversity of New York's cultural landscape. You can also enjoy the livestream at www.sunydutchess.edu/live.

THE ART OF TAROT: Rachel Pollack Memorial Exhibit

Opening Reception: Nov. 6, 5-6:30 p.m.
Gallery Talk and Book Signing: Nov. 7, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Mildred I. Washington Gallery

From Nov. 4 through Dec. 13, Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery will showcase tarot artwork by renowned artist and tarot expert Rachel Pollack. A celebrated science fiction author and activist, Pollack made history by creating DC Comics' first transgender heroine. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 6 from 5-6:30 p.m., with a gallery talk featuring Art History Professor and Occultist Dr. Susan Aberth (Bard) and a book signing by Cat Willett, author of "Women of Tarot" on Nov. 7 from 12:30-1:45 p.m.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Nov. 14-17 • James & Betty Hall Theatre

Don't miss this fall's Main Stage Production, "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," brought to life by our talented Performing Arts Program and the Masquers' Guild Theatre Club.

Based on Rick Riordan's bestselling novel, this vibrant musical follows the adventure of Percy Jackson, a teenager who discovers he's a demigod. As he sets out on a quest to recover Zeus' stolen lightning bolt, he must navigate a world of mythical creatures and prevent a war among the gods.

Directed by Theatre Adjunct AnnChris Warren, with musical direction from Assistant Professor of Music John Howell and choreography by alumni Cedric James, this production is sure to entertain.

There will be four performances: three evening shows at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14-16 and a matinee on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. It's recommended to [purchase tickets in advance online](#), as our theatre productions have a history of selling out!

DCC Foundation Events

Philanthropy Day Meet & Greet

Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. • Bowne Hall, room 103

The DCC Foundation invites faculty and staff to celebrate National Philanthropy Day and learn about the many ways their office supports students, faculty and staff through scholarships and innovative programs that create valuable opportunities for our entire DCC community. Enjoy coffee and bagels while discovering how you can contribute to the mission of shaping a brighter future for all at DCC.



Harmony and Horizons: Transforming Lives Through Music and the Arts

Nov. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Millbrook Vineyards & Winery

Enjoy performances by DCC's talented students and alumni courtesy of the Academy of Music, plus a lively raffle—all in support of our vibrant musical community. Tickets are \$50 and include wine and small plate appetizers. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) or by contacting Stefani Timpano at stefania.timpano@sunydutchess.edu.

The Roosevelts and Civil Rights: Perspectives on the FDR Library and Museum's Special Exhibition

Nov. 21, 7-9 p.m. • James & Betty Hall Theatre

As part of the Handel Family Endowed Chair to Perpetuate the Legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, a panel of civil rights scholars and FDR Library educators will discuss the special exhibit, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962." This event will explore the Roosevelts' role in advancing equality and provide insights into the exhibit's creation and its connections to today's ongoing struggle for justice. Don't miss this engaging exploration of history and its modern relevance!

52nd Annual Craft Fair

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Falcon Hall and Drumlin Hall

For over fifty fabulous years, the DCCF has hosted the Annual Holiday Craft Fair as a delightful alternative to the Black Friday frenzy. Held on the weekend after Thanksgiving, this much-anticipated event is your perfect opportunity to kickstart your holiday shopping with unique, handcrafted gifts from over 100 talented artisans. Save the date, and learn more about the fair [here](#). If you're able to volunteer—whether for a few hours or the whole day—contact Stefani at stefania.timpano@sunydutchess.edu.

Have an on-campus event to add to the Events Calendar?
Submit a web request at
www.sunydutchess.edu/web-request



Campus Notes

Marketing Generates Buzz for Can't-Miss Admissions Events

In September and October, our marketing team pulled out all the stops to promote two major Admissions events: the Aviation Open House on Oct. 26 and the Fall Open House on Nov. 16. These efforts sparked incredible results—thanks to a dynamic collaboration between Admissions and Marketing, the Aviation Open House hit full capacity! The campaigns featured a mix of organic outreach and targeted paid ads across social media, dedicated marketing landing pages and radio spots for each event.



County Government Tours DCC

On Oct. 1, Dr. Jordan and DCC leadership welcomed several members of Dutchess County government for a guided tour of key areas across the main campus. The visit began with a presentation by Vice President for Finance and Administration Adam Rathbun, highlighting the College's Academic and Facilities Master Plan and its vision for campus improvements. The group then toured Hudson Hall, Dutchess Hall and the Center for Business and Industry (CBI)—areas identified as most in need of renovation. Engaging discussions followed, focusing on the future of DCC and the importance of addressing these critical infrastructure needs.



From left are VP for Instruction and Learning Dr. Ray Houston; Dutchess County Assistant County Executive for Strategic Planning and Economic Development Ron Hicks; Dutchess County Legislator Ryan Travelpiece; Dutchess County Legislator, Assistant Majority Leader Michael Polasek; Dutchess County Legislator Tony D'Aquanni; Chief of Staff and VP for Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Susan Rogers; Dutchess County Legislator Andrew House; Dutchess County Legislator Robert S. Faust; President Jordan; Dutchess County Legislator, Chair Will Truitt; VP for Enrollment and Student Success Scott Schnackenberg; Dutchess County Legislator Bob Gorman; Dutchess County Legislator Lynn Versaci; Dutchess County Legislator Brendan Lawler; AVP of Administration, Campus Facilities Roberto Cirillo; Dutchess County Legislator Stephen M. Caswell; Director of Communications Gina D'Angelo-Mullen; VP for Finance and Administration Adam Rathbun and Building Maintenance Supervisor Richard Merry. Not pictured: Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Michael Dupree and Dutchess County Government Communications Specialist Benjamin Traudt.

Walk Out of the Darkness

On Sept. 28, a team representing DCC—comprised of students, staff, faculty, friends, and family—crossed the Walkway Over the Hudson during the Out of the Darkness Walk, an annual awareness event held by the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. The DCC team raised \$700 in donations, nearly tripling their original fundraising goal, with most contributions coming from students. The College's Counseling Center, Active Minds Club and the Human Services and Behavioral Sciences departments played key roles in organizing and participating in the event. "The suicide epidemic is such a hard, devastating and emotional topic," said Hanna Perrault, a part-time DCC counselor and event organizer. "Seeing so many people who are willing to engage in that uncomfortable conversation in an attempt to save a life was really powerful."



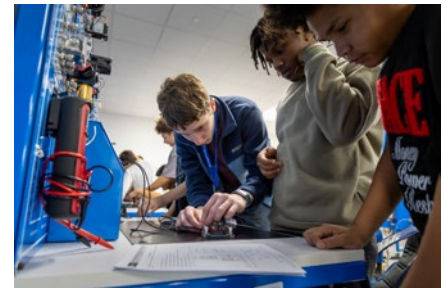
The Clothesline Project Raises Awareness of Domestic Violence

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Grace Smith House partnered with DCC's Mildred I. Washington Gallery to host an impactful exhibit by the Clothesline Project, a national movement dedicated to educating the public and supporting healing for those affected by domestic violence. Running through Oct. 25, the exhibit features hundreds of decorated t-shirts created by victims and their loved ones over nearly 40 years, each bearing a unique story of resilience and hope. DCC Communications and Media Arts students contributed a powerful video that highlights how the creative process aids survivors in coping with trauma, while the DCC Counseling Center organized a tabling event on Oct. 3 to promote on-campus services and foster community awareness and support.



Mechatronics Lab Visit Sparks Interest in First Cohort of P-TECH Students

On Sept. 30, the Mechatronics Lab welcomed our first freshman cohort of P-TECH students—25 high schoolers from the Wappingers, Poughkeepsie, Arlington and Pawling districts—who are part of the Dutchess BOCES/Roy C. Ketcham consortium. These students will spend their first two years at Ketcham before continuing their junior and senior years at DCC. Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology Dan Barbuto led the group through a hands-on activity using DC Circuits equipment, giving them their first taste of applied learning. The students also had the chance to meet second-year Electrical Technology students, with whom they will collaborate in the motors and robotics labs, and explore various career paths in electrical engineering.



“When Dan opened the floor for questions, one student eagerly raised their hand to ask, ‘When will we get to be hands-on?’ That is what P-TECH is all about—allowing students to actively immerse themselves in an education that leads to a meaningful, enriching career,” said P-TECH Liaison Briana Abbate.

Academy of Music Fundraiser Takes Flight!

On Sept. 7, Paula’s Runway Cafe at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport hosted a vibrant fundraiser organized by the DCC Academy of Music, in partnership with The Crew Band. The event brought in contributions for the scholarship program, which provides support for students pursuing music lessons. The evening featured engaging performances and dancing, showcasing the community’s commitment to fostering music education. This collaboration exemplifies the shared goal of enhancing educational opportunities within the community. “We look forward to continuing these partnerships in the future to further support our mission,” said Academy of Music Director Jenny Park.



DCC Unites for Breast Cancer Awareness

Oct. 7 was a perfect day to unite for a cause. Students, faculty and staff joined forces, holding signs and wearing matching t-shirts for a breast cancer awareness walk across campus. The event honored and celebrated survivors, remembered those who lost their lives to the disease and provided educational information about early detection and prevention—all while raising funds for lifesaving research and support programs. A big shout-out to the Nursing Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Women's Activities Committee (WAC) and the Association of Women at DCC (AWDCC) for making this powerful event possible.



Help Us Build DCC's Digital Presence!

Need to update something on the website? Easy! Fill out our simple web request form at www.sunydutchess.edu/web-request. This helps us keep organized and efficient.

Have a story to share? Whether it's a student success story, a class trip, an exciting event, an award, a conference presentation or something else, we want to hear about it and share your story with our audience! Send us info at www.sunydutchess.edu/media.

Personnel Updates

New Hires Welcome to DCC!

- **Richard Devens**, instructor, Academy of Music
- **Jordan Donohue**, credit-free instructor, ESL
- **Brittany Gardner**, program assistant, Marketing and Communications
- **Neil Grencer**, instructor, Math
- **Patricia Mathis**, program assistant, Physical Science
- **Emma Ohlandt**, professional tutor, Math and Science Center
- **Dar Sims**, credit-free instructor, EMT Program
- **Campbell Youngblood-Petersen**, instructor, Academy of Music

Title Changes, Promotions & Appointments Congratulations, Colleagues!

- **Marc Cardinale**, associate registrar, Registrar