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CARES Act Money, Flexible Learning Options Await DCC Students this Fall

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July 8, 2020 – Those enrolled full-time in a degree or certificate program at Dutchess Community College this fall can receive \$500 in cash – and part-timers taking six to 11 credits, \$250 – through federal CARES Act funds the College is making directly available to eligible students. The money, which can be used for textbooks, technology, transportation, housing, food, childcare and other necessities, will make attending DCC – which has the lowest tuition in the state at \$2,175/semester – even more affordable.

“The CARES Act recognizes the widespread impact Covid-19 has had on students and their families – whether it be lost wages, job insecurity, health care expenses or other challenges,” said DCC Provost Ellen Gambino. “This comes at a time when the plans of many students who expected to start or return to college this fall have been upended, especially those preparing to go away. We are very pleased to be able to provide this funding to students at this challenging time and hope it inspires some who are struggling with the decision to start, or continue, to do so.”

Uncertainties remain over the continued spread of the virus, altered academic and residential experiences at four-year schools and the wisdom in making a significant financial investment at this point in time. As most DCC graduates continue on for a bachelor’s degree, many students are turning to their local community college for freshman and sophomore courses and will transfer to their four-year college of choice when the time is right.

DCC is committed to the health and safety of its campus community and the continued delivery of high-quality instruction. Fall courses primarily will be offered remotely, except for a limited number of labs and other courses that require face-to-face interaction. These will meet on the Poughkeepsie campus in accordance with public health guidelines.

Remote instruction will be available in several forms, including classes that meet at specific times and include real-time interaction between students and faculty within a platform such as Zoom or Collaborate, as well as those that allow for more independence and flexibility. Some courses will combine both remote methods, while others will pair remote learning with small-group, on-campus sessions. Academic advisors will work with students to create a schedule that meets their needs. Student services, including admissions, advising, financial aid and tutoring, will continue to be offered remotely.

Classes begin August 24 and admission applications are still being accepted. Visit www.sunydutchess.edu/admissions to participate in a virtual group information session or an individual meeting. More information about the CARES Act cash awards can be found at www.sunydutchess.edu/caresact and additional fall reopening information is posted at www.sunydutchess.edu/movingforward.