

NEWSLETTER ★ WINTER 2018

Transforming Lives



TRAVIS MILLER

A U.S. Marine who graduated with a criminal justice degree in 2018, he had his life transformed by an NCC scholarship. Today, he is pursuing his dream of becoming a Pennsylvania state trooper!

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NCC's new Follett Family Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is officially open for business! The multi-million-dollar facility held its formal grand opening in September, offering students and community residents a dynamic, state-of-the-art space for education and training related to developing entrepreneurial mind-set and related skills.

Located in the college's Fowler Family Southside Center in South Bethlehem, the new space also provides interested community members and students with the tools and support needed to launch new businesses. Featured as part of the CIE is an expanded 7,500-plus-square-foot Fab Lab with a fully equipped wood shop and dedicated spaces/labs for plastics, 3D printing, lasers and metals, and is also home to the Martin Luthier Lab.



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SPOTLIGHT ON CIE SUPPORTERS

We're grateful to the many people, including the Follett Family, for whom the center is named, Keystone Savings Foundation and the Foltz Family, for endowed chairs that will support the center's programming, and others who saw the untapped entrepreneurial potential in our area. Together, they are helping make the vision of an unparalleled resource to support entrepreneurship in the communities NCC serves while fostering the critical thinking skills our students will need to thrive in the world!



The Follett Family



Jeanne, Steven, NCC President Mark Erickson, Don, and Mibs Follett

"I have always had an affinity for the college because of its excellent value and affordable cost," Steven Follett, CEO/president of Follett Corporation, said. "When the Transforming Lives campaign started, we knew we wanted to be a part of it. Thinking about where to invest, the importance of entrepreneurship in our economy resonated with us. That's how jobs get created and our community becomes stronger."

BB&T Economic Growth Fund of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation



Representatives from BB&T, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, and NCC gathered for a check presentation in June 2017.

"BB&T has a long history of supporting our local business and academic communities. We are proud to provide community leadership at this level, and we believe BB&T's investment will play a significant role in the future health and prosperity of the Lehigh Valley," said Scott V. Fainor, BB&T community banking group executive, at the check presentation last year.

The Fowler Family



Beall Fowler with TOBOR, the Fab Lab robot

The seeds for the CIE were planted from the generosity of Drs. W. Beall and Marlene O. “Linny” Fowler, a prominent philanthropic couple who were the leading donors to the Fowler Family Southside Center in 2005. In 2013, the community mourned the passing of Linny. Her husband, Beall, has been able to witness the final stages in the couple’s dream for the center.

“I’ve been following the Fab Lab with awe and interest since its development. These new facilities are terrific, not just for the college, but for the community, which is already making great use of all the possibilities,” reflected Fowler. “What I like about the Southside is that it has a different kind of energy. That, combined with the CIE creating even more opportunities for the community, is exciting.”

Martin Guitar Foundation



The Fab Lab’s new, expanded Martin Luthier Lab is named for the foundation’s support.

Keystone Savings Foundation

“The Keystone Savings Foundation fully supports the vision and mission of NCC. Our best wishes for continued success with the CIE.”

The Foltz Family



Howard, Bob '06,'07, Nancy, David and Jonathan Foltz

“Our father was involved at the inception of the college but didn’t live long enough to see it out of its infancy. Our mother loved the college and instilled in us the values of entrepreneurship and of giving back. This chair helps sustain both of their legacies,” said Howard Foltz of the endowed chair his family gave to the CIE.

Mike & Diane Molewski



Diane and Mike Molewski, Foundation board chair

“The CIE has a special place for us because we can see how this facility and programs will benefit thousands of students and help them achieve their dreams.”

Keeping Our Promises

The Northampton Promise will close the financial gap for students for whom a college education is out of reach, forever changing the trajectory of their lives. In Monroe, we will serve the same need by increasing scholarships for Monroe students.

LIVES
TRANSFORMED

LeVaughn '10 and LaToya '12 Nesbitt

LeVaughn received the NCC General College Scholarship. LaToya received the Alumni Association Scholarship, Student Senate Scholarship, and the NCC General College Scholarship.



As a business administration major, NCC had a huge effect on LeVaughn Nesbitt. He was the second Monroe County student to earn the Trustee Award, the highest honor the college grants to a student. Matt Connell, dean of NCC's Monroe Campus, said that LeVaughn was determined, but LeVaughn credits NCC for helping him reach success.

"When people see you want to help yourself, they will fall over themselves to help you," he said.

LeVaughn remembers the day he became a licensed CPA, a huge accomplishment in his career goals.

When asked to be the commencement speaker during her graduation ceremony, LaToya Nesbitt was honored and thrilled. "Coming to Northampton as a non-traditional student was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I've had," she said.

Before coming to NCC, LaToya was an unemployed single mother who was depending on the support of her family after her daughter's medical scare. She was motivated to become an RN by her experience navigating the healthcare system for her daughter.



LaToya takes great pride in earning her CCRN Certification and quickly working her way up to senior-most staff member on her nursing staff, where she is responsible for caring for critically ill patients in the unit. Her role as president of NSO (Nursing Student Organization) helped her in becoming a thoughtful, caring and compassionate nurse today.

Both continued their education after NCC, LeVaughn at Lehigh University and LaToya at Villanova University.

Today, LaToya is a registered nurse working at Lehigh Valley Health Network while LeVaughn works as a senior internal auditor at Knoll, a furniture manufacturing and design firm in East Greenville, Pennsylvania.

LeVaughn and LaToya were married in 2012, and they have three wonderful children: Naima, Neteri and Khairi.

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-LaToya Nesbitt '12



Allana Karo '15 Stabler Scholarship



Allana Karo came to NCC with hopes of becoming a carpenter. The first time she visited the carpentry area of Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, she was sold. "The whole classroom sounded like hammers pounding. I don't know why I liked that so much, but it felt like home."

After graduating from BAVTS, she enrolled in the construction management course at NCC after receiving the Stabler Scholarship.

Her time and hard work at NCC led her to an internship with Klover Contracting, Inc. in Quakertown, where she began her career before she graduated, a rare opportunity for college students. She now works as an assistant project manager and supervises over 150 sub-contractors.

The Stablers believe in self-discipline and self-reliance. Because of this philosophy, each Stabler Scholarship recipient is expected to pay back the amount of the Stabler Scholarship they received to their college. Karo is already paying it forward to future NCC students by repaying her scholarship award. "I'm definitely grateful for the help I received. It made it possible for me to get into the workplace as quickly as I have, with the chance to begin to give back."

Right here, right now, NCC is transforming lives

Current students speak to how incredibly important their scholarships are—not only to them, but to their entire families.

"Between my father's medical bills and childcare expenses, affording my education is a subject that keeps me up most nights worrying whether I should keep going. Because of my scholarship, I am now able to afford a fifth class in both the fall and spring semesters. For me, that means graduating a semester earlier than planned."

JACLYN EAGLE
THE BOB AND STACEY KELLY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



"Thanks to my scholarship, my family and I feel so much less worried about my tuition. I'm using my scholarship to buy textbooks."

HOANG ANH MAI
AUGUST J. BUZAS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"Managing work, school and finances can be very nerve-racking. This scholarship means that I can stress less and put more focus on academics."

KELLY NELSON
BEVERLY WEAVER NURSING
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT RECIPIENT

"Your contribution relieves a great financial burden for me, as I am putting myself through college while living on my own."

JOSEPH ROGOUSKI
AIR PRODUCTS ENGINEERING
AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP



“Your scholarship is extra special to me because I am a current patient at the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center. In July 2015, I was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer and am three years cancer-free this past August. Because of your scholarship, I can continue the path of obtaining my degree in social work.”

MELONY SOTO
R. DALE & FRANCES M. HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

“I grew up in a small third-world country called Suriname. At the age of 13 I was forced to become mother and father to my three younger siblings. On my own, I was not financially able to pursue my ultimate goal of being a medical doctor. Your generosity and support will go a long way in helping me accomplish my dream, and for that, I am eternally grateful.”

MELVIN MOLHOOP
LAURA B. SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

“I come from a very low-income background where no one really makes it out and goes on to do big things. I was having doubts about going to college because I did not have the money, but receiving this scholarship was just what I needed to remind myself that I can do this. This is such a big opportunity for me to make my mom proud as well as myself.”

ADRIEANA DIAZ
NANCY B. AND WILLIAM A. FOLTZ SCHOLARSHIP

TRANSFORMING LIVES ON THE RISE

\$1,676,163 raised in Monroe to date

\$11,579,934 raised in Bethlehem to date

2 new endowed chairs established for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, thanks to the Foltz Family and Keystone Savings Foundation

279 current scholarships available to our students

30 new scholarships added this past year

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

3 Council for Advancement and Support of Education Circle of Excellence Awards were received by The NCC Foundation in 2018 including accolades for Most Improved and Overall Performance. The foundation also joined Harvard University, the California Institute of Technology, Williams College and Villanova University in receiving Sustained Excellence Educational Fundraising Awards.

HELP TRANSFORM LIVES

Many more student success stories are waiting to be written in the 2018–19 academic year. With your support, they will be. Visit Northampton.edu/transforminglives or call Sharon Beales, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at 610-861-5451 to make your gift.

TRANSFORMING LIVES CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES FOR BETHLEHEM AND MONROE

- **\$11.5 million** for The Northampton Promise — an endowment to fund the gap for students eligible for financial aid so they can maintain access to their education.
- **\$2.5 million** for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship — the CIE is the final stage in the redevelopment of NCC’s Fowler Family Southside Center. The CIE will develop students who are creative, energetic, resilient problem-solvers with an entrepreneurial spirit for the workforce or as business owners.
- **\$1.5 million** to increase scholarships for Monroe students — to fulfill NCC’s mission to ensure that no qualifying student is shut out from a Northampton education because he or she lacks financial means.
- **\$1.5 million** for experiential learning. Hands-on components in education help students absorb new knowledge more effectively.



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“With your support, I will be able to attend NCC full time in the fall and the spring, and have the resources to support my family. I cannot thank you enough for the support while I finish my education.”

PATRICK MULLIGAN
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