

Transforming Lives



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NORTHAMPTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Foundation

WELCOME NEW DONORS!

Meet the new community members who have committed to transforming the lives of our students. From humble beginnings to well accomplished leaders of their industry, we thank each and every one of them for their contributions.



Tara J. Fetzer '06

Veterinary Critical Care Specialist

When did you first get involved with NCC?

I was a student in the veterinary technology program and a Presidential Ambassador as well.

What motivated you to make a gift to the college?

I was very fortunate to have received financial aid when I was a student. Without these generous donations, I would not have had the opportunities to pursue my education and career. I feel honored to be in a position now to be able to pay it forward and help a new generation of students pursue their dreams just like I did.

What do you consider the most important aspect of NCC's work?

The foundation provided to students both in regard to academics but also as active members of the community.

What would you tell other people who are considering making a gift to the college?

The opportunity to help students achieve their goals is priceless and if you can do so, no matter how much, I would encourage it.

Who has inspired you in your life to help other people?

My mom used to bring my sister and me to local community service events to show us the importance of being engaged and active from the time we were in elementary school. I also have been blessed to have so many amazing mentors including Dr. Lisa Martini-Johnson (assistant director of NCC's vet tech program). I know that I would not be where I am today without the support these amazing individuals have given me and I will be forever grateful.

Barbara & Nick Fredericks

President and CEO of Shawnee Mountain Ski Area

When did you first get involved with NCC?

We first became involved when we went to the 50th anniversary party where my son-in-law, Claes Wyckoff, and his sister Teal, NCC graduates, were honored. We were so impressed with the evening and the school itself.

What motivated you to make a gift to the college?

We gave a gift so that other students would have the same opportunities that our children did. I'm sure it is so difficult to be bogged down in student debt, so we thought if we could help one or more students have peace of mind when they graduate, it was the least we could do.

What do you consider the most important aspect of NCC's work?

We feel that NCC has reached out to the community and made college available to everyone no matter their socioeconomic background and especially their age.

What would you tell other people who are considering making a gift to the college?

We think that people need to tour the Monroe Campus and see it for themselves. We think it speaks for itself. If you can help one person have a better life, not only for themselves, but also their families, then go for it.

Who has inspired you in your life to help other people?

For me, (Barbara) my dad was my biggest inspiration. He was always extremely generous and rarely said no to anyone. As a dentist, he never turned anyone away because they couldn't pay.



“I have always wanted to be a teacher and now, thanks to your generosity, I am able to accomplish my goals.”

CAROLINE BISCHOF
KELLEY KISSIAH TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



Greg Stocker '04

Executive Producer of “The Rich Zeoli Show” and
Assistant Program Director, WPHT Philadelphia

When did you first get involved with NCC?

Before I started taking classes as a Radio/TV major, my high school rock band filmed a music video on the campus.

What motivated you to make a gift to the college?

When I returned to campus to speak to the next generation of Radio/TV students and saw how engaged they are, it gave me hope for the future of the industry. I want to do all I can to make sure the industry continues and flourishes.

What do you consider the most important aspect of NCC's work?

What NCC does to make sure that every generation has the opportunities I did.

What would you tell other people who are considering making a gift to the college?

It's the best money I have spent, knowing I am helping someone have the same advantages I did.

Who has inspired you in your life to help other people?

It's not one person, but a better understanding of what other people go through. Helping out even a little bit is a great feeling and gives you a sense of purpose.

Dr. W. Edmund Magann Jr.

Dentist

Joann Magann '94

Dental Hygienist

When did you first get involved with NCC?

Joann attended NCC and received her dental hygiene degree in 1994. Dr. Magann was a dentist in the NCC clinic for a few years after graduating from dental school.

What motivated you to make a gift to the college?

We went on a tour of the Monroe Campus last summer and were immediately impressed with the facility and the dedication of the faculty and staff to the school and its students. We have benefited from the college in both our practice and our lives: four of our dental assistants received their degrees at NCC.

What do you consider the most important aspect of NCC's work?

We have seen in our practice from our patients, both young and old, who attend NCC what a difference it makes in their lives and our community.

What would you tell other people who are considering making a gift to the college?

Go visit the campus if you have not been there. You will feel the energy and excitement of the staff and students when you walk around. By making a gift, you know you will help hundreds of students make a new life for themselves and their families.

Who has inspired you in your life to help other people?

Dr. W. Edmund Magann Sr. was a dentist in Monroe County for over 60 years; he always taught us that education was the key to a successful and happy life. Barbara and Bill Cramer, longtime supporters of NCC, have told us how inspiring their scholarship students' stories have been.



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It's what Northampton does. Through education, encouragement, and support, NCC changes lives, often in dramatic ways. The success stories number in the tens of thousands.

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Robert Leverette

R. Dale & Frances M. Hughes Scholarship



In his quest to become a computer network engineer, Robert Leverette found that his scholarship not only helped him pay for a higher education, but has inspired him to do his absolute best.

"Not only did this award lighten my financial burden, but it helped me attain more motivation and confidence to keep pushing forward to a brighter future!" he shared. "Not only do I not want to let myself down, but I cannot let my benefactors down."

Leverette, a current computer information technology networking major, plans to attain his Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing & Switching (CCNA) certification

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after graduation with the dream to work overseas as a network engineer.

"Northampton is the best place by far to start on this path. However, with any dream, there are always obstacles. But without risk, there is no reward. This scholarship will help me reach my goal. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

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Seirra Poirier

Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Scholarship

At first, the working world offered Seirra Poirier many great opportunities until she reached a point where she realized that going any further would require a degree. In October 2018, she obtained her GED, then enrolled at NCC at the age of 25.

"I want nothing more than to pursue my education to the highest extent to secure my future permanently. Of my family, I am the first to enroll in college," she says.

The challenges she has faced, including the death of her mother when Poirier was only 19, has left her determined to become a person who makes a difference in society.

"It is with the utmost gratitude that I am being afforded the opportunity to reach these goals through this award."

The business major plans to ultimately get her bachelor's in marketing before seeking a corporate job as a marketing manager.

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Helson Rivera

George Whitehouse Endowed Scholarship

One of six children living in a one-bedroom house where his parents never had a steady income to rely on, Rivera knew he wanted something different for himself.

"I grew up knowing I wanted to be able to provide for my future family and kids the life that I didn't have," he says.

He spent eight years as a Marine, stationed everywhere from Morocco to India, where he was in charge of mechanics and motor transport.

After his years of service, he started studying criminal justice at NCC with the goal to get a bachelor's degree and eventually work for the FBI and the Secret Service. However, even with a full-time job,

it eventually became a struggle to pay for college.

That's where a scholarship helped Rivera, who was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester with a 4.0 GPA, stay in school.

"Through your generous support, it is possible for me to continue to achieve my educational and career goals."

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Melissa Benzinger McGlynn

Ruth and Roger Dunning Scholarship



"This scholarship means I can work toward a degree in biology."

When Melissa Benzinger McGlynn graduated from East Stroudsburg South in 2007, she did so right into the recession. It meant that McGlynn had to put her plans for college on hold so that she could work to help support her household.

She did until 2013, when a car accident left her with a broken patella and years of physical therapy and recovery. With limited opportunities, she began to build up her wildlife artwork into a business, Dancing Vulture Designs.

"Now that I am able-bodied again, I want to give back to the local creatures that kept me inspired and motivated through the years. This scholarship means I can work toward a degree in biology," McGlynn says.

After she completes her degree at NCC, she plans to transfer to get her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in environmental science.

"The beautiful Monroe Campus is such a great place to attend classes. In one afternoon, I counted over 20 bluebirds! I hope to do my best to show that this scholarship means a brighter future for both our own Pocono mountains, our wildlife neighbors, and ourselves. Thank you!"

Would You Help Us Transform Lives?

Many more student success stories are waiting to be written. With your support, they will be.

If you have not already made your gift, visit Northampton.edu/transforminglives or call Sharon Beales, vice president of Institutional Advancement, at 610-861-5451.

NORTHAMPTON GIVING DAY



OCTOBER 2, 2019

**623
Donors**

\$76,348
overall raised

Northampton Holds First Giving Day

On October 2, something exciting happened at NCC. The college held its first-ever Giving Day, a 24-hour event where donations went directly to help transform students' lives through scholarships. The excitement grew as people watched the tally climb, in real time, on the website. Would NCC reach its goal of 550 donors? The campaign exceeded expectations with a total of 623 people giving, raising an overall amount of \$76,348!

NCC's future is shaped gift by gift, no matter the amount. Thanks to all who participated. Look for more information to come for Giving Day 2020!

Transforming Lives: Monroe Exceeds Campaign Goal



*From left to right: Bruce and Trudi Denlinger, Gina Bertucci and Mark Turner, Joan and Chuck Hannig, Judy and Paul Schuchman, and Dr. Mark Erickson.
Not pictured: Andy Forte and Karl Weiler*

The Transforming Lives Monroe Campaign Committee members met to celebrate raising \$2.1 million for scholarships for students who attend NCC's Monroe Campus.

"NCC offers an opportunity for students of any age to become the very best they can be through affordable education. Through scholarship, individuals who otherwise

may not have had the opportunity to do so are able to learn in a comfortable and compassionate environment," said committee working chairs Bruce and Trudi Denlinger.

There is still opportunity to participate in the Transforming Lives Campaign. Visit northampton.edu/transforminglives or call the Institutional Advancement office at 610-861-5451.



The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recognized NCC with a 2019 Sustained Excellence Award for consistent fundraising success over a five-year period. It is the 10th CASE award NCC has received for its fundraising efforts.

“I am currently putting myself through school, trying to maintain my 4.0 GPA along with working multiple jobs at night and on weekends. This scholarship will take such a load off my back knowing that the most important thing to me, my education, is taken care of.”

AMBER WILLETTS
LOUISE MOORE PINE SCHOLARSHIP

CIE Launches Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program

Since opening in September 2018 in NCC’s Fowler Family Southside Center, the Follett Family Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, a priority in the Transforming Lives Campaign, has been busy serving students and the community! It also garnered two awards in that time: the 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania 2018 Commonwealth Award for contributing to Bethlehem’s revitalizations and a College of Excellence Award from the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship.

In just a year, the CIE has established several initiatives, including an eight-week startup boot camp program for students, a student business pitch competition, and a chapter of 1 Million Cups, a free program to educate, engage, and inspire entrepreneurs around the country.

This fall, the CIE also launched its Entrepreneurs-in-Residence program with the goal of bringing prominent entrepreneurs and business leaders to the college to interact with students.

Thanks to Steve Follett, former CEO of the Follett Corporation, Attorney Fred Rooney, and Peter Luethi, co-founder of Dreamjet SAS for serving as our first Entrepreneurs-in-Residence!



Raja Bhattacharya, Director, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship with Steve Follett.

Student Quick Facts 2018 - 2019



52%
of students received
financial aid

\$45.6M
Amount of student
aid awarded



79%
of students worked
each week



29%
of students worked
30 hours or more

\$788K
Dollar amount of NCC
scholarships awarded
to 733 students



\$35.6M
Unmet need for
Northampton students

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Bethlehem Campaign

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“Growing up, I had many learning disabilities and academic challenges, but hard work and a great support group helped me conquer all of that. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarships sponsors like you. Thank you!”

JEREMY CABAN
RUTH AND ROGER DUNNING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT