

About the Westchester Community College Foundation

The Westchester Community College Foundation was founded in 1969 as a public not for profit organization to serve as the fundraising arm for the college. The Foundation has a 55 Member Board of Directors consisting of community leaders with a broad range of expertise from throughout Westchester.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Foundation shall be to aid and advance the mission of Westchester Community College, a public educational institution. Recognizing that public education is a public responsibility, the Foundation shall have as its goal the development of such voluntary, supplemental support that shall strengthen and enrich the educational life and environment of the College.

Purpose: The Westchester Community College Foundation enables the college to continue to offer access to quality education and the skills for success through its fundraising and programmatic activities. The Foundation encourages the expansion of innovative academic programs and serves WCC and its students and faculty in the following ways:

- To provide funds for scholarships, books, and emergency student aid
 - 2010-11 -- \$1,000,000 in scholarships awarded to approximately 1,000 students
 - The Foundation has directly helped over 14,000 students advance their education through \$12 million in scholarships and grants awarded since its inception
 - Average awards for full-time students are \$1,500
 - Scholarship Endowment more than \$12 Million
- To provide funds for faculty professional development
 - Thirty-nine Faculty Chairs were established from 1990-2012 representing a total endowment of almost \$3,000,000
 - Sixty-three \$1000 Faculty Excellence Awards awarded from 1990-2010
 - Thirty \$500 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Awards between 1999–2010
 - Ongoing support for faculty conference attendance
- To provide funds for capital projects
 - Completed \$16 million campaign for the Gateway Center in 2010 and exceeded goal
 - \$1 million for furnishings and equipment for the Drimmer library
- To provide volunteers to assist students and faculty
 - 500 community volunteers working with students and faculty annually
 - Conversation Partners
 - Mentors and Tutors
 - Green Thumbs
 - Special Events

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- To initiate and support new programs linking the college and the community
 - Native Plant Center at WCC – Established in 1998
 - County and municipal governments
 - Landscapers
 - Homeowners
 - Workplace Culture Coaching Program
 - Attracted 21 professional working women from such industry leaders as MasterCard, PepsiCo, New York Power Authority, Eileen Fisher, C. W. Brown, New York Life Insurance, and Chase Media Group
- To raise awareness of the college and its programs in the community
 - Special Events
 - Lectures, Celebrity Salons, President's Forum, Spring for Scholarships, scholarship receptions, legislator receptions, and other events
- To promote alumni relations
 - A new Alumni Council was developed in 2011 to spearhead expanded alumni activities
 - Reunions, special events, newsletters, and on-line community
 - Over 60,000 active alumni records

Foundation Facts & Figures

- The Foundation has ranked second among thirty SUNY community colleges in its annual fundraising for the past several years and is surpassed only by the Fashion Institute of Technology.
- The Foundation's total fund balance increased from \$7.7 million in 2000 to \$30 million as of August 2011
- The Foundation's scholarship endowment increased from \$5.3 million in 2000 to \$11 million as of August 2010
- The success of the Gateway Campaign encouraged an anonymous donor to give a \$5 million gift, the largest individual gift in the college's history
- Over the past five years, the Foundation has raised more than \$25.5 million dollars
- Attendance at Foundation fund-raising events topped 1,500
- The Native Plant Center has grown to more than 400 members

Westchester Community College:

Education has the power to transform lives, and Westchester Community College is dedicated to life-long learning, unparalleled educational experiences, and community service. Founded in 1946, and sponsored locally by the County of Westchester, it is the only two-year public institution in the County and its largest educational institution, with students who reflect the cultural and economic diversity of the community. The College's main campus is in Valhalla, NY, with five extension centers and more than 90 additional locations throughout Westchester. Among the largest community colleges in the State University of New York system, the college offers more than 60 associate and certificate programs and served over 34,000 students in credit and non credit course last academic year.