Dear Friends,

The transformative power of your support is reflected in our beaming graduates. This past spring was a busy and very productive time for the Westchester Community College Foundation, highlighted by record breaking special events, our first full-fledged alumni weekend, and new significant gifts. We offer you a sampling of all this activity in this edition of the newsletter, and hope you will check out our graduation video and other college highlights from this past spring on our YouTube link: http://www.youtube.com/user/wccvideos1/videos

We are already planning for a busy fall season as the college community plans to welcome a new president, to be selected later this summer when the current search reaches its conclusion. In keeping with its rich history, the Westchester Community College Foundation is well positioned to support new innovations and strategic initiatives on campus and we look forward to working with the new president to promote the success of our students. Stay tuned for more information to come!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you a restful and relaxing summer!

Executive Director

The Foundation Board Welcomes...

Joaquin (Jack) F. Alemany, an attorney with the law firm of Alemany and Sheehan, has joined the WCC Foundation Board. Born in the U.S. to Spanish immigrant parents, Jack has lived the classic immigrant story, with parents who worked hard to learn English and strongly encouraged Jack’s education as the pathway to success. Jack relates to the struggles of WCC students and is very moved by the mission of the College and Foundation.

Jack has presided as a judge in the village of Sleepy Hollow and as an Administrative Law Judge with the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. He served on the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board and on the boards of the Westchester Hispanic Coalition and The Pre-Trial Services Institute of Westchester.
Spring for Scholarships Gala

WCC retiring President Dr. Joseph N. Hankin and longtime college supporter, Foundation Board member, and current Board of Trustees Chair David Swope were honored at the WCC Foundation’s annual Spring for Scholarships gala held at Tappan Hill on May 7, 2014. The event raised more than $275,000 toward student scholarships, and was one of the Foundation’s most successful Spring for Scholarships events.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement that the college trustees, along with local county government officials, have renamed our Academic Arts Building in honor of Dr. Hankin’s four-decade commitment to quality, accessibility, affordability, and expansion. It will now be known as the Hankin Academic Arts Building.

For two decades, David Swope has provided leadership, guidance and wisdom in a variety of volunteer roles at the college. A county proclamation declared May 7th as “David Swope Day” in Westchester. “It was truly a wonderful evening of celebration, and a proud night for the Foundation and the College,” said Eve Larner, Executive Director of the WCC Foundation.

Foundation’s Alumni Association Holds Inaugural Weekend

The College’s two-day Alumni Weekend attracted more than 200 alumni to events held on Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7. Divots for Dollars, the College’s golf outing, kicked-off the weekend. Sixty-four golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at Sprain Lake Golf Course and helped raise more than $3,500 for Athletic Scholarships at the College. Saturday featured more than 15 workshops and a barbecue attended by more than 150 alumni. Popular workshops included wine tasting and salsa dancing. Many faculty at the college contributed their time to make the day a success, including Biology professor and Board Member Dr. Iris Cook who presented the workshop “Let’s Do Genetics!”

The Collegium for Lifelong Learning Receives Honors

The Collegium for Lifelong Learning was awarded the Volunteer New York’s Spirit Award for Education & Literacy this year for their outstanding volunteer service. More than twenty volunteers work to put the program into place, contacting instructors, designing programming, writing brochures and registering students. During this past year over 220 students enrolled in the program, with 48 different courses offering a rich, intriguing curriculum that is keeping mature adults intellectually active and engaged. Collegium Board Chair David Oestreich accepted the award along with Founder Edith Litt and Vice Chair Clare Ahern.
2014 SUNY Chancellor Award Winners

Nine WCC students were presented with the 2014 SUNY Chancellor Awards, recognizing their outstanding achievements in academic excellence, leadership, campus involvement, career achievement, arts, and/or athletics. The award is considered the highest honor in the State University of New York system and is presented to less than 1% of SUNY students.

Student winners are Ryan Haslauer, Komala Kotramada Bhemiah, Raisa Latif, Nico Lee, Felicia Malcolm, Jessica Palma, Patrick Sluiter, and Hayden Tse.

Westchester Community College And MasterCard Team Up

With a grant from the MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth, WCC’s Gateway to Entrepreneurship program launched Entrepreneurship for New Americans, a pilot program offering immigrant entrepreneurs workshops to give them the skills they need to be successful business owners. “At MasterCard, we are committed to connecting people and communities with opportunity and believe in the power of entrepreneurship as a path to full financial inclusion. We are excited to partner with the college on this pilot program,” says Patricia Devereux, Executive Director, MasterCard Global Philanthropy.

Con Edison Promotes Bright Futures

Bright Futures is an exciting new program supported by a grant from Con Edison’s Power of Giving Program. Bright Futures strengthens Westchester’s STEM pipeline by going beyond the traditional classroom experience to deliver the career development and soft skills students need to secure employment after completing WCC’s Energy Systems, Electrical Technology, Civil Technology, Mechanical Technology, Engineering Science, Environmental Science and Environmental Studies programs. This innovative program is allowing WCC to align its courses and co-curricular experiences with industry expectations. Bright Futures is still recruiting cohorts for classes this fall, and an Open House is planned for July 16, 2014 from 3 – 5 or 6 - 8.

Kresge Foundation Supports Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE)

The Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE), a national network of community colleges based at Westchester Community College, has been awarded a highly coveted $125,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation. This grant will allow the organization to engage in an 18-month strategic planning process which will culminate in a five-year strategic plan to guide CCCIE’s future growth and progress toward advancing college success for immigrant students.
A Journey of Inspiration: Children’s Center Art Exhibition

Known for its innovative early childhood educational programs, WCC’s Virginia Marx Children’s Center presents an art show every year on campus. Drawings, paintings, and sculptures, class projects worked on collaboratively by children ranging in age from 18 months – four years, are framed and mounted in our Fine Arts Gallery. The process of creation is equally as engaging as the art itself. Connoisseurs are encouraged to bid on any piece, which helps to raise funds for the Center, and note cards featuring the artwork are available for purchase.

The VMCC 9th Annual Children’s Art Exhibition is currently on display in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Hankin Academic Arts Building. The show runs through July 14. Gallery hours are: Monday & Wednesday 10 AM to 3 PM; Tuesday & Thursday 2 to 7 PM; Saturday, June 21 and June 28 10 AM to 3 PM. Free and open to the public.

At Westchester Community College, Volunteers Make A Difference!

The 23rd Annual Volunteer Luncheon took place on June 12th. Close to 200 were in attendance. Special Service Awards were given to those volunteers celebrating milestone anniversaries with the Volunteer Corps – 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of continuous service to the College. This year our Volunteer Corps grew to over 550 volunteers contributing over 16,000 hours of service to the College.

Foundation Pays Tribute To Four Special Individuals

While the spring is typically a time of renewal, this early spring was also a time of loss and remembrance. Four exceptional individuals, known for their kindness and generosity to WCC and our students, have recently passed away. Dedicated Foundation Board members Bob Beshar and Bob Kirsch, and longtime donors Pat Lanza and Peggy Rice will be remembered through their legacy of scholarship support and the countless lives they have transformed.

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In Their Own Words

“...The moment I received this award I was in tears; I said to myself that all my effort has not been for nothing. As an engineering student and an aspiring architect, this award tells me that my dreams are yet to be accomplished and that I should not ever give up on them.”           Isaac T.

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