

**PATHWAYS: The Campaign for Student Success**  
**Highlights of Major Program Initiatives**

**Getting Ready for College:**

**StepUp**

*This partnership with Westchester public high schools has developed a supplemental 12th grade curriculum for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students deemed on track to graduate but not college ready. It is being introduced into 12 – 15 high schools to reduce the need for remediation upon entry to WCC. To date, over 1,000 students from twelve high schools in Yonkers, Port Chester, New Rochelle, Ossining, Sleepy Hollow, White Plains, Peekskill, and Mount Vernon are participating. Each high school collaborates in the development of the program in their school over a two-year period. Special support services are provided to StepUp students who enroll at WCC.*

**Starting Strong:**

**Viking ROADS (Resources for Obtaining Associates Degrees and Success)**

*WCC is one out of only two institutions nationwide chosen to receive a \$1 million grant from the Arnold Foundation to replicate CUNY's ASAP program. This is the only proven model of community college reform to effectively promote timely degree completion by erasing all impediments to graduation. The project coordinates a system of academic interventions, counseling, and financial support to ensure that students have their best shot at success. We are currently in the pilot phase, with our initial cohort of students entering their second semester in February 2019.*

**Honors College**

*Talented students, of all cultural and economic strata, deserve the chance to excel academically. WCC's "Honors College" will attract, recruit, encourage, and reward gifted and motivated students from diverse backgrounds, providing an important and affordable stepping-stone towards achieving academic excellence. The program provides a rigorous and challenging curricula, community service and special programming leading to an honors designated degree. The Honors College was inaugurated in September 2017 with its first cohort of 18 students. Currently, cohort one prepares to graduate as cohort two completes their first year of study, working towards a degree in the Liberal Arts.*

## **Staying on Target**

### **The Scholarship Center**

*Since its founding in 1969, the WCC Foundation has awarded nearly \$24 million in scholarships to almost 20,000 students. New scholarship initiatives to increase readiness, retention, and graduation are being piloted. We reached a significant milestone of distributing \$2 million in awards annually during the 2017-18 academic year. New and increased scholarship endowment funds will secure our ability to continue to meet our students' needs into the future.*

### **Veterans' Resource Center**

*Created to address the need of Veterans and Reserve component personnel, as well as active duty, family members, and dependents, for support to make a seamless transition into the college environment. WCC is designated as a "Veteran-friendly" campus, and over 200 veterans participate in the program*

### **Benefits Access Center**

*Based on the Single Stop model and re-imagined to meet the needs of WCC students, this Center connects students with much needed services, including legal assistance, food insecurity, housing issues and more. It also houses the College's Food Pantry in cooperation with Food Bank of Westchester, and helps administer the Emergency Aid program.*

### **Emergency Aid Program**

*This fund assists students with unforeseen financial hardships that occur during the academic year and endanger continued enrollment. Qualifying hardships are non-tuition one-time emergencies generally financial in nature that cannot be remedied through financial aid, scholarships, or the services of the Benefits Access Center.*

## **Finishing Big:**

### **Completion Connection**

*In addition to college counselors and academic advisors, Completion Coaches help keep students on track to degree completion through monitoring, mentoring, tracking, and early warning systems. Coaches help connect students to important resources on campus and make it through to graduation. In June the program received a "2017 Innovation of the Year" award from the League for Innovation in the Community College.*