

Report to the Community

2017/2018



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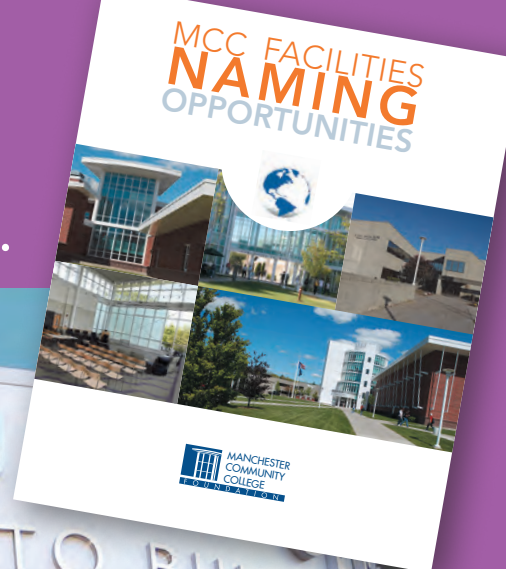
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Leave Your Legacy

Make an impact and help our students.



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Find Out About Available Naming Opportunities

Leave your legacy or pay tribute to a family member, friend, or perhaps a special professor you had at MCC with one of several available naming opportunities. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on MCC and help our students achieve their goals and dreams.

**Contact MCC
Foundation at
860-512-2903 or
MCCgiving.org**



Damato Family and Friends

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IMPACT**
CAMPAIGN 2020

Message from the Foundation



Dear Friends,

This past year marked significant milestones in our collective efforts to make higher education affordable for area residents.

- For the academic year 2017-18 we awarded 483 scholarships, amounting to \$320,350 in scholarships funding.
- We have made technical enhancements in the radiology lab and the engineering and electronics labs to better train our students enrolled in these programs.
- An additional installment of the Damato bequest was received. The legacy of Raymond “Sonny” Damato will continue to benefit MCC students. His generous gift makes many of our efforts possible.

I hope you will take a few minutes to review our annual report and learn more about our accomplishments as we continue Campaign 2020.

This year also brought about changes in leadership at Manchester Community College and the MCC Foundation. We have bid farewell to MCC President Dr. Gena Glickman, who so capably served the college for the past ten years, and we are delighted to welcome Dr. Tanya Millner-Harlee as interim CEO of the college.

I am proud to embark on my role as president of the Foundation, following in the footsteps of Michael B. Lynch Jr. Joining the Executive Committee are Peter Grose, Vice President; Linda Samoncik, Treasurer; and JoAnn Thulin, Secretary.

To our past leaders, I want to personally thank you for your time and commitment to our cause. To our new leaders, I am excited to call upon your skills, ideas and enthusiasm to further our important mission.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Papa
President, MCC Foundation

A Note from Gena Glickman



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to say thank you for investing in our students and in Manchester Community College. Your philanthropy allows MCC to meet the needs of our community and our students. It is precisely because of your support that Manchester Community College is able to continue its legacy of excellence in education. The college remains strong and well managed, with a healthy reserve balance and growing philanthropic giving.

While it is always bittersweet to hand over the reins of leadership, I am confident that MCC is in good hands, thanks to the talent and dedication of our faculty, staff and all our supporters and community partners. To ensure continuity of leadership, I am delighted to introduce Dr. Tanya Millner-Harlee as interim CEO of the campus. She has served the college as a professor of English, division director and interim academic dean.

With gratitude,

Gena Glickman, Ph.D.
President Emerita

Celebrating You!

On our 50th birthday, MCC Foundation is celebrating you—our amazing community of supporters. We're excited to share stories from the past year at MCC, and we hope you will take a few moments to enjoy them and celebrate along with us.

Every day at MCC we witness your generosity hard at work—a mother with a toddler in tow at the Registrar's office, a veteran seeking a new path through education by visiting the Veterans OASIS, or an aspiring chef purchasing her kitchen uniform.

These are simple moments filled with dreams of achievement. They are the dreams that you make possible when you give to MCC Foundation. Thank you for being a part of our MCC family. Please take a moment to celebrate the impact of your commitment to this amazing community.

Cheers!



Introducing Dr. Tanya Millner-Harlee

Tanya Millner-Harlee is the interim Chief Executive Officer at Manchester Community College. She began her tenure on June 15, 2018. She is the sixth leader of the college since its founding in 1963, the first African American in that role, and is the first to hold the title of Chief Executive Officer.



"I greatly appreciate the Foundation's 50 years of support of MCC's vision and mission to ensure student success by providing our community access to rigorous academic programs and rewarding workforce opportunities. I look forward to working closely with you as I take on this exciting new role at the college and we continue to support our legacy of transforming lives and providing amazing prospects for an educated and productive citizenry."

- Dr. Tanya Millner-Harlee
Interim CEO
Manchester Community College

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Cheers to Fifty Years

Celebrating MCC Foundation's 50th Birthday.



Jell-O, tie-dye, sideburns and bell-bottoms are the nostalgic makings of a very groovy party! It only made sense to take these late sixties iconic symbols as inspiration for MCC Foundation's 50th birthday celebration at the annual *Evening of Fine Wines*. Kelser Corporation of Glastonbury, CT was the presenting sponsor for the event, which was held in late April and raised more than \$200,000 for student scholarships and programs at Manchester Community College.

**OVER \$2 MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

has been awarded from *Evening of Fine Wines* proceeds since the event began in 1992.



Thank You, Volunteers!



Evening of Fine Wines would not be possible without generous support from our community, including participation from more than 200 volunteers. Staff, faculty, students, and alumni came together with a shared sense of responsibility to make the night a huge success. This year, new to the role of chair of our silent auction decorating committee, lecturer Sara Berry '10 truly stood out for her dedication. An MCC alumna, Sara covered *Evening of Fine Wines* as editor of the school newspaper, *Live Wire*, in 2010. She went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees at CCSU.

"I was amazed at how MCC was transformed at *Evening of Fine Wines*. When I returned as an employee, I wanted to volunteer at the event because Foundation scholarships had been such a huge help to me—I wouldn't have been able to afford school otherwise. I wanted to give back and help students the way people had helped me," stated Berry, lecturer in psychology and statistics.

Sara recruited fellow lecturer Jennifer Natoli as co-chair, along with a group of students to assist, then spent countless hours planning, creating and setting up an amazing space for guests to browse the exciting silent auction. Decorating volunteer Lisa Conti and Professor of Journalism Stephania Davis were also instrumental to the success of the silent auction. (*Stephania Davis, Sara Berry '10 and Jennifer Natoli are pictured below, from left to right.*)



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– Sara Berry '10,
MCC Lecturer in
Psychology and Statistics

Scholarships Turn Dreams Into Goals



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– Rachel Watts,
Radiography Student

Rachel Watts with daughter Isabelle Watts

Meet Rachel Watts

The night before her first class at MCC, Rachel picked out “the most contemporary outfit” she could find. Many years had passed since she had last been a student. Her baby bump was evident, and her nerves were on high alert. She glanced at the faces around her, wondering if the other students felt as uneasy as she did.

Over a year later, still enrolled, she continued to question how much longer she could manage the responsibilities of being a college student along with those of raising her daughter, now a toddler. She wondered if she should consider delaying her education.

“I always come to the same conclusion,” Rachel says. “I am doing this for my daughter. When the going gets tough, the tough must keep going! I tap into this mentality every time the clock strikes midnight. It keeps me reading anatomy books to my daughter instead of Dr. Seuss. It’s a war on time, and coffee is my greatest ally.”

Rachel is working towards a degree in radiography with tuition support from the Raymond F. Damato scholarship fund.

“My time and financial resources are limited. With this generous gift I am one step closer to fulfilling my dream. I have always wanted to work in the healthcare field, to be in a position to help the ill, while at the same time brightening their spirits. This is my calling. To receive assistance that helps fund my education is a dream come true.”

**MORE THAN
\$300,000**

in scholarship funding was awarded
for the 2017-18 school year.

From Good to Great with Grants

Grant funding plays an important role at MCC. Over the past year grants have supported:

Holistic Student Services

- H. Louise Ruddell Foundation
- Mr. & Mrs. William Foulds Family Foundation

First Year and New Student Programs

- Aurora Foundation for Women and Girls in Greater Hartford

Manufacturing

- Gene Haas Foundation
- United Bank Foundation Connecticut

Health Careers/STEM Division

- Paul L. Jones Trust Fund

A grant from Aurora Foundation, which seeks to empower more women and girls in Greater Hartford through higher education, provides support for MCC's Women in STEM program. The grant made it possible for MCC's WiSTEM participants to visit Pratt & Whitney's Training Center, following a visit by women from Pratt for a roundtable discussion at MCC.



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Campaign 2020 Brings State-of-the-A



One more installment of
Damato gift received

Celebrating You: Our Donors

Preparing Students for Connecticut's Radiography Workforce

When students like Rachel Watts begin their clinical training in radiography, they work within real hospital environments with specialized equipment. Preparing MCC students for practical training necessitates learning tools that closely model those they will encounter on the job. That's why we're so excited about the installation of an up-to-date radiography lab, a project made possible through funds raised from Campaign 2020.

"This project began in the summer and has several phases. First, the lab will be renovated in preparation for the equipment. Then an x-ray generator, digital radiographic equipment, and ceiling mounted x-ray tube will be installed. The room will also be energized. This will make it possible to take real x-ray exposures, rather than simulating them. These improvements are transformative for our learning environment and also a major asset for the college in terms of recruiting new students interested in this field," stated Susan Morison, Radiography program coordinator.

Thank you for making projects like these possible!

Foundation Receives \$5.6 Million

An additional disbursement of the Raymond F. "Sonny" Damato bequest was received early in 2018. The gift of \$5.6 million is already having tremendous impact at the college in the form of scholarships and program enhancements like the installation of an energized radiography lab.

Part Learning Environments



Naming opportunities recognize the significant impact of generous individuals and organizations among our philanthropic community.



Timothy Devanney, President,
Highland Park Markets

Naming Spaces: Lasting Legacies

Through Campaign 2020 several spaces on campus have been dedicated or renamed. MCC Foundation is proud to recognize the magnanimous donors who have supported the campaign through naming opportunities. Each year these spaces will be visited by hundreds—if not thousands—of students, each of them benefitting from the enhanced programming, equipment and scholarship opportunities that these gifts made possible.

Recent room dedications include:

- SSC Culinary Arts South Kitchen: Highland Park Families Foundation
- LRC A226 Conference Room: Peter Grose and Ruth Nye

Additionally, two campus spaces have been renamed:

- The Bursar's Office is now the William J. and Mary C. McGurk Bursar's Office.
- The AST C131 Computer Lab is now the TAB Electronics Lab with enhanced equipment made possible through the generosity of TAB Computer Systems/TJ Benoit '81.

To find out more about naming opportunities, contact the MCC Foundation at 860-512-2903 or visit [MCCgiving.org](https://mccgiving.org)

The dedication of the Culinary Arts South Kitchen for the Highland Park Families Foundation recognizes the many years of support provided by local grocer Highland Park Market.

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Occupational Therapy Takes the Cake! Meet the Two Women Selected as Alumni of the Year for 2017



Dawn Vigue '87 with husband Ernie Vigue '88.

Dawn Vigue '87

Dawn Vigue serves Manchester High School as an occupational therapist—a profession she began studying for in 1985 at Manchester Community College. She has spent nearly thirty years helping countless individuals move beyond their challenges, while also challenging herself to be her best. In addition to her OT career, Dawn is a spin and cycle instructor and recently completed her first sprint triathlon.



Christobelle Payne '07 and daughter Jessica Payne.

Christobelle Payne '07

Christobelle Payne enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant degree program at MCC in 2005, 12 years after her husband was killed in a plane crash, leaving her a single mother of two children and pregnant with their third. Christobelle graduated in 2007, but she continues to have a presence at MCC as an advisory board member and fieldwork supervisor. Additionally, Christobelle volunteers her skills as a master gardener at MCC's community garden.



New Ways to Engage

MCC's Alumni Association saw increased involvement over the past year—a result of initiatives that offer alumni a variety of ways to engage. Some enjoyed the online book club while others cheered on graduates at the commencement ceremony in May. In June, members gathered for an outing to a Hartford Yard Goats game at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

MCC alumni looking to join the Association and get in on the fun can contact alumni@manchestercc.edu or call 860-512-2909.

Alumnus of the Year: Nominations Are Now Open!

Do you know an MCC grad who has both excelled and contributed to their profession and community? Nominate them to be the next Alumnus of the Year by contacting our alumni office at 860-512-2909 or email alumni@manchestercc.edu.



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The alumnus of the year nomination deadline is September 28, 2018.

MCC Foundation, Inc. Financial Summary

Comparative Statement of Activity for Years Ended 12/31

Revenues and Support	2017	2016	2015
Contributions.....	\$ 6,309,489*	\$ 645,134	\$ 1,738,412*
Special events, net.....	111,048	96,698	140,998
Investment income/ (loss).....	756,103	294,340	(51,557)
Total revenues and support.....	\$ 7,176,640	\$ 1,036,172	\$ 1,827,853

Expenses

Program Expenses

Student awards and scholarships.....	\$ 592,088	\$ 921,146*	\$ 413,305
Student and community programs	144,397	195,384	423,708
Total program expenses.....	\$ 736,485	\$ 1,116,530	\$ 837,013

Support Services

Fundraising	\$ 10,508	\$ 69,215	\$ 64,031
General and Administrative.....	128,462	110,833	88,353
Total support services	\$ 138,970	\$ 180,048	\$ 152,384

Total expenses	\$ 875,455	\$ 1,296,578	\$ 989,397
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Change in net assets	\$ 6,301,185	\$ (260,406)	\$ 838,456
Net assets January 1	5,766,313	6,026,719	5,188,263
Net assets December 31.....	\$ 12,067,498	\$ 5,766,313	\$ 6,026,719

* Damato bequest had significant positive impact on contributions and foundation support for student scholarships and awards.

Message from the Treasurer



MCC Foundation's healthy fiscal status is made possible by many dedicated board members and conscientious MCC staff who carry out the mission and day-to-day activities of this philanthropic organization, as well as by the many generous contributors who believe in the power of education.

The MCC Foundation investment portfolio is professionally managed by an experienced investment consulting firm that uses a disciplined approach to provide expert advice on investment policy, asset allocation, and investment portfolio construction.

Linda Samoncik,
Treasurer, MCC Foundation

This Birthday Year Also Brought Changes To Our Board Of Directors

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Foundation Board of Directors

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MCC Foundation Mission

Manchester Community College Foundation advances the academic, economic and personal growth of diverse populations by securing funding to assist the college in achieving its mission and goals through support of programs, scholarships and equipment.

Institutional Advancement Division

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www.manchestercc.edu/foundation

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dinner, scholarship awards and
reception, and the Hall of Fame.

