



MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Report to the Community *2022/2023*



2 Message from the President



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to report to you on another successful year at MCC Foundation. As we celebrate our continued progress, we recognize that these achievements would not have been possible without loyal friends like you.

In 2022-2023, the Foundation received \$555,748 in gifts—a 36% increase since 2020! This generosity was made possible by more than 600 donors who helped make the Manchester experience more accessible for a new generation of students. We were also proud to welcome over 150 new donors.

This generosity combined with endowment income enabled the Foundation to disburse \$1.2 million to the campus—a new record! This included \$954,298 in scholarships to 750 students—also new records! In a year in which the costs of housing, utilities, groceries and childcare remained higher than ever, your support was life-changing for these students.

Significant investments were also made in academic programs, emergency student aid, Cougar Food Pantry, equipment and technology. For example, the Virtual Environment for Radiotherapy Training (VERT) received significant software and hardware upgrades. This will give students in the Radiation Therapy program access to training equipment available nowhere else in New England. The Foundation also equipped the new allied health classroom and laboratory with state-of-the-art technology and equipment to meet workforce demands for the next generation of healthcare workers.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Foundation's events this past year, including the Culinary Art program's Gourmet Dinner, Retiree Luncheon, Alumni Dinner, and Donor Recognition and Awards Reception. Our community is bound together by a shared commitment to ensuring access to the transformational power of higher education.

The impact of your investment in the Foundation is immeasurable because it literally changes the trajectory of students' lives. This in turn meets the needs of our regional economy and makes our communities stronger. Your acts of generosity will have ripple effects for years to come!

As you review the accomplishments celebrated in this report, I hope you will smile with pride in what we have all made possible together. On behalf of the MCC Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for remembering—and meeting—the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

Peter Grose
President, MCC Foundation

2022-23 Highlights



5 New Endowed Funds

- Mary Ann Bianchi Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Robert Fish Dental Assistant Program Endowed Fund
- Cliff Teutsch Journalism Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Benavides Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund

\$1.2 Million

Total Foundation Support
Disbursed to the Campus

THANK YOU DONORS!

\$555,748

Total Gifts

619

Total Donors

Your support helped fund:

- Allied Health Programs
- Emergency Student Aid
- Food and Clothing Pantry
- GEAR UP CT Summer STEAM Experience
- ICE Radio
- Library Upgrades
- Manufacturing
- Medical Office Assistant Program
- Music Program
- Veterans OASIS
- Visiting Artist Fund
- Workforce Development Programs
- Writing Contest



**With your help,
students received
record-breaking
scholarship support.**

\$954,298

In Scholarships Awarded

750

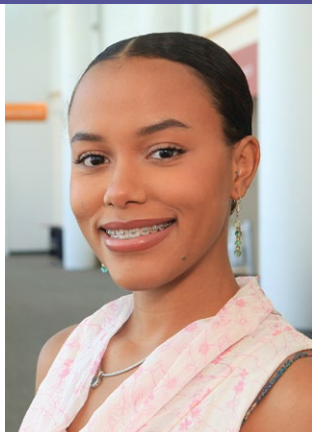
Scholarship Recipients

\$1,272

Average Scholarship



4 In Their Words



Olawunmi Sodipo
Liberal Arts and Science

It Means the World

I've always been passionate about learning, encouraged by my parents to pursue my dreams. After earning my bachelor's degree in Spanish, I returned to Manchester to build a foundation on which to continue working towards a degree in healthcare. I was at a point when financial aid was no longer an option for me, but I had only two classes left to complete to be able to apply for an accelerated career program in nursing. Thanks to the scholarship I received, I can continue my educational journey, and I'm overjoyed!

Balancing school and work, I collaborated with my family's businesses to make ends meet. Prioritizing my education reduced my work hours, making finances a challenge. I feared putting my education on hold. Receiving this scholarship was a dream come true. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity you've given me. Thank you for believing in me and helping me achieve my dreams!

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“I juggled part-time work alongside classes and clinical work, constantly striving to make ends meet. I couldn't have done it with the scholarships I received.”

Making Ends Meet

Like so many students at Manchester, my journey included challenges that threatened my ability to attend college. However, my passion to help others and serve the community remained strong enough to persevere.

I came to Manchester to prepare for a new career. I discovered the Radiologic Science programs and applied to both the Radiography and Radiation Therapy programs. I faced initial setbacks, but ultimately gained acceptance into the Radiography program, which turned out to be a perfect fit for me.

I am immensely grateful for the support of scholarships. Through the generosity of others, I was able to pursue my passion and overcome numerous obstacles along the way. Now I'm embarking on an exciting career as a radiologic technologist. I am excited to be making a positive impact on people's lives.



Lidija Zabulis, '23
Radiography

“Realizing that there are kind people who give of their own resources to make higher education affordable has given me renewed faith that there is kindness around us and strengthened my resolve to make a difference in the lives of others.”

An Act of Kindness

As the eldest of my parent's children, I have to balance being a student with my family responsibilities and working part-time. From the help available in the Academic Support Center, to the dedicated faculty and the tuition support I have received, I have found a supportive community at Manchester and I am on track to graduate with my associate degree in psychology studies this fall.

I am incredibly grateful for the tuition assistance that Foundation donors have made possible for students like me. While this assistance has alleviated my financial burden and allowed me to focus more on my studies, it has also had a more profound impact on my experience as a student.

I am determined to continue my education with the hope of making meaningful contributions to the field of psychology. I am deeply grateful for the generosity of others who have become a part of my journey. Thank you!



Sadia Afrin
Psychology Studies



Brandon Gilbert, '22
Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Overcoming the Challenges

I'm a single dad with full custody of my six-year-old daughter. As a 24-year old student and father, affording childcare, rent, utilities and school was a struggle, and I was stretched thin.

Now I'm a Certified Occupational Therapist employed at Eastern Connecticut Health Network, helping to improve other people's lives every day. I am honored to be able to help people get back to their families and doing the activities that they love. Words can't express how grateful I am to the donors whose generosity supported students like me.

“Studying for my Occupational Therapy Assistant degree meant overcoming life's challenges in order to create a better future for my child and me. Receiving scholarship support made an immense difference for us.”

6 2023 Alumnus of the Year



The MCC Alumni Association proudly recognized Maggie Moriarty '76 as the 2023 Alumna of the Year. Moriarty's journey began with her graduation from Manchester in 1976, and she has since achieved remarkable accomplishments in her field.

After earning her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Connecticut State University, Moriarty embarked on a fulfilling career as a Certified Occupational Therapist. Her dedication led her to work with prestigious institutions like Capitol Region Mental Health Center, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Yale Psychiatric Institute and St. Francis Hospital.



In 1996 she joined Manchester as a lecturer, eventually becoming the program director for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program. Her passion for teaching earned her the prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award in 2012.

Although she retired in 2022, Moriarty's commitment to service and community persists. She volunteers with various organizations, bringing joy and comfort to medical patients and personnel alongside her adorable Goldendoodle, Nellie. Her involvement in cultural enrichment, including the Irish American Home Society and Central CT Celtic Cultural Committee, showcases her dedication to preserving and celebrating our region's heritage.

ALUMNI GIVE

280 alumni gave \$77,028 to support Manchester students over the past year – Thank you!

For information regarding the MCC Alumni Association, contact Diana Reid, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at 860-512-2909 or dreid@manchestercc.edu.

Follow Manchester Community College Alumni Affairs on Facebook to stay in the know about opportunities to network, volunteer and socialize with other MCC alumni.

Dedicated Alumni and Benefactors Recognized

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It is only through our community of donors and volunteers that MCC Foundation can continue to provide the support students need to weave their dreams into reality. Among these who make it possible for others to access higher education, there are some whose commitment, demonstrated through their generosity of time, talent and philanthropic commitment, have profoundly impacted the lives of many students. With gratitude, the following honorees were presented with awards for their outstanding contributions to the Foundation and the Alumni Association at a donor reception.

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FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:
MICHAEL B. LYNCH JR

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:
JOHN TOOMEY '74

ALUMNI BENEFACTOR OF THE YEAR:
ELIZABETH WOOD '87

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:
KRISTINE MOULARD '15 '17



(Pictured above from l-r): Peter Grose, Michael B. Lynch Jr, Elizabeth Wood '87, Kristine Moulard '15 '17, Dr. Nicole Esposito, John Toomey '74, and Rockville Bank Community Foundation representatives Lisa Sedlemeier, Rosemarie Papa, and Ray Lefurge

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Your selfless generosity has made a direct and lasting impact on the lives of students at Manchester.

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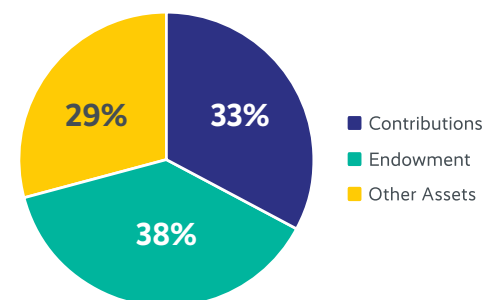
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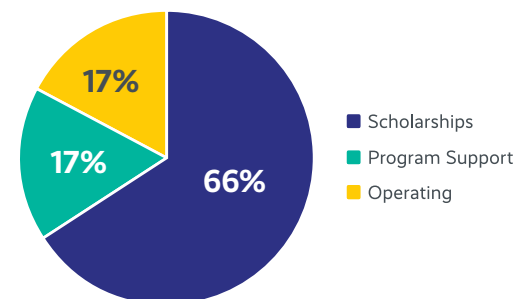
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Contributions	\$555,748
Endowment Draw	\$644,329
Other Assets	\$500,000
Total	\$1,700,077



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Scholarships	\$954,298
Program Support	\$247,012
Operating	\$241,427
Total	\$1,442,737



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