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Gateway Community College

Transforming Lives



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2017 Community Report

"Without the scholarship, college would not have been possible. With it, my world opened up to possibilities I couldn't even have imagined."

Tyler Morrison
Gateway student

"I've been working really hard, and it's worth it. It's a lot to juggle being in school full-time with two part-time jobs, but the support I get helps so much."

Rebecca Coppethite
Gateway student

"Gateway offers students of all ages an incredible and affordable education that is the foundation for a better future. I'm proud to support the faculty and the students. They are our future."

Thomas Griggs, Jr.
Interim Co-Executive Director
International Festival of Arts & Ideas

"Years ago I was given the chance, it is our legacy and responsibility to give the chance to others."

Sally Glick
Vice President & Administrator
Chamber Insurance Trust

"Four years after having had our first internship experiences with Professor Fries' students, we still employ one of those talented, accounting students here at GEM in an ever expanding capacity."

Chris Bartlett
CEO
GEM Advertising

"One of our core values and guiding principles at Omni Hotels and Resorts is 'Leaders Creating Leaders' and 'Local Market Leadership'. Partnering with Gateway Community College and its hospitality internship program is such an important piece of what we believe in."

Wayne Kirsten
Director, Food & Beverage
Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale

Dear Friends,

Community colleges are the heart and soul of American higher education, and nowhere is that more evident than at Gateway Community College. In the center of New Haven, we are a vibrant, lively crossroads of students, faculty, and staff, working shoulder-to-shoulder with business, community and nonprofit leaders.

We all come together with energy, passion and determination to provide and promote educational opportunities in the classroom, the lab and the community that affect individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities, our region, our state and beyond.

It begins with a commitment to excellence and transforming lives; as we create a learning environment that invites intellectual growth and fosters cultural diversity, and which reflects a confidence in achievement and unyielding belief in possibilities. These pages provide a glimpse into those endeavors, coupled with abundant appreciation to every person – at the College and through the Foundation – who contributes to our efforts.

Gateway is a community in every sense of the word, and we are inspired every day by the hard work and relentless dedication of our students. We are consistently encouraged by the generosity of our donors and volunteers, and energized by the countless ways in which faculty and staff go the extra mile to ensure that students are provided with the most engaging educational experience possible.

The College has successfully touched thousands of lives and has been a beacon of hope for many. We have broken cycles of poverty, exposed students to vast career opportunities, expanded our reach and impact on our communities, and extended our significant economic impact on the state of Connecticut. This would not be possible without your support.

We look to your involvement in Gateway's historic impact on students and community, confident that today's students - and tomorrow's - will distinguish themselves in new and exciting ways. In doing so, they will achieve not only their own educational dreams but build a brighter, more promising future for themselves, their families and our community.



Mimi Lines, Chair
Board of Directors
Gateway Community College Foundation



Paul Broadle II, Ph.D.
President
Gateway Community College





We proudly thank Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick for her years of leadership, service and

caring as president of Gateway Community College, 1999 - 2017.

As the largest of Connecticut's 12 community colleges, Gateway Community College transforms the lives of students and strengthens the fabric of community life, offering an array of certificate and degree programs for educational growth, professional development and career advancement.

STUDENTS

- 7,015 enrolled for credit
- 31% full-time
- 69% part-time
- 26 average age
- 6,106 seeking degree
- 240 seeking certificate
- 669 non-degree/certificate
- 58.5% female
- 41.5% male
- 26.2% from New Haven
- 67.4% from 12-town region

Community Connections

Community is defined as "a group of people with a common characteristic or interest." At Gateway Community College, community extends beyond the classrooms into the neighborhood, throughout New Haven and across the region. The interactions run to and from Gateway's downtown and North Haven campuses. The beneficiaries of certificate and degree programs, coursework and groundbreaking collaborations are members of the campus community and the community at large.

The Gateway Community College Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, whose sole purpose is to support Gateway Community College. Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and help ensure that Gateway Community College has the resources to remain a standout institution of higher education.

The Foundation's close association with the College encourages and supports community-based internships in many fields, providing students with opportunities to earn hands-on experience and employers with a preview of tomorrow's enterprising and dedicated workforce. Funds also support student scholarships, help purchase state-of-the-art classroom equipment and provide professional development for faculty and student support personnel.

Beyond that, the Foundation works in concert with the College to sustain and grow an impressive network of community support, promoting public awareness and understanding of Gateway Community College as a significant regional resource. Initiatives and programs throughout the year reflect that ongoing relationship, and the benefits that accrue across the community.



New Haven Promise students in attendance at the New Haven Promise Scholarship reception at Gateway Community College. Students recited the "pledge to complete their studies."

For the second consecutive year, a High School Donor/Scholar luncheon was held, reaffirming Gateway's growing number of collaborative partnerships with local high schools, providing students with early experience in college curriculum, demonstrating that it can be within their grasp. Participating students were led in a "Pledge to Complete their Studies" by Dr. Paul Broadie and Gateway's Leadership Team, and the event inspired an endowed scholarship commitment. Support for the event was provided by The New Haven Rotary Charitable Foundation, KeyBank, Liberty Bank and Andrew Sorbo, with strategic vision and planning assistance from Thomas Beime and Andrew Sorbo.

During the year, past Foundation Board Chair Thomas Griggs, Jr. was honored at the Gateway Community College Annual Athletics Banquet, having earned admiration and appreciation for his continuing leadership and contributions to the College. The Foundation co-hosted, with the Elm Shakespeare Company, Bill Curran's 90th Birthday Cabaret Celebration – honoring a manefully dedicated individual whose unparalleled and ongoing commitment to Gateway students continues to create opportunities for students and strengthen the College. The Foundation sponsored the wonderfully inspiring Nursing and Allied Health Pinning Ceremony with Dr. Dorsey Kendrick.



Athletics Award banquet (left to right): Kelle Byrd Danzo, Director of Student Engagement and Career Development, Thomas Griggs, Jr., Gateway Community College Foundation Board Member, and Verna Swann, Gateway Community College Foundation Scholarship Donor.



Nursing students pinning ceremony with Dr. Dorsey Kendrick.

at The College Street Music Hall, as Gateway students graduated into the profession. A fabulous new partnership with Connecticut Public Broadcastings' WNPR also took root. This will bring construction of a studio for live broadcasts directly into the Gateway Community College building on Church Street next year, providing students with opportunities to participate in the station's program production.

Hall of Fame

When the community comes together for the annual Hall of Fame Induction and Reception at Gateway Community College, the enthusiasm is energizing. The Foundation's signature event in support of students honors individuals whose leadership has set a standard of excellence that has touched countless lives, inspired colleagues and supported opportunities for students to prepare for, enter and advance in today's dynamic workplace.

With the wonderful generosity of sponsors, the recurrent patronage of attendees, and the tireless efforts of volunteers, the annual event inaugurated in 1997 continues to flourish. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the distinctive gathering attracted a record number of sponsors, which will translate into an increase in scholarship funds for students, underscoring the commitment to sustaining a robust "bridge to excellence."

This year's student speaker, Connor Pullen, provided distinguished service in the United States Marines and upon discharge, sought to keep a commitment to his family to pursue higher education. Moving to Connecticut, he was introduced to Gateway and proceeded to quickly get involved, as a student in the Fire Fighter Certificate program, then seeking an Associate in Science Degree in Fire Technology and Administration.

"Gateway faculty and staff have inspired me every step of the way in my transition to civilian life, he told attendees at the Hall of Fame. "In my academic role here at the college they have been kind, patient, knowledgeable and something very important to me - respectful towards veterans - for all of this I thank the Gateway faculty and staff."

He added thanks to "donors who make our scholarships possible so that my peers can make their educational dreams a reality."



This year's Honorary Chair was Carol Eggert, Senior Vice President, Military and Veterans Affairs, Comcast NBC Universal and Brigadier General (Retired), U.S. Army. The Event Chair, leading the stellar 20th anniversary event, was Thomas Berne III, Vice President at Halsey Associates and Secretary of the Gateway Community College Foundation Board.

Held in the Curran Community Center, the gala honored six remarkable leaders: Alumni Honorees Justin Eric Ruffone, Parts and Service Director at Colonial Toyota in Milford and Erin M. Randi, Water Pollution Control Technician of the Town of South Windsor; Water Pollution Control; Corporate Honorees Kevin E. Burke, Senior Vice President and Region Head, Greater New York & Connecticut, Wells Fargo Bank and Christopher M. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Yale New Haven Health and Yale-New Haven Hospital; and Community Honorees State Representative Toni E. Walker of New Haven, and Henry Fernandez, Executive Director of Leadership, Education & Athletics in Partnership (LEAP).



(standing, left to right, back row) Thomas Berne III (Hall of Fame Chair, Gateway Community College Foundation Board Secretary Vice President with Halsey Associates), Carol Eggert, Honorary Chair, Senior Vice President, Military and Veterans Affairs, Comcast NBCUniversal, Brigadier General (Retired), U.S. Army, Justin Eric Ruffone (Alumni Honoree), Parts and Service Director, Colonial Toyota in Milford, Kevin E. Burke (Corporate honoree), Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Connor Pullen, Gateway Community College Student, Veteran, Christopher M. O'Connor (Corporate honoree), Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Yale New Haven Health, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Henry Fernandez (Community honoree), Executive Director, LEAP, Justin Schaefer, Emcee, NBC Connecticut New Haven Newsroom.

(front row, left to right) Representative Toni E. Walker, MSW (Community honoree), Connecticut General Assembly, Erin M. Randi (Alumni honoree), Water Pollution Control Technician - Town of South Windsor, Water Pollution Control; Dr. Paul Broadie II (President of Gateway Community College); Mini Lines (Gateway Community College Foundation Board Chair).



Alumni honoree Justin Eric Ruffone, Parts and Service Director, Colonial Toyota (top row, right) and Robert Costanzo, Professor in Automotive Department (top row, center) with attendees representing technicians from Colonial Toyota in Milford.



Connor Pullen, Dr. Paul Broadie II, Mayor Toni Hap, Carol Eggert, Honorary Chair, Senior Vice President, Military and Veterans Affairs, Comcast NBC Universal, Brigadier General (Retired) and Daniel Gianvile, Comcast Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs.

Foundation Profile: Thomas Beirne III



"His eyes would literally light up," recalls Thomas Beirne III, Vice President at Halsey Associates, where William E. (Bill) Curran retired as senior partner in the premier investment advisory firm. The widely admired Curran would talk about Gateway Community College with a reverence and an enthusiasm that was contagious.

"He would talk about the curriculum and activities at the College, interacting with students, and the sense of opportunity and excitement that permeated the hallways. He said that if we could give the students the right tools, they would gladly make their own success."

"He was right," Beirne said. "I quickly came to the same conclusion as I became more involved with Gateway."

Civic involvement has been a constant in Beirne's life, and the Milford resident has included Gateway prominently, serving as a member of the Foundation board and on the Executive Committee. In 2017, he was Chair for the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the main fundraising event for student scholarships. He has also served on a municipal commission and was elected to Milford's Board of Aldermen.

"When you look at the business leaders in this city, Gateway is often a common thread. It is where students and leaders come together to share thoughts and ideas, and where the next generation of leaders build futures." The Foundation is a key ingredient in that relationship, and Beirne points to Curran and Thomas Griggs, Jr., immediate past Board Chair, for their exemplary leadership and collaborative partnership with Gateway's administration.

"This Board touches lives so magnificently. I was really struck by the amazing level of involvement from day one. It is truly an all-star team, with a diversity of backgrounds and expertise that makes it magical."

Beirne also reflects a longstanding tradition of community involvement at Halsey Associates, a part of Washington Trust Wealth Management. The firm is well known and widely respected for its employees' dedication to giving back to the community - assisting organizations across the region, including Gateway.

"Gateway leverages everything New Haven has to offer, and the Foundation reaches out to provide the resources needed to help students overcome obstacles and manage challenges in their lives," he observes, noting that the world class academic programs "make students even more desirable" to employers after graduation.

The latest example is the marquee partnership with Connecticut Public Broadcastings WNNP to establish an on-air studio at Gateway. Ever on the lookout for ways to assist Gateway students, Beirne was instrumental in seizing that opportunity, working to set up the collaborative partnership.

"Our students have so much to offer," Beirne stresses, his voice resonating a commitment that is energetic and empathetic, steady and resolute. "We can be the long-term game-changer."

Faculty & Staff Recognition

For Daniel Fuller, students are always front and center. From their respective vantage points, seeing students succeed – and helping them to do so – defines their work, and their passion.

Fuller has come full circle. He was a student at Gateway's predecessor

institution in his youth, and now leads a flourishing Automotive Technology program that has grown recently by 62 percent. The professor and department chair was selected as Faculty of the Year 2017 for diligence that has transformed the program and earned national recognition from General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GMASEP).

"I am giving back to the program where I got my start," said Fuller. "It is very rewarding to travel throughout the community and see many automotive graduates employed at various dealerships in the region. At a time when some academic programs have experienced a decline, the automotive program is thriving."

Fuller spent 20 years with General Motors Corporation as a Senior Staff Instructor, Regional Service Engineer, and Regional Technical Manager for the Northeastern US. He holds 50 Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications and was named ASE/Motor Age Magazine's "Technician of the Year."



Dr. Mark Kosinski, Dean of Academic Affairs and Daniel Fuller, Professor and Department Chair of Automotive Technology, 2017 Faculty of the Year Award recipient.

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2017 Staff of the Year Award recipient, Erika Lynch, Workforce Development.

Automotive Technology Program

With the demand for jobs in the automotive industry growing due to an aging workforce and increasingly advanced technology, Gateway Community College's rigorous Automotive Technology program is earning accolades from industry experts and students alike.

This fall, Subaru of New England and Gateway agreed to establish a Subaru University (Subaru-U) program. Subaru-U will provide students with the skills and experience required of all Subaru technicians, better preparing them for employment upon certificate or associate degree completion. It is the latest industry agreement in the Gateway portfolio.

"We have relationships with Honda,

General Motors and now this exciting new agreement with Subaru," said Gateway President Paul Broadie.

"Creative partnerships and collaborations like these ensure that we build tomorrow's workforce and give our Automotive Technology graduates the skills and experience they need to succeed."

The agreement signing ceremony took place at GCC's North Haven Campus, home of the college's Automotive Technology program, with Subaru of New England Technical Training Operations manager George Paragiotou and North Haven First Selectman Michael Freds, as well as faculty, students and local Subaru dealers also on site.

Professor Dan Fuller, chair of GCC's Automotive Technology Department, notes that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 17 percent growth rate for automotive technicians through 2020. "These partnerships between education and industry provide skilled workers for Connecticut businesses, while also ensuring well-paid high-tech jobs for our students," Fuller pointed out.

Subaru will blend its curriculum into the college's automotive program and then place Gateway graduates at Subaru retailers close to their homes, where they will be paired with workforce mentors. This is where our future technicians are going to be coming from," Subaru's Technical Training Manager emphasized. Comments like that enhance the attractiveness of the Gateway program, designed to help students launch rewarding careers while meeting the staffing needs of local industry.



Subaru of New England and Gateway Community College co-signed an agreement to establish a Subaru University (Subaru-U) at Gateway Community College.

Also during the year, Gateway expanded an existing partnership with American Honda to begin offering the full "Honda PACT" degree and certificate program, and added the national Coalition of Certification Centers (NCC3) industry certifications in automotive diagnostics.

Looking to the future, Gateway's "College Now" high school partnership grew from three to five technical high schools. Automotive students in the region attending Bullard Havens, Platt, Et Whitney, Wilcox and Emmett O'Brien may earn GCC automotive program credits while still in high school.

Impressive Gateway Internship Leads to Post-graduation Job

After attending Prince Technical High School in Hartford, earning an Associate Degree was an important goal for Brian Colazzo. He determined that Gateway Community College offered the best automotive technology program - and the best value - so he pursued his education in New Haven. From the beginning, Brian stood out as a serious, dedicated student, working diligently and earning an outstanding GPA. He was selected for an internship with Carter Chevrolet in Mandrestey, where he quickly became a valued member of the team. Upon graduation, he was hired as a full-time service technician. Brian consistently receives high praise for his work ethic and technical skill, and personifies Gateway's effectiveness in transforming lives.

(photos of Brian Colazzo on opposite page and cover)

Public Utility Management Program



With nearly one-third of the workforce at the region's utility companies eligible to retire within four years, Gateway Community College and Southern Connecticut State University have teamed up to develop an academic pathway to prepare workers to fill those anticipated openings.

Through the Public Utility Management Degree programs, developed in close consultation with many of the state's utilities including the Regional Water Authority, The Metropolitan District, The United Illuminating Company, and Eversource, students will increase their career options in an ever-changing, growing field - and utilities will be able to tap into a pool of freshly minted talent.

The ability to effectively manage a public utility and provide services in today's marketplace requires innovative professional and technical leaders who understand management principles and the highly specialized skills required to lead the water, wastewater, gas, and electric utility industries.

The aging workforce – combined with changes in regulations, technology and the push toward sustainable energy sources – means new challenges and new opportunities. It is a trend not at all unique to Connecticut – it is evident across the industry in New England and nationwide.

The U.S. Department of Energy's "Transforming the Nation's Electricity System" publication states that by 2030 electric utilities and smart grid companies will need 105,000 new employees.

Gateway President Paul Broadie and Southern President Joe Bertolino pointed out, in launching the collaborative initiative, that the SCSU-Gateway partnership is "a win for the utilities, our institutions, and our students. The utilities gain a pool of qualified candidates to assume management and technical positions. Southern and Gateway have a new curriculum that meets the needs of local utilities. And, students gain new career opportunities in an industry that many may not have considered."

Gateway's Associate in Science (AS) in Public Utility Management degree program is designed to prepare students planning to go directly into the workforce upon graduation, or pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree at a four-year institution, such as Southern. Emphasis is placed on courses which enable the student to gain theoretical and practical hands-on knowledge important for working in public utilities, as well as courses that prepare the student for advanced studies.

The academic curriculum includes a focus on effective oral and written communication, competitive marketing, market research, project management, customer service, financial management of a utility, assessing the financial strength and stability of the utility, budgeting, and funding capital improvements. Additionally, some of the courses from Gateway's Water Management and Clean Water Management Certificate of Achievement Programs can be used toward an Associate Degree.

"Despite the important role that utilities play, not a lot of people decide to pursue a career in our field. The industry faces a significant challenge in the shortage of young people aspiring to take the place of our aging and retiring workforce. Gateway has been a strong advocate and partner in working with us to meet the region's workforce needs and to train the next generation of skilled utility workers through this unique program."

Larry Bingham,
President and CEO,
Regional Water Authority



The Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant in Hamden is one of four surface water treatment plants owned and operated by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA). Gateway students in the Public Utilities Management Program have learned about the industry first-hand by visiting the plant. The RWA provides an average of 45 million gallons of water a day to 15 towns in the region.

Student Scholarship Profile: Abdur Walli



Student scholarship recipient speaker, Abdur Walli

Abdur Walli grew up in the Hill Section of New Haven, not very far from the train station. He would hear the trains coming and going constantly, often watching them with friends. While some would dream about being astronauts or rappers – he imagined being a train engineer. Then he heard about the Railroad Engineering program at Gateway, and the rest, as they say, is history.

This history, however, includes a very important chapter. Abdur was a scholarship recipient for three years, and he would not have been able to stay in school otherwise.

Born to two teenage parents, life was a persistent struggle. His parents worked hard, grandparents pitched in mightily, and a foundation of hard work and diligence took root. It would flourish at Gateway. His mom, who also attended Gateway, became a role model for determination.

Abdur graduated in Spring 2017 with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. "None of this would be possible for me, or my fellow scholarship recipients, without the generous support of our Gateway friends and supporters," he said as he was honored at the Donor/Scholar Luncheon. It was recognition he earned with relentless involvement. His focus was not only his own education, but fellow students he encountered. A single father of three, his work ethic not only teaches them, but impresses everyone else.

Recalled Sociology Professor Jonah Cohen: "Every event I went to on campus, Abdur was there. Whether it was leading new student orientation groups, setting up rooms, coaching intramural soccer, organizing club meetings or being involved in Student Government. . . . if he was not running the show, he was there supporting it. When I went to the celebration for all of our student clubs and organizations, I think Abdur was in every slide."

Abdur offers praise for Thomas Griggs, Jr. and President Dorsey Kendrick that is heartfelt, crediting their key roles in his education as leaders and mentors. He was awarded a Leadership Fellowship for being a role model, as he led the Black Student Association, and was a panelist at a White House Summit on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

Kellie Byrd Danso, Director of Student Engagement and Career Development, describes him as "ambitious, enthusiastic and innovative. He embodies what it means to be a student advocate."

There may be fascinating chapters yet unwritten. Abdur hopes to one day "work at the State Capitol and represent my home city of New Haven in some way." Having been elected as president of the Gateway Student Government Association, he has already taken a first step. Now, he looks ahead to giving back.

"To our donors and Gateway Community College Foundation board members, you have inspired us to dream of a day when we can give back to our college and support it in the same way you have given us this chance - and for this opportunity we will always be thankful."



Richard DiNora, North Haven Rotary Club; Khalid Mochamet, Ehsam Elhussein, North Haven Rotary Club Scholarship Recipient; Harold Ginter, North Haven Rotary Club; Louis D'Antonio, Dean of Administrative Affairs

Donor/Scholar Luncheon

Gateway Scholarships

Scholarships earned by students - working diligently to begin, resume or extend their education - recognize outstanding academic performance, acute need and serious commitment.

The generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations is immense not only for student recipients, but for their families and our community.

Scholarship donors and recipients gathered - 250 strong - to celebrate the transformative impact of a Gateway educational an enthusiastic and inspiring annual Luncheon, with sponsorship support from KeyBank. It was an occasion to get to know each other and exchange personal stories, while looking back at hurdles overcome and ahead to goals still to be realized.



Celebrating Fred Deluca's Legacy

Fred Deluca was an original. He is remembered by the Gateway Community College community not only for his significant business accomplishments, but his enthusiasm for assisting students in forging their own paths forward. Frederick A. Deluca passed away on Sept. 24, 2015. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Italian-American parents who later moved to Bridgeport, where he graduated from Central High School in 1965. Hoping to make money to attend college and study medicine, Fred borrowed \$1,000 from family friend Dr. Peter Buck. Their plan was to begin a "fast-food venture that provided a healthful, less fattening bill of fare."

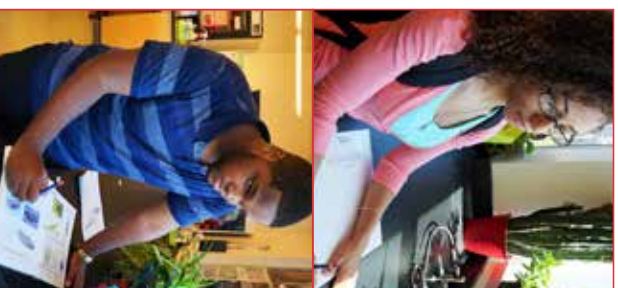
Deluca went on to become the co-founder and CEO of the global Subway® Restaurant chain, after starting with a single sandwich shop in Bridgeport when he was just 17 years old. The shop was originally called "Peter's Submarines." That was misunderstood as "Pizza Marines," however, causing a name change to "Peter's Subway," which later morphed into the gigantic Subway franchise, with nearly 44,000 locations globally.

The quintessential "self-made man," Deluca never forgot his humble beginnings. He and Dr. Buck later partnered to help other entrepreneurs replicate their franchising successes. In 1998, Deluca established the private Frederick A. Deluca Foundation, Inc., dedicated to funding programs that support "healthy and productive lives through education, awareness and research initiatives."

Within the education realm, the Frederick A. Deluca Foundation focuses particularly on youth and workforce development. In 2002, the Foundation began supporting Gateway students via the Gateway Community College Foundation's (GCCF) scholarship program.

In addition to demonstrated academic achievement, the established scholarship criteria include verified financial need and being employed while attending school.

Our appreciation to Mrs. Elisabeth Deluca for her continuing commitment, carrying on the inspiring legacy that continues to unfold by helping current and future students realize their dreams, in business and in life.



C.O.O.K. series

The fifth year of the popular Chefs of Our Kitchen (C.O.O.K.) series was perhaps the most exciting yet, providing a fabulous learning experience for students, and bringing tasty sensations to all in attendance at Café Vincenzo, Gateway's elegant and intimate demonstration restaurant and kitchen.

The C.O.O.K. series has grown into a regional must-attend for foodies throughout the community, and given students an opportunity to work with and learn from renowned culinary experts, local and international.

The year began with Certified Master Chef Ronald Desantis, Director of Culinary Excellence and Quality Assurance for Yale Dining, in February. Chef Desantis, past director of Consulting at The Culinary Institute of America (CIA), led preparation of a memorable three-course dinner.

In April, Gateway brought together the incomparable Jacques Répin and Jean-Pierre Vuillemet of New Haven's Union League Café for a well-attended French cooking extravaganza. It included an engaging demonstration and delicious dinner prepared with the assistance of Gateway's Culinary students. Répin is the host of acclaimed cooking programs, a prolific author, and respected instructor. French Bom Jean Pierre Vuillemet is a fourth generation restaurateur, named one of the "Maitres Cuisiniers de France."

Barley a month later, Chef Prasad Chinnomula, a resident of Stamford and New Haven, was the engaging attraction for students and guests. He has been honored by the James Beard House and earned an Excellent review from The New York Times. His latest endeavor – Oaxaca Kitchen – continues this tradition.

To close the year, Chef John Barricelli of Sano Baking Company & Café was featured in December at Café Vincenzo. He delivered on a remarkable vision of creating artisan breads, top quality French-style pastries and specialty cakes, evoking a homey, inviting Bakery/Café.

C.O.O.K. series 2017 will be remembered for four delectable, entertaining and instructive gatherings highlighting Gateway's talented students. We are grateful to Peoples United Bank for sponsoring this year's series and for their continuous strong support of our students.



Gateway Community College Culinary Students with the duo of well-renowned Chefs Jacques Répin (standing) and Jean-Pierre Vuillemet (in front) during the Gateway Community College Foundation Chefs of our Kitchens (C.O.O.K.) event on April 11, 2017.



2016-17 Academic Year Commencement

Every commencement is replete with notable milestones and remarkable achievements. For Gateway Community College, 2017 was all that and more. It was the college's 25th Commencement, and featured the largest graduating class in the college's history. It was the departing commencement for President Dorsey Kendrick, after an impressive and historic 18-year tenure, and it featured the presentation of an Honorary Degree to a long-time stalwart community leader, Thomas Griggs, Jr., and the President's Award to Dean Emerita Margaret Bauer.

For each and every person in attendance at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, it was a day that will endure in memory as a capstone achievement of multiple dimensions. The students, commensurate with the prominence they have earned, were front and center, recipients of 1,203 degrees and certificates. Liberal Arts & Sciences (259) led the way, followed by Business (130), Transportation and Engineering Technologies (117), Human Services (116), General Studies (108) Allied Health & Health Careers (105), Nursing (93), Computer Science (75) and Early Childhood Education (62).

As students were congratulated by Dr. Kendrick, the emotion of the day – testament to a job well done – flowed both ways. Top of mind for those present for any chapter of the Gateway journey ably guided by Dr. Kendrick widely recalled the substantial increases in enrollment, consolidation of two former campuses into a transformed thriving downtown campus, additional standout academic programs and enhanced community connections.

The 25th Commencement was further graced by the Honorary Associate in Science degree bestowed on Thomas Griggs Jr., recognizing his extraordinary dedication to the college, Gateway students, and the New Haven community. Past chair of the Gateway Community College Foundation, and Interim Co-Executive Director at the New Haven International Festival of Arts & Ideas, are just two of the positions from which he has touched countless lives with his talent, resources and tireless commitment to earnestly extend support.

Dean Emerita Margaret Bauer was honored with the President's Award, honoring her three decades of association with Gateway and its predecessor institution. Known affectionately as "the woman who could do it all," her professionalism and dedication reflected a relentless attention to detail that accrued to the benefit of students across the institution.

The keynote address on a day of historic celebration was delivered by Arthur Levine, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and past President of Teachers College at Columbia University. A noted scholar on higher education, he inspired those gathered for a very special day, imparting perspective and reaffirming the life-changing impact and influence of higher education.

Fittingly, the National Anthem was sung to begin the day's ceremonies by Juan Carlos Reyes, a nursing major graduating that afternoon. The musician, preacher, and father of two young children became a Registered Nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital just weeks later – the most recent of thousands of Gateway stories of perseverance and determination, as students build on a Gateway education to advance through life.



Gateway Community College Commencement is a celebration of achievement shared by families, friends, neighbors and the entire community. Gateway graduates stand proudly surrounded by joyful families on a very special day.

Thomas Griggs, Jr. (Gateway Community College Foundation Board Member) receiving honorary degree at commencement.

Dr. Margaret Bauer (Recipient of President's Award) with Dr. Dorsey Kendrick (Gateway Community College President)

Mini Lines (Gateway Community College Foundation Board Chair)

Giving Back and Changing Lives: Edith (Evangelista) and John Charles Pignoli Memorial Scholarship Fund



“Giving,” explains Andrew Sorbo, “is much more rewarding than receiving. I never dreamed I’d have the good fortune to do this. To know that I can help others, there is nothing more rewarding.”

Sorbo started the Edith (Evangelista) and John Charles Pignoli Memorial Scholarship Fund at Gateway Community College Foundation in 2015 to enable a deserving high school student to purchase books and defray a portion of tuition costs. It is a scholarship fund a lifetime in the making, extraordinarily unlikely and yet not surprising at all.

“It is circumstances that get in the way of people achieving their goals,” Sorbo observes. “I know that from my own experience. It is up to all of us to do whatever we can. That’s what drives me.”

While spending time with his hospitalized partner – literally in the shadow of Gateway’s campus – Sorbo noticed students coming and going. When his partner passed away from pancreatic cancer, Sorbo decided to learn more about the college learning. First in Rhode Island and then in Connecticut, he had been an educator for 35 years until his retirement in 2005. He taught science, social studies and computers in grades 3 through 8, later advancing to become a highly regarded principal at Catholic Schools in New Haven and Branford.

Sorbo and his sister were raised by a single mom after his father died when he was a one-year-old. Growing up in a Providence housing project, dependent upon welfare, was not a choice but a necessity. His mother’s overriding lesson was that education would be the pathway out.

Sorbo was convinced. He earned a state scholarship to Providence College, and was told that if he worked hard, it would be renewed. He did, and it was. “Without that, I don’t know how I would have gone to college,” Sorbo recalls. “That is an impetus for the scholarship at Gateway, wanting to give back.”

When his uncle, then his aunt, passed away a few years ago, leaving him with their life’s savings, he recalled that it was her assistance in his youth that had helped his family make ends meet. “Seeing them help my mom, as a little kid in a housing project, really stayed with me. I wanted to honor what they did for me, by doing for others.”

All the pieces came together. Gateway was the way. He learned about the quality academic programs, dedicated faculty and inspiring students. As an experienced educator, he recognized the caliber of faculty and staff, and the potential and commitment of students.

“Yes,” he concluded, “this is the place. This is where I want their work to continue. In a city, helping those who truly need assistance and whose lives can be changed. Students like me.”

Ways to Give

Contributions that directly support students – through scholarships, planned giving and other opportunities – are indispensable, and often life-changing, immediately and long-term. In the classrooms and labs of Gateway Community College, the impact is plainly evident. Higher education is within reach because of donors determined to make an enduring difference.

Gifts to the Gateway Community

College Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and help ensure that students are able to bridge the financial gap between the cost of a Gateway education and their own, often limited, resources.

Academic scholarships often are the difference between continuing with classes or the end of a dream of a college education – for current or prospective students.

Ways to give include:

- supporting students through the Annual Fund
- establishing an enduring gift of education through an endowment fund,
- supporting specifically designated academic programs, technology and equipment,
- participating in one of the Foundation’s numerous scholarships.

The Helping Hands Fund, which assists students who are experiencing a short-term financial crisis – for which they could not have been prepared and for which no other resources are immediately available to the student – also provides pivotal financial resources.

Critical support can also be provided through an individualized planned giving program, which allows the Foundation to extend its program planning and student assistance beyond the current year’s annual support.

These special commitments can help sustain tomorrow’s students, ensuring Gateway’s lasting impact on generations to come.

The Gateway Community College Foundation can provide a way to give that reflects your interests and priorities. Contact us directly at 203-285-2296 to learn more.



Thank you to our donors

Your contributions are indispensable and life-changing.

Each and every donation provides essential support for the critical priorities of Gateway Community College, advancing its academic mission and reaffirming a longstanding dedication to student success - funding scholarships, faculty and staff development, instructional program development, technology and equipment.

In 2017, the Gateway Community College Foundation awarded a total of 162 scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$2,000, as the proud tradition of support continued. Each contribution is a reflection of this community's investment in its future. Over \$100,000 in scholarships was made available to Gateway students pursuing coursework across a wide range of academic disciplines. We are grateful for your generosity and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has encouraged our students by helping to assure a sturdy financial foundation as they strive to excel.

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162 scholarships were awarded to Gateway students in 2017, providing more than \$100,000 to support their academic coursework

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	2017
Revenues, gains and other support:	
Contributions	\$254,587
Investment income	(3,545)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	188,292
Hall of Fame reception	121,139
Other fundraising programs	17,050
Other income	3,200
Total revenue, gains and other support	580,723
Expenses:	
Support to the College:	116,874
Scholarships and awards	10,670
Faculty development	-
Furniture, fixtures and equipment for new campus	-
Grants	126,100
Other support programs (Including Neighborhood Assistance Act grant, Alexion Bus Pass Program and Allied Health Support)	36,070
Hall of Fame reception-Direct costs	12,921
Other fundraising programs-Direct costs	51,055
Capital campaign fundraising	87,269
General and administrative	440,959
Total expenses	139,764
Change in net assets	1,905,658
Net assets, beginning of year	\$2,045,422
Net asset, end of year	\$2,045,422

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There is a common thread that drives each and every member of the Gateway Community College Foundation Board of Directors, regardless of who they are or where they've been. And it makes all the difference in the world.

Board members are drawn together by a deeply-held belief in the students who pursue higher education at Gateway Community College, and by a shared confidence in the institution's capacity to respond effectively to provide precisely what students require to succeed.

Through the exceptional voluntary service of Board members, and their dedication to that mission and those ideals, Gateway stands out for its seriousness of purpose and track-record of achievement. Exemplary board members, through their actions and example, are strengthening our college and our community, and in doing so, they are truly transforming lives.

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