

2022 Annual Report

HOUSATONIC
COMMUNITY
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FOUNDATION

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Housatonic Community College

Housatonic Community College is located in Bridgeport, Connecticut's largest city, and serves an eleven-town area in Southwestern Connecticut. A member of Connecticut State Colleges & Universities, the college opened its doors in 1966 as a branch of Norwalk Community College and became independent in 1967. In 1997 HCC moved to its present site in downtown Bridgeport.

In response to community and student needs, Housatonic offers associate degree programs in preparation for transfer to four-year institutions, as well as occupationally-oriented associate degree and certificate programs.

Housatonic is a student-centered, national Achieving the Dream institution. The college strives to provide high quality, accessible instructional and student services within an environment of mutual respect among faculty, staff, and students.

HCC at a Glance		 HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
 3,976 full-time, part-time degree and certificate seeking students	 72% students of color		<hr/> \$4,820 full-time annual tuition <hr/> 11 service towns <hr/> 83 degree & certificate programs <hr/> <small>source: 2021-2022 academic year data</small>
 26 average age of students	 65% / 35% female male		



Message from HCC CEO

It's a Great Day To Be at Housatonic! As a community, we are deeply committed to our scholars' personal, academic, and professional success. Our scholars depend on the mentoring, opportunities for engagement, and financial support from the Foundation. We are welcoming more scholars back to campus as they seek to earn a certificate, Associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or enter the workforce. Graduating from Housatonic Community College prepares them for the next step in their journey. We are certainly grateful for your support in assisting our scholars realize their promise. Thank you for your continued dedication to Housatonic Community College and most importantly our scholars.

Dwayne Smith Ph.D.

THANK YOU

Our students are thriving because of you.

Your generosity over the past year has helped us grow our Equity Programs, increasing college access for underrepresented students. You provide them with the support they need to persevere and enter the workplace with high-quality degrees. You understand that an education at Housatonic is a pathway to greater social and economic mobility, and recognize that our students, in the face of insurmountable odds, persist.

Thanks to you, we substantially increased food resources on campus, offering a food pantry, a mobile food truck with fresh produce, and nutrition education. A \$1 million gift from Peter Werth allowed us to establish the Werth Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the first of its kind in Connecticut.

Together we're making a difference. Thank you for standing with our students, knowing that a college education allows them to take hold of new opportunities and advance to rewarding careers.

Lastly, we thank our former Board President Bruce Murray for his leadership during these past four, challenging years. Thanks to Bruce, all of our Board members and you, our donors, we are in a strong position to ensure more students access into our incredible learning community at Housatonic and provide them the support to help them persist.

Many, many thanks!

Judith & Kristy



Judith Corprew
President



Kristy Jelenik
Executive Director

Special acknowledgment of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors



Back Row Left: Ramon Peralta, Douglas Wade, Ben Maini, Jackie Starks, Treasurer Bradley A. Hardy, Lindy Lee Gold, Carmen Colon, Secretary Rick Costantini
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Largest Single Gift in HCC's History: \$1 million from Businessman, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist Peter J. Werth, Jr.

This gift will allow Housatonic to distinguish itself as the first community college in the state to establish this type of entrepreneurship and innovation center. The center will provide space for business incubation, and will be a hub for student activity including pitch competitions, speaker series with seasoned entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurship certification programs.

"I feel that business schools are bottom-line oriented, and the easiest way to increase the bottom line is to get to the people where entrepreneurship is creating jobs. I've been a fan of entrepreneurship for many, many years and when I made some money, I was able to support them, and that's what I did here," said Peter J. Werth, President and Chief Executive Officer of ChemWerth, a US-headquartered full-service generic active pharmaceutical ingredient development and supply company.

The Werth Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

More and more students are opting to start their own business or partnering with other like-minded talented peers instead of taking up a traditional job. For many, revenue from their own business allows them to survive or supplements other income sources in the family. For others, it enables them to escape poverty and become less dependent on public and private forms of support. The pandemic has elevated the need for support to help sustain their business, or to help start a new business as a result of job loss.

The establishment of the Werth Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship provides students with the resources, knowledge experts, industry connections and a well-equipped makerspace in a supportive peer-to-peer learning environment to innovate, launch and grow businesses.

This new resource creates equitable opportunities for marginalized populations to engage in entrepreneurship and innovation, nurtures the next generation of outstanding innovators, and supports the development of start-up businesses to achieve personal economic and societal benefits. Its vision is to be a regional hub of activity and a state-recognized center of excellence.





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“For me, it is an honor to be a student of Housatonic Community College. This big and amazing opportunity has been a gift for my family and me. I believe that my major Human Services is very important because I can see many needs in my community. Many Hispanic people are afraid to talk and express themselves, and I want to be able to serve my community. My career goal is to become a psychologist. Housatonic has given me financial resources, food, equipment, and so much more. I am very grateful to have this scholarship and know one day I will be able to help my Bridgeport community as much as Housatonic has supported me.”

- Victoria

Scholarships and Emergency Funds made possible with your generosity

Housatonic Community College prides itself on being an “open door” to any community member seeking educational and career advancement opportunities. It is a critical access point to higher education and a student’s experience can result in economic payoffs, better job opportunities and a gateway to a four-year degree. For many students, access to higher education is only possible with scholarships. Emergency fund assistance enables students to persist.

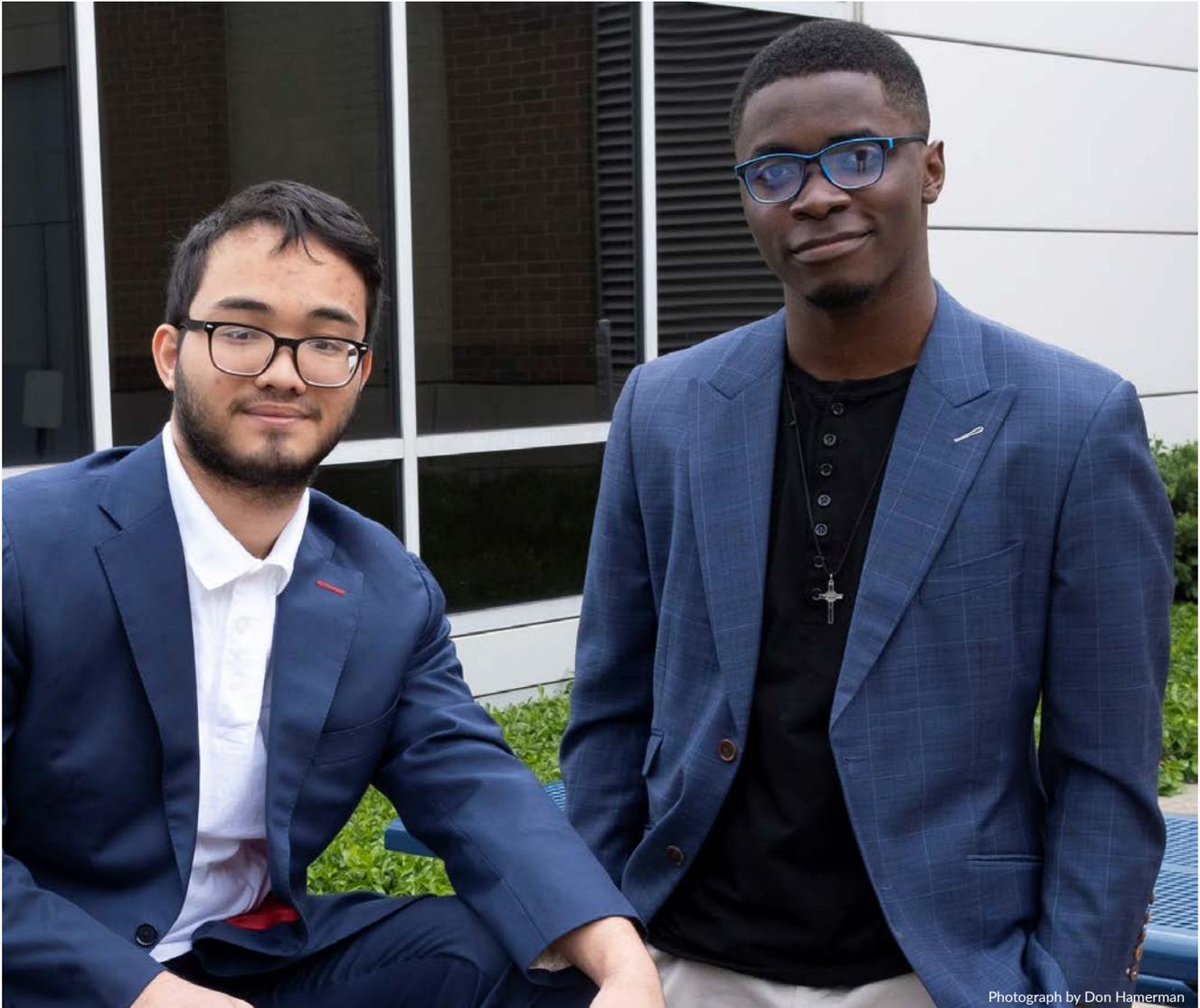
Your generosity provided 469 students with over \$350,000 in scholarships and emergency assistance, supporting their academic advancement during the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters.

Awards were provided to students pursuing degrees in program such as Accounting, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Surgical Technology, Business Administration, Computer Science, Fine Arts, and more. Scholarships also enabled student to enroll and complete workforce development programs such as Sterile Processing, Advanced Manufacturing, Certified Nurse Aide, Community Health Worker, IT Support Specialist, CNC Operator, Patient Care Technician and more.

Special recognition and appreciation for our Scholarship Review Committee for their hours of careful review of student applications throughout the year:

Liz Ball	Scott Empric	Andrew Pelletier
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Equity Pro



Equity Project

The Equity Project increases access to opportunities and economic mobility by intentionally and strategically supporting historically marginalized, low-income students including first generation college student, undocumented, LGBTQ+ and students of color. Using a coaching model, the program provides financial investments targeted at access and retention, campus engagement and learning opportunities, connections to resources and more. These supports increase a student's sense of community and belonging and encourages persistence and success at HCC and beyond.

This past year, the program doubled the number of students served from its first cohort of 20 students to 44 male and female students.



Family Economic Security Program

Family Economic Security Program (FESP) is a proven model of wrap-around intensive supports aimed at increasing retention and financial literacy. Launched seven years ago, it has evolved into a one-year program that focuses on providing equitable solutions for student success while ensuring their health and wellbeing.

All FESP students are mothers and are employed at least part-time. The program uses a two-generation approach to ensure that students maintain a healthy school/work/family balance, while also normalizing higher education among all family members.

This past year, 48 students and their children participated in FESP; 100% of students persisted from semester to semester, and three students graduated in May with plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree at a four- year higher education institution.



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My experience has been a rollercoaster, but it has been steady since I learned that it's okay to be nervous in a field that is worked predominantly by men. As a woman in this program, the professors have not singled me out just because I am female. Though it was an intimidating beginning to this journey, weeks went by, and my mind came at ease. I have overcome those difficulties with challenging work, and dedication to push myself. I feel comfortable and respected in the learning environment that this program has provided. The professors here are fantastic, and I have not met such people who are willing to do whatever it takes to see their students succeed in their career. My plans after graduation are to pursue a career in Programming. I plan to continue developing my skills and understanding of manufacturing to become as successful as I can be!

- Alanna

Career Readiness Pipeline Programs

Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

HCC's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTC) is a pipeline for the state's manufacturing industry, Connecticut's third largest sector. With training designed to respond to specific employer-driven manufacturing needs, the AMTC program prepares students to join CT's manufacturing community of over 4,000 companies.

This past year, scholarships, book funds and emergency assistance enabled 55 students to pursue and be successful in this 9-month intensive AMTC program. Nearly 100% of students secured employment immediately following graduation, or pursued degrees at 4-year higher education institutions.

An additional 30 students participated in College Connections, a dual enrollment opportunity for high school students to earn up to 18 college credits toward a certificate in Advanced Manufacturing.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)

Nearly 1,000 students pursued higher education in one of HCC's 50+ STEAM associate degree or certificate options. All are focused on helping students obtain wage sustaining jobs with high growth potential in meaningful careers such as Medical Assisting, Surgical Technology, Engineering, Technology Studies, Art Studies, Biology Studies, Web Design Technology, Manufacturing and Machine Technology, and more.

Highlights that supported STEAM learning for students, made possible with your generosity, included the following: 5th Annual STEAMfest, and new equipment and resources for the STEAM Center of Excellence. Agriculture and gardening course work continued, and a new Hydroponics lab was developed to provide course work and access for students to a yearlong crop, a sustainable food resource, and employment opportunities.

Supplemental Instruction Program

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program is an academic assistant program that increases student performance and retention. SI targets historically difficult courses, or those that have a high rate of D or F grades and withdrawals. These classes are often considered the "gatekeepers" or barriers for student advancement to earning degrees in competitive fields such as STEAM and onto four-year higher academic institutions, especially for low-income students of color.

This past year, 15 HCC students were trained as SI Student Leaders who worked with over 250 students. SI Student Leaders assist students in understanding the course material while helping them to develop effective study skills that are applicable to the content. Courses included in the SI Program were as follows: Biology 105, Computer Graphics, Psychology, Early Childhood Education, Anatomy and Physiology, Math 137, English 101, Digital Photography, and Graphic Design.



Housatonic Museum of Art

The Housatonic Museum of Art is home to one of the premier college art collections in the United States. This collection of nearly 7,000 original works of arts and artifacts is on display throughout the entire campus. **Highlights from this past year include the following:**

- An award from The Institute of Museum and Library Services Inspire! Grants for Small Museums to launch the new HMA Online!, enabling wide-spread access to the collection by documenting, digitizing, and archiving its objects.
- An award from the Connecticut Humanities Council to increase the museum's presence on social media and allow for meaningful audience engagement to promote activities and exhibitions.
- Special exhibitions were featured in the Burt Chernow Galleries:
 - Reflecting Time: June Ahrens, curated by Barbara O'Brien
 - Vincent Baldassano: To Be Continued, curated by Joel Leneker
 - Making Your Mark: Prints and Drawings from the Hechinger Collection
- BIG Art Bash featured the reinstallation of the permanent art collection throughout Lafayette and Beacon Halls to include:
 - Of Woman Born, Are We Born Connected, curated by Anne Boberski, Masters of Op Art and Preserving Culture: Art and Tourism
- The Student Docent Program, now in its 22nd year, is accessible online to educators replete with videos and a printable teacher's guide.



Robbin Zella Retires After 24 Years at Housatonic Museum of Art

In July 2022, Robbin Zella retired after serving nearly 25 years as Director of the Housatonic Museum of Art. Robbin's work has been transformational to the collection and programming.

During her tenure, over 120 exhibitions have graced the Museum's Burt Chernow Galleries and surrounding spaces on the college campus. The museum's impressive collection grew from 3,000 pieces to 7,000 today. Robbin created designated galleries to showcase art on campus, and established a Student Docent Program that was celebrated as a national model at the Leadership Retreat for the Turnaround Arts initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

In Robbin's honor, the Robbin A. Zella Scholarship Fund has been created to ensure that HCC's bright and talented students who wish to pursue careers in art history or museum studies are supported.

Thank you for your Support

The success of our students is greatly boosted by you, all of our generous donors and partners. Thank you for making a significant and direct impact on the lives of our students and community.

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Peter J. Werth

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On February 24, 2022, hundreds of HCC students, faculty and staff, community members and you united in support of Housatonic Community College. You helped us break records in giving- \$45,000 was raised on Giving Day at Housatonic!

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For the second year, Stop & Shop provided champion support to sustain HCC's Food Pantry. Pictured with HCC CEO Dr. Smith and HCC Foundation Executive Director Kristy Jelenik, Maura O'Brien, External Communications & Community Relations Manager at Stop & Shop.

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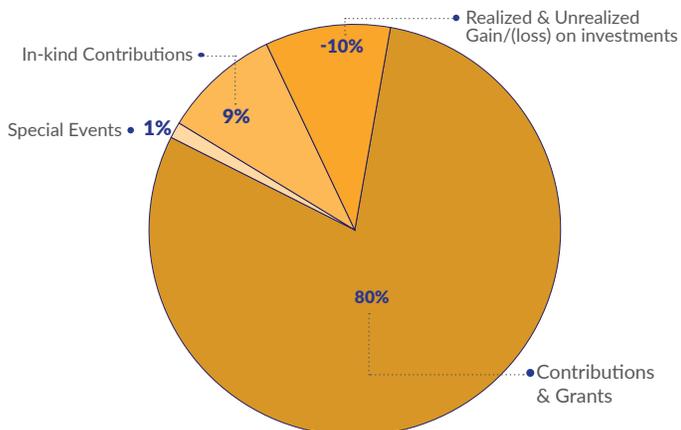
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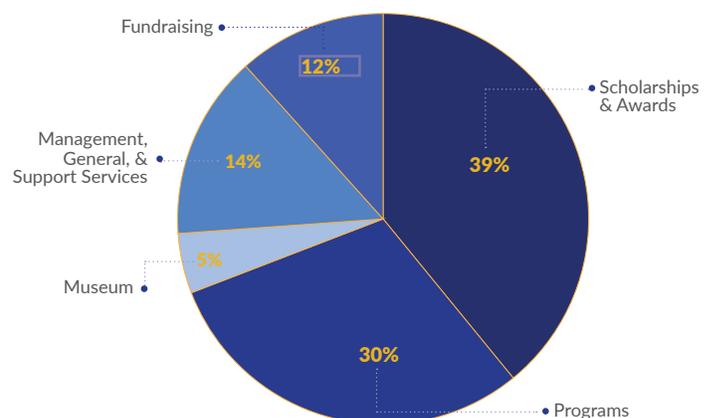
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Financials

	2021	2022
Total Revenue and Support	1,601,515	2,211,885
Total Expenses	1,198,039	1,342,226
Change in Net Assets	403,476	869,659
Net Assets, Ending	1,913,536	2,783,195



2021 Revenue & Support



2021 Expenses

Ways To Give

Whether you want to inspire an HCC student, honor or remember a loved one or support an academic program, the HCC Foundation is here to help make your giving experience enjoyable and meaningful. You can make a difference in many ways.

Establish a Scholarship

You can honor or memorialize a loved one with a named-scholarship, or nurture a tradition of philanthropy among your family by creating a scholarship to benefit HCC students.

Give Stock

Gifts of appreciated stocks may offer substantial tax advantages. The HCC Foundation accepts direct transfers of securities.

Make an Annual Gift

Your donation can be received via our secure online donation page at HousatonicFoundation.Org/donate/donate-now or mail your check to the address below.

Consider a Bequest

You can elect to remember HCC with a bequest in your will which may also have estate tax planning benefits. Through a bequest, we can help you build your legacy and achieve your charitable goals. And if you let us know of your intentions, we will include you in our legacy society.

Make a Corporate Matching Gift

Many employers offer matching gifts that will increase the value and impact of your gift. Contact your human resources department to learn if your company participates.

Give Through Your Donor Advised Fund

If you have a donor advised fund with a commercial bank, investment firm or community foundation, you can recommend a grant award to the HCC Foundation.

HCC Foundation's Executive Director Kristy Jelenik welcomes your call or email to answer questions and provide help. KJelenik@Housatonic.edu or 203.332.5078.

Our Mission

The Housatonic Community College (HCC) Foundation expands access to quality, affordable higher education and works closely with the college to enhance the learning experience and workforce development education and training of students. Efforts focus on increasing student retention and completion, and providing opportunities for career readiness. Its mission is to solicit, secure and manage contributions from the private sector through philanthropic individuals, corporations and foundations for the benefit of Housatonic Community College.

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