



IMPACT REPORT 2023

This summer marked an important development at Housatonic Community College. In July, Connecticut's 12 community colleges were merged into one accredited institution called Connecticut State Community College (CT State). The Board of Regents of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities took this action to enhance institutional and student outcomes and to achieve fiscal savings and operational efficiencies.

Housatonic Community College is now **CT State Housatonic**. The campus remains committed to sustaining and building upon its reputation for providing outstanding programs and serving the diverse needs of the region's students and employers. Located in Bridgeport, CT's largest city, the campus serves an eleven-town area in Southwestern CT. Housatonic is a student-centered, national Achieving the Dream institution, and strives to provide high quality, accessible instruction and student services within an environment of mutual respect among faculty, staff and students.

THANK YOU

Dear friends,

Your generosity over the past year made possible the achievements detailed in the following pages. You gave students the opportunity to enroll at Housatonic to pursue their dreams of earning a college degree- for most, they are the first in their families to attend and graduate college. Your giving removed barriers to persisting, and enriched their experience while on campus. Our students thank you, and we thank you.

When you support a community college student, your giving is amplified. The student benefits, their families benefit, and the community benefits. Your investment creates a ripple effect, changing generational poverty and underachievement to financial security and career success. And your support has never been more important than now.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we do so with hope, determination, and an unwavering commitment to our mission. We invite you to join us again on this journey as we continue to make a positive impact on our community and beyond.

Your partnership means the world to us. Thank you again for investing in our students.

Judith Corprew
Board President

Kristy Jelenik
Executive Director

CT State Housatonic

4,341

full-time, part-time degree, certificate seeking students and noncredit students

63%

female students

74%

students of color

63%

age 24 and younger

87

associate degrees & certificate programs

source: 2022-2023 academic year data

Board of Directors



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Message from Housatonic's Interim CEO



What an exciting time to be part of Housatonic!

Scholars are building on the foundation of Housatonic Community College and embracing the opportunities afforded by CT State Housatonic. More students than ever are part of our learning communities, and our scholars are engaged in learning that will advance their educational and career goals. The Foundation's support helps scholars earn a certificate, an Associate degree, transfer to a four-year university, or enter the workforce.

Thank you for supporting our scholars' work, in doing so, you support their friends and families, and make our communities stronger. I could not be more appreciative of the impact you have in shaping the future of our scholars.

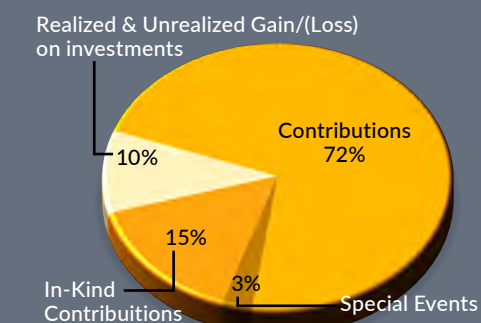
Thank you!
Manuel Gomez Ph.D.

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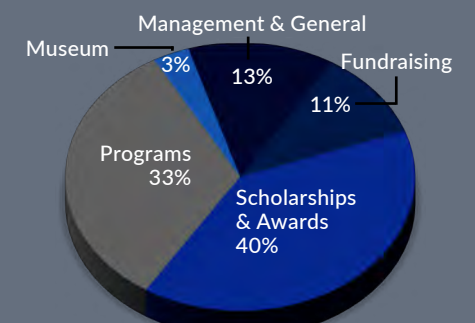
	2022	2023
Total Revenue and Support	2,211,885	1,783,429
Total Expenses	1,342,226	1,561,797
Change in Net Assets	869,659	221,632
Net Assets, Ending	\$2,782,051	\$3,003,683

*Change in net assets due to endowed and restricted gifts.

2023 REVENUE AND SUPPORT



2023 EXPENSES





402 students accessed Housatonic's higher education learning community and persisted semester to semester through scholarships and emergency fund awards

Students pursued degrees in Accounting, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Business Administration, Medical Assisting, Fine Arts and more. Students also engaged in workforce development certificate programs such as Advanced Manufacturing, Community Health Worker, Sterile Processing, CNC Operator, IT Support Specialist and more.



“During my college journey, I have worked full-time while being a full-time student. I invested as much as possible in opportunities to access knowledge and education outside of campus such as my participation in the Yale Summer Enrichment Medical Academy. I was then allowed to spend time at a Neuroscience Lab at the Yale School of Medicine.

Reflecting on it, I realized that during the past year, I have had the most amazing experiences I would not have dared to dream of before Housatonic. Your support has removed obstacles and helped me overcome others that exist for someone who comes from a disadvantaged background.

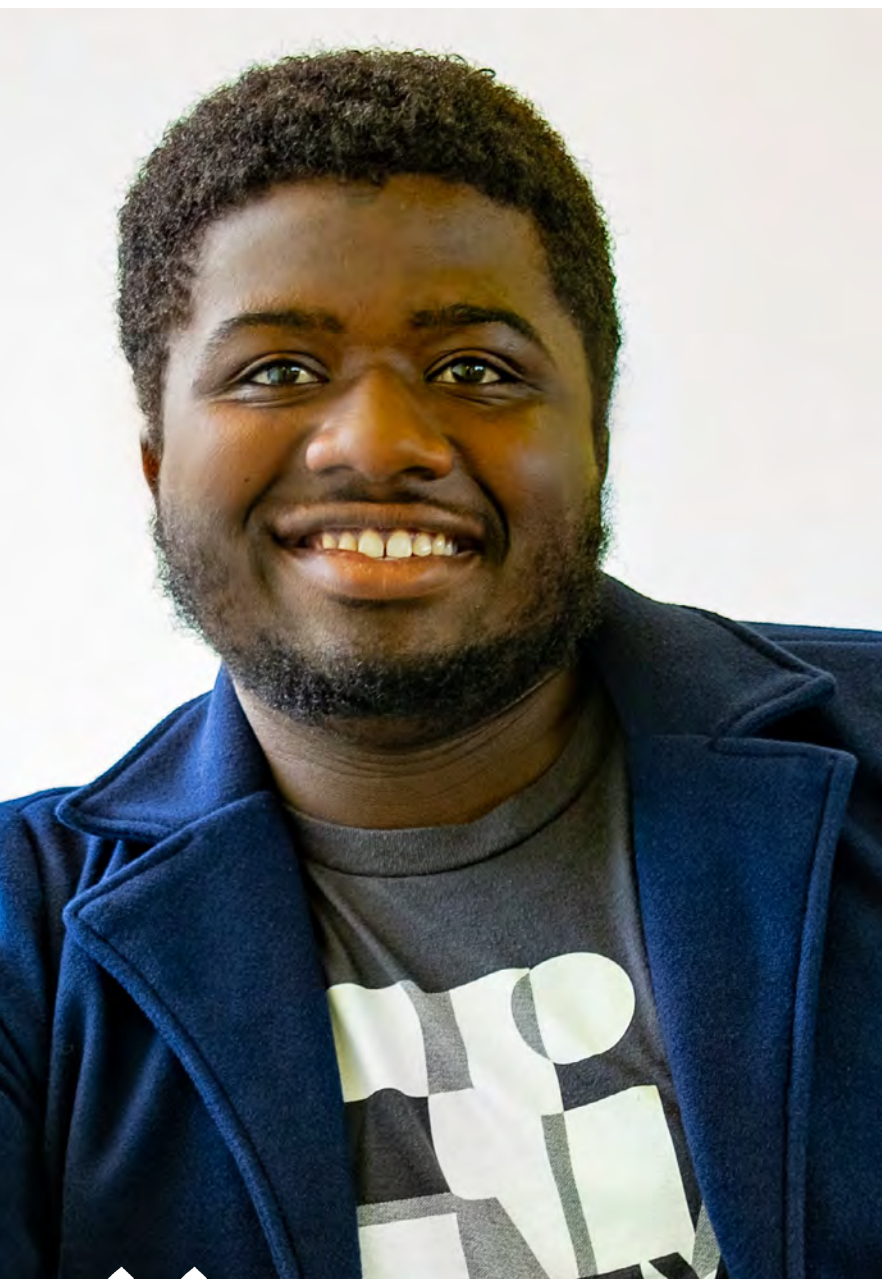
My dream is to become a psychiatrist and serve the immigrant and underserved population of CT. I want to fight the mental health stigma and devote all my efforts to bringing awareness to give people the tools they need.”

Vitoria was named a DREAM Scholar by Achieving the Dream, Housatonic's first DREAM Scholar and one of only eight scholars nationwide. She graduated Housatonic in May 2023 and is now attending Smith College.



300+ students received resources, trainings, access to makerspace equipment, connections to industry professionals and knowledge experts focused on launching and growing their own businesses. Of these students, 11 formalized their business and created their LLC, and six students generated sales.

Completing its first full year in operation at Housatonic, the Werth Center is creating equitable opportunities for students to engage in entrepreneurship and innovation, and support the development of start-up businesses to achieve personal economic and societal benefits.



120 students received wrap-around supports to advance successfully toward degree and vocational certificate completion. Using a coaching model with a combination of financial, academic, campus and community resources, the Equity Project and FESP (Family Economic Security Program) increased retention, financial security, sense of belonging, work/school/family balance, overall health and wellbeing.

New this year: With support from M&T's Charitable Foundation's Amplify fund, the Justice in Higher Education Program was launched serving formally incarcerated individuals. Twenty justice impacted students joined the program and enrolled at Housatonic, and the goal is to double this number of students over the next year.



"I've been a part of Equity Project since last semester. I think each student should have a chance to join or experience what the program offers to students, from all of the coaching support to career education. Before I found out about the Equity Project, I didn't know about everything happening on campus, how to get involved or any of the ways the college can help a student like me. Now, I've been getting a lot of resources and information about everything that I need to know and everything that would help me develop myself. One of my favorite activities was learning about financing and how to manage my money."

-Cheikh



3,403 students received bags of food from Housatonic's Food Pantry and monthly delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. More than double that number of family members of students also benefited. Working to remove food insecurity supports student learning and retention, and donor support makes this happen.

Students share feedback about the Food Pantry:

"There have been so many times I was missing things at home and couldn't purchase them. The Pantry gave me a sense of security that Housatonic has my back."

"I work part time and go to school part time so my money is tight. And going to this Pantry guarantees that I won't starve for the week."

"For me, it has been very helpful because I usually receive cereal for my kids, bread, cookies, tuna and many other items that we really need. And then I save money so I can buy other fresh items like milk, juice, and eggs."

"It's made monthly expenses less stressful and gives me food that is easily accessible."



920 students engaged in advanced manufacturing and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programs, learning enhancement and career exploration experiences and activities. Donors provided student financial assistance, funds to organize STEAMfest, and equipment, resources and materials to meet learning requirements.

Students engaged in Housatonic's offering of 50+ STEAM Associate degree and certificate programs.

Its Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center continues to provide a direct pipeline of students into high-demand manufacturing careers, through its 9-month program on campus, and through its high school programming.

"The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center at Housatonic is proud to jumpstart careers in the manufacturing trade for members of our local communities. Our 9-month hands-on training program recruits students that are drawn to a non-traditional educational path, one that allows them to excel in an environment away from traditional lectures.

In the past 11 years, we have trained over 400 individuals and set them on a life-changing track. These future innovators have immediately seen the effects of a position in a high-demand field, many already having the opportunity to purchase their first car or even their first house!"

Adam Scobie, Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center



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Photo features student artists from RYASAP's Juvenile Review Board and the exhibit From the Concrete I Rose: Breaking Ground for the Next Generation of Artists, funded by the Eileen Harris Norton Foundation.

The Housatonic Museum of Art, which holds one of the premier community college art collections in the country, remains a powerful resource and inspiration for students, faculty, staff and community members. Highlights from the past year include the following:

- **Special exhibitions that attracted hundreds of students and community members:**
 - The Practice of Democracy: A View from Connecticut
 - The Bridgeport Portrait Project
 - Gestalt | An Invitational Exhibition of Regional Art Faculty
 - From the Concrete I Rose: Breaking Ground for the Next Generation of Artists
 - Hidden Gems from the Housatonic Museum of Art
 - Sweet Grass: Dancing with My Ancestors.
- **Three-part Spring Speakers Series of thoughtful and engaging topics that expanded participants' understanding of visual art.**
 - "Making Sovereignty: Native American Tourist Art at the Housatonic Museum of Art" with Manon Gaudet
 - "Painting By Design" with Dr. Cheryl D. Miller
 - "Sketching in the Sculpture Garden" with Eric March
- **An award from the Terra Foundation for American Art to support a first-ever gathering of community college art museum and gallery leaders from across the country to be hosted at CT State Housatonic in October 2024.**

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

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