



2026



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Student Activities & Student Volunteers Welcome New Students at Orientation



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Get ready to dive into this year's report, where we're thrilled to take you on an inspiring journey through our vibrant campus! You'll discover key initiatives and groundbreaking programs that are shaping the Housatonic experience. That's not all! We're excited to elevate your perspective and show you just how committed the Housatonic Foundation is to meeting the evolving needs of every Housatonic student.

Together with your partnership, we're driving positive change and empowering our students to reach new heights. We're all in this together, crafting a brighter future where education and support are within everyone's grasp. We invite you to engage monthly and celebrate the incredible achievements and revel in the stand-out moments captured in this report.

It's not just about what we've accomplished, but what we've built TOGETHER —making unforgettable memories, fostering meaningful changes, and striving for life-changing goals. Let's help our students soar high and change the trajectory towards success, just like an eagle.

With education, the sky truly is the limit!

JANUARY

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<small>*Martin Luther King Jr. Day</small> 26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Support TAP
This Month!



"I appreciate Student Activities for always putting on such great events for students. Whether fun events like the Hispanic heritage month fiesta or giving out Turkeys to students before Thanksgiving there is always something great going on around campus."

- Arnaldo F., Men's Success Initiative Member

Student Activities and Theodora's College Café hosts Thanksgiving lunch raise funds for the Textbook Assistance Program (TAP), supporting students struggling to pay for required textbook.



Balancing academic responsibilities, work, and family obligations can lead to significant stress for students, often resulting in neglect of their well-being and education. In response, Housatonic's Family Economic Security Program established Self-Care calendars, challenging students to one self-care task each day, starting with a gratitude and intentions journal.

Coach-guided activities include developing good self-care habits, prioritizing time for education and studying, improving financial literacy, and taking the steps needed to achieve their newly established goals.

Cohort activities include group discussions on the significance of self-care, a day with facials, massages, and manicures from local entrepreneurs, and events to spend quality time with their children.

The FESP coach consistently guides and supports most students through thoughtful discussions throughout their time at CT State Housatonic.

FESP, helping students Blossom!

FEBRUARY

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16 <small>*Washington's Birthday</small>	17	18 <small>Ramadan starts</small>	19	20	21	22
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“Participating in the Self-Care Challenge helped me slow down and truly reflect on the importance of caring for myself, even during a busy routine. Setting aside time reduced my stress, improved my mental health, and boosted my confidence. Knowing we were all in it together gave me strength on the days I struggled, and trying something new—like a dance class at my gym—made the experience especially meaningful.”

- Lara M. - Current Student

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Support FESP
This Month!

Dedicated Student Tutors Are Here to Help.



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The Academic Support Center (ASC) at CT State Housatonic plays a vital role in helping students succeed and persist toward graduation. Through one-on-one and small-group tutoring with peer, professional, and faculty tutors, the ASC provides targeted academic support in a welcoming environment. Students also benefit from essential learning tools and resources, including science models, microscopes, instructional materials, and on-demand workshops delivered in the Center and in classrooms.

In the 2024–2025 academic year, the ASC supported 893 students through nearly 5,000 visits, with the highest demand in Composition and Statistics—two critical courses in English and math. ASC’s Center for Academic Progress program serving students in transitional coursework, demonstrates the powerful impact of tutoring. Students who attended four or more tutoring sessions achieved success rates of 61% in math and 75% in English, compared to 42% and 34% for students who did not receive tutoring.

Our dedicated team of peer, professional, and faculty tutors provides the guidance, tools, and encouragement students need to achieve their academic and career goals.

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Support ACS
This Month!



“The gracious support of donors has helped maintain and improve staffing and equipment at the center, ensuring students have up-to-date, high-quality support. The service we provide to students, at no additional cost, is both highly sought after and expensive for our community members. Supporting the ASC leads directly to increased academic success in courses, leading to higher retention and graduation and to building better communities.”

- Andrew, Campus Director of Tutoring and Academic Support

Men's Success Initiative Participating In The Turkey Giveaway.





The Men's Success Initiative (MSI) at Housatonic supports male students, from historically underrepresented backgrounds. Participants are in a wide range of majors including, human services, allied health, criminal justice, and business. Students receive individualized achievement coaching sessions, focusing on academics, financial stability, career readiness, and self-care—key factors in student persistence and success.

Donor support strengthens students' financial and personal well-being through six financial literacy workshops, drawing strong in-person and virtual attendance. Men also engage in wellness, and, mindfulness workshops, professional speaker events and campus resources addressing food insecurity, mental health, and academic support. Financial opportunity and Emergency funds, helps students remain enrolled and focused on their goals.

As a result of this comprehensive support, student feedback consistently highlighted the value of coaching, financial education, and community connection. Thanks to donor investment, MSI directly removes barriers, builds confidence, and creates pathways to academic persistence, completion, and long-term success.

APRIL

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20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
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Support MSI
This Month!



"The MSI program has played a pivotal role in my academic journey at Housatonic, and I'm incredibly grateful for the ways it has supported me from funding my study abroad experiences to helping me purchase a new laptop, backpack, and other essential educational materials."

- Graduating MSI Member Chris D., starting bachelor's at American University this upcoming Spring



Students Working Together to Make the Library Work for Everyone

Many first-generation students come to the Housatonic Library overwhelmed by major research assignments and unfamiliar academic expectations. The Library addresses this critical need by providing hands-on research assistance, scholarly resources, technology, and inclusive study spaces that support every academic program. For many first-generation, adult, and returning students, the Library is their primary entry point to academic confidence and college-level research skills.

Each semester, hundreds of students rely on instruction sessions, one-on-one research assistance, and access to resources. Reflecting strong demand for collaborative and quiet learning, study rooms were reserved more than 1,000 times this semester.

Through personalized support from librarians and student workers, students learn to navigate academic resources, complete assignments successfully, and build critical research skills. Many report that library support “made college feel possible.”

For more information email:
HC-LibraryServices@ctstate.edu

MAY

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18	19	20	21 Housatonic Commencement	22	23	24
25	26 *Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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Support the Library
This Month!



“My goal is to expand access to essential technology and digital learning resources by increasing laptop availability and introducing emergency self-service kiosks, while creating inspiring indoor and outdoor study spaces—such as reading nooks and courtyard-connected activity areas—that elevate the student experience and support academic success. Ultimately, I envision establishing a well-endowed research fund capable of supporting and recognizing multiple graduating students at the annual Awards Convocation.

- Taja S., Library Director, and BPAG Facilitator

Children Attending School While Parents Earn their Degree





The Early Childhood Laboratory School at Housatonic provides a nationally accredited (NAEYC) preschool program serving children at a critical stage of development—nearly 28% of whom have special learning needs. Our children receive individualized instruction, inclusive environments, and highly trained educators to reach their full potential.

Experienced teachers with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education lead with research based, developmentally appropriate practices to build school readiness, social-emotional growth, language development, and early literacy. Families are active partners, supported through daily communication, parenting workshops, and access to community resources.

The school is also a hands-on training laboratory for Housatonic students preparing for careers in early childhood education. Donor support is critical to sustain adaptive, inclusive services—ensuring every child, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

JUNE

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Support ECLC
This Month!



“As a former student and employee of CT State Housatonic, I cherished my time there, which allowed me to grow both personally and professionally. Additionally, my children benefited from the NAEYC-accredited preschool at Housatonic, where they received a high-quality early education in a nurturing environment. This unique connection has given me a deep appreciation for the college’s commitment to fostering learning and development in both students and families”.

- Marsha W

HOUSATONIC UNPLUGGED

An evening of live music, poetry & more



The Housatonic Theater Program prepares students for successful careers in theater, film, and television—whether through transfer to four-year institutions, conservatories, or direct entry into the field. With four degree options offered in a collaborative arts environment, students gain hands-on training and professional preparation.

Students benefit from exceptional opportunities, including free access to plays; professional development workshops focused on resumes, headshots, and audition preparation; and the Theatre Artists Workshop, which connects students with industry professionals. Film festivals and annual student performances further enrich their training by building creativity, confidence, and communication skills.

Our graduates have transferred to institutions such as SUNY Purchase and UC Berkeley and work with respected organizations including Hartford Stage Company and major networks like Apple TV and Netflix.

Your support of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) not only fuels student success, but also cultivates local artists, enriches the Bridgeport arts community, and brings vibrant live theater to our region.

JULY

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“Through the power of art, music, and collaboration, Housatonic gave me the chance to connect with community leaders while sharing my talent. These events remind the community why they matter to students like me. For many of us, CT State Housatonic is a springboard to our passion and to bigger stages—made possible by our donors’ generosity and their belief in our mission, which allowed our voices to be heard.”

- Corey B.

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This Month!



AUGUST

The Housatonic Museum of Art (HMA) has one of the largest collections of any community college in the United States, totaling over 7,000 artworks. Its collection offers students and the community alike the opportunity to view ancient through contemporary artworks in one visit. Unique to the Housatonic campus, selections of the permanent collection are on continuous display throughout the 300,000 square foot facility.

Our museum proudly serves our students, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public. Our collection continues to grow thanks to the generous support of artists and donors.

The HMA is free and open to the public and offers an array of special exhibitions and public programs in the Burt Chernow Galleries.

Visit our museum website:
www.HousatonicMuseum.Org

Our HMA Openings are marked on your calendar:

MAR 11: Faculty & Staff Exhibition
MAY 5: Student Art Exhibition
JUN 4: Catalyst CT Exhibition
SEPT 9: F. Luis Mora Reception

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Support HMA
This Month!



"This exhibit is a dialogue with those who came before me. By returning to painting, I found a deeper connection to my Dominican heritage and a powerful way to share stories that live beyond language. I'm truly grateful for the Housatonic Museum of Art for providing a platform where art can be shared with students who can relate to my story. This entire campus is full of art and that is accessible to the campus community and that can only be made possible by the generosity of our donors."

- Ramon Peralta, Founder and Creative Director, Peralta Design

Designed with Dignity, to Operate like a Grocery Store



Photo Credit: Michael "Deuce" Magnum

For many community college students, food insecurity is a persistent—and often invisible—barrier to academic success. When access to food is uncertain, students’ energy, focus, and ability to remain enrolled are directly affected.

The Housatonic Food Pantry ensures students have reliable access to nutritious food in a private, judgment-free environment. Designed with dignity in mind, the pantry operates like a grocery store—allowing students to choose food their families need while reducing stigma. Each month, the pantry serves more than 400 guests, supporting over 1,400 household members with non-perishable foods, fresh produce, and frozen proteins.

The pantry distributes as much as 2,400 pounds of food each week, and the Grab-n-Go Snack Counter supports more than 200 student visits weekly. As demand continues to rise, donor support is urgently needed to sustain food supplies, expand access to fresh, healthy options, and ensure hunger never stands in the way of a Housatonic education.

For more information email:
hc-foodpantry@ctstate.edu

SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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7 <small>*Labor Day</small>	8	9 <small>F. Luis Mora Reception</small>	10	11	12 <small>Rosh Hashanah</small>	13
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21 <small>Yom Kippur</small>	22	23	24	25	26	27
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“Working in the school pantry, has shown me how powerful simple acts of care can be. Being able to help ensure students and families have access to food is more than a service; it’s a responsibility I feel grateful and blessed to be part of. “In times when people are carrying unseen struggles, the pantry has become a place of dignity and support. I’m thankful to be able to contribute to something that meets a real and immediate need.”

-Frances N.

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Support The Pantry
This Month!



OCTOBER

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The Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC) prepares the skilled workforce our region depends on—and donor support makes this work possible. This year, AMTC welcomes 20 new students while celebrating the graduation of evening students and incumbent workers completing training this month.

AMTC serves recent high school graduates and working adults engaged in rigorous, hands-on training aligned with industry needs. Because program demands often limit students' ability to work full-time, donor support is essential. AMTC also works with multiple programs to show off future industry skills throughout STEAMfest Week.

Donors also remove critical barriers by funding required personal protective equipment, including safety shoes and goggles, ensuring every student can train safely.

Every gift has immediate impact—helping students complete training and strengthening the skilled workforce our community relies on.

For partnerships email:
HC-AMTC@ctstate.edu

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Support AMTC
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"AMTC instructors bring real-world industry experience into the classroom, combining technical expertise with a deep commitment to student success. Our AMTC instructors don't just teach skills—they mentor, inspire, and prepare students to succeed in today's advanced manufacturing workforce. AMTC instructors combine real-world knowledge with personal mentorship, giving students the confidence and skills to thrive in advanced manufacturing."

- Felisha Guirand-Fleurimond, AMTC Coordinator

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FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



PITCHFEST



The Werth Center empowers students through innovation and mentorship, providing business development resources that support early-stage ventures across the region. Each semester, more than 350 students participate in mentoring, workshops, clubs, and hands-on learning in the Center's Makerspace—turning ideas into viable businesses.

Workspaces include a fully equipped conference room, a versatile classroom, gallery space, and retail and online platforms where students can also create professional marketing materials using high-end design computers once prototypes are developed.

One-on-one business coaching is central to the Werth Center's impact, supported by workshops, opportunities to compete for encouragement grants and loan guarantees. Through innovative partnerships pitch competitions, pop-up showcases, is also showcased at Housatonic's STEAMfest Event.

Donor support helps students launch and grow businesses—transforming vision into success.

For partnerships email:
HC-WerthCenter@ctstate.edu

NOVEMBER

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2	3	4	5	6 Diwali	7	8
9	10	11	12 *Veterans Day	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 * Thanksgiving Day	27	28	29
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Support WERTH CTR
This Month!



"Pitch Fest was genuinely a wonderful opportunity. As a startup founder, securing funding can feel overwhelming, but the Werth Center has been there every step of the way—supporting not only my business, Frantic Frenzy Productions, but my growth as an entrepreneur. Their mentorship and resources have made it possible to fund the coding, artwork, animation, sound design, and launch of our upcoming game, Behind Closed Doors. I'm incredibly grateful for their support and proud to be part of a community that uplifts student creators."

- Hailey D., Housatonic Student & entrepreneur



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Connecting Housatonic Students and Companies

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CT State Housatonic Career Services is a vital economic bridge in the Greater Bridgeport region—empowering thousands of students and Alumni to achieve their career goals while meeting the workforce needs of local employers. The department provides essential career readiness support, including personalized career exploration, resume and interview coaching, and direct connections to internships and employment opportunities. By aligning academic programs with high-demand industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, and technology, Career Services ensures students graduate with job-ready skills.

Your partnership with Housatonic sustains this critical career readiness pipeline. Companies that offer paid internships expand students' access to professional development, while career fairs help remove barriers, strengthen the local workforce, and connect employers with the next generation of skilled professionals driving Connecticut's economic growth. Together, this support changes lives—creating pathways to opportunity and economic stability for generations to come.

For more information visit:
<https://ctstate.edu/career-services>

DECEMBER

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21	22	23	24	25 <small>* Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa Starts</small>	27
28	29	30	31 <small>New Years Eve</small>			

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Support Career Services
This Month!



"As a first-generation college student, Career Services helped me turn uncertainty into a clear path—providing the confidence, job-ready skills, and professional connections I never knew how to access. With their support, I found direction, gained real-world experience, and moved from the classroom toward a career I once thought was out of reach. Because of this support, my future feels possible—for my family and for me."

- Taisha , Graduate of Housatonic

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Our Board is deeply committed to ensuring access to high-quality learning opportunities that empower students to succeed, strengthen our community through engagement, and create meaningful career pathways for Housatonic students. Our Board members are not only leaders—they are dedicated donors whose support ensures students have the resources, guidance, and encouragement they need to confidently pursue their goals and transform their futures.

Thank you again to an extraordinary and committed Board for your leadership, generosity, and unwavering support of our students."

- Judith Corprew, President, Housatonic Community College Foundation Inc.



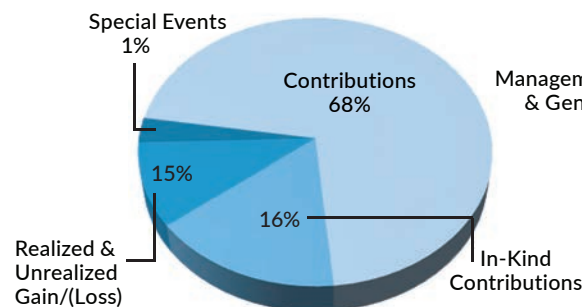
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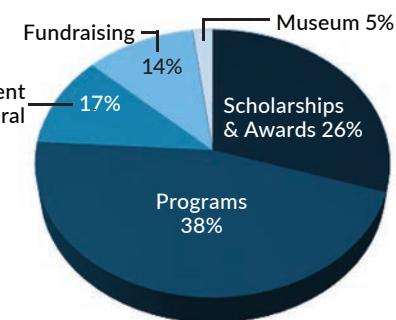
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Total Revenue and Support	2,164,368.	1,507,223.
Total Expenses	1,837,297.	1,290,318.
Change in Net Assets*	327,071.	216,905.
Net Assets, Ending	\$3,330,754	\$3,547,659

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

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2025 EXPENSES



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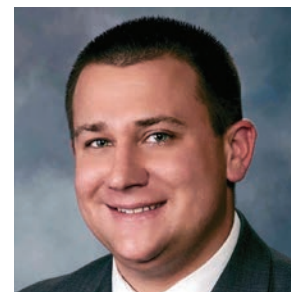
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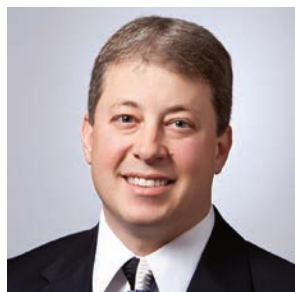
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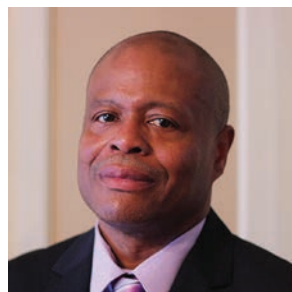
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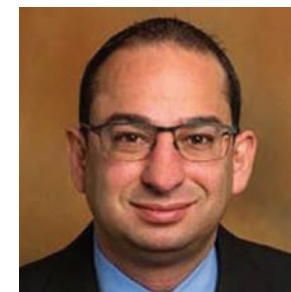
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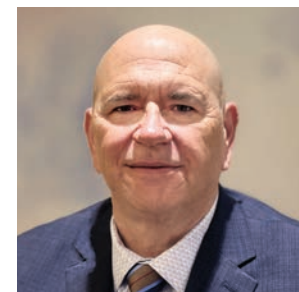
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- Dr. Kamari A. Collins, CT State Housatonic Campus President.

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