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ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



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HCCF Mission

The Mission of the Housatonic Community College Foundation is to solicit, secure and manage contributions from the private sector through philanthropic individuals, corporations and foundations for the benefit of Housatonic Community College.

All funds received in connection with a program are managed by the HCC Foundation on behalf of the College. The HCC Foundation supports funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for enrolled parents, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art. Additionally, funds raised help provide supplemental support to the College to meet needs including staff development, and educational resources not covered by state funding. The HCC Foundation also provides necessary funding for strategic initiatives and capital improvements, and serves to strengthen and expand community support for the educational, cultural and community programs the College offers.



Institutional Advancement Staff, left to right: Emma Tecun, Richard DuPont, Carla Mackintosh and Jenna Moss

Letter from HCCF President & Executive Director



Christopher P. McCormack, Esq. President, HCC Foundation



Richard DuPont, Executive Director, HCC Foundation

The pages of this annual report highlight in vivid detail the 2016-17 academic year, a moment of achievement without equal in our history. The Housatonic Community College Foundation has played an integral role in that success, and it is our privilege to lead the Foundation during this remarkable period.

Since the Foundation's establishment in 1990, students have received over \$2.5 million in scholarship funding, over \$2 million was provided to the College in program support, and over \$1 million has been invested in the Housatonic Museum of Art. This year's fundraising efforts, the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame and the Alumni Hall of Fame Gala, were tremendously successful, raising over \$140,000 for the College's Advanced Manufacturing Program and general scholarships.



Through hard work and perseverance, many of our graduates have gone on to flourish in some of our nation's best four-year educational institutions, and countless others have become leaders in their field. Along the way, HCC Foundation scholarships and awards played a pivotal role in fostering their success.

As these pages reflect on nearly half a century of accomplishments, we recognize those perceptive leaders who looked ahead and created this Foundation. As a result of their groundwork, ongoing diligence by our dedicated staff and significant support from our generous donors, HCC students and the College continue to thrive.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, students and the Foundation, we are profoundly thankful for your generosity. Your ongoing support is making a dramatic transformation in the lives of HCC students, and building a better future for us all.

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OLGA CRUZRecipient of the William H. Pitt
Foundation Scholarship Fund

Originally from Puebla Mexico, Olga Cruz came to the U.S. ten years ago and settled in Bridgeport. After getting her GED she applied for a scholarship at HCC and became a two-year recipient of the William H. Pitt Foundation Scholarship. "I'm so thankful, without this help I could never have paid tuition," said Cruz, who has three children and whose husband works two jobs to make ends meet. "If you're receiving help, you need to give back to the foundation that supported you with good grades, doing your homework, helping classmates and giving back to the community. Because of their help, we're fulfilling our dream. For me, the American dream is not lots of money and a big house, it's getting your degree."



JOHN KALYONDO
Recipient of the Frederick A. DeLuca
Foundation Scholarship Fund

At home in Zambia, John lived near the American Embassy and dreamed about getting a degree from an American university. "I'm so thankful for this scholarship. I'm from a 3rd world country trying to establish myself, this opportunity lifted the burden from my family and is giving me a better future." John is a double major in Computer Science and Engineering, and plans to continue his education at a four-year school. In his spare time he tutors fellow students as a way of giving back to the HCC community.



THEIN HOAN DANGRecipient of the Elizabeth A. Pfriem Scholarship

Originally from Vietnam, Thein plans to study pharmacy at UCONN and has dreams of creating medicines that can help the world. "The scholarship helped me very much, allowing my family to save money for me to continue my schooling." Thein views HCC as an excellent first step in his education. "If you want to go to a big university, I recommend HCC. I can't say it enough how much I appreciate this scholarship, it's an honor to learn at this school."

New and Noteworthy

Lafayette Hall Expansion

With a focus on advancing education, expanding academic programs, and meeting today's employment requirements, the College embarked on a \$47 million dollar Lafayette Hall addition and renovation project. Construction began in March 2016, marked with a groundbreaking ceremony.

The project forever transforms how HCC delivers education and service to its students. The 47,000 square foot addition creates a new Welcome Center enabling students to move more easily through the enrollment and registration process. The addition also provides added classroom and office space, and enhances the art program. Renovated spaces of 28,500 sq. ft. enlarge the college library and academic support center, create new science labs, and provide additional offices for student services.

The focus of the technologically advanced building is STEAM. The critical thinking skills and applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are fundamental to an educated citizenry and for thriving in the workforce. Students can find over 40 associate degree and certificate opportunities within this innovative curricula. Set in this state-of-the-art environment, HCC students will enjoy a competitive advantage, and allow the College to expand enrollment.



HCC would like to thank Amenta Emma Architects, Newfield Construction Inc., Arcadis, State of Connecticut Bond Funds, Department of Construction Services and the Connecticut Community College System for making HCC's vision a reality to the benefit of us all.





Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, now in its 5th year, celebrated 52 graduates this year. Over 70% of the 2017 AMTC class were placed into paid internships, with many becoming full-time employment.

The College Connections Program, a partnership with Bridgeport Public Schools and Bassick High School, began its second year. Participation in the AMTC Industrial Advisory committee increased, and the Introduction To Manufacturing Overview program entered its second year of preparing students to enroll in the AMTC certificate.

In October of 2016, it was with great honor and anticipation that Sikorsky Aircraft (Division of Lockheed Martin) along with the Governor of Connecticut, Daniel Malloy, signed the agreement at Housatonic Community Colleges AMTC in support of keeping manufacturing jobs in this area of Connecticut.

STUDENT PROFILE:
Amairani Diaz

Amairani joined the Advanced Manufacturing Program with little mechanical background but tons of heart. She applied herself diligently, earned excellent grades, secured an internship with Northeast Laser, and upon graduation, obtained a full time position.

"The instructors and staff were extremely helpful on this journey," said Amairani. She expressed her gratefulness for the AMTC Scholarship and shared that without the scholarship, she would have struggled to afford the program. "I would definitely recommend the program. It has amazing staff and instructors and great quality material to launch a career in manufacturing!"

Housatonic Community College's Family Economic Security Program

The Family Economic Security Program (FESP) is an innovative partnership between Housatonic Community College, Fairfield County's Community Foundation Fund for Women and Girls, Housatonic Community College Foundation, and LifeBridge. Research has shown that completion of a bachelor's degree, financial literacy, and supportive communities are key components to economic security in our region. To this end, FESP offers HCC students who are of low to moderate income the necessary resources and tools needed to advance their education and career, as well as the economic security for their families. In order to do this, FESP has adapted the Center for Working Families model from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which provides bundled services that include employment, financial, and work supports. The FESP program promotes education and degree attainment.

Students receive comprehensive services through the use of life and success, financial, and career coaching. In addition, they have access to scholarships, emergency funds and professional development opportunities to further advance their success.

Over the last two years FESP has worked with over 140 students. These students are retaining at a thirty percent higher rate than the other students at the College. In the past year, 21 students have graduated and moved onto four year institutions and into careers. As we move into year three, FESP is expected to add an additional 160 students.



STUDENT PROFILE: Gabrielle Franklyn deCastro

Gabby Franklyn deCastro is a psychology student with dreams of becoming a school psychologist. A current participant in FESP, she is impressed with the program. "They are really there for you, they try to set you on a course to take control of your life, and they care about your *whole life*." Gabby, who has a $5\,\%$ year old son and a $3.8\,$ GPA, is working with FESP administrators to obtain an internship with a local school. "I'm so thankful for this program, I'll give back to it by not wasting what was given to me. I would love to be a part of managing the program in the future, anything that helps young people reach their potential should be applauded."

Housatonic Museum of Art

What do museums and community colleges have in common? Both share a similar mission and they offer educational opportunities and cultural experiences to the widest possible audience. Connecticut founded its community college system in 1967 and Burt Chernow was invited by the newly appointed president, Ed Liston, to create a studio art and art history program for Housatonic Community College. Burt accepted that challenge and went a step further by founding the College Art Collection, as it was originally called, with sixty-two works donated by a wide range of artists over the course of that first year. Burt envisioned a learning environment that was filled with art displayed in hallways, offices, classrooms and cafeterias. He believed that art--that living with art--was in itself an ennobling experience and one that everyone deserved. Today, numerous studies prove Burt's point:



Robbin Zella, Executive Director, Housatonic Museum of Art



Janet Zamparo, Curator of Education, Housatonic Museum of Art

students who receive art education have strong critical thinking skills, display higher levels of social tolerance, exhibit greater empathy and develop a taste for art museums and cultural institutions.

Over the course of 50 years our collection has increased to over 6,000 objects with fine examples of art and artifacts from around the world to include Greek and Etruscan vases, Egyptian sculptures and a sarcophagus fragment, African masks and musical instruments, Persian paintings, Japanese prints, 18th-century American portrait miniatures and major works by American and European modern and contemporary masters. In addition, the Burt Chernow Galleries mounts six to eight show per year featuring local, regional, national and international artists as well as our annual faculty and student shows.



BODY & SOUL

To kick off HCC's 50th Anniversary, the College celebrated with a special exhibition: Body & Soul: prints, paintings, photographs and sculpture from the Ben Ortiz and Victor P. Torchia, Jr. Collection. The collection, curated by Ben Ortiz, featured 50 pieces of figurative art in a variety of media that tell fascinating stories of independence, discovery, achievement, loss, love and hope, each in their own extraordinary way. The opening reception included a performance by the David Childs Jazz Trio and all pieces were donated to the Museum.

Our nationally recognized HMA Peer Docent Program, now in its sixteenth year, is a nineweek arts enrichment program that introduces Bridgeport students to architecture, art and art history, and teaches them to look at art critically to present their knowledge to classmates during tours. The Program, with curriculum developed by Curator of Education Janet Zamparo, introduces Bridgeport middle school students to architecture, art and history teaches them how to look carefully and to think critically, and provides them with an opportunity to develop visual and analytica skills that will assist them in all areas of earning throughout their lifetimes. Of note during the 2016-17 academic year, the Housatonic Museum of Art, as part of the Connecticut Art Trail, received the 2017 **Connecticut Governor's Award for Tourism** Partners.

2016-17 EXHIBITIONS:

- Body and Soul: Ben Ortiz/Victor P. Torchia, Jr. Collection (2016)
- Rendezvous in Black: Cindy Sherman and Ann Chernow (2016)
- Steve McCurry: India (2017)
- Prints That Work: printmaking in the service of a bigger picture (2017)
- Crossing Borders (2017)
- Annual Student Art Show (2017)
- Sherri Wolfgang Peyser: SOLO (2017)

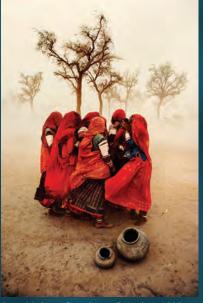
GALLERY TALKS, SPECIAL LECTURES AND FILM SERIES:

- Gallery Talk: The Passionate Collector with Ben Ortiz
- Special Lecture: *Noir and Femme Fatal* with film professor and author Dr. Richard L. Edwards, Ball State University
- Film Series featuring iconic noir films by directors Fritz Lang, Robert Siodmak, and Nicholas Ray, and including seminal actors Humphrey Bogart, Robert Mitchum and Gloria Grahame
- Panel Discussion with the four artists included in the *Prints* That Work: printmaking in the service of a bigger picture exhibition, moderated by the exhibit curator, Leslie Giuliani.

The 2016-2017 HMA exhibitions and programs have been made possible through the generous support of the Werth Family Foundation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, Fairfield County's Community Foundation, Voya Financial, and the Connecticut Architecture Foundation as well as generous gifts from individual donors.



Untitled #7, Cindy Sherman



Steve McCurry, Dust Storm, Rajasthan, 1983



Opening reception for Sherri Wolfgang Peyser: SOLO

Events









8th Annual **Alumni Hall of Fame Gala**

On Saturday, November 19, 2016 HCCF hosted the 8th Annual Alumni Hall Of Fame Gala at the campus Event Center. The spectacular event, which hosted keynote speakers Sonia Manzano and Peter Werth III, raised more than \$57,500.

With a theme of 'Stay Close. Go Far,' the evening was dedicated to scholarship awareness and the impact scholarships have on students creating a path to success. During the event four awards were presented. Benjamin Ortiz received the Distinguished Alumni award, Robin L. Avant received the Young Alumni Award, the Community Service Award went to Tiffany Teixeira, and Barbara and Carl Johnson were honored with the inaugural Friends of the College Award.

The Housatonic Community College Foundation is grateful for the generous support of corporate sponsors who made this year's gala a success: Bigelow Tea, Pullman & Comley LLC, jetBlue, Reynolds and Rowella LLP, People's United Bank, Premier Graphics, ANTINOZZI ASSOCIATES, Cohen and Wolf, M&T Bank, Edgerton Heating and Air Conditioning, Bridgeport Hospital, Communications Infrastructure Corporation, Newfield Construction, NN, Inc., The Rotary Club of Bridgeport, Michael Scott Financial, and media sponsors: Hearst CT Media Group, Outfront Media and Trans-Ad Outdoor, LTD.

American Manufacturing Hall of Fame

On Oct 6, 2016 the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame (AMHF) inducted five new companies into its Hall of Fame and presented the 2016 Leadership Award. Jermaine Burke, HCC alumnus of the Advanced Manufacturing Program was the evening's special speaker, himself the winner of the 2016 HCC Outstanding Student Award and Academic Excellence Award. The 2016 Leadership Award



was presented to Jerry Clupper, Executive Director of the New Haven Manufacturers Association, for his work as a voice for manufacturers and fostering initiatives to keep manufacturing innovative and vibrant in the state. The evening raised \$85,775.

2016 INDUCTEES INTO THE AMERICAN MANUFACTURER'S HALL OF FAME:

Bead Industries, Milford.
Benedict & Burnham,
Waterbury
Platt Bros. and Co, Waterbury
Cowles & Co., New Haven
Chance Vought, now based in
Pennsylvania, also has a
location in Danbury.



Steve Mark, Chitunga Chisenga



CHITUNGA CHISENGA

"The Housatonic Community College Foundation took a chance and made an investment in me, [and] I vow to... pay you dividends," said Chitunga Chisenga to the crowd at the 8th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala. Chitunga came to the U.S. in 2006 from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and understands the value of hard work and education. "You could imagine how elated I was when I received the email that my scholarship was granted.... I vow to you that I intend to capitalize on your investment... succeeding in what I am setting out to achieve, with the first big goal being obtaining my Bachelor's degree in accounting. Thank you Housatonic Community College Foundation."

The Foundation thanks the following sponsors for their generous support of the event, including: Blum Shapiro, C. Cowles & Co., The Bannow Larson Foundation, The Barden Foundation, Bridgeport Fittings, Hubbell, Inc., Ashcroft, Inc., ASSA ABLOY, Avangrid, Inc., Dworken, Hillman, LaMorte & Sterczala, P.C., Moore Tool Company, Inc., Platt Brothers & Co., Resource Development Associates, The WorkPlace, Newtown Savings Bank and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.







LISA McCREERecipient of the Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Fund

One of the most decorated students of the 2017 graduating class, Lisa McCree made the most of her time at HCC through involvement, dedication and hard work. Lisa came to HCC with goals of finishing her degree, furthering her education at a four-year school

and advancing her career as a playwright. "I worked very hard, and was appreciative of this second chance to complete my education. I know what it's like to compete in the workplace without a degree, and it's a struggle. Getting this scholarship was validation that I did it right, it is such an honor." During her time at HCC Lisa mentored 50 students, was president of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Senate, participated on multiple committees and received a 4.0 GPA. Today she gives back by educating the community through storytelling, and plans to stay involved with HCC through the Alumni Association.

Twenty-four Housatonic Foundation Scholars who received their Associate Degrees were honored both for their academic achievements and for having merited scholarships or financial awards during their education at the College. Nearly 150 other students were recognized for excellence in their studies, honored with more than 50 awards.



DANAI PERCHESON-CARRIERERecipient of the Allison Foundation Scholarship Fund

Danai Percheson-Carriere
finished her schooling at HCC
with the funds she received
from the Allison Foundation Scholarship. "I came
to Housatonic Community
College as an international student, originally from

Canada. Upon getting married and

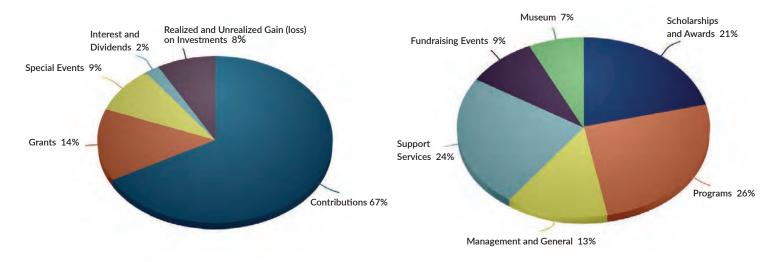
becoming a U.S. citizen, I qualified for the Allison Foundation Scholarship, and was very thankful to get it." Getting good grades and making sure she was worthy of the scholarship was important to Danai, who graduated with a Housatonic Foundation Scholar Award and is now working towards a four-year degree in psychology at Hunter College. "When my schooling is done, I plan to provide funding for a student so they'll have an opportunity to go to school, just like I did."

Financials

	2016	2017
Total Revenue and Support	834,036	1,667,435
Total Expenses	985,027	1,328,473
Change in Net Assets	(150,991)	338,962
Net Assets, Ending	\$1,464,708	\$1,803,670

2017 REVENUE AND SUPPORT

2017 EXPENSES



Supporting the HCC Foundation

The HCC Foundation was established in 1990 when a dedicated group of citizens from the region joined together to raise funds to assist local students. Today, the HCC Foundation works in partnership with the College to bring a broad range of financial assistance to men and women from the Greater Bridgeport area who have the desire to learn and the determination to build a better life.



I give to Housatonic Community College because I strongly believe that a community college education should provide the same high-quality standards that a student can receive at any four-year institution. I feel that the curriculum should be rigorous, the subjects should be stimulating and finally, that the discussions should be intellectually challenging. – Lynne E. Bannister, M.S., MPH

My wife and I feel it is important to give to HCCF to support the overall mission of the Foundation which provides scholarships and programs supporting the Bridgeport area. My wife is from Bridgeport and it is important to her to support the city and the college as part of the growth of Bridgeport itself.

- Bob Mihalcik

Thank You For Your Generosity

The Housatonic Community College Foundation thanks the individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations who have given so generously. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students.

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Join the Housatonic Community College Alumni Association

The Housatonic Alumni Association is open to all those who have attended HCC at any time.

The Association strives to connect and engage with alumni by advising them of activities and developments at the College, by providing opportunities to form beneficial networks, and by creating the means to assist the College to maintain its vital presence in the Greater Bridgeport area.

To sign up, visit: www.housatonic.edu/alumni

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