

# PCCC Foundation Focus

## Opening the Door to Opportunity

Newsletter of the Passaic County Community College Foundation for Friends & Supporters

### On the Green to Raise Some Green!

*The 8th Annual Autumn Golf Outing on October 12, 2010*

Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, New Jersey was the perfect site for the Foundation's Eighth Annual Autumn Golf Outing. Surrounded by fall foliage and lush grounds, golfers enjoyed a full day of exciting activities. There were even a few sightings of black bears roaming the course!

The Foundation would like to thank the Event Committee for organizing this terrific day. The event was a success raising more than \$15,000 for student scholarships.

Special thanks to Foundation Trustees **Rick Ricca** and **John Ballantyne** for serving as Event Co-Chairs. Their time and dedication is inspiring.

We also wish to thank **Comerro Coppa Architects** and **Computer Design & Integration** for serving as **Cocktail Reception Sponsors** and **New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters** for serving as our **Lunch Sponsor**.

Our sincere thanks to **A & A Construction Management & Consultants** and **Verizon** for taking the lead as our **Dinner Sponsors** and making our 8th Annual Autumn Golf Outing a huge success!

Mark your calendars for next year's outing on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

To see more photos please go to [www.pcccfoundation.org](http://www.pcccfoundation.org)



**Todd Sorber, PCCC Executive Director of Institutional Advancement; Mark Anderson, EMC; Dr. Steven M. Rose, President of PCCC; and Brian Egan, PCCC Executive Director of Facilities**



**Jamie Dykes, President of Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce; The Honorable Jeffery Jones, Mayor, City of Paterson; Rick Ricca, Director of External Affairs, Verizon & Event Co-Chair; and Greg Tolve, Owner of Delgen Press**

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#### Did You Know?

- The Foundation awarded more than \$500,000 in student scholarships during the past year - a significant increase of 40% from the previous year.
- With your generous support, the Foundation can continue to provide funds to deserving students so they can pursue their dream of a college education.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

*20th Anniversary Scholarship Gala  
Thursday, April 28, 2011*

## President's Perspective

Greetings from Passaic County Community College!

We are half-way through our academic year, which means that the process of awarding scholarships for next year is about to begin. At this time, we are especially mindful of the individuals and organizations who have helped create these scholarships. Your generosity has allowed the PCCC Foundation to award more than \$500,000 in student support this year. Thank you!

Even though the amount of scholarship funds has increased so has our enrollment. The increased enrollment, coupled with trying economic times,

has demand for scholarship support growing dramatically. Thus, your continued support is essential. Be assured that whether it's a small one-time donation or an endowed scholarship, your gift makes a difference.

In this newsletter, you will find various opportunities to make that difference. Whether it's by attending a fundraising event, creating a named scholarship or volunteering your talents, your contribution is making a positive impact on the lives of thousands of students.

Speaking of events, I look forward to seeing you at the Foundation's 20th Anniversary Scholarship Gala,

which will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The Scholarship Gala will celebrate twenty years of giving students the resources they need to meet their educational and personal goals. With your continued support, we can look forward to another twenty years... and many more!

In closing, let me say that it is a privilege to be in a partnership with so many talented and generous individuals who make our Foundation and our College a success!

**Steven M. Rose, Ed.D.**  
President, PCCC

## From the Desk of...Our Foundation Chair!

I wish to extend warm greetings to all friends and supporters of the Passaic County Community College Foundation. As Chair of the Foundation, it is both my pleasure and privilege to be a part of the Passaic County Community College family.

The mission of the Foundation is clear and uncomplicated. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to assist students in need with scholarship support so they can continue to further their education. In these challenging economic times, the work of the Foundation has never been more important. The Passaic County Community College Foundation is not only important to current students but the Foundation has an obligation to continue to grow and expand so it can be there to serve the needs of future generations of PCCC students, as well.

With this goal in mind, one of the best ways the Foundation can continue to grow and remain strong is to recruit new Foundation Board members. I was extremely proud to have welcomed two new Foundation Board members to the PCCC family in 2010. Both are welcome additions to the Foundation with much to offer.

**John Ballantyne** currently serves as the First Vice President of the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters and Northern Area Manager, while also serving as the Assistant Supervisor of the New York City District Council of Carpenters. In addition, John serves as a Trustee of the New Jersey and New York Carpenters Funds. John was born and raised in the Paterson area and is still deeply rooted in his community while serving on the Executive Board, as the Recording Secretary, of his local union.

**Julius Jackson** serves as the Alumni Representative on the Foundation Board. He graduated from PCCC in the Spring of 2005 with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts/Humanities. He then went on to receive his Bachelors in Political Science from William Paterson University. He currently works at PCCC in the Center for Student Success as a paraprofessional. Julius was born and raised in Paterson.

The good work of the PCCC Foundation is clearly evident and the benefits to the students, as well as the community, are obvious. For these reasons I wish to thank all of you for your generous and continued support of the Passaic County Community College Foundation.

**Rick Ricca**  
Chair

## Student in the Spotlight - Jessica Martinez

"Going to a community college is a great way to start your education," says Jessica Martinez, a nursing student at PCCC. She realizes that she was able to take the same general education courses as anywhere else for a fraction of the cost.

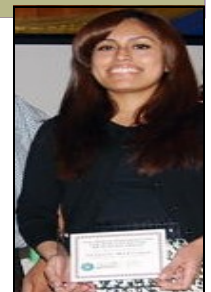
As a nursing student, Jessica has maintained a 3.87 GPA and is the first recipient of the World Organization for Positive Action (WOPA) Scholarship.

She is also the recipient of the Verizon Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Jessica explains that, at first, she was hesitant about applying for the scholarships but decided to believe in her own potential. Her parents, both immigrants, have taught her that "as long as you have the desire and motivation to make something of yourself, anything is possible!"

Jessica will be graduating in 2012 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree and

plans to transfer to Rutgers University to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She will be the first in her family to graduate from college in the United States. Her dream is to one day receive a Master's Degree, with a specialization in pediatrics.



*Jessica Martinez receiving the WOPA Scholarship.*

## What's Coming Up at the PCCC Foundation?

## 20th Anniversary Scholarship Gala

Since its inception, the Annual Scholarship Gala has been a significant source of scholarship funds for PCCC students. This year's Gala marks a milestone as we celebrate 20 years of providing students with the financial resources they need to transform their lives. So please join us on **Thursday, April 28, 2011**, as we reflect on the past and transform the future!

As we celebrate the Gala's 20th Anniversary, we are proud to honor **Bob Guarasci, Founder & President of New Jersey Community Development Corporation**. Mr. Guarasci will be receiving the *Outstanding Community Service Award* in recognition of his commitment to help Paterson residents reach their fullest potential. We will also be honoring **Philip K. Beachem, President of the New Jersey Alliance for Action**, with the *Outstanding Leadership Award* for his dedication to improving the quality of life for all New Jersey residents.

The Gala will be held at the Historic Hamilton Club, which is located at our Paterson Campus. The majestic Hamilton Club is a

college icon. Not only does it represent our rich, diverse history, but it symbolizes strength, perseverance and has undergone its own transformation. Originally a private dining club, it now serves as administrative offices and meeting space. This historic gem will be the spectacular venue for the 20th Anniversary Scholarship Gala.

While at the Hamilton Club, guests will enjoy delicious food prepared by our Culinary Art Students and have the opportunity to bid on unique auction items. The Gala Committee is always looking for silent auction items and tricky-tray baskets. Golf and vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, gift certificates to local restaurants and jewelry are always welcome. If you wish to donate a silent auction or tricky tray item, please contact us.

For reservations, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an item please contact Nieves Martino, Foundation Event Coordinator, at 973-684-5300 or nmartino@pccc.edu.

## New Scholarship Opportunities for PCCC Students

The PCCC Foundation's mission is to remove financial barriers to higher education by providing scholarship support to PCCC students. With this in mind, we are constantly seeking new scholarship opportunities. This year we are delighted to add several Named Scholarships to our roster:

- We recently received a \$10,000 grant from the **Robert Sydney Needham Foundation** for student scholarship support. This funding will provide scholarship support for one PCCC student who plans to transfer to a four-year college or university. The scholarship monies, up to \$2,500 per year, will follow the student to the four-year college or university.
- The Foundation received a \$500 scholarship from **World Organization for Positive Action (WOPA)**. This is the first time that PCCC has received a scholarship from this small non-profit, community-based organization. We are delighted to announce that the recipient of the WOPA Scholarship is Ms. Jessica Martinez, a PCCC nursing student who maintains a 3.87 GPA. (To learn more about Ms. Martinez's accomplishments please see page 2—*Student in the Spotlight*.)

• **The Paterson Children's Foundation** generously awarded the PCCC Foundation a \$20,000 grant to continue offering scholarship support for Paterson residents.

• We have established the **PCCC Theatre Scholarship** using proceeds from a student production. We are proud of our students who reach out to help others!

• After 31 years at PCCC, Counselor Ed Casey has retired. However, he will continue to touch students' lives through the **Edward & Virginia Casey Memorial Scholarship** which he established in memory of his parents.

• President Steven Rose, along with several colleagues and friends of PCCC, joined forces to establish the **Martin & Estelle Rose Memorial Scholarship** in memory of the beloved parents of our College President.

For more information on creating a Named Scholarship, such as the ones listed below, please contact Todd Sorber, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Workforce Development at (973)684-5656 or tsorber@pccc.edu.

## 2010-2011 Named Scholarships

The PCCC Foundation is proud to distribute funds to deserving students with assistance from the following Named Scholarships:

**Academic Achievement Scholarship**  
**Albert Payson Terhune Scholarship**  
**Edward & Virginia Casey Memorial Scholarship**  
**Eileen Thompson Academic Achievement Scholarship**  
**Professor Emeritus Elaine C. Harrington Scholarship**

**Elizabeth Steinberg Memorial Scholarship**

**Emmett & Evelyn Jones Scholarship for the Humanities**

**ESL Achievement Scholarship**

**Helyn & Larry Doby Memorial Scholarship**

**Manuel V. Lagos Scholarship**

**Martin & Estelle Rose Memorial Scholarship**

**The Paterson Children's Foundation Scholarship**

**PCCC Theatre Scholarship**

**Richard Pirozzi Memorial Scholarship**

**Robert Sydney Needham Scholarship**

**Rosalie K. Hojegan Memorial Scholarship**

**Verizon Scholarship**

**World Organization for Positive Action (WOPA) Scholarship**

## The Mission of the PCCC Foundation

As affordable as a PCCC education is, many students cannot manage the cost of tuition, fees and related educational expenses without some outside assistance. The Foundation provides the means for these students to have access to higher education. Established in 1976, the PCCC Foundation's primary purpose is to raise money for student scholarships.

The Foundation awards more than \$500,000 annually in scholarship assistance, helping students who need it most, including part-time students who are often ineligible for other financial aid.

Through your gift to the Foundation, you can open the door to opportunity for students who may not otherwise attend college, and greatly increase their chances for personal success, and success within our community.

Opportunities exist for giving in many forms and at all levels. We will be happy to discuss your interests and ways to arrange a gift. Please contact us at [foundation@pccc.edu](mailto:foundation@pccc.edu) or at 973-684-5656.

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