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DONOR IMPACT REPORT

**"More women than ever now enroll  
in HVCC's automotive programs."**

*– Times Union, November 30, 2024.*





A MESSAGE OF

# THANKS TO YOU



**A**t Hudson Valley Community College, advancing educational and workforce development opportunities for our community is at the heart of what we do. But accomplishing that mission wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our donors. That's why we are proud to share our 2023-24 achievements with you, the people whose support has allowed us to celebrate another successful year of enriching students' lives here at the college.

Your generosity has made each accomplishment in this report possible, and we hope you enjoy seeing how your impact has been felt in the past year. Thank you for being a champion for education, and for supporting and believing in our students and their futures. The investment you have made has created opportunities and access to education that our students would not otherwise have, and ultimately helped ensure that our community will remain strong and vibrant for years to come. So, thank you for your continued support of Hudson Valley Community College and our Foundation. We look forward to continuing to work together to create a brighter future for our students and our community.

With gratitude,

Louis Coplin  
Officer in Charge  
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Frank Sarratori  
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Hudson Valley Community College



# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

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## About the College

**22,000+**

Credit and Non-Credit  
Students Enrolled

**90,000+**

Number of  
Alumni Worldwide

**19:1**

Student-to-Faculty  
Ratio

**38**

Countries Represented by  
International Students



BY THE  
**NUMBERS**



2023-2024

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



## 29th Annual U.W. Marx Golf Classic

The Foundation held its 29th annual Golf Classic, sponsored by U.W. Marx Construction, at the Country Club of Troy on July 17, 2023. Proceeds for the event provided scholarships to the first cohort of students in the newly-launched Hudson Valley Community College Honors College.



## Launch of the Hudson Valley Community College Honors College

*Honors College students demonstrate intellectual curiosity, ambition, integrity, and global citizenship.*

One of the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation's core funding priorities is the Honors College, a robust learning experience that offers students specially-designated honors courses, professional development experiences, research opportunities, internships and service projects. This baccalaureate preparatory program focuses on small student-to-advisor ratios to support students directly and offers them seamless transfer to a four-year institution to further pursue their academic goals. Many Honors College students are first-generation college students, and the opportunities provided by the program can be life-changing.



## Outstanding Philanthropist 2023 - Ellen Sax, MVP Health Care

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation recognized MVP Health Care's now-retired Vice President of Community Engagement Ellen Sax with the 2023 Outstanding Philanthropist Award at the annual Leadership Donors Reception on September 7, 2023. MVP has had a long history of giving back to Hudson Valley; the company has been a philanthropic partner to the college since 1996, and continued to expand its contributions under Sax's leadership. Most recently, the company established the MVP Community and Public Health Scholarship for Hudson Valley students. Sax and MVP have also been steadfast supporters of the college's annual Gala, the annual U.W. Marx Golf Classic, and other scholarships and initiatives designed to help Hudson Valley students succeed.



## Honoring our Alumni – Homecoming Weekend & Distinguished Alumni Brunch, October 2023

The Distinguished Alumni Brunch celebrates alumni for notable contributions within their career fields and communities. During Homecoming Weekend in September of 2023, the college marked its 70th year honoring notable alumni for their lasting impact on the college and the community. Honorees for 2023 included:

- Neil Kelleher '91, President's Legacy Leader
- Orville Abrahams '87
- Sohaib Chekima '04
- Manik Elahi '17
- Gayle Healy '91
- Susan C. McDonough '93
- Brian Sano '05
- George W. Whalen '69







### Hudson Valley Community College Foundation Annual Gala 2023

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation hosted its annual Gala on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 at the Franklin Plaza ballroom in Troy. Pradip Singh and Hui Peng Koh of GlobalFoundries (GF); Alexander "Sandy" Keeler of Keeler Motor Car; and the T & L Longe Charitable Foundation were honored with the Foundation Leadership Award in recognition of their service and dedication to the college and greater community. Proceeds from the event supported the creation of the college's new workforce training center, the Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC), which will be built on campus in Troy. ATEC will allow the college to address the urgent need for skilled, trained technicians in applied technologies and skilled trades, areas of increasing demand across the state and nation. In addition to the Gala proceeds, each of the organizations honored donated \$1 million to the creation of ATEC.



### Applied Technology Education Center

The Foundation's priority capital project to upgrade existing programming space and create the new Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC) to support applied technology and skilled trades training was approved for funding in the New York State FY25 budget in Spring 2024. The college anticipates breaking ground on ATEC in 2025.





## HVCC North Welcomes Students

Located in Malta, NY, HVCC North is an extension center of Hudson Valley Community College and offers students access to educational opportunities in the fast-growing fields of healthcare, STEM and skilled trades. It provides a more convenient location for students from Saratoga County and throughout the North Country to earn a degree or certificate from the college with minimal requirements on campus in Troy. New York State and Middle States Commission on Higher Education are considering the college's request to designate HVCC North as an official branch campus, which would further expand offerings for these students.



## Recognizing Our Scholars: Annual Scholarship Celebration – April 26, 2024

The annual Hudson Valley Community College Foundation Scholarship Celebration was held on Friday, April 26, 2024. The ceremony formally recognized students who were awarded scholarships by the Foundation during the 2023-24 academic year, during which time the Foundation provided scholarships and awards totaling more than \$560,000 to more than 360 students.

2023-2024

THE YEAR  
IN REVIEW



## Scholarships by the Numbers

**\$6,786,800**

Total Value of  
Endowment

**\$593,014**

Total Scholarships and  
Awards Given

**218**

Number of Scholarships  
and Awards Given

**372**

Students Received  
Scholarships and Awards

**7**

Number of  
New Scholarships

**51%**

Percentage of Students Who  
Received Scholarships

### Kim Ryan, recipient of the MVP Scholarship:

*(centered in photo)*

"When I first started the one-year accelerated Nursing program here at Hudson Valley, I was a single mother working well over 50 hours a week to maintain my bills, childcare expenses, and tuition costs. If you were to ask me what this scholarship means to me, I would tell you that it represents an enrichment of my academic journey and a validation of my hard work, dedication, and achievements, alongside a relief from financial strain."





# HOW YOU GAVE

IN 2023-24

**\$2,017,848**

Total Support Received

**\$447,815**

in Scholarships and  
Awards Support

**\$178,144**

in Unrestricted  
Funds

**\$1,175,357**

in Capital  
Project Support

**\$216,531**

in Program  
Support

**759**

Total Number  
of Donors

**212**

First-Time  
Donors



# THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

**351**

Alumni  
Donors

**141**

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and Government  
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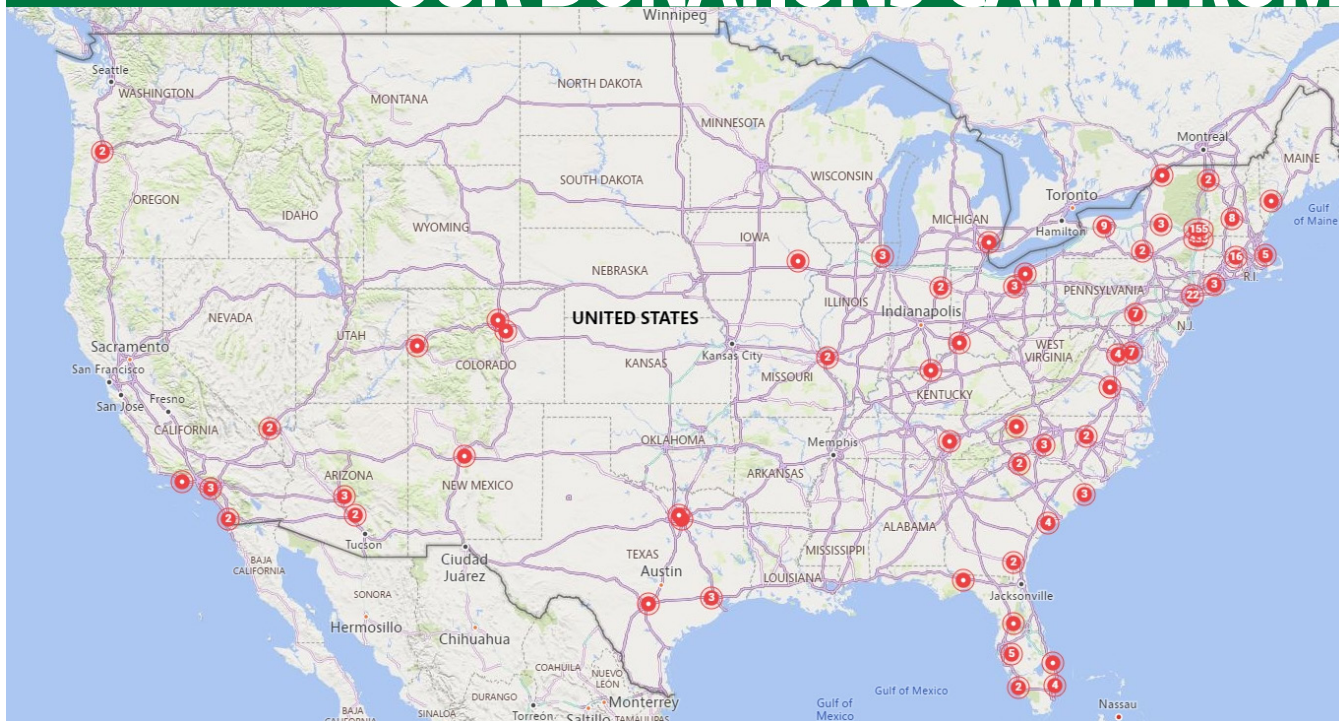
**759**

Total Number  
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**266**

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## WHERE OUR DONATIONS CAME FROM







Karen Campbell, Ornella Quinn, Beth Ernest, and Martha Weber at HVCC's Commencement in 1983.



## ALUMNI/DONOR SPOTLIGHT: KAREN CAMPBELL '83

"As a graduating high school senior, I really didn't know what I wanted to pursue for a major or a career, but I was good at math and science. My father, a civil engineer, encouraged me to start by studying engineering until I figured out what I wanted to do.

As the oldest of seven children, I was very fiscally responsible, and it made sense to figure out whether engineering was for me before I took on the higher tuition of a four-year university, so I started at Hudson Valley. In my first year, I took courses in physics, chemistry, calculus, and electronics, but a mechanics course taught by Professor Gorham in the spring of my second year caught my interest and inspired me to pursue mechanical engineering as my major.

I got a great education in the Engineering Science program at Hudson Valley. The small class sizes and hands-on lab work were really conducive to effective learning, and a real community grew among the group of Engineering Science students going through the program together. I'm especially grateful for the bonds formed with three other young women who went through the program with me. It's been more than 40 years, and we're still connected to this day.

Hudson Valley gave me the option to transfer to a variety of four-year engineering schools, and I ultimately earned my bachelor's degree from RPI. The affordability of Hudson Valley, coupled with the scholarships and loans I received at RPI, allowed me to fund my education on my own, which was hugely helpful to me and my family. I know that the generosity of donors contributed to the affordability and excellence of education I received, so now I'm paying it forward in gratitude for all the people who've helped me had along the way. Students are dealing with hard issues in today's world, with affordability of education and even with food insecurity. I hope my contributions can help set them up for success, like my Hudson Valley education did for me.

I think most of us hope to leave the world a better place than we found it, and as individuals, we can only do so much. But by contributing to a community – especially an educational community like Hudson Valley – we have the opportunity not just to change individual students' lives for the better, but to make the world better by supporting generations of students who will do amazing things."

– Karen Campbell '83



Karen Campbell, Ornella Quinn, Beth Ernest, and Martha Weber in 2019.





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