

47th Annual Awards Ceremony

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ROBERT BOLAND THEATRE



Welcome to Berkshire Community College's 47th Annual Awards Ceremony. The students being honored this evening have persevered and excelled. We are proud of their achievements and we are grateful to the faculty, friends and family who supported them. We offer heartfelt thanks to the thoughtful people who created and funded the many scholarships that are awarded. BCC students will be able to pursue their dreams and fulfill their aspirations as a result of their generosity.

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Foundation & General Scholarships

Welcome

Ellen Kennedy, *President*

Opening Remarks and Presentation of Awards

Shela Levante, *Director of Development*

Acts of Kindness Scholarship & Award

Kaitlyn M. Barry

Established by an anonymous donor, the award recognizes individuals who have contributed to our community selflessly, without thought to personal recognition. They do things that need to be done just because they need to be done. The honoree and scholarship recipients' names will be inscribed on a plaque displayed at the college. A student is selected to receive a scholarship in the honoree's name.

Adams Community Bank Scholarship

Molly Coughlan

Originally endowed by the former South Adams Savings Bank, this scholarship is awarded to a student with academic promise who lives in Northern Berkshire County.

Alumni Board Scholarship

Ethan Coe

The Alumni Board Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing either a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College and for whom a parent or grandparent has received a degree or certificate from the same. Recipients of this award shall remain a BCC student in good standing and must have satisfactory academic progress as defined by the scholarship committee. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of the Alumni Advisory Board established in 2019.

Austen Riggs Award

Elijah L. Suriner

Since 1977, recognition has been given to a graduating student who has exhibited academic excellence in Behavioral Sciences. BCC faculty selects the recipient and their name is engraved on a plaque at the college and one in the Austin Riggs library.

Rose & Norman Avnet Scholarship

Bernice Cobbinah

Generously endowed by the late Norman and Rose Avnet. Dr. Avnet is an emeritus member of the BCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Edward S. Bandurski Memorial Scholarship

Francis McKeon

Evelyn Bandurski '78 endowed this scholarship as a tribute to her late husband in recognition for the support he provided to Evelyn, and their two children William and Robert, all BCC Alumni. Qualified students will be of Polish descent and pursuing a career in any of BCC's engineering, technical, computer or business programs.

BCC Administration Scholarship

Kody Tremblay

Administrative employees of Berkshire Community College endowed this scholarship to honor students who demonstrate academic achievement.

BCC Faculty Scholarship

Roberta L. Hayes

The Faculty Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by the faculty of Berkshire Community College.

BCC Foundation General Scholarship

Anonymous

Awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement, this scholarship was endowed by faculty, staff, community members and friends of BCC.

Theresa C. DiSantis

Chastity Gigliotti

The Berkshire Community College Foundation provides scholarships, grants and awards to deserving students to assist them in pursuit of their academic goals. The Foundation is a non-profit corporation established to encourage and receive gifts in support of the mission of the College. Gifts from alumni, students, corporations, friends and staff are used to further the College's commitment to academic excellence and community service.

Lily Maren Heberlein

Aaron Henry

Amber MacNeil

Darrian Powell

Kevin Vallieres

Anyone wishing to fund a scholarship or make a donation to the Foundation should visit www.berkshirecc.edu/give or call the Development Office at 413-236-2185.

John Beauchamp Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Kokouvi

Afanukoe

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of John Beauchamp, a nontraditional BCC student, who died unexpectedly at the age of 34. His friends from Country Curtains and family established this fitting tribute that assists others and supports their learning, something very important to John. The scholarship is usually given to a non-traditional computer science student.

Paige Beaudin Clark Scholarship

Brittany Kergaravat

Presented to a freshman nursing student with dependent children who has demonstrated a spirit of compassion, caring and spiritual concern for patients and their families.

Sharon Ruth Young Beaulac Nursing Award

Stacey Ellery

The Sharon Ruth Young Beaulac Nursing Award is awarded annually to a non-traditional student, with financial need, who is pursuing a Nursing degree at Berkshire Community College. Sharon started her nursing career later in life and was a Berkshire Community College Graduate. She chose to work with geriatric patients rather than in a traditional hospital setting. Following her untimely passing, this award was funded through the vision and generosity of her daughter, Lori Gazzillo and her husband (Romeo) Kenneth Beaulac.

Berkshire Bank Scholarship

This scholarship, generously endowed by Berkshire Bank and the former Legacy Bank, is intended for graduates of Berkshire County high schools who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing degrees at BCC in business or a related field.

Faith A. Angell
Jacqueline Byrnes
Nathaly Chicana
Ethan Coe
Ashley Sanchez
Carlos Vizcardo-Benites
Peyton Brielle Williams

Berkshire Conservation District Environmental Science Scholarship

Madeline Esko

To assist an environmental science student in pursuing a college education at BCC leading to a career in natural resources.

Berkshire County Board of Realtors Scholarship

Jacqueline Byrnes

One of the oldest scholarships offered at BCC, it is a tribute to the Board of Realtors of Berkshire County to have made this enduring commitment of scholarship at the local community college level.

Berkshire County School Counselors Association Scholarship

Peggy Avalle

Presented at the Annual Spring Appreciation Dinner of the Berkshire County School Counselors Association, this scholarship is awarded to a transferring student pursuing a career in human service, counseling, or education and a graduate of a Berkshire County high school.

Berkshire Environmental Action Team Scholarship

Autumn Rodgers

The Berkshire Environmental Action Team Scholarship is given to a promising BCC student with financial need who is pursuing a degree or certificate in Environmental Studies at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was originally endowed by the Housatonic River Museum.

Berkshire Healthcare Systems Long Term Care Award

Irma Nivello

Presented to a freshman student employed by one of the Berkshire Healthcare Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation facilities who has demonstrated a commitment to nursing and patient centered care and to the core values of the organization — integrity, compassion, excellence, teamwork and stewardship.

Berkshire Honors Scholar Award

Marquita E. Yager

The Berkshire Honors Scholar Award was established to recognize an outstanding member of the BCC Berkshire Honors Scholars Program. Eligible members participate in academically rigorous, cross-disciplinary honors colloquia and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher. This scholarship is funded by the Berkshire Community College Foundation.

Berkshire Honors Scholarship

Aylen Dominguez

Berkshire Honors Scholarship is presented to a student currently in the Berkshire Honors Scholar Program who successfully completed one honors course and/or are currently enrolled in an honors course at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of friends of the Berkshire Honors Scholar Program.

Berkshire Life Insurance Company Scholarship

Timothy Calle
Janaia Ann Lemieux
Heather Marsh
Mackenzie Soto
James R. Tandoh

The Berkshire Life Insurance Company Scholarship is awarded to promising students who have successfully completed at least one semester in a degree or certificate program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award consistently exhibit maturity, professionalism and dedication to their studies. This scholarship was endowed by the Berkshire Life Insurance Company.

Berkshire Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship

Guadalupe Herrera

Berkshire Mutual generously endowed this scholarship to be awarded to students that demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate.

Berkshire Promise Scholarship

Jessica Prieto

Berkshire Promise Scholarships are awarded to applicants living in Berkshire County with demonstrated financial need, enrolled in a degree or certificate program, or who will be enrolling at Berkshire Community College this Fall. First preference is given to applicants for whom financing is critical to their achieving academic success and are the first in their family to attend college.

Berkshire Quilt Festival Scholarship

Allina DiNicola
Xiomara Serrano
Christina Sumner

The Berkshire Quilt Festival Scholarship is intended to assist non-traditional students who are committed to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award have solid academic goals, earning at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, a positive attitude and demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was endowed by the Berkshire Quilt Festival Committee and the Alumni & Friends of Berkshire Community College.

Richard Biros Memorial Scholarship

The Richard Biros Memorial Scholarship at Berkshire Community College is awarded annually to a BCC, student seeking a degree in environmental, atmospheric, biological or computer sciences, or who is taking STEM related courses and has at minimum a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to students transferring from a north county high school including Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter School (BART), Drury High School, Charles McCann Vocational High School, Hoosac Valley High School and Mt. Greylock Regional High School. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of Linda Biros and the Biros family.

Eduardo Alejandro
Domingez Ahuatl

Robert M. Boland Scholarship

The Robert M. Boland Scholarship is awarded to a promising student in the Fine Arts Program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have completed at least one semester of full-time study, graduated from a Berkshire County high school and have demonstrated financial need. The recipient of this award must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for each semester covered by the scholarship. Established to honor BCC's Professor Emeritus of Theatre Arts, Bob Boland, this fund is managed and funded yearly by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Rachel Olds

Ruth P. & Nicholas Boraski Scholarship

The Ruth P. and Dr. Nicholas Boraski Scholarship is awarded to promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing an associate's degree at Berkshire Community College with plans to transfer to a bachelor's degree program. Recipients of this award will be Berkshire County residents with a proven record of academic excellence and demonstrated financial need. This scholarship is one of the longest standing and most prestigious awards at Berkshire Community College. It was endowed by Nicholas Boraski and the late Ruth P. Boraski.

Eduardo Alejandro
Domingez Ahuatl
Hannah Byrnes
Courtney Decker
Madeline Esko
Philip Evans
Hannah Gold
Dejia Nyhan
Kevin Ramirez
Finley Jude Root
Rachael McHugh

James D. Border Memorial Scholarship

The James D. Border Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to pursuing a degree in the Humanities or Social Sciences at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate the ability to think outside the box, caring for others in the community, and a vision of making a difference in the world. This scholarship was endowed by family and friends in memory of James Durning Border, Professor Emeritus of History at BCC.

Paige Elliott

John & Jane Bresnahan Scholarship

The Bresnahan Family began their tradition of a BCC education in 1972. Since then, seven family members have either graduated or attended the campus on West Street. John and Jane continue to support BCC through this generous scholarship.

James R. Tandoh

Gerard E. Burke Hillcrest Educational Centers Scholarship

Kayla Hudson

The Gerard E. Burke Hillcrest Educational Centers Scholarship is awarded to a promising student who has demonstrated a commitment to completing a degree or certificate in Human Services, or related areas of study, at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting employees of Hillcrest Educational Centers and their family members. This scholarship was endowed by the directors and employees of Hillcrest Educational Centers in 2010 to honor 25 years of outstanding leadership by its President/CEO, Gerard E. Burke.

The Charles Bybee Scholarship for Excellence in Sciences

Ginger Zani

This fund has been established to assist a student enrolled at Berkshire Community College who intends to pursue a degree in the medical field, is majoring in a related course of study including biology, chemistry, biochemistry, biotechnology, genetics, pharmacology, public health, pre-medical, nursing or related programs and who has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Recipients must intend to graduate and the transfer to a four year institution. This scholarship is funded by Jean Bybee '67, family and friends in honor of Charles Bybee, Professor Emeritus of Science.

Lawrence A. Caesar Scholarship

Donsil Harris

The Lawrence A. Caesar Scholarship honors a promising student of African-American heritage who is committed to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award are residents of Berkshire County with financial need, demonstrated academic excellence and dedication to their goals. The scholarship was originally funded by Lawrence A. Caesar upon his death in 1978 and then endowed by dear friends in 2014. Mr. Caesar, a Dalton native, was one of Berkshire County's leading civil-rights and social-action volunteers.

Zoa Pratt Campetti Scholarship

This scholarship has been generously endowed by the friends and family of Ms. Campetti and the High Meadow Foundation. Zoa was the sister, best friend and business associate of the late Jane Fitzpatrick, former owner of Country Curtains. It is to assist an adult female student seeking to pursue a degree at BCC.

Stella Asamoah
Bernice Cobbinah
Roberta L. Hayes
Johannah Hunter
Hannah M. Shmulsky
Susan M. Tower

Karen Canfield Border Scholarship

Melissa Phillips

Karen, who retired in 2003, was a highly regarded faculty member. This scholarship was generously endowed by Laurie and Mark Humphrey, former students. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic ability, maturity, professionalism, and dedication.

Antonio & Giovanna Caparello Scholarship

Wenyng Yi

The Antonio and Giovanna Caparello Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are dedicated to improving their lives through the pursuit of higher education. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated financial need. This scholarship is funded annually by Dominic Caparello '67, in memory and honor of his parents' Italian immigrant experience, their commitment to "becoming educated," and their ability to inspire their children to improve their lives through education.

Larry Carroll Scholarship

Monica Bliss

The Larry Carroll Scholarship at Berkshire Community College is awarded annually to a BCC student who is seeking an Associates of Arts degree. Preference is given to students with a desire to pursue a career in the theater or film industry. Larry was a 1971 graduate of BCC who studied with Bob Boland and went on to a successful career in advertising and later film and television production. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of Larry's friends and family.

Richard and Susan Cetti Scholarship for Excellence in STEMJames Dolle
Alex Green
Finley Jude Root

Richard and Susan Cetti Scholarships for Excellence in STEM are awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing either a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College and are enrolled in a course of study focused on science, technology, engineering or math (STEM); priority is given to students who have not earned a prior degree. This scholarship is funded by the Cetti's.

The Civitan Club Scholarship

Amber MacNeil

The Civitan Club Scholarship is intended to assist students who have shown a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting non-traditional students, or single parents, who have performed volunteer service, and have no prior degree. This scholarship has been funded through the generosity and vision of Civitan Club members.

Helen E. Clatterbaugh Memorial Scholarship

Margaret Wrobel

Helen Clatterbaugh was a pioneer in her time, performing innovative laboratory research and raising her family. Helen's son Mark and his wife Kathi, have funded this scholarship to assist female students pursuing a career in the sciences.

Thomas P. Clement & Wonsook Kim ScholarshipClarinda Mondale Gillyard
Emilie A. Holst-Grubbe
Lillian Makoni
Bridgid Reed
Autumn Rodgers
Samantha Sadlowski
J. Sargent

Thomas Clement attended BCC in the 1970s, after growing up in Pittsfield as a biracial adoptee from Korea. He partly attributes his later educational and career success to the transformative experiences with BCC's faculty. Thomas' wife Wonsook received scholarships as an international student in the United States, which validated her dreams of becoming an artist. Together they have funded these scholarship awards to encourage students with promise, out of gratitude for the emotional and financial support they received as college students.

Crane Currency Scholarship[Kristina Mensah](#)

The Crane Currency scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College in a STEM related field of study. First preference for recipients of this award will be for single or widowed mothers with dependent children. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of the Crane Fund for Widows and Children.

Thomas J. Curley, Sr. & Patricia Lynch Curley Scholarship[Theresa C. DiSantis](#)

To be awarded to a non-traditional BCC student who has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in a health related field, this scholarship was generously endowed by Leslie Curley of Pittsfield and the late Thomas J. Curley.

Frank Deane Scholarship[Bryam M. Yanza Garcia](#)

Frank Deane was known to say “I love mathematics, I love teaching it and they even pay me for it.” Atty. Michael A. Lehmann, a 1988 BCC graduate and a former student of Professor Deane, has established this award for high achieving math students.

Eugene A. Dellea Hillcrest Hospital Foundation Scholarship[Tanisha Goines](#)
[Kristin Mitchell](#)
[Melissa Phillips](#)
[Shelby Reynolds](#)

The Eugene A. Dellea Hillcrest Hospital Foundation Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have shown a commitment to pursuing a Nursing, Allied Health or Social Service degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship is funded annually by the Hillcrest Hospital Foundation in honor of Eugene A. Dellea, President of the Hillcrest Campus of Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, in recognition of his years of service to the local medical community.

Eugene A. Dellea Scholarship[Elisabeth Jones](#)

The Eugene A. Dellea Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsor of this award has a significant interest in supporting students from West Stockbridge, Massachusetts who have no prior degree. This scholarship was endowed by Eugene A. Dellea, the longtime President of the BCC Foundation.

Channing & Ursula Ehret Dichter Scholarship[Ethan Trautman](#)

The Channing and Ursula Ehret Dichter Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting new or returning students who show leadership abilities in the areas of campus and/or community service. This scholarship was endowed by the late Channing Dichter and Ursula Ehret Dichter, longtime BCC Foundation Board members.

Nicholas & Theresa DiSantis Quality Printing Scholarship

Rachel Olds

The Nicholas and Theresa DiSantis Quality Printing Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate in Graphic or Visual Art at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by John DiSantis and Quality Printing Company to honor the memory of John's parents, Nicholas and Theresa DiSantis, the founders of Quality Printing Company in 1963.

Doscher Family Scholarship

Julia Kalinowsky

The Doscher Family Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have shown great resolve in overcoming adversity, will be dedicated to their field of study, and will have contributed to the campus community outside the classroom. This scholarship was originally funded by the Doscher family in 2012 in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Doscher, and endowed in 2014 in honor of Jeff Doscher's 39 years of service as an administrator at BCC.

Helen Downey Scholarship Award

Kristin Burke

The Helen Downey Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have completed their first year in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. The recipient of this award has a proven record of academic excellence, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, as well as compassion, integrity and a strong commitment to the profession of nursing. This scholarship was endowed by family, friends and co-workers in memory and honor of Helen Downey, a former Berkshire Community College Trustee.

Eric Engel Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Mikki Lennon

The Eric Engel Memorial Nursing Scholarship at Berkshire Community College is awarded to a non-traditional nursing student with financial need. Eric, a non-traditional student himself, was a registered EMT, studying in the nursing program at Berkshire Community College and worked in the school's digital commons. Eric left this world after a long struggle with substance use disorder but not before achieving many of his personal and professional goals. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of Eric's parents, John and Donna Engel, as well as the many family and friends who knew Eric and his love for the medical field.

Epworth Mission Trustees Scholarship

Dejia Nyhan

The Epworth Mission Trustees Scholarship is intended to assist new or returning students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will be Berkshire County residents and full-time students in a Nursing, Human Services, Ministry, Liberal Arts or Selective Studies program, with demonstrated financial need, and proven academic progress. This scholarship was endowed by the Trustees of the Epworth Mission.

Dr. Armand & Dr. Donald Feigenbaum Scholarship[Orianna Regan](#)

The Dr. Armand and Dr. Donald Feigenbaum Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students who have goals that include an entrepreneurial path to success. This scholarship was endowed by the late Drs. Feigenbaum.

Sanford H. Fisher Scholarship[Neudis Orellana-Ramos](#)

Mr. Fisher generously endowed this scholarship for a BCC student with first preference given to those planning to enter the fields of business, hospitality or the arts.

Daren Fitzpatrick Criminal Justice Scholarship[Kaitlyn M. Barry](#)

The family and friends of the late Daren Fitzpatrick established this lasting tribute to assist Monument Mountain High School students who are seeking a degree in Criminal Justice. Started in 1997, this scholarship honors the memory of Daren, a Criminal Justice major from Great Barrington.

Honorable and Mrs. John H. Fitzpatrick Scholarship[Charity Ainooson](#)
[Emily Deming](#)
[Holya Ebiyatakyih](#)
[Kierra Ellery](#)
[Rhianna M. Graham](#)
[Alex Green](#)

The Honorable and Mrs. John H. Fitzpatrick Scholarship is intended to assist students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have a proven record of academic progress and financial need. This scholarship was endowed by the Fitzpatrick Family of Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

General Dynamics Scholarship[Kody Tremblay](#)

Established in 1997, the General Dynamics Scholarship honors a promising student who has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at BCC.

GE Plastics Scholarship[Hollie Byrnes](#)
[Guadalupe Herrera](#)
[Viviane Komenda-Scherer](#)
[Ernestina Sackey](#)
[Gavin Trautman](#)

The GE Plastics Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by GE Plastics.

Catherine and Mary Gillette Scholarship (Physical Therapy)[Molly Coughlan](#)

The Catherine and Mary Gillette Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are enrolled in the Physical Therapy program at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Donald and Anne Better in memory of her sisters; Catherine and Mary Gillette.

Catherine and Mary Gillette Scholarship (RN)[Cassidy Kendall](#)

The Catherine and Mary Gillette Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are entering the Associate Degree Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Donald and Anne Betters in memory of her sisters; Catherine and Mary Gillette.

Leo & John Gillette Scholarship[Neudis Orellana-Ramos](#)

The Leo and John Gillette Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College in the Accounting and/or Business fields. This scholarship was endowed by Donald and Anne Betters in memory of her brothers; Leo and John Gillette.

Grace S. Hampel Scholarship[Olivia Brindle](#)
[Melissa Ann Burdick](#)
[Kassie Heck](#)
[Amy M. Hughes](#)
[Kristina Mensah](#)
[Erin Merrigan](#)
[Craig A. Williams](#)

The Grace S. Hampel Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The recipients of this award are high school graduates from Northern Berkshire County with a proven record of academic progress and demonstrated financial need. The sponsor of this award has a significant interest in supporting students from Hoosac Valley High School. This scholarship was endowed with a bequest from the estate of Grace S. Hampel.

Hillcrest Commons — LPN Club Scholarship[Jana R. Cushman](#)

The Hillcrest Commons - LPN Club Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a Licensed Practical Nurse certificate at Berkshire Community College. The recipient of this award, currently enrolled in the LNP 162 course, is a highly motivated learner and an active member of the LPN Club. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students who are strong role models with leadership potential and a caring, effective and therapeutic approach to the nurse/patient relationship. The scholarship was endowed by proceeds from early Hillcrest Common Harvest Run events and fundraising by the LPN club.

Hillcrest Medical Staff Scholarship[Heather R. Corcoran](#)

The Hillcrest Medical Staff Scholarship is intended to assist promising degree students who have completed their first year in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall have a proven record of academic excellence, demonstrated professionalism, compassion and dedication in the delivery of family-oriented nursing care, and financial need. This scholarship was endowed by the medical staff at Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Barbara & Andrew Hochberg Scholarship

Xiomara Serrano

The Barbara and Andrew Hochberg Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Barbara Hochberg is Vice Chair of the BCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Hoosac Bank Scholarship

Jacqueline M.
Tessier

The Hoosac Bank Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students residing in Northern Berkshire County. This scholarship was endowed by the North Adams Hoosac Savings Bank.

Rollin D. Hotchkiss Scholarship

Rain Hajjar

This scholarship was created in honor and memory of the late Dr. Rollin D. Hotchkiss, a member of and Professor Emeritus at the Rockefeller University, on the hundredth anniversary of his birth. Dr. Hotchkiss was a distinguished pioneer in DNA research, and an innovative leader in the field of bacterial transformation and bacterial protoplast fusion. He was a beloved, caring and thoughtful mentor to young graduate students. He himself was grateful to the various mentors in his life who helped him to become the first one in his family of humble background (and the first one in his town) to reach college and then graduate studies at Yale University, eventually getting an honorary Doctor of Sciences degree from his alma mater. This award is presented to an outstanding student in the life sciences.

Teresa M. "Trete" Hourihan Scholarship

Heather R.
Corcoran

This scholarship is presented to a freshman nursing student who demonstrates maturity, compassion, professionalism, dedication to patients, positive attitude and spirited style.

International Student Scholarship

Nathaly Chicana

This scholarship was created by the Alumni and Friends organization to assist international students seeking to earn a degree at BCC.

Interprint Scholarship

Ayah Victoria
Lehtonen

The Interprint Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Interprint and their local print and design partners.

Emily Jahn Memorial Scholarship[Aylen Dominguez](#)

This scholarship was endowed with a bequest from the estate of Emily Lamson Jahn, a member of BCC's Class of 1965 and a BCC faculty member for 38 years. Emily taught English composition and literature, guiding and inspiring generations of students. Recipients of this award will be high-achieving liberal arts majors who demonstrate a proficiency in writing.

Robert & Selma Josell Scholarship[Maria Toledo](#)

The Robert and Selma Josell Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting under-represented minority students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college. This scholarship was endowed by Drs. Robert and Selma Josell.

Charlie Kaminski Memorial Scholarship[Kevin Ramirez](#)

The Charlie Kaminski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a full time student who has completed at minimum 12 credits as part of one of the following STEM division degree programs; environmental science, life sciences, engineering, and computer sciences. Preference is given to those who are first generation college students. Charlie Kaminski was the Dean of Business, Science, Mathematics and Technology at Berkshire Community College from 2004 until he passed away in early 2019. He was beloved by all those who had the good fortune to work with and know him. Charlie is profoundly missed at BCC, and in the Berkshires; this scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity his friends and family.

Howard & Nancy Kaufman Scholarship[Hannah M. Shmulsky](#)

The Nancy and Howard Kaufman Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Howard and Nancy Kaufman.

Margaret S. Kennedy Memorial Nursing Award[Dejia Nyhan](#)

This award is presented to the freshman nursing student who best exemplifies the "art of caring."

William & Marilyn Kirby Scholarship[Olivia Mills](#)

Bill, a 1967 BCC graduate, is on the Board of the Berkshire Community College Foundation and serves as the Chair of the Investment Committee. Bill and Marilyn have endowed this scholarship for students earning a degree or certificate.

KB Toys Early Childhood Education Scholarship[Samantha Sadlowski](#)

The KB Toys Early Childhood Education Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The recipient of this award plans to enter a profession related to Early Childhood Education, has shown a commitment to academic achievement and has demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was endowed by KB Toys.

David & Suzanne Klausmeyer Scholarship[Ashley Broderick](#)

The David and Suzanne Klausmeyer Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Former BCC Foundation Board of Directors member, David, and his wife Suzanne Klausmeyer, endowed this scholarship.

Zelma & Herbert Krasnow Scholarship[Amanda Wass](#)

Zelma & Herbert tutored students in reading and math at BCC for many years. Zelma also took courses at BCC and received a degree late in life, something that made her and her family proud. This scholarship is awarded to an exemplary student tutor in their honor and memory.

Dr. Milos & Marie Krofta Scholarship[Johannah Hunter](#)

The Dr. Milos and Marie Krofta Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by the late Dr. Milos and Maria Krofta of Lenox, Massachusetts.

Gary Lamoureaux Scholarship[Philip Evans](#)

The Gary Lamoureaux Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have demonstrated a commitment to community service while pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have a strong sense of community spirit and service to others, demonstrated financial need and a proven record of academic achievement. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting both incoming and returning students with plans to transfer to a bachelor's program. This scholarship was endowed by family, friends, alumni and colleagues in honor of Gary Lamoureaux's legacy and dedication to Berkshire Community College upon his retirement.

Larkin Family Scholarship[Rosa López Moritz](#)

The Larkin Family Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award will have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. This scholarship was endowed by Marilyn E. and the late William D. Larkin Jr., and family members; Peter Larkin, J. Michael and Mary M. Larkin, Kristin Larkin Logerfo and Kathleen Larkin.

Donald & Marion Lathrop Scholarship

[Alessandra
Lessi Carranza](#)

The Donald and Marion Lathrop Scholarship is intended to assist promising full-time students with financial need in any program who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, are Berkshire County natives or have resided in Berkshire County for no less than 10 years, and have a passion to use their education to “make the world a better place.” This scholarship was endowed by anonymous donors.

Lee Bank Scholarship

[Ashley Broderick](#)

Qualified students from Lee are eligible for this scholarship, established through the vision and generosity of Lee Bank.

Levante Family Scholarship

[Holya Ebiyatakjih](#)

The Levante Family Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. First preference for recipients of this award will be for under resourced students and/or students who do not qualify for financial aid beyond loans. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of Gary and Shela Levante.

Mary Lowell Pizzonia Scholarship

[Natalia Riva](#)

This scholarship is awarded to a female student with dependent children who has demonstrated a commitment to bettering her future by entering a career in nursing.

James & Marie Lynch Scholarship

[Susan M. Tower](#)

James Lynch, the retired President of Greylock Federal Credit Union endowed this scholarship along with his wife Marie. Mr. Lynch was the chair of the 1997 BCC Foundation Capital Campaign which raised the funds for many of the scholarships being awarded tonight.

Gail MacMillan Scholarship

[Elizabeth Russell](#)

This scholarship was established with a bequest from the estate of Gail MacMillan and gifts from Gail's family and friends. A '78 alumna of BCC, Gail had a lifelong passion for working with young people. She enjoyed a distinguished career as an educator, serving at schools and universities in the United States, as well as in Austria, Morocco and Thailand. Gail died in 2012. The award assists a graduating BCC student who is pursuing further higher education in the liberal arts field.

Mary Matilda Marcy Scholarship[Alyssa Dunham](#)

The Mary Matilda Marcy Scholarship is awarded to a promising Berkshire County high school graduate with financial need who is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, completed one semester of full time study, and must take a minimum of 12 credits for each semester covered by this scholarship. This scholarship is funded through Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Linda Milne Matteodo Scholarship[Autumn E. Worth](#)

The Linda Milne Matteodo Scholarship is for students pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Qualified students will be making good academic progress, show motivation and determination and have financial need. The scholarship is endowed with gifts from the Notarnicola, Milne, Notar, and Matteodo families.

Thomas & Carol McCann Scholarship[Loretta Francoeur](#)

The Thomas and Carol McCann Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Thomas and Carol McCann.

Peter McGuire Memorial Scholarship[Sara Samassi-Fofana](#)

The Peter McGuire Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Mrs. Virginia J. Valenti and family in memory and honor of Peter McGuire.

The Susan McKenna Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing[Jacqueline M. Tessier](#)

Awarded to a student enrolled the Nursing program at Berkshire Community College who has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Preference is given to those who are the first in their family to attend college. This scholarship was endowed by Maura Delaney and Cynthia Brown, family and friends in memory and honor of their dear friend, the late Susan McKenna, M.S.N./B.S.N.

Merritt Family Scholarship[Shaun Baczek](#)

The Merritt Family Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students from Lenox, Massachusetts.

Gloria B. Moffa Memorial Scholarship

Katelynn Dawson
Lalvay

The Gloria B. Moffa Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are dedicated to pursuing a degree in Animal Care or Veterinary Science, consideration is also given to those students who volunteer with or are currently working in a field that is dedicated to the care of animals. This scholarship was funded by the children, grandchildren and friends of Gloria B. Moffa as a tribute to her love for animals.

Faith M. Mong Scholarship

Cassidy Kendall

Faith Mong was an administrator and instructor at BCC from 1981 until her retirement in 1997. An avid supporter of education and scholarships, she truly exemplified a personal belief in service, as exhibited through her contributions and acts of goodness, generosity and kindness. She was a devoted member of BCC's Alumni and Friends organization and a coordinator for the Berkshire Quilt Festival.

Mount Everett Berkshire Community College Scholarship

Kylie Ruane

Established by an anonymous donor, this scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors of Mount Everett Regional High School in Sheffield, MA. Students who remain in good standing at the college, and complete a community service requirement, receive two years of funding.

MountainOne Scholarship

Lillian Makoni

The MountainOne Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was originally endowed by Stevenson & Company. In 2012, Stevenson & Company became a subsidiary of MountainOne Financial Partners and the scholarship name was changed to reflect its new holding company.

New Moon Masonic Scholarship

Francis McKeon

The local Masonic Lodge endowed this scholarship for promising students who have graduated from Lenox, Pittsfield, Taconic or St. Joseph High Schools.

Barbara A. Nichols Education Fund Scholarship

The Barbara A. Nichols Education Fund Scholarship is awarded to a student entering the second year of the Associate Degree nursing program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award are dedicated to the field of nursing, have a proven record of academic progress, demonstrated leadership ability, and financial need. This scholarship was endowed with a bequest by former faculty member, Barbara A. Nichols.

Cassidy Crawford
Courtney Decker
Kyle DeSantis
Allina DiNicola
Sarah Goodrich
Brittany Kergaravat
Irma Nivello
Samantha A.
Radke
Natalia Riva
Deborah M.
Stokes
Melissa Williams
Craig A. Williams
Ginger Zani

Irene G. Wojtkowski Nuciforo and the Honorable Andrea F. Nuciforo Sr. Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed through the vision and generosity of 1987 alumnus John F. Nuciforo in memory of his parents, two outstanding community leaders. Its purpose is to assist Liberal Arts program students planning to transfer and continue higher education.

Elizabeth Russell

Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship

This scholarship is funded through the fundraising efforts of Sheriann Stanton '06, a BCC staff member. It is intended for students that are dealing with a chronic illness while attending BCC.

Kevin Vallieres

Martin H. Patoka Memorial Engineering Scholarship

The Martin H. Patoka Memorial Engineering Scholarship at Berkshire Community College is awarded annually to a BCC, student seeking a degree in Engineering and has at minimum a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to students planning to graduate from BCC and continue on to earn their Bachelor's. This scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of Kathrina Patoka.

James Dolle
Bryam M. Yanza
Garcia

Alice Pederson Educational Trust Scholarship

The Alice Pederson Educational Trust Scholarship Endowment is intended to assist a female or female identified student enrolled full time at Berkshire Community College who is a resident of Berkshire County, has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and ability, and who displays financial need. In addition, qualified students will remain a BCC student in good standing and must have satisfactory academic progress as defined by the scholarship committee. At present this means a 2.75 or better cumulative grade point average. This scholarship was established through the vision and generosity of Leslie Ann Pederson.

Margaret Wrobel

Alice M. Pederson Memorial Scholarship[Marina Dominguez](#)

The Alice M. Pederson Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting non-traditional aged students with demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was endowed by the Alumni & Friends of Berkshire Community College in tribute to Alice Pederson. Alice Pederson was very active in both education and public affairs and served on the State Board of Regional Community Colleges from 1966 to 1972. She was on the Advisory Board of BCC from 1972 to 1981, and was the founding president of the BCC Foundation in 1980.

Pedrotti Family Scholarship[Andrea Ferrara](#)

The Pedrotti Family Scholarship is given to promising students who are graduating from Berkshire Community College and transferring to a four-year college to pursue a degree in Engineering, Math or Science. The recipient of this award has shown a commitment to academic excellence by achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting women transfer students who have achieved the highest grade point average for the year. This scholarship was endowed by the Pedrotti family and friends.

Perrott Family Scholarship[Julia Kalinowsky](#)

This scholarship has been endowed by the generosity of the Perrott Family, three of whom are alumni of BCC. Its purpose is to assist a student who is interested in human service, creative arts or sports and who plans to continue his/her education past the associate degree.

Pittsfield Cooperative Bank Scholarship[Carlos Vizcardo-Benites](#)

The Pittsfield Cooperative Bank endowed this scholarship to assist students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing degrees at BCC in business or a related field.

Pittsfield Anti-Tuberculosis Association Scholarship[Samantha A. Radke](#)

The Pittsfield Anti-TB Association has endowed this scholarship for students seeking to earn degrees in Respiratory Care or Nursing programs.

Pittsfield Rotary Club Scholarship[Peggy Avale](#)

The Pittsfield Rotary Club Scholarship is intended to assist students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship is funded by the Rotary Club of Pittsfield and presented at their Annual Scholarship Luncheon in the spring to an outstanding student graduating from BCC and transferring to a bachelor's program.

Plungis Family Scholarship[Kaitlyn M. Barry](#)

Charles and Kathleen Plungis of Great Barrington, MA endowed this scholarship for students who have attended Monument Mountain Regional High School or Mt. Everett Regional High School. Charles was the former Treasurer of the BCC Foundation.

Pittsfield Rotary Club Scholarship for Nursing Students[Amanda Wass](#)

The Pittsfield Rotary Club Scholarship is intended to assist outstanding students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a nursing degree at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship is funded by the Rotary Club of Pittsfield and presented at their Annual Scholarship Luncheon in the spring.

Polish National Alliance Memorial Scholarship[Katie Boeckmann](#)
[Stacey Ellery](#)
[Wendy Parmelee](#)

The Polish National Alliance Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by the St. Joseph's Society of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge 661, in tribute to Boleslaw M. Sawicki, for his long-time service to the Polish community.

Jerry Polumbo Scholarship[Shelby Reynolds](#)

Jerry Polumbo passed away in March, 2014, and was lovingly cared for by many health care professionals throughout his lifetime. This scholarship was established by Jerry's family, friends and caretakers to support students in any of BCC's nursing or health-related programs.

Paul E. Raverta Scholarship[Nya S. Shrader](#)

The Paul E. Raverta Scholarship is awarded to students with financial need who are pursuing a degree in the Life Sciences or STEM fields at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by BCC's faculty, staff, students and alumni along with many community members and friends of Dr. Raverta in celebration of his tenure as BCC President upon his retirement. It continues to be funded by Dr. Raverta.

Concetta J. Polidoro Rilla Scholarship[Kathaleen A. Mogul](#)

The Concetta J. Polidoro Rilla Scholarship is intended to assist students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students who are enrolled in the Fine Arts program. This scholarship was endowed by Mrs. Rilla's daughter, three sons and their families in recognition of all the love and support she gave to each of them in life and education.

Alan Robertson Berkshire Enterprises Scholarship[Dylan Newell](#)

The Alan Robertson-Berkshire Enterprises Scholarship is intended to assist students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall be returning students enrolled in a Business-related program who exhibit an entrepreneurial spirit. This scholarship was endowed by friends, community members and colleagues in memory of Alan Robertson, the founder of Berkshire Enterprises.

Paula Elaine Robinson Memorial Scholarship[Olivia Millis](#)

The Paula Elaine Robinson Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a Business Administration degree at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Paul and Dorothy Robinson in memory of their daughter Paula '85, and in tribute to her zest for life, contagious laugh and love for family and friends.

Claire M. Rodriguez Scholarship[Erin Merrigan](#)

The recipient of this award has shown a solid commitment to academic progress and reflects some of the same qualities as Claire Rodriguez: a passion for cooking, a talent for creating unique culinary dishes and a lifelong love of animals. This scholarship has been endowed by her daughters, Mary Zanconato and Kathy Kearns, in memory and honor of the late Claire M. Rodriguez.

Edith and Gerhard Roming Memorial Scholarship[Timothy Calle](#)

Peter Roming endowed this scholarship in loving and grateful memory of his parents who made it perfectly clear to their young son, after losing everything in World War II and immigrating to the U.S. from Germany, that "we are in America and we will learn English." This award is intended for a foreign-born BCC student earnestly striving to learn to speak English.

Al Rosen Scholarship[Rachel Williams](#)

In December 2011, the BCC community lost a friend and respected faculty member, Al Rosen. He taught math at BCC for ten years. He was a dedicated and caring instructor who maintained high standards and encouraged students to do their best work. This award is given to promising math students.

Ellen Ruberto Scholar Award[Ryleigh McGovern](#)

Former Pittsfield Mayor James Ruberto has established this scholarship in memory of his wife Ellen. Ellen attended BCC on the Common, earning an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts in 1966. She went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree, a Master of Arts degree, and a Master of Business Administration degree. With all of her accomplishments, Ellen proclaimed that the best education she ever received was at BCC, saying, "It was at BCC where I learned I was smart!" Ellen was also devoted to public service, holding volunteer leadership positions in various organizations. This scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates leadership qualities, is engaged in co-curricular activities, and has an interest in improving the community.

Salus Populi Scholarship

Salus Populi means “for the good of the people.” The donors of this scholarship who wish to remain anonymous, have elected to help students in BCC’s Human Services, Peace and World Order, or Environmental Science programs who have demonstrated a commitment to ameliorating world problems and are committed to making a contribution to a more just and peaceful world.

Hailey Andersen
Norah Barber
Emily Boino
Natasha Bordeaux
Ayishetu Braimah
Krissy Chilson
Brittney Collins
Paige Elliott
Julia Kalinowsky
Katelynn Dawson Lalvay
Genavieve Maria Quetti
Maleah Speers-Brown
Epiphani Sweener
Meagan R. Williamson

Mark & Betsey Selkowitz Scholarship

Endowed by Mark & Betsey Selkowitz of Pittsfield, this scholarship is intended for students seeking to earn a degree or certificate while maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

Charity Ainooson

Serre & Guertin Family Scholarship

Scholarships from this fund are awarded in memory of Nathalie Regina Leona Serre Guertin and Joseph George Guertin. Qualified students will be native French-speaking, immigrants, or residents of North Adams.

Sara Samassi-Fofana

Sheehan Health Group Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed through the generosity of patients and their families of Hospice Services of Western MA under the leadership of the organization’s founder, Patrick Sheehan. Awards shall be given to nursing students, with a preference for second career LPN or Associate Degree nursing students.

Natasha M. Antona

William & Elsie Sides Scholarship

The William and Elsie Sides Scholarship is presented to either a returning Berkshire Community College student or a student graduating and transferring to a four-year school in the Social Work program. This scholarship was endowed by the Sides’ daughter, Lynne Sides Roming and son-in-law Peter Roming, in loving memory of Lynne’s parents who had a great love for education.

Theresa Atwood

Southern Berkshire VNA Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to promising students from Southern Berkshire County who are pursuing a Licensed Practical Nurse certificate. The recipient of this award has a proven record of academic excellence and demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was endowed by the Southern Berkshire Visiting Nurse Foundation.

Heather Marsh

Marilyn Sperling Greylock Scholar[Amanda Gadaire](#)

This scholarship was endowed by Greylock Federal Credit Union in honor of Marilyn Sperling, who established a distinguished 40-year career as a financial services professional in Berkshire County. In 2003, Sperling was named Greylock's first woman senior vice president, later becoming President and CEO. Recipients of this award are female business students who maintain at least a 3.25 GPA.

The St. Luke's Spirituality in Nursing Scholarship[Jacqueline M. Tessier](#)

Presented to a freshman student with financial need who has demonstrated a spirit of compassion, caring and spiritual concern for patients and their families.

Arthur & Sylvia Stein Scholarship[Erin Merrigan](#)

The Arthur and Sylvia Stein Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. This scholarship was endowed by Attorney Arthur Stein, a long-time member of the Berkshire Community College Foundation Board and his wife Sylvia Stein.

Joyce A. Stolfo Scholarship[Brittney Collins](#)

The Joyce A. Stolfo Scholarship is awarded to promising students with financial need who are pursuing a degree in the Liberal Arts with an emphasis on foreign languages, or a degree in a computer-related program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall have completed at least one year of study with a proven record of academic excellence. This scholarship was endowed by a good friend and colleague in memory and honor of Joyce A. Stolfo; a respected and admired professor of Computer Information Systems at Berkshire Community College.

Student Government Association Scholarship[Christina H. Briggs](#)

The Student Government Association Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who have participated in Berkshire Community College's Student Government Association. First preference will be for students graduating and transferring to a four-year college. The recipients of this award are dedicated to community service and have clear career goals.

Raymond M. Tart Scholarship[Michela Laurin](#)

The Raymond M. Tart Scholarship is intended to assist promising students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a Fine Arts degree at Berkshire Community College with a specific focus in painting and/or drawing. This scholarship was funded by family and friends in memory and honor of former BCC student Raymond M. Tart.

John Tatro Scholarship[J. Sargent](#)

The John Tatro Scholarship is intended to assist students who are majoring in engineering, environmental, computer, or life sciences. First preference is given to non-traditional students or those who desire to teach in a STEM division field. In addition, qualified students will remain a BCC student in good standing and must have satisfactory academic progress as defined by the scholarship committee. At present this means a 2.75 or better cumulative grade point average. John was a professor at Berkshire Community College where he taught many engineering-related math courses. This scholarship has been established in his loving memory through the generosity of his friends and family.

Catherine C. Taylor LPN Mobility Scholarship[MaryBlessing A. Nnodim](#)

The Catherine C. Taylor LPN Mobility Scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are transitioning from the Licensed Practical Nurse program to the Associate Degree Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall have a proven record of academic progress and demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was endowed by family, friends and colleagues in memory and honor of Catherine C. Taylor.

The Jordan Rose Tracy Scholarship[Cassidy Crawford](#)

The Jordan Rose Tracy Scholarship is intended to assist promising students enrolled in the Nursing program at Berkshire Community College. While Jordan was not with us for long, she is an enduring presence in the lives of those who loved her. The award also recognizes the amazing nurses who cared for Jordan and her family during one of life's most tragic moments and honors the promise of what her life could have been. Recipients of this award shall have shown a commitment to academic progress, and first preference will be given to those without a prior degree. This scholarship was established by her family in 2017.

The Vaber-Ziter Scholarship[Theresa Atwood](#)

Mr. Larry Vaber and Dr. Richard Ziter endowed this scholarship in order to provide educational opportunities for committed and deserving students. Mr. Vaber, a native of West Stockbridge, was a longtime radio and television news writer and announcer, and the national corporate spokesman for General Electric.

Eleanore Velez MSSO Scholarship[Marina Dominguez](#)

The Eleanore Velez MSSO Scholarship has been funded through the vision and generosity of the Multicultural Student Services Organization (MSSO) and alumna, Liliana Atanacio. The award recipient is an active member of the MSSO. Preference is given to applicants who do not qualify for financial aid beyond loans.

Viniar Honors Scholarship[Alex Green](#)

This scholarship was established by former BCC President Barbara Viniar to assist a promising single parent who has achieved high honors.

Vincent E. & Claire B. Walsh Scholarship[Nicole Koldys](#)

Vincent and Claire Walsh raised their six children in Pittsfield. Their goal was to send all six children to college, an opportunity they never had. At 65, having achieved their goal, Vin and Claire enrolled at BCC, an experience they enjoyed immensely. With the support of other elder scholars, they created the Hands Across the Generations Scholarship. Mr. Walsh went on to graduate from the former North Adams State College at the age of 70. This scholarship, now named in their memory, is supported by their family and friends and is presented to a hardworking student whose goal is to continue studies at a four-year college or university.

Fred Warren Memorial Scholarship[Natasha M.
Antona](#)

The Fred Warren Memorial Scholarship is awarded to nontraditional students who are dedicated to community service and pursuing a degree in nursing or another health-related field. Recipients of this award shall have completed at least one semester of college-level work and have demonstrated financial need. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting students who have overcome life challenges in order to pursue their dream earning a college degree. This scholarship was endowed by Dr. and Mrs. Russell Warren in memory and honor of Dr. Warren's brother Frederick L. Warren, who was a 2001 graduate and Salutatorian of the BCC Associate Degree Nursing program.

Robert A. Wells Scholarship[Natasha M. Antona](#)

Originally endowed by Claudia and Robert Wells, the fund was augmented with gifts from Bob's friends and family upon his passing in 2012. This scholarship is intended to assist promising students who are seeking to earn degrees or certificates at BCC.

Richard L. Whitehead Scholarship[Kayla Noyes](#)

The Richard L. Whitehead Scholarship is awarded to new or returning students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. Recipients of this award shall have demonstrated leadership qualities, academic excellence and a commitment to community service. This scholarship was endowed by friends, community members and colleagues of Richard Whitehead to honor his many years of leadership and service as a member of the Berkshire Community College Board of Trustees.

The Peggy Williams, Eleanor Williams, and Frances Stalvey Scholarship

The Peggy Williams, Eleanor Williams, and Frances Stalvey Scholarship is awarded to promising students who exhibit outstanding achievement in developmental course work. Peggy Williams played a variety of roles at the college over the years, but none more important than “School Mother,” a title of endearment given her by one student who could easily have been speaking for many who felt that way about her. Like the women in whose honor she endowed this scholarship with deductions from her paycheck, Peggy gave others the strength to believe in themselves, and always encouraged those whom she had helped to do the same for someone else. Her name joins those of her mother and mother-in-law on the scholarship she created to recognize both personal achievement and selflessness.

[Stella Asamoah](#)
[Danielle L. Boulais](#)
[Sara Samassi-](#)
[Fofana](#)

Thomas C. and Anne Everest Wojtkowski Scholarship

Oliver Osterwind, Valedictorian of BCC’s Class of 1998, funds this award yearly in appreciation for Tom and Anne Wojtkowski. The Osterwind family credits Anne for helping Oliver develop his potential and achieve success as an Engineer. Tom wrote the legislation to establish community colleges in Massachusetts, of which BCC was the first. This scholarship is presented to our valedictorian to assist in continuing baccalaureate studies.

[Marybelle Burns](#)

Zonta Scholarship

The Zonta Scholarship is awarded to promising female students with financial need who are dedicated to pursuing a degree or certificate at Berkshire Community College. The sponsors of this award have a significant interest in supporting women with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to improve the legal, political, economic, education, health and/or professional status of women. This scholarship is funded yearly by the Zonta Club of Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

[Ella Mae Formel](#)

Additional Scholarship Support

The following Foundation awards were either presented during earlier ceremonies, will be awarded to incoming BCC students or are awarded after this ceremony.

Max & Shirley Bookless Scholarship

Maxine and Nancy Bookless have endowed this scholarship in honor of their parents to support BCC's culinary arts students. Mr. Bookless operated BCC's first food concession at the former Second Street campus and later served as the food services manager at the West Street campus until his retirement in 1983. Max was a sympathetic ear to students, faculty, and staff over the years and made sure no one ever went hungry. He was an early and ongoing supporter of BCC's Culinary and Hospitality programs. Max and Shirley's lives were influenced by their association with BCC — they made many friends and enjoyed many programs and events here. Upon his retirement, the couple were given a lifelong pass to the culinary arts student dinners — Shirley passed away in March 2002 at the age of 83; and Max passed away in January 2012 at the age of 93.

Crane & Company Scholarship

This scholarship has been endowed through the vision and generosity of Crane & Company in Dalton. It is intended for a student who demonstrates satisfactory academic progress and is seeking to earn a degree or certificate.

Liam Fergus Martin and James D. Culver Scholarship

The Liam Fergus Martin and James D. Culver Scholarship is intended to assist students who are part of the culinary arts and/or hospitality program. First preference is given to those students with demonstrated financial need. In addition, qualified students will remain a BCC student in good standing and must have satisfactory academic progress as defined by the scholarship committee. This scholarship has been established in loving memory of those named and is funded through the vision and generosity of the friends and family of Pamela Culver.

J. Edward Dery, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created by family and friends to honor the late J. Edward Dery, Jr., a funeral director known for his community spirit. Mr. Dery died in a car accident in 1989 at the age of 47. The scholarship is for a student graduating from a Pittsfield or Dalton High School and enrolling at Berkshire Community College. This fund is managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

A. Wallace & Mary A. Everest Award

This award is presented to the full-time sophomore Engineering student with the highest academic grades.

Bette B. Everson Memorial Nursing Award

Presented to the graduating nursing student who best exemplifies the personal characteristics of commitment, perseverance, and professional growth.

New World Fund Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Abby Pratt of West Stockbridge in memory of her father, Gerald Dickler, a New York City attorney and son of immigrants. It supports new immigrants who have been in the United States for five years or less and are studying at BCC. The scholarship recognizes qualities that Mr. Dickler embodied as a young man: academic excellence, leadership and a concern for the rights and needs of others. This fund is managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Physical Therapy Assistant Club Scholarship

Presented for service and academic excellence.

Rhoda Rubin Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Rhoda Rubin chose the nursing profession in order to fulfill her ambitions to “alleviate the suffering of humanity.” Following a divorce, she raised three children by herself, worked full-time as a school and public health nurse and part-time as a RN at the former Hillcrest Hospital. She was a remarkable woman with an intense sense of pride and fortitude. As a legacy to their beloved mother, Rhoda’s three children established this scholarship to assist single parents wanting to fulfill their dreams of becoming a nurse. This fund is managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Donna S. Weber Human Service Scholarship

Rhoda Rubin chose the nursing profession in order to fulfill her ambitions to “alleviate the suffering of humanity.” Following a divorce, she raised three children by herself, worked full-time as a school and public health nurse and part-time as a RN at the former Hillcrest Hospital. She was a remarkable woman with an intense sense of pride and fortitude. As a legacy to their beloved mother, Rhoda’s three children established this scholarship to assist single parents wanting to fulfill their dreams of becoming a nurse. This fund is managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.



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