

MxCC Foundation

Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

July 2017 to June 2018



YOU DEFINE THE "COMMUNITY" OF MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MxCC holds a special place in the hearts of many. What better cause can there be than to help those students as they help themselves. Your donations of time, talent, and treasure have made scholarships possible, provided funds for faculty initiatives, have extended a lifeline to students in need of emergency help, and have supported so much more.

Come visit the campus. Take in its breathtaking view. See all that it offers, from the Center for New Media to the Learning Commons to the Magic Food Bus. Learn about the Center for Civic Advancement, and the more than 60 career programs offered in Middletown and in Meriden. Discover the international program that links Middlesex students to those in France and Mexico. Experience the intellectual curiosity and vibrancy created and fostered here at this beautiful campus. MxCC also fosters a caring environment to help our students thrive. And you have been a crucial part of making all this happen.

We thank you for your generous support in the past, and thank you in advance for your continuing contributions now and into the future.

JULÉ A. CRAWFORD, Alumna
Chair, Middlesex Community College Foundation



WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM

This past year, Middlesex Community College embraced the concept of "working together as one team." Employees collaborated across department boundaries to learn about Stanford University's "Design Thinking" approach toward implementing innovative change that starts with our mission of putting students at the center of all we do. We formed teams that focused on three aspects of the MxCC Strategic Plan: declaring our academic identity; "re-booting" our advising, registration, and retention efforts; and, creating a 21st-century marketing plan. I'm pleased to report that we made great progress in all three areas.



This year, we chose the underlying theme of Innovation to guide the work of three strategic planning teams. We are exploring how to improve student retention, leverage our "high-tech" campus, and build stronger and deeper community connections.

We are grateful to supporters like you. Your faith in Middlesex's ability to transform the lives of our students, and your generous donations to the MxCC Foundation, are truly inspirational. You continue to make a world of difference in the lives of our students, every day.

STEVEN MINKLER, EdD
Interim Campus CEO & Dean of Academic Affairs, Middlesex Community College



MUKSHUD AHAMED, MxCC 2017 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Wesleyan University

Mukshud had written on his summer internship application, "The person I am today is a stark contrast to the disheveled adolescent I was before." He later explained, "I nearly failed out of high school and lacked the confidence to attend college." But as a student at MxCC, Mukshud discovered a love for biology and with the encouragement of professors, he gained the knowledge and confidence to apply to the prestigious Summer Health Professions Education Program. He spent the summer of 2016 at the Yale School of Medicine exploring medical options by shadowing physicians and collaborating in clinical rotations and seminars. Now, as a research assistant at Wesleyan, Mukshud has worked on projects related to plant innate immunity, drug design, and biofuel research.





PEACH PIT FOUNDATION, Durham, Connecticut

“The Peach Pit Foundation has formed a wonderful partnership with Middlesex which has introduced us to many admirable students who are willing to work hard, make sacrifices, and persevere through challenges,” said Sharon Griffin, trustee, at Commencement 2018. She truly understands firsthand that sometimes achieving one’s dreams involves overcoming personal challenges along the way. Peach Pit has supported the MxCC Foundation from traditional and nursing scholarships (to honor Sharon’s mother) to emergency funding for students who need a push.



MxCC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS 2017-18

SCHOLARSHIPS

At the Scholarship Awards Night in May, 78 students received \$72,000 in scholarships funded by donations from individuals, businesses, alumni, and charitable foundations – plus proceeds from the Red Moon Gala and the Cap and Gown 5K Road Race. For a list of recipients, please visit <http://mxcc.edu/foundation/about/scholarships-2018>.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Cheryl E. Czuba Scholarship – awarded to a student in need, such as the first in family to attend college, disabled individual, refugee, immigrant, or ex-offender.

Carolyn and Ken Innocenzi Meriden Scholarship – awarded to a male and female student in need from Meriden.

NEW DAY FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The New Day Fund program supported 10 faculty-inspired projects totaling \$8,900 which helped raise the level of MxCC student experiences:

SNAP Education and Training Program – teach students “soft skills” associated with employment. – *Diane Bordonaro and Patrice Barrett*

Experience College Day – provided food for the largest recruitment event held on campus. – *Gayle Barrett*

Rubik’s Cubes STEM Project – purchased two sets of Rubik’s cubes. To help change the perception that one needs to be smart to use a Rubik’s cube, students applied logic, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to solve it. Used in several math and programming classes, these skills are essential even in daily life. – *Kegan Samuel*

Academic Support Group – assist male students of color. – *Ricky Barrett*

Art Exhibition/Workshop – artist discussion and workshop by origami/paper pattern sculpture artist, Ben Parker. – *Matthew Weber*

Communication and Professional Skills Pilot Project – developed a series of live, online sessions for second-year veterinary technology students to learn communication and professional skills necessary to succeed. – *Chris Gargamelli*

MxCC Public Health Fair – helped gather supplies for the event. – *Rebecca Loew*

Presentation on Teaching Strategies – Laurie DiGalbo, teaching strategies that help diverse and special needs students transition to college. – *Donna Bontatibus*

Art and Meditative Workshops – held workshops featuring alcohol inks and Dr. Martin’s dyes. – *Judith de Graffenried*

International Training Program – supported travel expenses for MxCC students and faculty to participate in educational and cultural activities with several partner campuses in France last spring. – *Angelo Glaviano*



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FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

INCOME

Contributions	\$ 123,086
Endowment	12,195
Special Events	89,842
Interest and Dividends	13,724
Donated Facility	3,600
Total Income	\$ 242,447

EXPENSES

Scholarship Awards and Program Enhancements	109,100
Special Events	52,780
Fundraising	2,599
Professional Fees and Wages	31,380
Office Expenses	8,747
Investment Fees	4,633
Insurance	980
Rent Expense	3,600
Total Expenses	\$ 213,819

OTHER INCOME

College Grants	26,417
In-Kind Gifts	33,226
Realized Gains	10,679
Unrealized Gains	25,535
Total Other Income	\$ 95,857

OTHER EXPENSES

College Grants	26,417
In-Kind Expenses	33,226
Total Other Expenses	\$ 59,643

Net Total Income	\$ 64,842
Net Assets at beginning of year	\$ 698,284
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 763,126

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	183,151
Marketable Securities	617,525
Pledges Receivable	10,500
Total Assets	\$ 811,176

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	48,050
Unrestricted	27,286
Temporarily Restricted	283,600
Permanently Restricted	452,240
Net Assets	\$ 763,126
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 811,176



ROSARIO (RIZ) RIZZO, MxCC 1970

"I have been contributing both my time and funds to Middlesex Community College for the last 25 years because I believe in the mission and goals of the college. When you give back – at whatever level you can – consider the students who will follow you into those classrooms. Please donate to the MxCC Foundation, so it can continue to provide scholarships to those that need assistance. Your donation can be the difference for someone trying to finish another semester."

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THE RED MOON SHINES OVER MXCC IN 2017

The MxCC Foundation hosted a festive and successful sixth annual Red Moon Gala on October 14, 2017. A special thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, and enjoyed this wonderful yearly event, as well as kudos to event chairs Donna Leonowich and Ken Kupec. More than 200 individuals attended and raised over \$29,000 to support the Foundation's work with MxCC students. Shine on, MxCC!



RUNNERS SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION AT ANNUAL 5K ROAD RACE

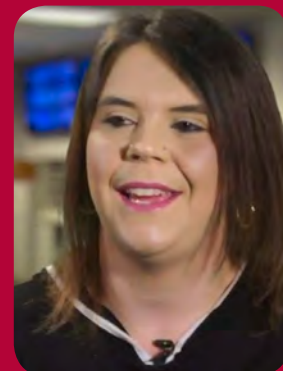
A picture-perfect evening and a scenic course was the backdrop for more than 180 adults and children who participated in the 15th annual Cap and Gown 5K Road Race held on May 11, 2018. Presented by the MxCC Foundation in partnership with the Middlesex YMCA, the event raised \$7,400 to support student success. Thank you to our sponsors and event organizers, faculty member Christine Witkowski and IT staff member Yvonne Rubin for their hard work and enthusiasm.



FOOD BUS CONTINUES ITS MAGIC

The Magic Food Bus continues to serve MxCC students and their families to help alleviate the challenges of food insecurity. Coordinated by Trent Wright and operated by students and volunteers, the food pantry provided nonperishable food items, toiletries, and other items through \$4,576 in donations this past year, in addition to food collections and various fundraisers.

HOLLIE KINNEY, MxCC 2014 Morning News Editor, WTNH-TV



"I chose Middlesex, because they had a lot of different programs that I was interested in. And, because it's a community college, it's easier for me to attend part-time and also keep my job. When I first started, I took the TV production class, and I just knew it was something I wanted to pursue for the rest of my life," said Hollie.

"The classes at MxCC are smaller, so you get more one-on-one attention. And the people you meet and the relationships you build with fellow students and the professors definitely help start building your own network.

"When I came to Middlesex, they had a TV studio that I thought was really cool. And now with the Center for New Media, it's amazing.

"Our studio at News 8 looks very similar. The Center for New Media has all the equipment that I see daily at News 8. Middlesex helped me get my foot in the door in the news business. I'm now the editor at WTNH News 8 at the morning show. By coming to Middlesex, if you really want to step into the media business, it is definitely a good choice."



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