GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Middlesex Community College played an important role in my educational journey—the support I received, and the doors that MxCC opened for me. Yet my story is not unique. Alumni often tell the same story: “Middlesex changed my life.”

Giving today’s MxCC students that same opportunity to reach their educational goals is the Foundation’s mission and yields the greatest rewards. Without your support, the Foundation could not have awarded over $89,000 in scholarships this year, helped faculty members develop innovative programs, or raise nearly $30,000 at the 2018 Red Moon Gala. Your continuing support defines the need that the college fulfills and its value to our community. This is the essence of community colleges and what they do.

Please keep abreast of what is happening on the Middletown campus and in Meriden. MxCC offers so much for its diverse student body—from career and transfer pathways to accelerated programs, advanced manufacturing, eyecare programs, and much more. Visit the state-of-the-art Center for New Media. Join the growing alumni group. Be involved in your community college. Thank you for helping MxCC students help themselves.

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

STUDENTS ARE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING

Middlesex Community College was fortunate to host U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes as our 2019 Commencement speaker. In her address, she shared a personal journey which took her from being a teenage single mom to community college graduate, National Teacher of the Year, and the first African-American woman elected to represent Connecticut in the U.S. Congress. Her story identified with, and affirmed, the lives of so many of our students. She said attending our graduation was “very personal to me.” I continue to be inspired by her story, her kindness, and her authenticity. Congresswoman Hayes validated the work we do every day at MxCC. She made a perfect argument that we are special places unlike other institutions of higher education. We’re local. We’re personal. We’re family. We make a positive difference in the lives of others. And, we’re good at what we do.

We are “Your College—Your Future” in our community thanks to the support you provide through the MxCC Foundation. Your generous financial contributions, friendship, and tireless advocacy allow MxCC to be an important chapter in our students’ personal stories. Our mission places students at the center of everything we do. Your faith in our ability to transform the lives of our students is truly inspirational. You continue to make a world of difference in the lives of our students, every day. Thank you.

STEVEN MINKLER, Ed.D.
Campus CEO, Middlesex Community College

CODY BUFFINTON, MxCC 2014
Exploring with Cody, Social Media Travel Influencer

Working for a production company after college, Cody filmed plays, weddings, and anything else to save enough money to start producing his own YouTube videos. For one of his first big adventure trips, he traveled to Thailand and filmed for 30 days. The videos became some of the top viewed within a couple months. In 2016, Cody began to market and promote his videos by posting to other websites, news sites, and social media. He posted at least two videos with trending and sometimes shocking topics each week to gain attention and increase followers. Reaching back to his college days, Cody said, “Middlesex was a good place for me to start and get more professional in what I am doing now.” Check him out on YouTube: SirCodyBuffinton
MEGAN WALLET, Student, Middlefield, Connecticut

As part of MxCC’s legislative opportunities last spring, transfer student Megan Wallet interned at Governor Ned Lamont’s office. “This taught me not only how to deal with political affairs but how to communicate with individuals who don’t necessarily share your perspective on issues,” she said. “This was the experience of my life. It helped me grow academically and as a person.” Megan now envisions herself fulfilling a dream of running for office one day.

MxCC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS 2018-19

SCHOLARSHIPS

At the Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May, 94 students received $89,400 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. Dean of Students Adrienne Maslin led the festive evening, and Foundation Board Chair Julé Crawford gave the closing remarks. For a list of recipients, please visit https://mxcc.edu/foundation/scholarships/.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Precision Metalforming Association Scholarship – awarded to a manufacturing student in good academic standing and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

United Way Women’s Initiative Scholarship – awarded to a female student who is a Middlesex County resident with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. The student must be in a STEM field with demonstrated financial need.

Women in Poverty – award to a female student in a STEM field who is living below the federal poverty level, with GPA of 3.0 or better and earned at least 15 credits.

NEW DAY FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The New Day Fund grants supported faculty-inspired projects totaling $8,031 which helped to elevate student experiences in various ways:

Experience College Day – provided transportation and lunch for high school students to the spring event. – Rebecca Davis, Enrollment Services Coordinator

Professional Attire Course – funds used to purchase attire for mini-contest winners. – Emily Canto, Career Counselor; and Eva Jones, Professor of English

Software and Career Skills – hired instructors to present to students. – Diane Bordonaro, Director of Non-Credit Programs

Book Reading and Discussion – “The Compassionate Achiever” by Christopher Kukk, professor of political science at Western Connecticut State University, held last fall plus professional development for faculty. – Eva Jones, Professor of English

Fresh Check Day – supported eight interactive tables with mental health themes and swag for the April event. – Adrienne Maslin, Dean of Students (Emerita)

Technology Showcase – purchased breakfast, snacks, and supplies for the event held last fall. – Rich Lenoce, Professor and Program Coordinator, Digital Media Production

Gun Violence Class/Forum – provided refreshments for community seminar held in April. – Rebecca Loew, Professor of Behavioral Sciences

Small Scale Aquaculture Lab – purchased supplies for students. – Patrick Bryan, Associate Professor of Biology

Art and Meditative Sound Healing Workshops – held workshops featuring acrylics. – Judith de Graffenried, Professor and Program Coordinator, Fine and Graphic Arts
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FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

INCOME
Contributions $137,455
Special Events 25,493
Investment Income 22,103
Donated Facility 3,600
Total Income $188,651

EXPENSES
Scholarship Awards and Program 131,571
Professional Fees and Wages 29,201
Office Expenses 5,927
Investment Fees 4,702
Insurance 989
Rent Expense 3,600
Total Expenses $175,990

OTHER INCOME
College Grants 17,045
In-Kind Gifts 25,442
Unrealized Gains 18,111
Total Other Income $60,598

OTHER EXPENSES
College Grants 17,045
In-Kind Expenses 25,442
Total Other Expenses $42,487

Net Total Income $30,772
Net Assets at beginning of year $763,126
Net Assets at end of year $793,898

ASSETS
Cash and Cash Equivalents 173,030
Marketable Securities 678,069
Total Assets $851,099

LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses 57,201

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 41,715
With Donor Restricted 752,183
Total Net Assets $793,898

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $851,099

ALAN KAIN, MxCC 2015
Vice President, Brown & Brown of Connecticut, Inc.

Like many Middlesex students, Alan wasn’t sure what he wanted for a career at first, and it took him awhile to get back to college after high school. Now a vice president, he credits his real-world internship experience for his successful rise in the insurance industry.

"I got a lot out of Middlesex. I got a better understanding of business all around. When I heard about the internship program, I jumped at it," he said.
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Magic Food Bus
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RED MOON TRADITION CONTINUED IN 2018

Nearly 150 guests attended the seventh annual Red Moon Gala on Sept. 29, 2018, and raised almost $30,000. Everyone enjoyed delicious appetizers, wine and craft beer tastings, and entertainment by saxophonist Gregory Sneed and Connecticut magician Brian Miller. Professor Rick Eriksen served as auctioneer for the raffle and live auction. Many thanks to the Red Moon Committee and volunteers who organized such a festive evening to support the Foundation’s work with MxCC students.

MAGIC FOOD BUS COLLECTS FOOD AND FUNDS

Students and their families continue to take advantage of the Magic Food Bus pantry, increasing use by 10% over last year. Coordinated by Trenton Wright and run by students, the pantry has provided nonperishable food items, toiletries, and other items through $10,250 in donations for 2018–19. In May, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy chose to release his college food insecurity report with a visit to the bus which was featured on Fox61 News. The pantry also now serves MxCC students in Meriden.

COUNT ME IN 2019 FOR $20.19

Leading up to Commencement, graduates, families, and friends who contributed $20.19 to the MxCC Foundation received a special 2019 MxCC commemorative pin to wear at the graduation or to show off MxCC pride. This effort to build new alumni giving and be “counted in” raised $2,740.

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The MxCC Foundation participated in Birdies for Charity—an online giving platform sponsored by the Travelers Championship PGA event held in Cromwell in June. The program helps nonprofits raise funds and awareness to support their missions. Proceeds from the golf tournament are used to match 15% of every dollar raised by the charities. The Foundation took in $1,008 in its 2018 debut with plans for more next year.

CAP AND GOWN 5K ROAD RACE KICKS OFF GRADUATION MONTH

Runners from all over New England raised over $5,400 at the annual MxCC Foundation Cap and Gown 5K Road Race held on May 10, 2019. Congratulations to overall winners Jeff Heintz of Wallingford and MxCC professor Ashley Raithel! Afterwards, everyone enjoyed food, beer, and entertainment. Many thanks to Foundation organizers Christine Witkowski and Yvonne Rubin, and volunteers, for carrying on this fundraising tradition.

KRISTEN ROBERTS, MxCC 1987
Vice President for Communications, Comcast (Western New England Region)

“Middlesex was a great experience for me at that time in my life. It gave me the confidence to pursue higher education. If you’re not sure about college or don’t have the support for going away to a four-year college, Middlesex is a great opportunity.”

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