



Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc.

presents the

Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Thursday, May 6, 2021
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Middlesex Community College
via Facebook Live
Middletown, Connecticut

Scholarship awards are funded by individuals, businesses, clubs, alumni, and corporations through the Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc. Middlesex Community College and the Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc., dedicate this scholarship awards ceremony to the donors of these scholarships who make this evening possible, the students who will receive the scholarship awards, and the faculty and staff who have mentored our students.

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Scholarship Awards Ceremony

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Closing Remarks

Dr. Donna Bontatibus
Interim Associate Dean of
Academic Affairs

Congratulations to all 2021 scholarship recipients. You are all well deserving of these awards and should be proud of your accomplishments. Whether for excellence in academics, commitment to community service or continued perseverance to attain your degree, you are rewarded for your efforts through these scholarship awards. Thanks to the support of your parents, spouses, partners, children, friends and others who have bestowed you with the encouragement to walk through the doors at MxCC. The Foundation, our donors, our college faculty and staff are all so proud of you. Best wishes as you continue to strive forward.

Scholarship Awards

Dean Richard Muniz Family Scholarship

Frances Cruz-Bruno – *Psychology Studies*

Dean Richard Muniz Endowed Scholarship

Carletta Reyes – *Health Information Management*

Charles and Rachel Wiltsie Scholarship

Anna Jimenez – *Liberal Arts and Sciences*

Boris Burack Endowed Scholarship

Sherry A. Moran – *Criminal Justice*

Herbert Levine, MD Endowed Scholarship

Eva-LaRue Barber – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Middletown Mayor's Scholarship at MxCC

Julia Noriega – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

MxCC Business Administration Scholarship

Garrett Allain – *Digital Marketing*

Philip and Amy Wheaton Endowed Scholarship

Luis Calderon – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Britney Godfrey – *Engineering Science*

Da'Quan Marques Long – *General Studies*

Altrusa International of Central CT Scholarship

Marisol Garcia – *Business Administration*

Eddie Fuld Endowed Scholarship

Mary Rivers – *Human Services*

Founders Endowed Scholarship

Kendra Guibord – *Art Studies*

Robert A. Chapman Endowed Scholarship

Adele Veilleux – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Mau Lopez – *Fine Arts: Graphic Design*

Deans' Endowed Scholarship

Elizabeth McLean – *Biology Studies*

Eriksen Family Scholarship

Danielle Nicole Minicucci – *Art Studies*

Martha DePecol Sanner Endowed Scholarship

Danae Armstrong – *Radiologic Technology*

Natasha Green – *Radiologic Technology*

Amanda Keegan – *Radiologic Technology*

Follett Scholarship

Julie Orenstein – *Digital Media Production*

Paul L. Jones Foundation Scholarship

Muhammad Ridhwan Abdulsalam – *Radiologic Technology*

Erica Guasp – *Radiologic Technology*

Lacey Hall – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Patricia Kiszka – *Radiologic Technology*

Dawn Lloyd – *Radiologic Technology*

Jennifer Mol – *Psychology Studies*

Michael Thomas Murallo – *Radiologic Technology*

Aaron Nyambe – *Ophthalmic Design & Dispensing*

Lesley Phaneuf – *Radiologic Technology*

Ewa Pisarczyk – *Radiologic Technology*

Bryan Prado – *Radiologic Technology*

Diane Setter – *Radiologic Technology*

Casey Solomon – *Radiologic Technology*

Juliana Sterling – *General Studies*

Grace Wete – *General Studies*

Liberty Bank Foundation Scholarship

Kaya Anderson – *Computer Engineering Technology*

Sandy Fernandez – *Radiologic Technology*

Jacob Goodman – *Biotechnology*

Mary Rivers – *Human Services*

Dave Champion Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Lebeau – *Veterinary Technology*

Nihla and Bob Lapidus Foundation Scholarship

Coleen Joi Gaydownen – *General Studies*

Nicholas Ingala – *Chemistry Studies*

Jennie R. Osterman – *General Studies*

Elena Uradnik – *Communication Studies*

Dave Champion Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Hannah Lebeau – *Veterinary Technology*

STRIVE Scholarship

Kaoutar Tayoubi – *Social Work Studies*

Raena Ferguson – *Radiologic Technology*

Catherine Griffin – *General Studies*

Emira Martin – *Psychology Studies*

Lady Navarro – *Chemistry Studies*

STRIVE Scholarship (Continued)

Cedric Onema – *Computer Information Technology*

Quenisha Williams – *Business Administration*

Gandhi Endowed Scholarship

Oliver Franco – *General Studies*

Catherine L. Dennis Endowed Scholarship

Taylor Bergeron – *Social Work Studies*

Gandhi Annual Scholarship

Nichole Szymaszek – *Health Information Management*

MILE Scholarship

Mia Giacometti – *Chemistry Studies*

Taylor Holland – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Patrick Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Sandy Fernandez – *Radiologic Technology*

Colin McKernon – *Manufacturing Machine Technology*

Jennifer Ripley – *Health Information Management*

Glenda Rivera – *Manufacturing Engineering*

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Louis Beauchamp – *Political Science Studies*

John (Jack) Howell – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Jesse J. Salafia Nursing Scholarship

Grace Wete – *General Studies*

Peach Pit Foundation Scholarship

Maia Carpentino – *Biology Studies*

Alyse Pellegren – *Psychology Studies*

Amy Loved Animals Memorial Scholarship

Aleksandra Willey – *Veterinary Technology*

Eames Family Endowed Scholarship

John (Jack) Howell – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Sarah Wall – *Early Childhood Education*

Insalco Scholarship

Carletta Reyes – *Health Information Management*

STEM Scholarship

Dallas Lance LaComb – *Computer Science Studies*

MxCC Faculty Endowed Scholarship

Victoria Footit – *General Studies*

Dean Adrienne Maslin Endowed Scholarship

Riley McConnell – *Communication Studies*

Rowland and Ruth Beaulieu Endowed Scholarship

Shannon Royce – *Business Administration*

Rowland and Ruth Beaulieu Manufacturing & Machine Technology Scholarship

Colin McKernon – *Manufacturing Machine Technology*

Glenda Rivera – *Manufacturing Engineering*

Rowland and Ruth Beaulieu Business

Administration Scholarship

Thomas Fitzpatrick – *Business Studies*

Shannon Royce – *Business Administration*

Quenisha Williams – *Business Administration*

Middlesex United Way Women's Initiative Scholarship

Brianna Duffy – *Health Information Management*

Carolyn & Ken Innocenzi Meriden

Administrator Scholarship

Norah Jones – *Business Administration*

Dallas Lance LaComb – *Computer Science Studies*

Sarah Cavanaugh Memorial Scholarship

Danielle Nicole Minicucci – *Art Studies*

Judith and Robert Walsh Scholarship

Alexis Clark – *General Studies*

Anna Jimenez – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Meghan Kehlenbach – *Radiologic Technology*

Lisa Massita Scholarship

Gary Lambert – *Social Work Studies*

Susan M. Smart Memorial Scholarship

Louis Beauchamp – *Political Science Studies*

Alumni Endowed Scholarship

Emma Belcourt – *Radiologic Technology*

Record-Journal Foundation Scholarship

Crystal Munoz – *General Studies*

Pratt & Whitney Scholarship

Thomas Hutchinson – *Engineering Science*

Raymond S. Robinson Endowed Scholarship

MxCC Student– *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Christina Giannelli – *Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Morgan C. Manning – *Radiologic Technology*

Katie Richardson – *Radiologic Technology*

Elizabeth Stankiewicz – *Health Career Pathway*

Scholarships Awarded

Altrusa International of Central Connecticut Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating non-traditional student demonstrating exemplary community service who wishes to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Alumni Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an entering or returning student who needs assistance to continue their education and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Amy Loved Animals Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Amy, a vibrant 12-year-old who had a big heart, kind soul and a love for animals. She loved all animals and wanted to help them in any way that she could. This scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the Veterinary Technology program at Middlesex Community College, who has demonstrated a commitment to animal welfare through working with animals as a volunteer or employee.

Boris Burack Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2001 by the Foundation to honor the first Chair of the College's English Department. It is awarded to a continuing or graduating student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher who needs assistance to remain in college and/or continue a formal education at a four-year institution.

Business Administration Scholarship

This scholarship was created through proceeds of the Red Moon Gala, during the live auction "Fund a Cause" for the academic program. It is awarded to a continuing student who has extenuating circumstances for assistance to stay in college. This award is determined by the academic program coordinator.

Carolyn & Ken Innocenzi Meriden Administrator Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Carolyn Innocenzi, Evening Coordinator of MxCC@Platt, and Ken Innocenzi, MxCC Foundation Board Member. It is awarded to one female student and one male student both from Meriden, with a preference given to students attending MxCC@Platt. They must have a 2.0 or higher GPA and a demonstrated willingness to succeed.

Catherine L. Dennis Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2004 by Catherine's husband, George, and their adult children in her memory. She believed deeply in the value of education. It is awarded to a woman committed to earning a bachelor's degree in social work or human services who may be financially unable to do so without this scholarship.

Dave Champion Memorial Annual and Endowed Scholarships

This is a memorial scholarship established by Jayne and Jeffrey Champion. It is awarded to a second year returning student who demonstrates determination and a hard work ethic in the field of Veterinary Technology.

Dean Adrienne Maslin Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the MxCC Student Senate in honor of retired Dean of Students, Dr. Adrienne Maslin. It is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution with strong evidence of participation in college activities and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Dean Richard Muniz Family Annual and Endowed Scholarships

These scholarships were established by the late, former MxCC Dean of Continuing Education Richard Muniz and continues to be supported by his family. They are presented to a new or continuing Hispanic student, matriculated in a degree program on a full or part-time basis with a 3.3 GPA or higher. Some community experience is desired.

Deans Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2001 by the Foundation to honor Deans who have made outstanding and substantial contributions to the College. It is awarded to a continuing student based on the equally weighted criteria of academic performance, attainment of at least twenty credits at MxCC, and service to the College.

Eames Family Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established and supported by former MxCC Foundation Board Chair, George M. Eames, IV. It is awarded to returning or graduating students of any academic field, who hold an average or above average GPA, have been active leaders or volunteers while at MxCC, and who are committed to earning a bachelor's degree.

Eddie Fuld Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2001 by parents and friends of Eddie Fuld to honor her and recognize the compassion, energy, and enthusiasm she showed to both students and colleagues while acting as the MxCC Coordinator of Student Activities. It is awarded to a continuing student who has demonstrated interest in human services, especially student services, and has a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Eriksen Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2021 by the Eriksen Family. It is awarded to a full or part time, continuing or graduating student going on for a 4-year degree. This award is intended to provide an ongoing opportunity for the student to continue their education. There is a preference for majors in the Arts, including Graphic Design and Media, but is open to any program of study.

Follett Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a new or returning student with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, with preference given to someone that is working while going to school to support their educational goals.

Founders Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2001 by the Foundation to honor those whose foresight and labor led to the creation of MxCC and to recognize all who have helped nurture that original vision of the College. It is awarded to an outstanding continuing or graduating student.

Gandhi Annual and Endowed Scholarships

These scholarships were established and are supported by the Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple. They are awarded to an entering or returning student from Middletown with a diverse background and experiences, who demonstrate academic excellence and is enrolled full-time.

Herbert Levine, MD Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating student with a love for liberal arts, a commitment to higher education beyond an associate's degree, and with a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

Insalco Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2021 through the generous support of the Insalco Corp. The recipient should be a continuing or graduating student that is going on for a 4-year degree. Preference for a student that has the proven drive to succeed in college and shows commitment to bettering themselves through involvement in activities or working to support their education. The student may be enrolled full or part time and must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

The Jesse J. Salafia Nursing Scholarship

This award is funded by Jesse and Ann Salafia. In 2014, Mr. Salafia became a centenarian. He was a 1976 alumnus of MxCC, and a longtime member of the MxCC Foundation Board. This scholarship is awarded to an entering or returning student planning to enroll in a nursing program with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Judith and Robert Walsh Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Judith and Robert Walsh. It is awarded to a student who demonstrates the drive, initiative, and commitment to success in his/her studies.

Liberty Bank Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an incoming student who is a graduate of a high school in Middlesex County, or any other town served by Liberty Bank. Preference is based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Lisa Massita Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the MxCC Student Senate in memory of Lisa Massita, Senate President, who passed away in 1998. This scholarship is awarded to a returning or graduating student who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the College, and maintains a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Martha DePecol-Sanner Endowed Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established in 2003 from a bequest of Martha DePecol-Sanner, an extraordinary educator at MxCC who was well respected and highly regarded by students, faculty, and staff. This scholarship is awarded to non-traditional, returning students with an interest in allied health.

Middletown Mayor's Scholarship at MxCC

Middletown Mayor's Scholarship at MxCC is funded by the Office of the Mayor, City of Middletown. It is awarded to a full-time entering or returning student who is a graduate of a Middletown high school (Middletown, Xavier, Mercy or Vinal Tech), with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference is given (not required) to students enrolled in Criminal Justice or Human Services, with career goals relating to public service.

Middlesex United Way Women's Initiative Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing female student residing in Middlesex County majoring in a STEM field with a 2.5 + GPA. Preference will be given to a full-time student who is a single parent and/or Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE).

MILE Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education; and is awarded to returning, non-traditional students, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrated academic achievement.

MxCC Faculty Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2001 by the MxCC Foundation to honor faculty who have been exemplary educators. It is awarded to a continuing or graduating student who has distinguished himself/herself through academic excellence, and made contributions to the college community.

MxCC Faculty Annual Scholarship

This scholarship is supported by personal donations made by MxCC Faculty. It is awarded to a continuing or graduating student who has distinguished himself/herself through academic excellence, and made contributions to the college community.

Nihla and Bob Lapidus Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is funded through the family foundation established by Bob Lapidus, founder of Bob's Stores, and his wife, Nihla. It is awarded to entering or returning students who are highly motivated to succeed.

Patrick Campbell Memorial Scholarship

This is a memorial scholarship established by Sandra Campbell. It is awarded to a non-traditional student, older than 22 years of age, who wishes to use MxCC as a vehicle to start a new career or change his/her vocation.

Paul L. Jones Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to new or returning full-time students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, in the field of laboratory technology, medical technology or any other profession related to the preservation and restoration of health in human beings.

Peach Pit Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Sharon Griffin through the Peach Pit Foundation. It is awarded to students enrolling in either the Certified Nurse Aide or Patient Care Technician Programs; or to new or returning students who are currently enrolled, either full or part time, with a 2.5 GPA or higher, and demonstrate motivation to succeed.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to members of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Consideration is based on contribution to PTK and MxCC, and is presented to returning or graduating students demonstrating academic achievement.

Philip and Amy Wheaton Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the family and friends of MxCC's founding President, Philip Wheaton, and his wife Amy, a former chairperson of the MxCC Foundation Scholarship Committee. It is awarded to a returning or graduating student.

Pratt & Whitney Scholarship

This scholarship is supported by Pratt & Whitney. It is awarded to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students in engineering science, manufacturing, or environmental science programs.

Raymond S. Robinson Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established from a bequest of Hazel Robinson of Portland. It is awarded to a new or returning student with a strong work ethic and determination to succeed.

Record-Journal Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the charitable foundation of the Meriden Record-Journal. It is awarded to a student in the Meriden or Wallingford area enrolled at MxCC in at least nine-credit hours per semester, demonstrating academic accomplishment with a GPA of 2.7 or higher.

Robert A. Chapman Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 2001 by the MxCC Foundation to honor the second President of Middlesex Community College, Robert A. Chapman. It is awarded to a continuing student who has distinguished himself/herself through academic excellence, unusual efforts, or community service.

Rowland and Ruth Beaulieu Business Administration Scholarship & The Rowland and Ruth Beaulieu Endowed Scholarship

These scholarships were established by Suellen Beaulieu in memory of her parents, Rowland and Ruth. They are presented to returning students in Business Administration with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Sarah Cavanaugh Memorial Award

This is a memorial scholarship in honor of Sarah Cavanaugh, daughter of MxCC Employee Michael Cavanaugh and his wife Sharon. It is awarded to a student majoring in the Fine Arts field with preference given to the Art Studies or Fine Arts Associate Degree program. The award is presented to a new or returning student in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

STEM Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a new or returning student who is registered for at least 6 credits and enrolled in a STEM related program.

STRIVE Scholarship

This scholarship was established and is supported by Cheryl Czuba, friend of Middlesex Community College and the MxCC Foundation. It is awarded to students with unusual or extraordinary circumstance, or a defined barrier, for example: undocumented or immigrant students, first generation students, ex-offenders, who are highly motivated.

Susan M. Smart Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship is funded by the Student Senate in memory of Susan Smart, Senate Vice-President who passed away in 1989. It is awarded to a returning or graduating student who demonstrates academic achievement and is involved in college activities.