

MxCC Foundation

Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

July 2022 to June 2023



Greetings from the Foundation

In 2023, we again witnessed the transformative power of education firsthand. We expanded our volunteer board, achieved record-breaking success at our annual Red Moon event and embarked on exciting projects that will further elevate the reputation of our beloved campus.



The MxCC Foundation's generous scholarships open doors of opportunity for deserving students, enabling them to pursue their academic dreams and reach their full potential. The funds raised through the Red Moon event support critical programs that enrich the campus experience, foster student success and strengthen community partnerships with the Magic Food Bus, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Middletown Works and GEAR UP Connecticut.

We invite you to join us in shaping the next chapter of the Middlesex legacy. Your support, whether through a generous donation, participation in our annual 5K or attendance at our events, will fuel our mission to empower individuals, strengthen our community and make Middlesex County a place where affordable education is accessible to everyone.

Christopher J. Dibble, CRPS, QPFC, MS ES&P
Chair, Middlesex Community College Foundation

We are CT State Middlesex!

Endurance. Over the past few years our students have proven they are both resilient and that they have the endurance it takes to achieve, despite the obstacles that were out of their control like no other time in history.

The faculty and staff of our campus, while preparing our Middlesex and Meriden campuses for a smooth transition into CT State Community College, have made it a priority to ensure students receive the help they need by focusing on essential support services—from academic advising and financial aid to mental health services and alleviating barriers to food insecurity.

As we navigate the complexities during this evolution, your contributions to the MxCC Foundation have played a crucial role. I want to express my sincere thanks for your generosity. Collaboration with our community partners has been key to our success, and your ongoing support is truly appreciated.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue working with you to address the growing needs of our students as well as the innovations of our faculty. Your dedication drives positive change, and together, we will shape the future of education in our community and in our state.

Kimberly Hogan
Chief Executive Officer, CT State Community College Middlesex (formerly Middlesex Community College)



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Students received \$88,900 in awards through 87 total annual and endowed scholarships during a May 11 ceremony. Thank you for supporting these awards for Middlesex students.

NEW ENDOWMENTS & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Through the MxCC Foundation, retired veterinarians Virginia Nunez Olson, DVM, and Robert Olson, DVM, established the **Pieper Olson Endowment**. Their gift benefits Middlesex veterinary programs via the endowment and scholarships.

The **Pieper Olson Veterinary Technology Endowed Scholarship** is granted to veterinary technology students who maintain the program's minimum GPA, with a preference for first-generation college students and those with prior veterinary experience and awareness.

Frank Hilsdon, former longtime Middlesex technology professor, established the **Greenberg/Hilsdon Family Endowed Scholarship**, a \$20,000 endowment to honor his wife, Sandra Greenberg, an accountant, who passed away in 2018.

In support of the family endowment, Steven Hilsdon donated \$3,000 to establish the **Greenberg/Hilsdon Family Scholarship** with a three-year commitment, providing an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a new or continuing female student demonstrating financial need, a minimum GPA of 2.5, and majoring in accounting, business administration, computer science or other STEM field.

With backing from the Nihla and Bob Lapidus Foundation, the **Workforce Development Fund** established scholarships for non-traditionally funded workforce programs. Also, the **Lapidus Foundation Endowed Scholarship**, starting with an initial donation of \$10,073.99, is available to motivated full- or part-time, new or returning students of any age or major, and with financial need.

The Vision Council, a national eye care advocacy group, initiated their **Opening Your Eyes Scholarship Fund** to support students from underserved communities entering the optical industry. Aarlan Aceto, coordinator of the Ophthalmic Design and Dispensing program, played a key role in Middlesex being among the first three schools to join this initiative.

The **Radiologic Technology Scholarship** honors retired Professor Emerita Judy Wallace, DPT, former program coordinator of Radiologic Technology. The scholarship is awarded to radiologic technology students with preference given to single parents.

The Connecticut Marine Trades Association is offering a \$1,500 **CT Marine Trades Scholarship** for a student to attend the inaugural Fundamentals in Marine Service course.

English Department Fund – for non-English-speaking students.
Staff Morale Fund – support employee teambuilding activities.
Ivan Lazaro Fund – support recuperating theater student.
Peach Pit's Care Specialist Fund – support student mental health.

GRANTS TO PROGRAMS

EIS Foundation – \$2,000 for annual giving.





RED MOON FEST 2022

Thanks to you, the Foundation's Red Moon fundraiser, held on October 1, 2022, was the most successful in 11 years! The event raised a record \$64,000 in gross revenues (not including donated auction and raffle prizes), netting \$51,698 for student scholarships and educational innovations at Middlesex. Over 140 enthusiastic attendees celebrated as donors or sponsors.

PANTRIES HELP ALLEVIATE FOOD INEQUITY

The Magic Food Bus pantry distributions increased 22% since last year, serving 984 students and families. This effort is funded in part through grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, CUNO Foundation, and from Middletown and Meriden block grants. Middlesex also hosted the Connecticut Foodshare Mobile Pantry every other week. The Magic Food Bus is grateful for additional donations from CT Foodshare, Cans-4-A-Cause, Stop & Shop, faculty, staff and friends.

RUNNERS RAN IN THE RAIN

Many thanks to the runners who came out in the rain to participate in the 2023 Grad Dash on May 20. The annual 5K/10K race raised nearly \$2,000 to support student scholarships and more through the MxCC Foundation.

BIRDIES BOOSTED DONATIONS

The MxCC Foundation continued to benefit from the Travelers Championship Birdies for Charity program. The online annual spring initiative took in \$1,800 in donations to the Foundation, with a 15% bonus of \$270, for a total of \$2,070 last year.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

The college modernized its allied health and phlebotomy facilities in Snow Hall by upgrading an existing lab and converting a general purpose classroom into a brand-new health lab to better accommodate students pursuing careers in health.

Ricardo Reyes, computer science student, Lin Lin, PhD, program coordinator of Computer Engineering Technology, and Peter Kootsookos, computer science instructor, received awards from the NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium, a federal program funded as a part of NASA Education.

In May, Sarah Leone, assistant professor of mathematics, was named the recipient of the Board of Regents Teaching Award for Middlesex and also the System-Wide Board of Regents Teaching Award for Connecticut Community Colleges.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Gamma Xi Chapter, achieved ongoing excellence. Olivia Merlini, the chapter president, earned the regional Most Distinguished Chapter Officer, First Place award. Lin Lin, PTK advisor for 12 years, received the national 2023 Distinguished Chapter Advisor award. The chapter also received national recognition as a top 100 chapter, Distinguished Chapter and Distinguished Honors in Action Project, along with additional awards from the New England region.

MxCC FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT

Statement of Activities July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Income

Contributions	\$ 284,179
Special Events	49,203
Investment Income	53,314
Interest Income	1,378
Donated Facility	3,600
Total Income	\$ 391,674

Expenses

Scholarship Awards and Program	251,488
Special events	16,246
Professional Fees and Wages	45,967
Office Expenses	9,488
Investment Fees	6,345
Insurance	985
Rent Expense	3,600
Total Expenses	\$ 334,119

Other Income (Loss)

College Grants	9,975
In-Kind Gifts	25,603
Unrealized Losses	23,389
Total Other Income (Loss)	\$ 58,967

Other Expenses

College Grants	9,975
In-Kind Expenses	25,603
Total Other Expenses	\$ 35,578

Net Total Income	\$ 80,944
Net Assets at beginning of year	\$ 1,173,521
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 1,254,465

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	395,926
Marketable Securities	923,331
Total Assets	\$ 1,319,257

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	64,792
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Net Assets

Unrestricted	(30,430)
With Donor Restrictions	1,284,895
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,254,465

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,319,257
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