

Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc.

# **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

July 2023 to June 2024

















#### **GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDATION**

In 2023, we officially transitioned to Connecticut State Community College Middlesex, which joined the 12 statewide community colleges into one organization. Our foundation will continue to be known as the Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc., and it is important to note that all funds raised by the MxCC Foundation will remain with the MxCC Foundation.

This past academic year, 2023–24, was successful in that we awarded 66 scholarships totaling

\$62,900 to deserving students to assist them in achieving their education goals. The funds that were awarded were a result of our Red Moon Gala 2023 and other fundraising events during the past year.

Please join us at one or more of our many events. We welcome and appreciate your support through your donations, which help keep education at CT State Middlesex more affordable for students.

This year, we welcomed the MILE and Castle Craig adult lifelong educational organizations to our Foundation as they continue to provide education to Middletown and Meriden-area seniors using the funds they raise.

Ken Innocenzi

Chair, Middlesex Community College Foundation, Inc.

#### **DEAR FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS**

As we reflect on a year of transformative growth and achievement on our campus, I express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment. Your dedication has been instrumental in advancing our mission to provide high-quality education and foster innovation within our community.





Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this momentum. Our strategic initiatives focus on civic engagement, sustainability, inclusivity and academic excellence, ensuring that we not only meet the needs of our students but also contribute positively to society.

Together, we are shaping the future of our students and institution, and with your continued partnership, we can achieve remarkable milestones ahead.

Thank you for your belief in our vision and for your invaluable contributions to the MxCC Foundation.

## Kimberly Hogan

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





## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The MxCC Foundation presented 66 scholarship awards totaling \$62,900 to deserving students, along with another \$7,500 in awards to nine graduating students for a total of \$70,400 in scholarship awards. Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for continuing to support these vital awards for Middlesex students.

#### **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Tom Melbert Annual Award in Humanities** is awarded to a student, with a 3.30 or higher GPA, enrolled in an English or humanities program and has an interest in literature, painting, the arts or travel.

**Hernandez Family Scholarship** is awarded to a continuing or graduating student, with a GPA of 2.50 or higher, who is a teen mother. Preference is given for degree-seeking students, but certificate and workforce development students are also eligible.

Former Middlesex president **Anna Wasescha**, **PhD**, through her Red Moon sponsorship, joined previous partners that have funded scholarships: **Town Fair Tire**, **the Eriksen Family**, **Middlesex Health**, **Insalco Corporation** and **Follett Corporation**.

## **NEW FUNDS & INITIATIVES**

Phi Theta Kappa Fund for Catalyst Trip — Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is committed to acknowledging and fostering academic excellence among community college students nationwide. Thanks to your support, five student PTK members attended the national convention in April 2024. The total amount raised for the PTK fundraiser was \$5,863.

**Vet Services in Animal Control Facilities** — The MxCC Foundation received a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in August 2023 for spay/neutering services carried out at Pieper Veterinary in conjunction with the veterinary technician program.

**Oxford Consortium** — Middlesex students attended the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights in England with Foundation support.

**Peach Pit Foundation** — Continuing grant funds campus care specialist providing wraparound wellness support for students.

## **GRANTS TO PROGRAMS**

**EIS Foundation** — \$2,000 for annual giving **Stop & Shop Food Pantry Program** — \$7,500 to Magic Food Bus

#### **EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS**

**Give Back Nights** — The MxCC Foundation is grateful to those who dined at Mondo Pizza, Fuego, Chili's or Cromwell Pizza to support the MxCC Foundation through Give Back nights. Up to 20% of your purchases at these restaurants—more than \$1,000—was donated.

**Pride T-shirt** — Each year, the club SPEAK (Students Promoting Equality, Acceptance and Knowledge) sells T-shirts for \$20 each prior to Middletown's annual PrideFEST in June, with proceeds going to the MxCC Foundation. The group has participated in the event since 2019.



#### **RED MOON GALA 2023**

The MxCC Foundation presented their annual Red Moon Gala on October 14, 2023, which raised \$58,000 in gross revenues (not including donated prizes), and netting nearly \$43,904 for student scholarships and educational initiatives. **Fatima Islam**, a junior at Platt High School in Meriden, shared her uplifting experience with the GEAR UP program, a partnership between CT State Middlesex and Meriden Public Schools.

#### **FOOD PANTRY SERVES STUDENTS**

The Magic Food Bus pantry distributions continue to increase, up 59% from 2022–23, while serving 1,562 students and families. The pantry is funded in part through grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, CUNO Foundation, and from the City of Middletown and Meriden Community Development Block Grant programs, as well as funds and item donations from Connecticut Foodshare, Cans-4-A-Cause, Shop-Rite Partners In Caring, Webster Bank, Stop & Shop and CT State Middlesex faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

#### **GRAD DASH RESULTS**

Many thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and runners who participated in the rainy 2024 Grad Dash on May 18. The annual 5K/10K event raised funds to support scholarships and more through the MxCC Foundation.

## **BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

The MxCC Foundation participated in the annual Travelers Championship **Birdies for Charity** fundraising program. Donations to the Foundation are boosted by 15% from the Birdies sponsors simply by contributing through their online platform. The June PGA fundraiser increased the Foundation's overall contributions to nearly \$24,000 since 2019, plus \$4,500 in bonus matches. Thank you those who contributed.

## **CT STATE MIDDLESEX HIGHLIGHTS**

On April 16, CT State Middlesex welcomed U.S. Secretary of Education **Miguel Cardona, EdD**, and Connecticut Governor **Ned Lamont** to highlight high-quality career pathway programs in correctional facilities. Dr. Cardona later returned to attend a graduation ceremony for incarcerated students earning Middlesex and Wesleyan University degrees through the Center Prison Education partnership program.

CT State Middlesex unveiled **new plastics machinery equipment** and upgrades to the manufacturing training facility located at Vinal Technical High School in Middletown. State and local legislators and representatives from area manufacturing firms joined CSCU, CT State and Middlesex officials during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 15.

Congratulations to **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society** chapter (Beta Gamma Xi) for their numerous outstanding achievements at the Catalyst 2024 national convention in April and the New England Regional Conference in March.

**Landi Hou**, computer support specialist and adjunct faculty member, was named a PTK 2024 Distinguished Advisor at the PTK Catalyst convention. Middlesex CEO **Kimberly Hogan** received the national Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Paragon Award for New Presidents.

#### **MxCC FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT**

## Statement of Activities July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

#### **Income**

Total Income	\$ 245.211
Donated Facility	3,600
Interest Income	15,801
Investment Income	39,031
Special Events	57,803
Contributions	\$ 128,976

#### **Expenses**

Scholarship Awards and Program	106,397
Special events	42,868
Professional Fees and Wages	48,477
Office Expenses	7,635
Investment Fees	7,407
Insurance	1,034
Rent Expense	3,600
Total Expenses	\$ 217,418

#### Other Income (Loss)

College Grants	10.669
In-Kind Gifts	25.603
Unrealized Gains	77.026
Total Other Income (Loss)	\$ 113,298

#### **Other Expenses**

College Grants	10,669
In-Kind Expenses	25,603
Total Other Expenses	\$ 36,272
Net Total Income	\$ 104.819

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Net Assets at beginning of year	\$ 1,254,465
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 1,359,284

#### **Assets**

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## Liabilities

Accounts Payable and	Accrued Expenses	2,638

## **Net Assets**

Unrestricted	2,955
With Donor Restrictions	1,356,329
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,359,284

## Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 1,361,922





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