NHCC Foundation Annual Report 2013

Creating Access, Changing Lives

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A message from the president and executive director

Creating access to quality educational opportunities remains at the core of the mission of the North Hennepin Community College Foundation. For more than thirty years we have been energizing and mobilizing community, college, and alumni resources on behalf of North Hennepin Community College and the students it serves.

In carrying out this mission, the foundation experienced much growth and change during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Three endowed scholarships were established, and a new internship program aimed at connecting alumni and current students was created. We awarded more than $146,000 in scholarships and emergency grants to students (a 43% increase over last year) and NHCC programs received $97,000 from the NHCC Foundation and our supporters (a 65% increase over last year).

One of the highlights for all of us at the foundation and college, was welcoming Grammy Award-winning alumnus, Jon Vezner back to campus in March. Jon held a song-writing workshop for music students and composed a song with them entitled "Trust Yourself" which they performed together at the foundation's annual gala. Jon returned to campus in April to refine the song and record it professionally with the students. For a behind the scenes look at the recording of "Trust Yourself," please visit www.nhcc.edu/TrustYourself.

Jon's visit is just one example of the volunteers and supporters from the college, alumni, and community working together to provide resources for current and future students. The outstanding accomplishments of the foundation would not be possible without the dedication of individuals such as these.

We are grateful for your support of the foundation as we help North Hennepin Community College provide a state-of-the-art education to students in the northwest Twin Cities. With your help, hundreds of low-income and first-generation college students are making their dreams for a brighter future, a reality today.

Sincerely,
David "Chip" Norris NHCC Foundation President
Jennifer Summer Lambrecht NHCC Foundation Executive Director

Alumnus helping us create access

In September of 2012, Jon Vezner was named as a NHCC Distinguished Alumnus. At the event, Jon was recognized for his musical accomplishments as a Grammy-Award winning songwriter. Jon has written music for Martina McBride, John Mellencamp, Faith Hill, and Reba McEntire. In 1990 he received a Grammy Award for "Best Country song" and "Song of the Year" from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music for the song he co-wrote with Don Henry called "Where've You Been?" which was recorded by his wife, Kathy Mattea.

Jon was invited to perform at the NHCC Foundation's gala in March. In preparation for his return to the NHCC community, he offered to lead a songwriting workshop for students on campus. From the workshops, "Trust Yourself" was born. Jon and the North Hennepin students thrilled guests at the foundation gala when they performed this song. In May, Jon returned to campus and recorded the song professionally with his students. Look for the song to be released in the near future. In the meantime, you can have a behind the scenes peek by visiting www.nhcc.edu/TrustYourself.

Scholarships

The NHCC Foundation awarded more than $136,000 to 135 students. These scholarships are based on financial need, academic merit, or both.

A note of gratitude

Dear North Hennepin Community College Foundation Board and Donors, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for selecting me to receive this scholarship. My story is humble, and the primary reason I am back in school is to try to make a difference in the world and provide for my children at the same time. I am honored to be selected from the multitude that must have applied, and I promise you I will make it count.

Going to school full time while raising a family is a challenge faced by a number of students. As an older student, with four kids of my own, seeking academic excellence while balancing the needs of my household and spending time with my kids can be a tremendous hardship. However, I am here for several very important reasons, and the help I am receiving through this scholarship could not have come at a better time.

I want to show my children that they can accomplish anything if they apply themselves. In pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy, I wish to help people become capable again, overcome their pain, and give them the proactive tools they need to have the power to live strong, healthy lives.

This scholarship will be put to use in the pursuit of these goals: To provide the best example a father can give to his children. To help those in need, suffering from pain, and ultimately to bring this knowledge to communities that would not afford to be able to access these kinds of services.

Being awarded this scholarship has inspired me to continue to press forward, knowing that the only way I can ever truly repay this kindness is to make the kind of difference in the world, that you all can know that the NHCC Foundation placed its faith in the right person.

I thank you again for your generosity and consideration. I will see to it that your faith in me is repaid in the lives I help change.

Sincerely,
Ethan Capers
Scholarship Recipient

Our students at a glance

27.5= average age of our students
43% 26 or older
32% full-time students
68% part-time students
40% students of color
61% from a home where neither parent holds a bachelor's degree
25% from a home where neither parent has any postsecondary education
46% low income

NHCC program support

With the generosity of our many donors, the NHCC Foundation provides funding to programs on campus that illustrate our mission of creating access to a state-of-the art education. Highlights of these programs are: $13,000 Bus Pass Purchase-Subsidy: The foundation provided funding to the bookstore to subsidize the purchase of metro bus passes for 400 NHCC students so they could get to campus.

$3,000 Application Fee Waivers: The Admissions and Outreach Office provided application fee waivers to 150 students who attended open houses on campus and applied for admission to North Hennepin.

$3,000 African and African American Male Leadership/Mentoring Movement: The Diversity and Equity Office launched a multi-level mentoring program to address the barriers of post-secondary education, and increase the retention and persistence rates for these students.

$1,971 Bioscience and Undergraduate Research: NHCC is one of only a few community colleges in the country to provide undergraduate research opportunities. The foundation provides funding to support this research.

$45,000 Cornerstones College Readiness Program: With funding provided by the Otto Bremer Foundation, the Pentair Foundation and college resources, North Hennepin operates a college readiness program for students in local middle and high schools. Tutors from NHCC work with students in classes and after school during the academic year, and also on the NHCC campus during the summer months.

$10,000 Campus Community Development and Collaborations: Through a grant from the General Mills Foundation, we support the college's diversity initiatives: the African and African American Male Leadership/Mentoring Movement, Women of Color Support Group, American Indian Advisory Committee, as well as the college's new community garden.

Endowment scholarships

Brooklyn Park Rotary Club and Foundation Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1995 by members of the Brooklyn Park Rotary Club and Foundation in support of residents of Osseo and Brooklyn Park who wish to pursue higher education.

Buffalo Lions Club Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1992 by members of the Buffalo Lions Club to assist residents of Buffalo who wish to pursue higher education.

Carillon Endowment
Established in 2000 by Alice Tessman to maintain the NHCC Carillon.

Don Davis Law Enforcement Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2001 in honor of Don Davis, member of the Law Enforcement faculty for 22 years, by his family, friends, and law enforcement alumni.

John Diedrich Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established in 2008 in memory of John Diedrich by Mary Diedrich, family and friends to provide financial support of a veteran or a child of a veteran pursuing an education at NHCC.

Edinburgh USA Pro Am Scholarship Endowment
Established in 2008 through the generous support of Edinburgh USA Pro Am to promote educational opportunities for students attending NHCC.

Evans-Nordby Endowed Lectureship
Established in 1993 by Charlotte and Keith Nordby to serve the community by creating new opportunities for education in the area of grief.

Joseph Gazzuolo Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2005 in memory of Joseph Gazzuolo, member of the Art faculty, by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Graduating Student Nurses Association Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2006 by Darlene Sitko, faculty, alumni and friends in support of a graduating nurse who will continue to pursue a bachelor's degree after graduation from NHCC.

Janice Hancock Nursing Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2012 in memory of NHCC nursing instructor, Janice Hancock, by her friends and family, to support a nursing student.

Miriam Hazzard Nursing Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2001 in honor of Miriam Hazzard, member of the Nursing faculty for 28 years, by her friends and colleagues, to support a nursing student.

Dr. John F. Helling Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1993 by John F. Helling, NHCC President from 1967 to 1990, in support of NHCC graduates who wish to continue their pursuit of higher education.

Charlotte Howe Nordby Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2005 in memory of Charlotte Nordby by family and friends in support of a student studying nursing or elementary education.
Joseph Iten Business Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2004 in memory of Joseph Iten by family and friends in support of a student entering the field of accounting, management, finance, marketing or building inspection.
Dr. Barbara J. Johnston Endowed Scholarship for Re-Entry Women
Established in 1998 by Dr. Barbara J. Johnston, member of the sociology faculty, with the advice and support of an alumni advisory board of female NHCC re-entry graduates.
Sharon A. Johnson Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1990 in memory of Sharon A. Johnson, a member of the college staff from 1977 to 1990, by her family, friends, and colleagues.
JoAnn Jones Nursing Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2007 by JoAnn Jones in support of a student pursuing an education in nursing.
Albert D. Law Veteran Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2006 in memory of Albert D. Law by Don and Bev Levens in support of a veteran or a child of a veteran pursuing a career in health care.
Alan LePage Second Chance Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2000 in memory of Alan LePage by his family to support students overcoming alcohol or substance abuse who are ready to make a positive change and pursue higher education.
Charles Long Physical Science Scholarship
Established in 2000 in memory of Charles Long, member of the Science faculty, by family, friends and colleagues.
Idelia T. Loso Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1993 in memory of Idelia T. Loso, NHCC's first Dean of Instruction, in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service.
Luther Toyota City & SCION Scholarship Endowment
Established through the generous support of Toyota City SCION to promote educational opportunities for students attending NHCC.
Barbara K. Mantini Phi Theta Kappa Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1998 in honor of Barbara K. Mantini, Phi Theta Kappa advisor at NHCC from 1970 until her retirement in 1997, by alumni and friends to recognize and reward an outstanding member of Phi Theta Kappa.
Osseo Lions Club Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1992 by members of the Osseo Lions Club to assist residents of Osseo who wish to pursue higher education.
Howard and Sonja Olson
Established in 2012 by Howard and Sonja Olson to provide scholarships to graduates of NHCC who are pursuing a bachelor's degree.
Sarah Robinson Pollock Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2002 by the Sara Robinson Pollock estate to promote educational opportunities for re-entry women.
Beth and Jerry Sandvick Baccalaureate Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2001 as a Baccalaureate Scholarship by Jerry Sandvick in memory of Beth Guiney Sandvick, a founding member of the English faculty. The original endowment was established in 1990 in her memory by family, friends, and colleagues.
Neil F. Sands Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2005 in memory of Neil F. Sands, founding member of the Chemistry faculty, in support of a student studying chemistry.
Evelyn Schmidt Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of Evelyn Schmidt, a charter foundation board member, by family and friends for students pursuing an education at NHCC.
Chuck and Mary Jane Thompson Health Careers Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1997 by Mary Jane and Chuck Thompson in support of students pursuing a career in health care.
Eldon A. and June E. Tessman Nursing Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2003 by Eldon A. and June E. Tessman in memory of Eldon's mother, Esther J. Tessman who worked as a Dakota County Public Health Nurse.
June E. Tessman Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established in 2008 by Eldon A. Tessman in memory of June to support a student attending NHCC.
June E. Tessman/Larry D. Finch Scholarship
Established in memory of June E. Tessman and Larry D. Finch in 2012, by Addie and Eldon A. Tessman to support NHCC students.

25th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1991 by founding members of the college faculty (John Balfe, Clair Coughlin, Don Durand, Susan Lehner, James Johnson, Roger Johnson, Barbara Mantini, Dr. Norma Olson, and Jean Swanson) to provide support to NHCC students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.
Paul and Sheila Wellstone International Student Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2003 in memory of Senator Paul and Sheila Wellstone to aid students from another nation studying under a foreign student visa or students that were born outside the United States.
West Suburban Industrial Supplies Business Endowed Scholarship
Established in 1995 by Craig and Sandi Annis in support of students pursuing an education in business.
Gary Wynia All Minnesota Academic Team Scholarship Endowment
Established in 2008 in memory of Gary Wynia to support NHCC's recipients of the All Minnesota Academic Team Award competition.

Finances
The foundation had a very successful year garnering resources for student scholarships and NHCC programs. Community members showed their support in many ways: financial donations, in-kind gifts, gifts of stock, and attending or sponsoring the Golf Tournament and Gala.

FY2013/FY2012 fund balance
Assets 2013
Cash and equivalents=$973,761
Accounts receivable=$350
Total assets=$974,111
Liabilities 2013
Accounts payable=$335
Long term liabilities=$0
Total liabilities=$335
Fund balance 2013
Unrestricted=$110,485
Permanently restricted=$863,291
Total fund balance=$973,776
Total liabilities and find balance2013
$974,111

Assets 2012
Cash and equivalents=$968,651
Accounts receivable=$2,250
Total assets=$970,901
Liabilities 2012
Accounts payable=$1,343
Long term liabilities=$0
Total liabilities=$1,343
Fund balance 2012
Unrestricted=$184,303
Permanently restricted=$785,255
Total fund balance=$969,558
Total liabilities and find balance 2012
$970,901

2013 scholarships and grants
Academic scholarships=$121,538
Access scholarships=$25,000
NHCC program grants=$97,637

Ways to support NHCC foundation

There are many ways to support North Hennepin Community College – direct financial support, in-kind gifts, or the gift of your time. Donations may be unrestricted, or you may target your gift to a particular program or purpose.

Annual Fund

Gifts to the Annual Fund provide direct financial support for student scholarships and grants.

Memorial Tribute Gifts

Memorialize someone important in your life. Some existing memorials include monuments, structures, classrooms, benches, and trees.

Matching Gifts

Many employers have programs that may double or even triple your gift to the foundation.

Endowment Gift

Establish an endowed scholarship fund as a tribute to an individual, group, or in connection with a particular academic program at the college.

Stocks and Bonds

Realize tax savings by transferring stocks and bonds to the foundation

Bequests

include the foundation in your will or trust, or designate the foundation as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy.

In-Kind

These are gifts other than cash that can be used directly in NHCC activities. Our annual gala allows donors to support the foundation through gifts of merchandise, services, and other saleable items.

Event Sponsorship

Various levels of sponsorship opportunities exist at college-hosted events that touch the lives of thousands of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Volunteer

You become the backbone of our success when you donate your time and talents to serve on boards, committees, and at foundation events.

Thank you for your support

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