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North Hennepin Community College kicked off a year-long celebration of its 50 year anniversary on September 18, 2015 while welcoming Dr. Barbara McDonald as NHCC’s sixth president. At the annual scholarship luncheon, the NHCC Foundation awarded the $5,000 Sandvick Baccalaureate Scholarship to biology student Kari Hovorka. In honor of changing lives for 50 years, the Foundation awarded an additional $5,000 scholarship to nursing student Cecile Ketchaya.

"As a donor and the reason that I remain such is that I have a commitment to education. Lot of the students who come here need help with scholarships. I would like to keep contributing to the college and the best way I can do it is through scholarships and financial resources. Also encourage other faculty and I would hope some of our alums will become involved."
-Jerry Sandvick, Retired NHCC Faculty

"I was a college drop out. I went to a university unprepared for the demands and very unsure of my capabilities as a student. I always wanted to return to college, to try again. I wanted to shed the drop out stigma. My life has been changed thanks to North Hennepin Community College. I am now a college graduate with an Associate’s degree in Liberal Arts and working towards my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology."
-Kari Hovorka, Sandvick Baccalaureate scholarship recipient

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-Cecile Ketchaya, 50th Anniversary scholarship recipient

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FINANCES (JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016)
The foundation had a great year raising funds 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. Thanks to all this support, we provided students over $488,000 in scholarships and other student support services!

Scholarship recipients Cecile Ketchaya and Kari Hovorka pay it forward by contributing to future student scholarships.

Photographed at the Spring Soirée: Cecile Ketchaya and Kari Hovorka

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