

HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.

*Annual
Report*

July 2003 — June 2004





...from the President

As the new President of the Board of Directors for Housatonic Community College Foundation, this was, for many reasons, a most memorable year.

This was a year of loss, when long-time Foundation employee, Pam Prestin, lost her battle with cancer in February. Pam worked tirelessly for the Foundation, and was a warm and friendly presence in the office for more than six years. She is greatly missed.

This was a year of adjustment, when the national economy continued its downward trend. The effect was a decrease in funds available to us through most avenues of fundraising. Despite these formidable challenges, we were able to raise more than \$300,000 for scholarships and financial awards.

This was a year of growth, as we watched 413 men and women receive diplomas, the largest graduating class in the history of Housatonic Community College. In 2003-04, the Foundation hit a high point as well by presenting scholarships and grants to 120 students.

This was a year of opportunities, as the College received state bonding funds to begin a major renovation of the former Sears building. This project represents a significant expansion of our facility, and serves as the catalyst for the Foundation to significantly expand our range of fundraising efforts, in order to meet the growing needs of students, faculty and staff.

My first exposure to the College was as a guest speaker for the Women's Center in the late 1970's. My initial impression – extremely positive – was only enhanced when my son became a student in 1990. I joined the Board of Directors because I saw an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local students, and to contribute to an outstanding educational institution in my community. My priorities as President focus on working with volunteers and staff to develop new, short-term fundraising opportunities, and to strengthen the Foundation's long-term financial future.

I invite you to visit our campus. Enroll in a course. Visit the Art Museum. Attend an event. I encourage you to see for yourself why so many consider Housatonic Community College a tremendous asset for greater Bridgeport.



Barbara P. Johnson



Our Mission

The Foundation provides financial assistance to the College and its students beyond the fundamentals provided by the State of Connecticut, and assists the College in becoming a unique educational resource for its students and the community. The Foundation also serves as a vehicle generating funding for student scholarships, student emergencies, child care costs for parents enrolled, program enhancements and support of the Housatonic Museum of Art.

Who We Are

Housatonic Community College Foundation is a unique and vital resource that works to support the mission of Housatonic Community College. The Foundation began in 1990 when a small but dedicated group of citizens from the region gathered to raise funds to assist local students. Today the Foundation works in partnership with the College to bring a broad range of scholarships and grants to men and women from greater Bridgeport with the twin desires: to learn and to build a better life.

Housatonic Community College continues to thrive in its role as a vibrant, challenging and supportive academic institution. Last year, 4,678 students enrolled at Housatonic Community College, an increase of more than 50 percent over the last seven years. As the College has grown, so has the Foundation. We strive to develop new sources of revenue in order to meet the growing financial challenges of a community college dedicated to educational access and success. Our fundraising efforts support scholarships, tuition assistance, childcare, and textbooks for students. We also provide supplemental support to meet the needs of a growing institution that are not covered by state funding, including staff development and necessary educational resources.

During the academic year 2003-04, the Foundation staff and volunteers raised just over \$325,000 through grants, contributions, corporate sponsors and special events.

Our shared vision is clear: to be a vibrant, challenging and diverse academic institution dedicated to student success, to the economic vitality of the region, and to maintain the financial stability of the college.

Special Events

Special events play an important part in our efforts to provide financial support to our students and to our College. Events bring people together from all backgrounds, means, and interests. Events provide an opportunity to entertain and enlighten, to communicate our accomplishments, as well as our needs.

Pillar of the Community

The Pillar of the Community Award Celebration took place on April 29, 2004 at The Inn at Longshore. Approximately 200 attended the event as the Foundation honored the Bigelow Family – David, Eunice, Lori and Cindi – for their professional success and philanthropic commitment to the community.

The R.C. Bigelow, Inc. Tea Company was founded 60 years ago in New York City. In the 1960's son David and wife Eunice took the helm and greatly expanded the product line and the number of markets. Under their leadership the company grew from one small factory in Norwalk to three major facilities throughout the country, including one in Fairfield. Lori and Cindi Bigelow represent the third generation in the family business, and are dedicated to maintaining excellence in business and an exemplary role in the philanthropic community. The Pillar of the Community Award was created in 2000 to recognize outstanding men and women of greater Bridgeport, the community that the Housatonic Community College serves.



The Bigelow family: Eunice, Cindi, Lori, and David



Seated: Don Maroly, Jean Rogowski, Ed White, Ed Williams, Frank Occhipinti.
Standing: Frank Morse, Don Janezic, Frank Johnson, Mike Annunziata.

Joyce Gerber Scholarship Concert

On April 13, 2003, more than 50 faculty, staff, students and friends of HCC attended a concert and reception at the Performing Arts Center to benefit the Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship Fund. A scholarship was established the previous year in recognition of the retirement of Joyce Gerber, an outstanding member of our faculty. The concert was organized this year to raise additional funds, and as a continuing tribute to a woman who devoted four decades to the field of Early Childhood Education.

Sam Lardner and Suite Mediterranea performed a delightful array of flamenco songs. Mr. Lardner noted that he was honored to travel from Spain to pay tribute to Ms. Gerber, who he publicly thanked for providing him with guitar lessons and instilling in him a love of music.

Housatonic Community College Foundation Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at the College on September 8, 2003. College President, Dr. Janis M. Hadley, addressed the group, and announced that full-time enrollment for 2003-04 had increased by 6 percent and that the College had awarded more than \$5 million in total financial aid, surpassing the amounts by any other community college in the state.

The Board elected a new president, Barbara P. Johnson, a Bridgeport resident and a Senior Vice President at People's Bank. Barbara has served for three years on the Board and brings to her new position an expertise in finance and fundraising as well as a long history of community service.

Allan J. Rosen (pictured at right), the outgoing president, was honored for his three years of service. Mr. Rosen is a prominent attorney with a demonstrated commitment to the College, the students and the Housatonic Art Museum.

Board member Von Bair stepped down after serving for ten years. He served as Treasurer and was a strong supporter of the Foundation's efforts. He was a regular presence at special events at the college, foundation, and art museum.



College President Janis M. Hadley, Von Bair, Foundation Board President Barbara Johnson

The Annual Meeting also served as an excellent opportunity to honor the contributions of the Fairfield County Chapter of the General Electric Elfun Society, a volunteer association of G.E. leaders dedicated to volunteerism and community service. The Foundation presented commemorative plaques to Gus Serra, Manager of Communication and Community Relations, and to Elfun Society members Vicki Brown and Barbara Morrow (see photo page 10).

UNICO Scholarship Dinner

Two students were awarded scholarships at a dinner October 28, 2003 at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe. The Foundation scholarships were made possible by a donation from the local chapter of UNICO, the largest Italian American service club in the country. Frank Verrilli, chair of the local UNICO mental health committee, presented the scholarships to students enrolled in MERGE, HCC's Mental Health Certificate Program that prepares students, including those with mental illness, for a career in the field.

Carol Gee of Waterbury was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. This mother of four completed advocacy training at Northwestern Connecticut Community College prior to enrolling at HCC. Mugemangango Senzoga, a native of Rwanda now living in Bridgeport, is fluent in several languages. He plans to work with the homeless and refugees who suffer from mental illness.

Dr. Jessica Wolf, a professor at the college and the Director of the MERGE Program, played an integral part in the scholarship and dinner event.



Carmen J. Cartiglia, Dr. Jessica Wolf, Frank J. Verrilli, Carol Gee, Mugemangango Senzoga (left to right)

Awards Night

A record number of students, faculty, staff, friends and family attended the 37th annual Awards Night on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. The event is held prior to graduation to recognize outstanding students and the generous individuals, groups and organizations that support them. General Electric and the G.E. Elfun Society sponsored the event.

Housatonic Foundation Scholars this year numbered 43. Students were recognized for academic achievement as well as for receiving a scholarship or financial award during their time at the College.

College education is a valuable investment: students earn- on average- an additional \$4,408 annually for each year of college attended.

Other financial awards provided by the HCC Foundation at this event include

The Burt Chernow Scholarship, The Jeanne DuBois Scholarship, The George Endowed Scholarship, The Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship, The Ralph Fabrizio Scholarship, The Beverly G. Anderson Memorial Award, The Robert Gerard Naples Award, Marshall Rachleff Scholarship, Jane Mahoney Memorial Award, The HCC Foundation Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Award, and three scholarships through The Frank J. Scallon Foundation.

Foundation Grants

We recently identified as a priority the pursuit of grants from private and public foundations. These additional funds will enable the Foundation to support enhancements to academic programs as well as student financial awards.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation

The Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF) has been a friend of Housatonic Community College and the Housatonic Community College Foundation for many years. In 2003-04, their support came in the form of three important grants.



Local middle school students in our *Girls in Science Week*

The FCCF Fund For Women And Girls awarded \$7,500 to fund *Girls in Science*, a summer program for 30 middle school children, and a key part of the college's ongoing commitment to expand educational opportunities for the greater Bridgeport community.



The Fairfield County Community Foundation was also instrumental in our success with two grants through the Frederick H. Leonhardt Fund at the New York Community Trust. We received \$15,000 to expand our Tutoring Program at the HCC Academic Support Center. The Center currently provides vital services to an estimated 90 percent of the student body. We received an additional \$20,000 to establish the Leonhardt Scholars Program, a revolving fund, which in its first year provided grants to 25 qualified students.

United States Department of Education

Our largest grant this year will fund the establishment of our Urban Multi-Cultural Access and Success Program. The grant, proposed to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, was championed by U.S. Representative Christopher Shays, and endorsed by U.S. Senators Christopher Dodd and Joseph Lieberman. A total of \$149,115 was awarded to fund this new initiative, which is intended to identify and address the specific needs of individual students, and to maximize their chances for completion of their college program. Dr. Lisa Montgomery, Dean of Students, was instrumental in obtaining this grant and will direct the program, slated to begin in the coming academic year.

The Westport Young Women's League

The Westport Young Women's League continues to be a strong supporter of the HCC Foundation and our students. The organization awarded a grant of \$6,484 to support The Early Childhood Laboratory School, including the cost of field trips and childcare for 20 students. This is the eighth year that the Young Women's League has made a financial contribution to the Foundation.

The Richard Donchian Charitable Foundation

The Richard D. Donchian Charitable Foundation awarded \$5,000 in support of the College's Library Instruction Program. The funds were used to purchase equipment to teach students valuable research techniques, including how to access, evaluate and utilize library resources.

The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation

The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Memorial Foundation donated \$1,000 in support of the Library Instruction Program.

The Inner City Foundation for Charity and Education

The Inner City Foundation for Charity and Education awarded \$10,000 to be used for scholarships for students with a demonstrated financial need who reside in Fairfield County. These awards will commence in academic year 2004-05.

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

Diogenes Laertius

Additional Grant Support

Step into the building at 900 Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport, Connecticut and enjoy an impressive collection of art adorning the walls of the school. The Housatonic Community College Museum serves as guardian of this collection – with works by Picasso, Rodin, Dali, Warhol, and other masters – considered by professionals to be one of the most valuable collections of any two-year college in the nation. We are proud to invest time and effort on behalf of the Museum, which curates the collection and manages a rotating exhibit space on the first floor. This year, we assisted with successful grant applications that realized \$30,000.

The Werth Family Foundation awarded the Museum \$15,000 in support of the Conservation Project, which will help to ensure the proper maintenance of our collection.

The Institute of Museum and Library Science awarded \$15,000 under their Conservation Project Support Program for the Museum's detailed survey of the art collection, including recommendations for treatment and associated costs.

Scholarships Funds

One of the Foundation's most important responsibilities is to provide scholarships to students from the region as they pursue higher education and a rewarding career. This year we awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships and grants.

Current scholarships include:

Housatonic Community College Foundation Scholars are students who demonstrate academic achievement, service to the community and/or the college as well financial need. Any student in good standing who has completed at least nine credits is eligible to apply.

Barden Foundation Scholarship is awarded to two students continuing their education in a field of science field, including computer science.

Kim Thibodeau Chiaraluce Fund provides a financial award to a young woman, attending the College on either a full or part-time basis, who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need. The DeMattia family established this fund to honor the memory of a dear friend.

Burt Chernow Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to major in art or art education at a four-year institution, and demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

Salvatore Curiale Scholarship was established in memory of Salvatore Curiale, the former Director of Admissions for the College. It is presented to a student continuing their education in the field of nursing.

Connecticut Women's Forum Endowed Scholarship Fund is made possible by this group of professional women from throughout the state and funds women students with financial need who are enrolled in any of our two-year degree programs.

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship is given to a current student in need who demonstrates success in academics and in extra-curricular activities. The student must also be employed, with preference given to an employee of Subway Restaurants.

DeMattia Family Scholarship assists incoming students from area high schools who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

Doane Endowed Scholarship is a fund established by Elizabeth (Betsy) Doane, a retired Math professor at Housatonic Community College, in memory of her late husband, Paul Doane, a computer lab assistant at the college. It is presented to a student continuing in computer science, mathematics or engineering.

Jeanne DuBois Scholarship is awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates academic achievement as well as financial need, and who plans to continue their education in art or art history.

Marguerite Sullivan Dunigan Endowed Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to a current student who is a single mother.

The Flint Prize is awarded to a graduating student who achieved the highest academic average while attending Housatonic Community College and qualified for the Academic Dean's Award.

The Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship provides a financial award to a graduating student in early childhood education with the highest GPA who plans to continue their education at a 4-year college. This scholarship was established in recognition of Joyce Gerber, a recently retired HCC Professor of Early Childhood Education.

The George Endowed Scholarship Fund awards a graduating student in the computer science degree program who demonstrates academic achievement.

President Edward J. Liston Endowed Scholarship Fund is awarded to a student enrolled in a two-year program that participates in extra-curricular activities, and demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

Robert Gerard Naples Scholarship is awarded to a graduating student in the math/science program who has demonstrated excellence in academics and who plans to go on to complete the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree.

Elizabeth Pfriem Endowed Scholarship Fund is awarded to a Housatonic Foundation scholar, a student who has completed 9 or more credits at the College with a GPA of 3.0 or above, who demonstrates financial need.

The William Pitt Foundation Scholarship is awarded to Housatonic Community College full-time students – taking 12 or more credits – who will graduate within two years of receiving the award. This award provides full tuition and fees.

Frank J. Scallon Foundation Scholarship goes to graduating students pursuing an education in psychology or medicine at a four-year institution in Connecticut.

The Southern Connecticut Gas Company Community Scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed one year at the College. Preference is given to a student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a demonstrated financial need.

David Susskind Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior in the behavioral sciences who plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in political science, history or public administration. This scholarship, in memory of the renowned broadcast journalist, was established by his daughter, Samantha Mannion, an Assistant Professor at the College.

Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Fund is awarded to the highest-ranking graduating student who plans to continue their education. This scholarship is a complement to the HCC Senate Scholarship awarded by the College in honor of Professor Emeritus Dale Ward.

The Weller Collegiate Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 to an incoming freshman with financial need from the towns of Monroe, Newtown, Easton, Shelton, or Trumbull. This scholarship is awarded in honor of Barton L. Weller, founder & trustee of the Weller Foundation.

Looking Ahead

While we take this opportunity to look back on the grants and events and donors who helped to make the past year outstanding in many ways, we must also look to the future in order to continue to meet the financial needs of our students, faculty, staff and college.

Our accomplishments in the areas of grants and individual and corporate donations set the stage for the Foundation to break new ground in fundraising. We recently established a working relationship with Wachovia in the area of Planned Giving when an anonymous donor expressed the desire to donate \$50,000 through a Charitable Gift Annuity. A Charitable Gift Annuity provides an individual with the opportunity to make a significant contribution to a non-profit organization such as the Housatonic Community Foundation while drawing quarterly income derived from the interest paid on the principal. The donor is still eligible for a tax deduction on the donation. The Charitable Gift Annuity is just one of the many fundraising avenues the Foundation will explore during the next few years.

Another area of potential growth is the establishment of additional scholarship and endowed funds. Both Scholarship and Endowed Funds at the Foundation provide financial awards to needy students, while earning interest on the principal. This year, The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. established the new CO-OP Center Scholarship, which provides tuition assistance for a student from the greater Bridgeport region. To be eligible, applicants must be an HCC student in good standing, an active member of the CO-OP Center, and have a demonstrated need for financial assistance. This scholarship will be implemented in the 2004-2005 academic year.



Janis M. Hadley, HCC President, and Barbara Johnson and Dick Fagan of the Foundation presented commemorative plaques to Gus Serra (far left), Manager of Communication and Community Relations, and to Efun Society members Vicki Brown (2nd from left) and Barbara Morrow (far right).

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Our success in fundraising is the direct result of the generosity of those who made a contribution and the efforts of faculty, staff and volunteers who effectively communicate our mission to the general public.

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Margaret Cho

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue and support:				
Contributions	\$55,534	\$151,454	\$39,536	\$246,524
Interest and dividends	9,224			9,224
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	42,032			42,032
Fund raising events	27,561			27,561
Net assets released from restrictions	152,857	<u>(152,857)</u>		
Total Revenue and Support	<u>287,208</u>	<u>(1,403)</u>	<u>39,536</u>	<u>325,341</u>
Expenses:				
Scholarships and awards	98,994			98,994
Programs	54,687			54,687
Museum expenses	22,962			22,962
Management and general	58,466			58,466
Fund raising events	21,469			21,469
Other fund raising	12,551			12,551
Total Expenses	<u>269,129</u>			<u>269,129</u>
Change in net assets	18,079	(1,403)	39,536	56,212
Net assets, beginning	<u>196,419</u>	<u>86,825</u>	<u>227,850</u>	<u>511,094</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$214,498</u>	<u>\$85,422</u>	<u>\$267,386</u>	<u>\$567,306</u>

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Pamela (Pam) Prestin



Pam Prestin shown with her husband, Dan, at the 2003 Gala.

Pam was a familiar face to everyone at Housatonic Community College for six years. Her title was Secretary 1, but her innate sense of responsibility and outstanding level of commitment led her to take on any task that needed to be done, no matter how far beyond her official job duties. Pam had outstanding interpersonal skills, and she used them daily as she worked with students, faculty, staff and volunteers. Although she was soft-spoken and usually worked quietly and efficiently, her dry wit was always a welcome addition to the workplace.

Pam handled her battle with cancer until the very end as she handled her life, with quiet courage and little fanfare. Those who knew Pam would describe her as a dependable co-worker, loving wife, devoted mother of three, and a very dear friend. Pam Prestin is greatly missed by all.

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