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NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Annual Report 2020-2021

WE ARE A COMMUNITY

A message from the President

The events highlighted in the 2020-2021 annual report serve as a reminder of the resilience and ingenuity of the faculty, staff and students at Niagara County Community College. The campus community came together during the past year both virtually and in-person, developing new ways to communicate, educate and learn throughout the pandemic.

Through the leadership of SUNY and new chancellor, Dr. Jim Malatras, NCCC was able to implement COVID testing and screening protocols to keep those on campus safe, and additional technological resources were made available to students studying remotely. Many traditional activities were modified to accommodate required restrictions. In an effort to preserve annual traditions, Gingerbread Wonderland became an occasion for families to pick up supplies at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute to craft and decorate at home, the Annual Film and Animation Festival was enjoyed virtually through Zoom sessions and the 57th Annual Commencement Ceremony was celebrated with extra flair at an outdoor gathering including music, giveaways, food, and the opportunity for students to walk across an outdoor stage in front of their families and friends.

In addition to campus events, many NCCC clubs and organizations participated in community service initiatives. Student Life collected and distributed holiday gifts for families in need and collected \$5,580 for the United Way, the Student Nurses Association had a donation drive



for Horizon Health Services, the Student Club at NCCI made healthy snacks for children at the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club and collected and distributed food donations to Community Missions in Niagara Falls. These activities underscore NCCC's commitment to the community, and dedication to creating meaningful, holistic experiences outside the classroom.

I hope you enjoy seeing all we have accomplished this past year and I look forward to joining you in promoting our community as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'W' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

William J. Murabito, Ph.D.

A COMMUNITY OF LEADERS

NCCC Board of Trustees

NCCC is governed under policies established by its Board of Trustees. All Trustees are area residents, with a student trustee elected annually by the student body.



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**Some photos were taken at a time when masks were not required on campus.*

A COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS

At a Glance



Admissions Profile

First-time registered freshmen: **889**

Registered Transfers: **375**

Athletics



205

Athletes participated in sports



10

NJCAA teams



5 NJCAA

Region III Titles

Baseball

Men's Basketball

Women's Basketball

Golf

Wrestling



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Intramural Sport - Club Hockey



Ratio of Students

1,523

38%
Male

62%
Female

2,467



Facilities

Acres: **287**

Buildings: **11**

Average Class Size



17
students



Employees

Total number of employees: **579**

Number of full-time faculty, staff, administration: **274**

Number of adjunct faculty credit instructors: **154**

Number of part-time staff, administration, non-credit instructors: **151**

Enrollment (Fall 2021)*

3,935 - New York (98%)

78 - Out of State (2%)

2,366 - Niagara County (59%)

1,663 - Out of County (41%)

*Four terms are included in this timeframe.
Subtotals may not equal the sum above since students could enroll in more than one term in this timeframe.

3 Most Popular Majors



Liberal Arts and Sciences
684



Nursing
326



Liberal Arts and Sciences:
Humanities and Social Science
299

Degrees (2020-2021)

Certificates - 84

Associate in Arts - 152

Associate in Science - 204

Associate in Applied Science - 247



Alumni

Total Alumni
44,005

Alumni in NYS
36,752

Alumni in
Niagara County
19,779



Student Costs

(per semester)

Full-Time Tuition: **\$2,376**

Housing Cost: **\$4,055 - \$5,447**

Accreditations

Institutional Accreditation

Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Baking and Pastry Arts Culinary Arts

American Culinary Federation
Education Foundation

Medical Assistant

Medical Assisting Education Review Board
(MAERB)

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs (CAAHEP)

Nursing

Accreditation Commission for Education
in Nursing (ACEN)

New York State Education Department
Registered Professional Nursing

Licensed Practical Nursing Office of Professions

Physical Therapist Assistant

Commission on Accreditation in
Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the
American Physical Therapy Association

Radiologic Technology

Joint Review Committee on Education in
Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

Surgical Technology

Accreditation Review Council on Education in
Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
(ARC/STSA)

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs (CAAHEP)



NCCC Music students, Amanda Moran and Collin Lacki

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

Academics

Collin Lacki appointed to SUNY Student Voices Action Committee as an advocate for students with disabilities

As a student with a disability, a quality education for Collin Lacki also meant receiving support through the Accessibility Services Office on campus at NCCC. Having years of experience advocating for his own needs gave Collin the confidence to take on the added challenge of helping other students statewide. In the fall of 2020, he was selected to be a part of the SUNY Student Voices Action Committee to advise State University of New York leadership on emerging, critical issues, and challenges facing students across the SUNY System. He was chosen after receiving a nomination from Alissa Shugats-Cummings, Assistant Vice President of Student Services.

As one of 27 students statewide to participate in the committee, Collin used the platform to ensure the topic of accessibility remains in focus for the SUNY administration, and he hopes his contributions will promote positive changes that improve the educational experience for all students. “Many younger students with disabilities are not sure if they want to continue on to higher education because of all of the barriers they encounter,” says Collin. He wants to push those students toward higher education and points to the commitment made by the SUNY System in providing services and resources needed for students with disabilities to succeed.





Photo Credit: Image from *The Songpoet* courtesy Getty Images

NCCC Instructor Scott Sackett and Distinguished Alumnus Paul Lamont '86 Honored for *The Songpoet*

Documentary filmmakers Scott Sackett and Paul Lamont '86 have been honored with multiple Telly Awards for their film, *The Songpoet*. The film received a Silver Telly for documentary, a Silver Telly for biography, and Bronze Telly Awards for the use of music and music video. Lamont was also honored with a Silver Telly for directing. *The Songpoet* tells the story of legendary singer-songwriter, Eric Andersen. Ten years in the making, the documentary was filmed in the U.S., Canada, the Netherlands, France, Germany, and Norway. Produced in association with the Center for Independent Documentary with partial funding provided by a generous grant from the Tramuto Foundation, *The Songpoet* had its North American premiere at the 2020 Santa Barbara International Film Festival and was distributed in the spring of 2021 by American Public Television. It can be seen on public television stations nationwide and on PBS.org.



Gail Tylec, Professor Emerita

Emeritus Award Recipients

Recognized for their achievements in teaching, as well as all they contributed to NCCC.

- Dr. Martin Drake, *Student Services*
- Cynthia Meyers, *Radiologic Technology*
- James Mezhir, *Criminal Justice*
- Dr. Carol Rogers, *Human Services*
- Gail Tylec, *Health and Physical Education*



SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Student Excellence

Three sophomores at Niagara County Community College received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Pictured to the left are Arianna (Ari) Morales, Allyson (Ally) Knuutila-Clark, and Miranda Fiore, who were recognized for their outstanding achievements in academics, campus involvement, and community service at a virtual award ceremony held by SUNY on April 14.

Excellence in Professional Service

Cheri Yager, *Wellness Center*

Excellence in Classified Service

Donna Simiele, *Online Learning*

NYS Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program

Niagara County Community College is pleased to partner with Niagara Falls City School District in offering interested students free college and a degree in Mechanical Technology. Funding is provided from NYSED via the Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program (P-TECH). Over the course of the next six years, approximately 150 NFCSD students will benefit from this program. In 2021 alone, 47 students signed up to participate; nearly doubling the initial goal of 25 per year. The ability to earn a college degree while in high school exists, and students can participate in P-TECH for up to six years.



Students enrolled in P-TECH program



NFCI Shadow Day Program

A new initiative began at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) in the Spring of 2021, giving potential students the opportunity to connect with current students and faculty, having a hands-on experience of their own through a shadow program. This new program, Shadow Day, is the vision of Josh Blumberg, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at NFCI. “The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute is a world-class culinary and baking and pastry arts facility, with state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained and accredited chef instructors. NFCI provides a private institute experience at community college prices. It was obvious to the staff here that if potential students spend one day with us, they would see that value and quality for themselves.”

Currently, a majority of Shadow Day participants are high school juniors and seniors, but the actual makeup of students at NFCI includes a great deal of non-traditional students as well. A typical Shadow Day lasts approximately four hours, allowing participants to view the action of a culinary or baking and pastry lab firsthand, interact with current students and connect with faculty. Participants also meet one-on-one with an advisor from the college to learn about tuition costs, job placement opportunities, housing, and scholarship opportunities. Before the shadow experience is over, participants are treated to a delicious meal in Savor Restaurant or La Patisserie Pastry Cafe, the student-run retail operations at NFCI. The restaurant and pastry shop operations are part of the curriculum for students attending NFCI; one of the many ways the College prepares students for real-world experiences in culinary arts, baking and pastry arts or hospitality. According to Sabrina Faso, Student Services Advisor, “about ninety-five percent of attendees decide that the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute is a good fit for them after attending a shadow session.”



Spanish Instructor Bridget Beilein teaches to students in a classroom while virtually engaging with students online

HyFlex Learning

In the spring of 2020, NCCC announced the introduction of HyFlex learning. These courses provide students the highest level of flexibility, allowing them to choose between a variety of delivery modes. Students can attend in-person on campus, attend class virtually, in real-time through Zoom, or complete the coursework 100% asynchronously online. Those enrolled in HyFlex can choose their preference and change the mode on how they attend from one class meeting to the next as needed. Attendance is documented by attending class in-person or virtually in real-time with zoom or if a student chooses to complete the course asynchronously online it is documented by the course work completed and submitted.

SUNY Pathways Scholars Awards

Fifty students at NCCC received SUNY Pathways Scholars Awards as part of the SUNY initiative to assist high-performing students committed to completing their Associate's degree within two years and Bachelor's degree within four years. These students received a \$250 stipend in the fall semester and will receive another \$250 stipend after completion of the spring semester at NCCC. Pathways Scholars will receive an additional \$1,000 stipend upon completion of their Associate's degree and enrollment in a SUNY Bachelor's degree program.





**This past year, NCCC won five
Region III Championships in:**

- Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Golf
- Wrestling



Thunderwolves athletes, Alaina Forbes, Jamond Jones, Ryan Peterson, Emily Neidrauer, and Maurice Jackson

A COMMUNITY OF CHAMPIONS

Athletics



Baseball

- NCCC was 34-11 overall on its way to a Region III title and a runner-up finish at the NJCAA Div. III World Series for the third time in program history.
- Sophomore Ryan Peterson was NJCAA Div. III Pitcher of the Year, a NJCAA All-American, an All-Region choice and the WNYAC Player of the Year.

Men's Basketball

- The Thunderwolves finished the season 11-4 and won the Region III championship for the first time since 2017 and the sixth time in program history.
- Sophomore Kailee White was a NJCAA All-American and Region III Player of the Year, while head coach Bill Beilein was Region III Coach of the Year.

Women's Basketball

- NCCC finished the year 8-5 and won the Region III championship for the third consecutive season under Region III Coach of the Year Nate Beutel.
- Sophomore Alaina Forbes, the Region III Player of the Year, became the program's fourth NJCAA All-American in the past five seasons.

Golf

- The Thunderwolves finished fifth in the country after winning their second consecutive regional crown under the direction of Region III Coach of the Year Matt Oleski.

- Sophomore Sam Hyman became the program's second NJCAA All-American, while classmate Murphy Lang was Region III medalist.

Men's Soccer

- The Thunderwolves finished the season 4-2 overall – the first winning season for the program since the fall of 2006 (7-6 overall).

Women's Soccer

- The Thunderwolves competed on the pitch for the first time since the fall of 2018 following a one-year hiatus and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Softball

- NCCC was 11-7 on the year as it brought home the first WNYAC championship in program history and hosted a regional playoff series.

Women's Volleyball

- NCCC was one of only two New York State junior colleges to compete this spring, playing four matches vs. rival Erie CC.

Wrestling

- NCCC won its school-record 24th regional wrestling championship under the direction of nine-time Region III Coach of the Year Keith Maute.
- Region III Co-Wrestler of the Year Josh Thibeault was among 10 NCCC grapplers that competed at the NJCAA Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa.



A COMMUNITY OF CELEBRATIONS

Events

Virtual Commencement and Graduate Celebration

Niagara County Community College's 57th Annual Commencement Ceremony was held in a virtual format on Friday, May 7th, but with the help of volunteers and NCCC employees, graduates were treated to a special celebration on campus Saturday, May 8th. Less formal than a traditional ceremony, the "Graduate Celebration" on Saturday took place outside and allowed graduates to bring their family members and mingle with the faculty and administration at the College.

Graduates were treated to various giveaways including a Class of 2021 t-shirt, cookies made by the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, and a yard sign for proud families to display to recognize their graduate. A DJ kept the event lively, and a large balloon selfie station was set up for the perfect photo opportunity.

The highlight of the event was when graduates had their moment to walk across a stage set up under a tent full of cheering college trustees and college administrators, while President William Murabito presented each graduate with a diploma cover.





NCCC President William Murabito, EOP Coordinator Angela Jackson and Board of Trustee Chair Gina Virtuoso



EOP Ribbon Cutting

On November 17, 2020, the NCCC Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) hosted a grand opening of their new office suite in A Building.

Students and employees toured the new space, met with students currently enrolled in the EOP program, and spoke with EOP Coordinator, Angela Jackson.

Town Hall Meetings for Faculty and Students

Several times throughout the year, the College came together virtually to have a town hall meeting. The purpose of these meetings was to keep the college informed amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Several of the meetings were used to review and update the College's planning process and to solicit questions, concerns and feedback from employees and the student body.

In addition, this format was used to present the annual years of service and Chancellors Awards for Excellence in January 2021.



Summer Camps

NCCC hosted a variety of summer camps in 2021. In addition to the traditional culinary and athletic camps held annually on campus, new offerings included: Observing Nature, Movie and Film Week, Web Design and Development, Decades and Leadership, and Arts and Crafts.



Student Life Alternative Spring Break in New Orleans

In May 2021, students traveled to New Orleans for their Alternative Spring Break trip, which was originally scheduled in March 2020. Throughout their time, they worked with lowernine.org to rebuild a home that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The students also had the opportunity to learn about New Orleans history and culture.



A. International Food Festival

Student Life sponsored an International Food Festival on March 24, 2021 where students, faculty and staff could purchase a “passport” to sample a variety of food from different cultures. Participating restaurants included Rachel’s Grill; Venus; Steak Stone and Sushi; and The Como Restaurant.

B. Spring Carnival

A Spring Carnival hosted by Student Life was held on Friday, April 30, 2021 to celebrate the end of the spring semester. The event included carnival games and rides, food trucks, axe throwing, and live music!

c. Savor Seasonal Dinners

Starting in 2020, Savor Restaurant began offering a special series of seasonal dinners. The menu reflected in-season produce grown on local farms, prepared by guest chefs in cooperation with the student chefs at NFCI. During the fall of 2020, Savor hosted a sold out, pear dinner with produce from Halmony Farms in Lockport and to kick off the summer, Savor offered a strawberry themed dinner in June. The success of these events has encouraged Chef Emily Lonigan, Director of Community Education at NFCI to continue planning additional dinners in the coming year.



D. Virtual Film Festival

Niagara County Community College's 2021 Film & Animation Festival was held entirely online and featured three free Zoom workshops, led by industry professionals.

Craig Lindberg, a professional makeup artist, offered a class on "Special Effects Makeup for TV and Film."

Television and film actor, Josie DiVincenzo, offered a class entitled "Auditioning for the Camera: More than Meets the Lens."

Renowned animation artist Tony White held a class on "Hand-Drawn 2D Animation."

E. Taste of Fall Fest

On September 25, 2020, Student Life sponsored an evening of fall activities and food trucks including Cheesy Chick, Outback Kettle Korn, Coldstone Creamery, and NCCC Dining Services.

F. CAB Haunted House

On October 29, 2020, The Campus Activity Board set up a haunted house in the gym. Students decorated the venue and dressed up in spooky costumes to provide a festival Halloween experience for students and staff on campus.

G. Gingerbread Kits

In 2020, Gingerbread Wonderland was made possible in a take-home format where families could purchase kits including gingerbread cookies and decorating supplies, holiday crafts, coloring sheets and letters to Santa.



A COMMUNITY OF INNOVATORS

Developments

NCCC Introduces ESports and Competitive Gaming

A newly renovated portion of NCCC's snack bar has been reconstructed and redesigned as the new Advanced Computing Lab, which will host computer programming courses as well as serve as a home base for NCCC's ESports teams.

This space is equipped with more than 20 dual monitor stations, state-of-the-art gaming equipment, including user-friendly keyboards, mice, lighting, and headphones. There are three 80-inch television monitors for console gaming as well as a gaming room atmosphere with climate control, room darkening capabilities, and Thunderwolves EGaming branded décor. The lab will be home to NCCC's ESports Teams as well as the Gaming and Anime Club outside of regularly scheduled classes.





A. NCCC - Another Year Older?

Plans have begun to create an engaging year-long community celebration in honor of the 60th Anniversary of Niagara County Community College from September 2022 – August 2023. The celebration will include academic offerings, lectures, alumni gatherings, athletic contests, performances, concerts and student celebrations. With that in mind, we plan to use the 60th Anniversary Celebration to highlight the College's achievements, recognize its growth and success, and bring the community together to highlight this tremendous milestone.

To keep in the loop on the anniversary plans, connect with us on social media or update your information with the Alumni Office so that we can share exciting opportunities tied to the 60th Anniversary with you. Visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/60years for more information on how you can get involved! This is one celebration that you won't want to miss!

B. Auxiliary Gymnasium Upgrades

The auxiliary gymnasium on campus received a face-lift in the summer of 2021, providing a fresh, vibrant, indoor training space to be utilized by our ten intercollegiate athletic teams, intramurals and recreation, along with the Health and Physical Education program at NCCC. State-of-the-art royal blue synthetic turf with a large Thunderwolves logo in the center of the gym was installed to replace outdated rubber flooring. In addition, the space was transformed with new black padding with the Thunderwolves logo, new netting, two full batting cages, and new LED lighting for increased energy efficiency.



C. Veterans Park

The NCCC Foundation and Niagara County Community College have announced the Veterans Memorial Park Campaign to relocate and expand the existing monument on the Sanborn campus. The project affords NCCC an opportunity to honor those who defended our freedom. Area veterans, their families, NCCC alumni, students, and employees are invited to memorialize their service and those of their loved ones, via an engraving on the new memorial wall, benches, or flagpoles.

For more information, visit:
www.niagaracc.suny.edu/veterans/memorialpark.

D. Welding Renovations

In September of 2021, the Niagara County Legislature voted to approve \$1 million towards opening a welding and metalworking laboratory at NCCC that will train students interested in those trades. The College also received a \$300,000 grant towards the project from the National Science Foundation.

E. Cafeteria Renovations

The Dining Commons was unveiled in the summer of 2021. This \$800,000 investment reinvigorated the second floor cafeteria space with new seating for dining and student collaboration, new menu items inspired by NFCL, new equipment for food service and preparation, and the installation of electronic device charging locations spread throughout the space.

In the future, the Dining Commons plans to have an app to allow for pre-orders, which will lead to decreased wait times for food and increased customer satisfaction. The space will also be equipped with enhanced electronic technology, dual video walls for presentations and movie nights, and a larger space for meetings and educational instruction.



A COMMUNITY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Year in Review



Campus of Good Neighbors

Buffalo may be considered the “City of good neighbors,” but Niagara County certainly comes together as a community when times are tough. This community spirit and support has been a hallmark of hope during the global Coronavirus pandemic. The students, faculty, and staff of the College have made substantial contributions to the community-at-large over the past year.

- NFCI and star Culinary Arts student, Mackenzie Toponak, joined Chef Joanna of the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to spread holiday cheer by donating homemade cookies to children within the program.
- The NFCI Student Club hosted a card-writing campaign for Fox Run at Orchard Park Assisted Living Facility residents to lift the spirits of those who may be suffering from loneliness due to the pandemic.
- Members of the Student Nurses Association organized a donation drive for Horizon Health Services where they collected various items including books, shoes, clothing, and DVDs as a way to give back to the community.
- Student Life hosted an event for Domestic Violence Awareness where they created toiletry kits for Passage House, a domestic violence shelter serving Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, and Niagara County.
- Student Life raised more than \$5,580 for the 2020 United Way of Greater Niagara Campaign.
- NCCC served as one of four host sites for the Ride for Roswell. Proceeds from the event directly benefit Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- NCCC hosted the Vietnam Veterans of America parade line-up where hundreds of veterans and supporters met at the Sanborn campus to caravan with a police escort to the welcoming ceremony of “The Wall that Heals” traveling memorial.
- Staff from NFCI prepared hundreds of gingerbread cookies with decorating supplies for residents at Henry E. Wrobel Towers in Niagara Falls. The goodie bags were delivered to residents by employees of NCCC with help from the staff of Mount Saint Mary’s Hospital in Lewiston and Heart, Love and Soul Food Pantry in Niagara Falls.

Strong Choice for Chief Diversity and Equity Officer at NCCC

In August 2020, Associate Professor John D Strong was appointed as the new Chief Diversity and Equity Officer. Strong has been at the College for over 15 years, working as an Associate Professor in Health and Physical Education and serving as the Personal Trainer Certificate Coordinator. He holds a Master of Science degree from Walden University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Canisius College.

Strong now leads the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee that was formed in September of 2016. Along with committee members, Strong is working to increase support for social justice and equity in developing curricula, programs, events, services, policies, and procedures on campus.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, Strong and the committee engaged in campus-wide outreach. Some of the highlights include:

- Creating and executing an EDI Action Plan.
- Hosting “Diverse Dialogues” which welcomed students, employees, and the community to have conversations about inclusivity at NCCC.
- Incorporating monthly cultural celebrations into Student Life activities.
- Developing and/or identifying nearly 20 academic courses with an EDI lens.
- Evaluating recruitment and outreach practices to sustain diversity in the hiring process, student recruitment, and external partnerships.
- Creating a comprehensive webpage showcasing initiatives that the campus community can get involved with, including events, lectures and discussions with other college campuses, cultural clubs, and resources for employees and students.

To learn more or get involved, please visit:
www.niagaracc.suny.edu/edi.





New Vice President at NCCC

The College named NCCC Alumnus, Wayne Lynch '98, '95, as the new Vice President of Administration in September 2020. Lynch served as Interim Vice President of Operations at NCCC since November 2018. In this new role, Lynch oversees the Business office, the Office of Information Technology, and the Operations department. Lynch's leadership shined at NCCC campuses during COVID-19. He was Chair of the College's COVID Mitigation and Functional Operational Committee and developed new cleaning and public health protocols at both campuses.

Congressional Candidates Visit Campus

In late October, the two candidates who were running for the U.S. Congressional 27th District seat, Rep. Chris Jacobs (R), the incumbent, and Nate McMurray (D), visited the Sanborn campus. During their visits, they toured the College and received an overview of NCCC's academic programs, grants, operations, tutoring program and Veteran Services. They also had an opportunity to speak with several students about their experiences and interests.



Flag Tribute Honors those who Served and Supports NCCC Veteran Students

Throughout the month of November, NCCC's Veteran Association hosted their yearly flag tribute via the Veteran's webpage. For each donation, the Veteran Services department donned a small flag in honor or in memory of a loved one who has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces and displayed the flags in B-building. Each gift directly benefited the Veterans Lounge, providing food, refreshments, and a place to relax for veteran students on the Sanborn campus.

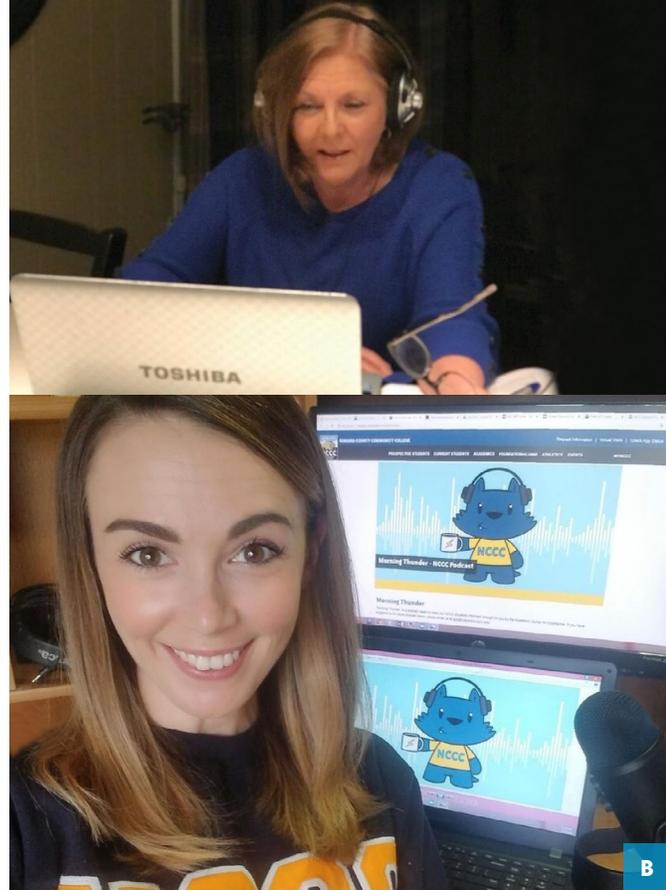




A. Keeping Our College Community Safe from the Spread

NCCC continued to facilitate a safe learning and work environment into 2021. The college offered an extended selection of online, hybrid (online learning and in-person instruction), and blended courses (100% online with some or all of the online instruction occurring in real time) as well as select face-to-face classes.

Our custodial staff also rose to the occasion as they increased disinfection protocols after each classroom's usage. Student housing operated with reduced occupancy, converting all rooms to single-occupancy. Hand sanitizing stations and extra masks were available in every building. Social distancing guidelines along with daily screenings and weekly testing protocols were followed by all. NCCC conducted 25,028 rapid tests and 627 point of contact tests from September of 2020 through May of 2021, identifying early detection of the virus and keeping our community safe.



B. NCCC Launches “Morning Thunder” Podcast; Receives SUNY Award

Admissions Counselor, Denise Prohaska and Coordinator of the Academic Center for Excellence, Madison Ebsary, are founders and co-hosts of the College's first podcast, “Morning Thunder.” Episodes included topics such as mental health practices, prepping for finals, gap years, and even culturally trending topics such as the Animal Management program as it relates to Netflix's “The Tiger King.”

“Morning Thunder” was recognized by SUNYCUAD (State University of New York Council for University Advancement) and earned a Judges' Citation at the 2021 Awards for Excellence.



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C. Niagara Falls Culinary Institute on Tour

Chefs from NFCI performed “Fire on Ice” demonstrations throughout the state at many BOCES sites. This interactive demo showed high school students how to make ice cream using liquid nitrogen and bananas foster using flame. Other demonstrations included pumpkin pie, gelling, and carrot risotto. Our chefs and recruiters traveled from the southern tier beyond Syracuse to showcase our award-winning faculty and quality programs.

E. Men of Merit

The Men of Merit program is coordinated by Will Brinson, Coordinator of Multicultural Services. It is a mentorship-mentee program, linking community leaders with students. Traditionally, Men of Merit was created to support black, male students, however NCCC’s program is open to all races, cultures, and genders. Last year, Men of Merit hosted leadership luncheons, discussions, and even a fishing excursion.



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Participants in Men of Merit program

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D. NCCC Small Business Development Center Receives Impact Award

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on the Sanborn campus was selected as the recipient of the Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce’s 2020 Impact Niagara Award. It was presented to the SBDC during a special event hosted by the Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce and M&T Bank. Between March 2020 and January 2021, our SBDC assisted over 370 clients with 74 receiving disaster funding totaling over \$16.6 million, and saving or creating 1,609 jobs.

A COMMUNITY OF GROWTH

Business & Financials



Small Business Development Center

Clients Assisted:	973
Counseling Hours provided:	5,459
New Business Starts:	93
Investment Impact:	\$24.3 Million
# of clients with impact:	94
Jobs created / saved:	1,737
Community Service Hours:	1,000+

The Niagara SBDC worked extensively with all of the COVID funding programs including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (Grants & Loans), Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) stages 1 & 2, Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), and the NY Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant.

Financial Data

2019-20 Revenue

Total: \$45,863,688

Student Revenue:	\$18,108,254
State Aid:	\$11,621,174
Sponsor Contributions:	\$8,971,000
Chargebacks:	\$5,398,009
Federal Appropriations:	\$1,774,758
Other Revenues:	\$620,779
Fund Balance:	\$630,286

2019-20 Expenses

Total: \$45,863,688

Personnel Services:	\$25,305,308
Employee Benefits (A):	\$13,855,102
Contractual Expenses:	\$6,418,334
Equipment:	\$284,944

(A) Does not include the expense associated with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASBS) 75 regarding the accounting for other post-employment benefits of \$2,792,230 or GASBS 68 regarding the accounting for the College's proportionate share of the New York State pension plans of \$2,286,935 for fiscal year 2019-20.

Grants

The Grants Office managed over \$11.6 million in grant funding awards during the most recently completed fiscal year. Thirty-four grant applications, totaling \$12.4 million in funding requests were made in 2020 - 21.

Funder	Funding
Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network (BPPN) - Men of Merit	\$5,000.00
Community Child Care Clearinghouse - Quality Initiative Grant Program	\$1,500.00
Empire State Dev Corp: COVID-19 Disaster Relief Tech Assistance	\$50,000.00
NSF/ATE - Mentor Connect - Welding Lab Upgrade	\$100,000.00
NYSED Coordinated Collection Development Aid	\$7,561.00
NYSED - Liberty Partnership Program	\$350,000.00
NYSED - PTEC - Grant was submitted by N.F. High School as the Lead Agency - NCCC received \$20,000 of \$250,000	\$20,000.00
NYSED Perkins Title V Career and Technical Education Act	\$346,415.00
Niagara County Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)	\$364,011.00
Niagara Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	\$333,736.00
Oishei Foundation	\$100,000.00
SUNY Child Care Block Grant	\$39,500.00
SUNY Child Care Operational Grant	\$75,028.00
SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)	\$76,883.00
SUNY Expanding Food Pantries Program	\$800.00
SUNY Niagara County Community College ProdiG Initiative	\$90,000.00
US Department of Education - Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$100,817.00
US Department of Education/SUNY: CARES Act II	\$1,799,454.00
US Department of Education/SUNY: CARES Act III	\$175,945.00
US Department of Education - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II - HEERF I	\$1,799,455.00
US Department of Education - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II - HEERF II	\$5,297,237.00
US Department of Education - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II - HEERF III	\$298,657.00
US Small Business Administration - Niagara Small Business Development Center CARES Act	\$100,072.00
Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund	\$35,000.00
Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) - Empire State Immersive Experiences (ESIE) Action Grant NCCC Library Views and More	\$533.97
Wilson, Ralph C. Jr. - COVID - 19 Small Business Relief Fund Relief Initiative	\$36,300.00
Total:	\$11,603,904.97

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NCCC Foundation



NCCC Foundation's Investment for Student Success

Donations to the NCCC Foundation build good programs into powerful educational experiences for our students. Your gifts create scholarships, renovate classrooms to incorporate new learning technologies and equipment, and enhance the College in ways that benefit the community.

The NCCC Foundation Board approved a donation of \$345,034 to the College. These funds generated a matching donation by the State of New York through the State University of New York (SUNY) Community College Capital Program creating a grand total of \$690,068 to benefit students.

Foundation Board Chair and NCCC Trustee, Jerald I. Wolfgang supports "The importance of upgrading

NCCC's equipment and technology so our students have a competitive advantage for future employment". Student Government President, Ally Knuutila-Clark, extended her appreciation to the Foundation and the SUNY Community College Capital Program for "Recognizing students who choose NCCC because it is the Smart Place to Start. Students trust their education will be a major stepping stone to their future success."

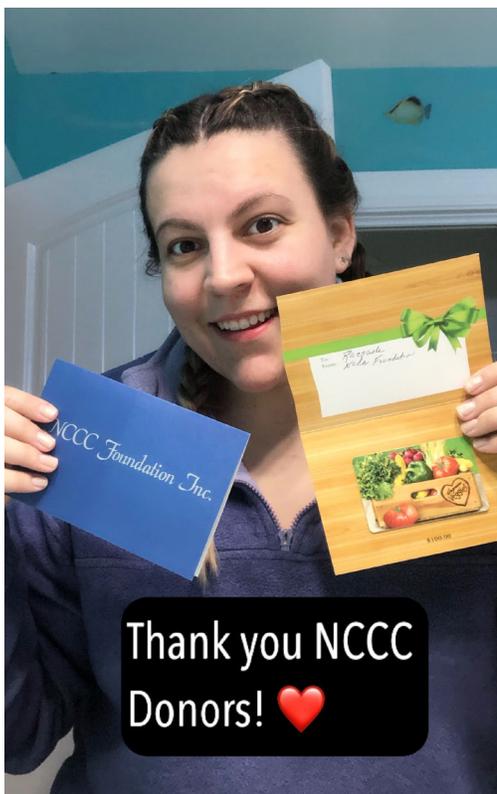
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Day of Giving 2020

NCCC participated in its second annual “Day of Giving” on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. This single-day online campaign raised over \$8,000, supporting NCCC’s Annual Fund. This allows the Foundation to designate donations where they are needed most. From student experiences to classroom equipment, our donors’ outpouring of support provides a lasting effect on our graduates and the College’s future. The NCCC Foundation will host the next annual “Day of Giving” on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

For information on how to donate, visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/dayofgiving.



Student Emergency Relief Fund

Joining other SUNY campuses across New York State, NCCC established a Student Emergency Relief Fund in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The fund was designed to support the highest, short-term, financial needs of students who were facing extenuating circumstances related to housing, food, and other vital resources.

Since May 2020, the NCCC Foundation has raised over \$33,000 in generous donations from NCCC’s trustees, board members, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. This also includes a \$14,000 match from the SUNY Impact Foundation. Over 220 students have received support. This aid provided them with immediate financial relief for food, medicine, toiletries, and more.

As the virus continues, our campus community still needs your help. Students may apply online to receive financial support as we continue to accept donations. For more information, please visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/coronavirus/giving/.



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New Friends & Family Memorial Scholarships

ACF of Greater Buffalo in Memory of Monte Dolce Scholarship

The family of Monte W. Dolce, with the American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo and ACF-accredited NCCC / Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI), offers this scholarship for Culinary and Baking & Pastry Art students. This scholarship is offered in memory of Chef Monte Dolce's life and his undying commitment to nurturing a love for culinary arts in others. NFCI, in conjunction with the ACF of Greater Buffalo, is focused on fostering cooks and chefs with knowledge, skills, and professionalism to high standards in the culinary industry.

Briody Memorial Nursing Scholarship

NCCC Foundation Board Member, Ann Briody Petock, made it possible for the Foundation to receive a permanently restricted endowed scholarship. The Briody Health Care Facility served the Lockport community for over 70 years, providing care to thousands of individuals in need of long-term care or rehabilitation. Mrs. Edna Quinlivan Briody opened the facility in 1946. For three generations, the Briody family welcomed patients and their families by providing personalized, compassionate care while preserving their patient's dignity. This scholarship was made possible by the generous donations given in memory of loved ones who had resided at the Briody Health Care Facility.

Mary Jane Quinby Nursing Scholarship

The Connolly children; in loving memory of their mother, Mary Jane Quinby, established this scholarship. Mary Jane was an Adjunct Instructor who thoroughly enjoyed enriching the lives of students through nutrition classes for the NCCC Nursing program. Mary Jane was a Cornell alumna and a lifelong dietitian who shared her love for food in professional and personal areas. Mary Jane believed strongly in the pursuit of both formal and informal education as a vehicle to make the world a better place. She had a deep respect for traditional and non-traditional students all of whom balance a number of challenges to achieve an educational milestone. This scholarship will recognize the achievements of continuing nursing students.

Carolyn Cianciosa Memorial Scholarship

Carolyn Cianciosa's husband, Robert, established this scholarship to assist NCCC students in achieving their educational goals. Carolyn was a faculty member at NCCC for over 20 years until her retirement in 2012. She had a critical role in establishing the Radiologic Technology program and grew enrollment from 13 to 100 students. Her achievements were recognized by receiving the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997 and the Dr. Carol Jamieson Award in 2011 for her dedication to the students and faculty of NCCC.



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Scholarship Gala

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCCC Foundation Board of Directors canceled the 30th Annual Foundation Scholarship Gala in 2020. Although the biggest fundraising event of the year did not occur, the need for student scholarships still remained. However, thanks to the continued support of our generous donors, the NCCC Foundation raised over \$40,000 to invest in our students' futures. These sustained contributions are crucial to the success of our students allowing them to achieve their career goals starting with a NCCC education.

Since 1987, the NCCC Foundation has been committed to helping students succeed. We continue the support of students even when we are not able to hold our annual dinner and auction at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. To keep our guests safe, we transitioned our event to a virtual celebration throughout October 2021.

Mark your calendars to celebrate the Foundation Scholarship Diamond Gala on Saturday, October 22, 2022. This Gala will kick off the 60th Anniversary of the College! We hope to see you there.

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