

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

**NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



**Annual Report  
2022-2023**

**COLLEGE & FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORTS INSIDE**



*President William Murabito with Board of Trustees, Gail Tylec, Sheila Smith, Jason Cafarella, William Ross, Aidan Freischlag and Kevin Clark at the 2023 Commencement ceremony*

## A Message from the President

This past year ended on a high note—literally and figuratively—with a concert in August to conclude the college’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Billed as Niagara County’s Biggest Birthday Party, it was the perfect capstone for six decades of progress on campus, partnerships across the region and prosperity for NCCC alumni. Yet this magical evening was just one of several mileposts from 2022-2023 that deserve noting.

In spring 2023, we learned that the college had the highest graduation rate among SUNY’s community colleges. Equally impressive, a study by Buffalo’s pre-eminent business publication concluded that our graduates’ median earnings are higher than those of their counterparts who graduated from western New York’s other community colleges. These superlatives underscore why NCCC remains the smart place to start.

In fall 2022, the college began developing a strategic enrollment management plan that will guide a comprehensive effort to attract a more diverse student body. Parallel to this undertaking, we launched NCCC at Night, to give those going back to school a structured, in-person option for earning their degrees.

A ceremonial groundbreaking in July marked the start of construction of the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy’s new home on our campus. Collaboration among Niagara County, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Department, several other police agencies and the college drove this project. The result will be a model facility for criminal justice training in western New York.

August brought the commissioner of the New York State Office for People With Development Disabilities for a press conference recognizing NCCC for being the first college in SUNY to offer a direct support microcredential program leading to national certification in the field of developmental disabilities. This program reflects the College’s shared commitment to meet students’ needs, respond to new opportunities for education and serve all who call the Niagara region home.

Within these pages are only some of the reasons that 2022-2023 will be remembered for generating momentum that surely foreshadows even greater things to come. As always, thank you for your support of NCCC.

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**William J. Murabito, Ph.D.**  
*President*

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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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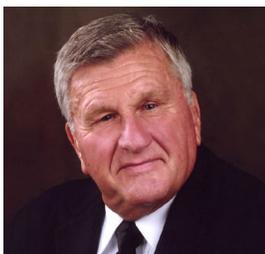
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### In Memoriam

The Board of Trustees honors the memory of Trustee Jerry Wolfgang, who died in January. Wolfgang's unwavering support, wise leadership and civic dedication made him a model advocate for the college and Niagara County.

## At a Glance

### College Financial Data (2021-22)

#### Revenue

**Total: \$43,325,654**

Student Revenue: \$15,753,576  
State Aid: \$10,412,805  
Sponsor Contributions: \$8,971,000  
Chargebacks: \$5,303,296  
Federal Appropriations: \$5,407,464  
Other Revenues: \$1,058,756  
Change to Fund Balance: <\$3,581,243>  
Fund Balance: \$22,930,966

#### Expenses

**Total: \$43,325,654**

Personnel Services: \$22,486,271  
Employee Benefits (A): \$12,245,254  
Contractual Expenses: \$7,584,962  
Equipment: \$1,009,167  
  
*(A) Does not include the <income> expense associated with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASBS) 75 regarding the accounting for other post-employment benefits of <\$13,412,510> or GASBS 68 regarding the accounting for the College's proportionate share of the New York State pension plans of <1,213,556> for fiscal year 2021-22.*

### Small Business Development Center (2022-23)

Clients assisted: 732  
Counseling hours provided: 3,780  
New business starts: 86  
Investment impact: \$6,544,807  
Number of clients with impact: 31  
Jobs created/saved: 171



### 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) Registered Professional Nursing

New York State Education Department Registered Professional Nursing

New York State Education Department Licensed Practical Nursing

#### 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)

### Enrollment (Fall 2022)\*

**3,848 - New York (98%)**

**61 - Out of State (2%)**

**2,575 - Niagara County (66%)**

**1,334 - Out of County (34%)**

\*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.

### Degrees Awarded (2022-2023)

**Certificates - 166**

**Associate in Arts - 95**

**Associate in Science - 184**

**Associate in Applied Science - 218**



### Student Costs (per semester)

**Full-Time Tuition:**

**\$3,082.50**

**Housing Cost:**

**\$4,217 - \$5,665**



## Athletics



**180**  
Student-athletes  
participated in athletics



**10**  
NJCAA-affiliated  
teams



**1**  
Intramural sport  
(men's club hockey)



**3** NJCAA  
Region III Titles

Baseball  
Men's Basketball  
Women's Basketball

## Average Class Size

**16** students



## Top Majors (Fall 2022)



Liberal Arts and Sciences, A.A.  
**388**



Nursing, A.A.S.  
**297**



Business: Business Administration, A.A.S.  
**216**



Liberal Arts and Sciences:  
Humanities and Social Science, A.A.  
**201**



Psychology, A.S.  
**138**

## Employees

Total number of employees: **528**

Number of full-time faculty,  
staff, administration: **272**

Number of adjunct faculty  
credit instructors: **137**

Number of part-time staff,  
administration, non-credit instructors: **119**



**13 : 1** Student/Faculty  
Ratio (Fall 2022)



**Facilities**  
Acres: **287**  
Buildings: **11**



**Admissions Profile**  
(Fall 2022)

First-Time Registered  
Freshmen: **805**  
Registered Transfers: **335**



*Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Division Award Winner, May Shenk*

# ACHIEVING GOALS

## Academics

### Student Showcase

Students presented passion projects that were developed under the mentorship of faculty and staff. Subjects included fine arts pieces, poetry readings, cannabis, pastry arts, animation, fashion, artificial intelligence, environmental conservation, autism awareness, gender norms, and more.

**Grand Prize Award Winner:**

Dillan VanDenBosch. The Future is Here (should we be scared?) Mentor Don Topolski.

**Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Division Award Winner:**

May Shenk. Sketch Series: Exploration of the Natural World. Mentor Barbara Buckman.

**Business and STEM/Nursing, Physical and Allied Health Divisions Award Winner:**

Meredith Preve. Saved From the Landfill: Composting at Community College.  
Mentor Marc Pietrzykowski.

**Hospitality, Baking, and Culinary Arts Division Award Winner:**

Miranda Sherman. Creating Hemp Concentrates with a Rosin Press.  
Mentor Nathan Koscielski.

**First Year Student Award:**

Vincent Soda. Autism Spectrum Disorder. Mentor Glory Fox.

**People's Choice Award:**

David Hunter. Layered Up: The Evolution of Lamination. Mentor Seana Sullivan.



Student Yael Nissel presents on Coral Reef Protection



Grand Prize Award Winner, Dillan VanDenBosch



## President's Medallion Award

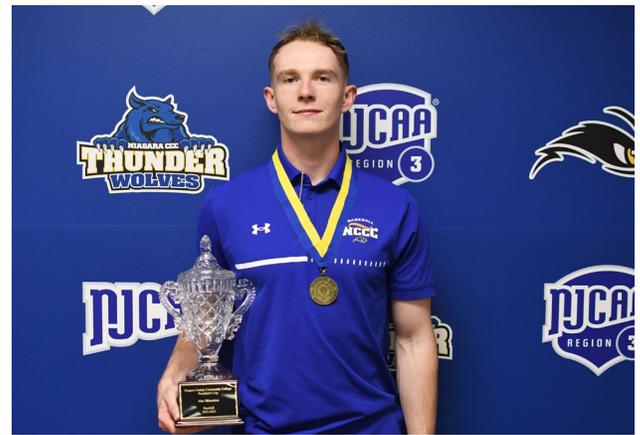
Regan Lytle (*left*) was on the Dean's or President's list for every semester she attended NCCC. She was selected to the All-US Academic Team for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and served as vice president of Student Government Association, vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, and president of the college's National Society of Leadership and Success chapter.

Meredith Preve (*right*) earned a perfect 4.0 grade-point average at NCCC. She also served as president of the Outdoor Adventure Club and received a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Preve was accepted into the honors program at the University at Buffalo and the SUNY School of Environmental Science and Forestry.

## Student Persuades NCCC to Adopt Composting Program

During the spring 2022 semester, several NCCC students from Professor Marc Pietrzykowski's Writing for STEM class completed a group research project about waste management.

Inspired, sophomore Meredith Preve worked with NCCC's Dining Services and Facilities departments to turn the research project into the College's first official composting program in under one year.



## President's Cup

In addition to earning the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, Alexander Minnehan is the recipient of the 2023 President's Cup. This is the most distinguished award in NCCC intercollegiate sports and recognizes both athletic and academic achievements.

Alexander not only maintained a 3.7 GPA, he also lead an active campus life and has earned several prestigious baseball honors. He was proud to represent NCCC as a coach at the Livingston County Baseball Camp and serve as a tutor on campus. Alexander's professors and coaches write that he is a "Remarkable, dedicated, intelligent student who has excelled in class and on the field while being a positive role model to his teammates and classmates."





## NCCC at Night

NCCC at Night, an evening college designed with busy adults in mind, took shape in 2023, offering degrees and certificates from Accounting, Business, Computer Aided Drafting & Design, Direct Support Professional, Early Childhood Studies, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Physical Education Studies, Practical Nursing, Teaching Assistant and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages programs. NCCC at Night offers students access to academic resources including our library, academic coaches, tutoring, workshops, OIT assistance, and personalized advisement. Other supports include credit for prior learning, extended dining services hours and assistance throughout the financial aid process.



## Phi Theta Kappa All New York Academic Award

Phi Theta Kappa members Regan Lytle (left) and Bridget Hersee (right) are the 2022 recipients of the Phi Theta Kappa All New York Academic Award. State Senator Robert Ortt (center) met with the students in his Albany office to recognize their academic achievements.



## “Best of SUNY” Arts Awards

Five NCCC students were selected to have their artwork included in “The Best of SUNY 2022- 2023”, a statewide exhibition displayed in the H. Carl McCall State University Plaza Building in Albany. The exhibition features work produced by some of the most talented students enrolled in art classes at SUNY institutions across the state.

*Left to right: Sam Marod, Abigail Stiokas, Noah Greene, Gina Krolewski, and Sarah Falsetti*



## Honors Institute Graduation

The NCCC Honors Institute hosted their annual Graduation Tea and honored their 2023 graduates.

Giuliana Denitto, Andrew Binks, and Sofia Saraj were presented their cords and medals by Honors Institute Coordinator Pamela Lange (*left*), along with family, friends, and NCCC President William Murabito (*center*).



*Graduates celebrate at post-commencement picnic*



*Commencement May 13, 2023*



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

## Events



### Commencement

Over 800 students earned the right to receive their diplomas at the conclusion of the spring 2023 semester. Nearly 290 crossed the stage at the college's 59<sup>th</sup> commencement on May 13.

Graduates, their family members and guests enjoyed remarks by Dr. Mark Bonacci, who encouraged students to be mindful of self-care and a rousing keynote address from Niagara Falls City School District Superintendent Mark Laurrie. Among other speakers were President's Medallion recipient Meredith Preve and President Murabito, who noted graduates' trajectory through a pandemic to the ceremony.

The NCCC Jazz Band, directed by Music Instructor Joshua Wagner, performed the Miles Davis classic "All Blues." In a first for NCCC, the college incorporated a land acknowledgement into the proceedings with guidance from Jill Clause of the Tuscarora Nation Turtle Clan, who delivered the ceremony's invocation and the benediction.

### Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The healthcare community gained nearly 90 registered nurses and practical nursing graduates this spring. Supporters packed the NCCC theatre the afternoon prior to commencement to cheer on graduates at a pinning ceremony over which Allied Health Division Chair and Assistant Vice President Diane Pytlik-Flammia presided.





## Student Showcase at Savor

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, students at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute prepared unique dishes for a sold out crowd at Savor Restaurant. The five-course menu featured braised beef raviolo, cauliflower steak, miso mahi-mahi, roasted chicken breast, and mango cheesecake.



## SUNY Chancellor John B. King Visits NCCC

In early April, conversations about student success, diversity and inclusion, research and scholarship, and unlocking economic opportunity figured heavily into SUNY Chancellor John B. King's first trip to NCCC. King met with the leadership team, members of the faculty and staff, and the Student Government Association before fielding questions in an open forum in the Learning Commons.



## New Infant Room Opens at Child Development Center

The college held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in February to open the new infant room inside the John R. Oishei Child Development Center. Funded in part by a \$39,000 grant from the Office of Children and Family Services, the new space accommodates children between the ages of eight weeks and 18 months.



## Athletics Wall of Fame Induction

The 20th Annual Roy E. Sommer Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble at Niagara Frontier Country Club in June was the backdrop for the induction of five new NCCC Athletics Wall of Fame members.

*Left to right: Kristine Ripson, Jeremiah Wilkes, Troy Keller, Dale DeBacco and Sean Jamieson*



## Welcome Week

On August 25, 2022, Student Life welcomed the 60th class to NCCC with a two-day orientation. Orientation was followed by a week of fun activities including a hypnotist, outdoor movies and a foam party.



## NCCC Turns 60

NCCC's commemoration of its 60th anniversary began in October of 2022. The college wove its theme, "Honoring the Past and Reimagining the Future," into activities including the Diamond Scholarship Gala, Veterans Day program, Gingerbread Wonderland installation at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, Commencement, and Nerds Gone Wild concert.



## Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy Training Center

Officials from Niagara County, including Legislature Chairman Becky Wydysch and Sheriff Michael Filicetti, joined President Murabito and representatives from several regional police agencies at a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy training facility on July 25. The county and college partnered to fund the \$8.3 million project. The 15,000 square-foot building, located on the west side of the college's campus, will feature classrooms with movable walls, men's and women's locker rooms, a reality-based training room and a use-of-force simulator. A ribbon cutting is anticipated in 2024.

Other capital projects included a \$500,000 investment to reconfigure and renovate a 6,000 square-foot space in our G Building to provide space for student clubs to meet and host activities. The footprint will also include gaming area breakout rooms for students to use.

To address the growing need for skilled trades workers, the college has begun construction of a workspace for machining and welding instruction in a dedicated 10,000 square-foot technology arts and advanced manufacturing center.

Among the \$750,000 in enhancements to allied health programs this past year are a new radiological lab, nursing simulator lab and surgical technology lab featuring advanced simulators.



*Community education participants*



*Chef Emily Lonigan demonstrates how to prepare steak*



*Reverse seared ribeye with crispy frizzled onions and browned butter warm potato salad*

# GETTING INVOLVED

## Community



### Community Events at NFCI

The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) has increased its offerings of culinary classes and events to the community. Cooking classes were offered in reverse seared steak, jambalaya pasta, pan-roasted chicken, and cake decorating, just to name a few.

Director of Community Education and Chef, Emily Lonigan, also introduced a series of wine-pairing dinners at the student-run restaurant, Savor. Guest chefs included Chef Bobby Anderson from season four of Hell's Kitchen, Chef Eury Santana, a 2020 NFCI alumnus, as well as featured student-chefs.

### NFCI Professional Development Day

In December 2022, NFCI invited out-of-state high school culinary educators to a professional development day. NFCI chefs prepared a full day of demonstrations that showcased the institute including Innovative Cooking Skills (Sous Vide), Ice Carving, Showpieces and Sugar Sculptures, Culinary Cannabis, Wine Tasting and Hospitality, followed by dinner at our student-run restaurant, Savor.



*Chef Eury Santana*



*Chef Scott Steiner demonstrates at Professional Development Day*



## Youth Summer Camps

NCCC offered an array of summer camps for 2023 to grades 4-7 and 7-12. Ten camps were offered, the most successful being 2D and 3D Character Animation taught by instructor William Blenk. Students were able to learn the process for design and how to bring their character to life. Camp Rock taught by instructor, musician and composer, David Kane was also a popular camp where our young campers experienced what its like to be in a band while learning to play multiple instruments. We are excited for new growth in summer 2024.



## “Pink-Out” Hockey Game

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness, NCCC hosted a “pink-out” hockey game to raise funds for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. A check for \$1,540 was presented to Roswell on behalf of NCCC Athletics, Student Life and NCCC Alumni.



## United Way Day of Caring

More than a dozen NCCC employees, students and graduates spent June 7, 2023 away from campus to join in the United Way of Greater Niagara’s Day of Caring. The group volunteered their time at the YMCA’s Camp Kenan in Barker, completing painting projects, assembling furniture and cleaning the facility.



## Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

As part of Niagara Pride’s 2023 Season of Pride, NCCC hosted a pride flag raising ceremony on campus.

This ceremony, along with other flag raisings at Artpark, Niagara Falls State Park, Niagara Falls City Hall, and The City of Lockport, celebrate the LGBTQ+ community throughout Niagara County and all of western New York.



## 9/11 Memorial Step Challenge

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, four members of the NCCC Public Safety Department participated in the 9/11 Memorial Step Challenge to honor the first responders who lost their lives during the 9/11 trade towers tragedy. Our Public Safety Officers joined first responders from Niagara and Erie County to climb the stairs of the Niagara Gorge between Whirlpool and Devil's Hole State Park.

*Left to right: Officer Conrad Janik Jr., Officer Robert McCartney, Assistant Chief Terry Gill, and Officer Alan Feidt.*



## Native American Heritage Month

To honor Native American heritage, the campus community gathered for celebration. Students enjoyed cornsoup with frybread and peri peri chicken with rice, while participating in presentations and listening to Haudenosaunee songs. We were also joined by Erwin Printup Jr., a Cayuga/Tuscarora artist and painter.



## Day of Giving

On November 29, 2022, the NCCC campus community came together to raise over \$6,000 in 24 hours for the annual Day of Giving. All funds raised directly supported various areas of the College including Athletics, the NCCC Campus Pantry, Veterans Memorial Park, the Student Showcase, and the Annual Fund.



## J.P. Morgan Corporate Challenge

In June NCCC participated in its first-ever Corporate Challenge at Delaware Park in Buffalo. This fleet group promoted the college, bonded with colleagues and ran or walked the 3.5-mile race

*Left to right: Andrew Yaeger, Jen Allen, John Eichner, Catherine Kern, Sabrina Faso, Jennifer Massa, Rebecca Keaton and Matt Mackey*



# WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Athletics



### Championship Teams

#### Baseball (44-7 overall)

The baseball program won its third consecutive Region III Div. III championship. The Thunderwolves made their eighth appearance since 2008 at the NJCAA Div. III World Series, finishing fourth in the country.

#### Women's Basketball (29-5 overall)

The women's basketball program was Region III Div. II champions for the fifth consecutive season. The Thunderwolves won a second consecutive East District title to punch their fourth ticket to the NJCAA Div. II Tournament in the past five seasons.

#### Men's Basketball (30-3 overall)

The men's basketball program brought home the Region III Div. II championship for the third straight year. The Thunderwolves won a second consecutive East District title en route to their fourth trip to the NJCAA Div. II Tournament in the past seven years.



### Thunderwolves Drafted to Major League Baseball

Pitchers Ryan Birchard (*left*) and Brendan Morse (*right*) were the latest Thunderwolves picked in the Major League Baseball Draft. Birchard, an All-American sophomore, was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers with pick No. 155 in the fifth round. Morse, an NCCC freshman, was selected by the Texas Rangers with pick No. 531 in the 18th round.

Birchard is the highest NCCC draft pick since head coach Matt Clingersmith took over the program in 2006. They represent the fifth and sixth draft picks during Clingersmith's tenure and are the first set of NCCC teammates to be selected in the same year since 1969.

# MAKING STRIDES

## *Economic Development*



*Cannabis Conference Keynote Speaker Dr. Laszlo Mechtler, MD, Medical Director of the DENT Neurologic Institute*

## **SUNY Cannabis Workforce Grant – Joint Collaboration**

Thanks to an innovative partnership between the College's Horticulture program and Workforce Development Department, NCCC has paved the way for community cannabis education through a \$1 million SUNY Cannabis Workforce Development grant award. Through this funding, the College is leading a consortium of SUNY Erie, Genesee Community College, and Jamestown Community College in the continued development of both credited and non-credit education within the cannabis industry over the next two years. Programming is supported by an Industry Advisory Council of businesses across the field to encompass all levels of the "Seed to Sale" process. NCCC hosted an annual Cannabis Conference was held in January 2023, where program impact was highlighted, representing one of the premier regional opportunities for networking within the state for businesses and individuals seeking entry. NCCC is proud to act as the project lead and sole recipient of grant funding investment for upstate New York.

## **Future Leaders Liberty Partnership Program**

In a first for the College, a five-year award was attained for the continuation of the Future Leaders Liberty Partnership Program, which included participation from the four largest school districts in its service region with the City of Niagara Falls, City of North Tonawanda, City of Lockport, and Niagara Wheatfield Central School districts. The award was the maximum allowable through New York State Education Department (NYSED) funding at \$2,250,000 over five years. Through this investment, NCCC will continue to offer services, including dropout prevention, career development, and college readiness to 360 at-risk students annually throughout Niagara County. NCCC, along with its partner districts, administers programming including student interest assessments, tutoring, academic support, social events, mentorship, community service, family engagement, professional development opportunities, college visits, career days, financial literacy training, and summer workshops.



## Direct Support Professional Microcredential

NCCC is proud to offer the first direct support microcredential program among SUNY.

SUNY, in partnership with the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, developed this program to recognize the distinct skills and competencies required of today's direct support professionals. The program will provide training that leads to national certification in the field of developmental disabilities.

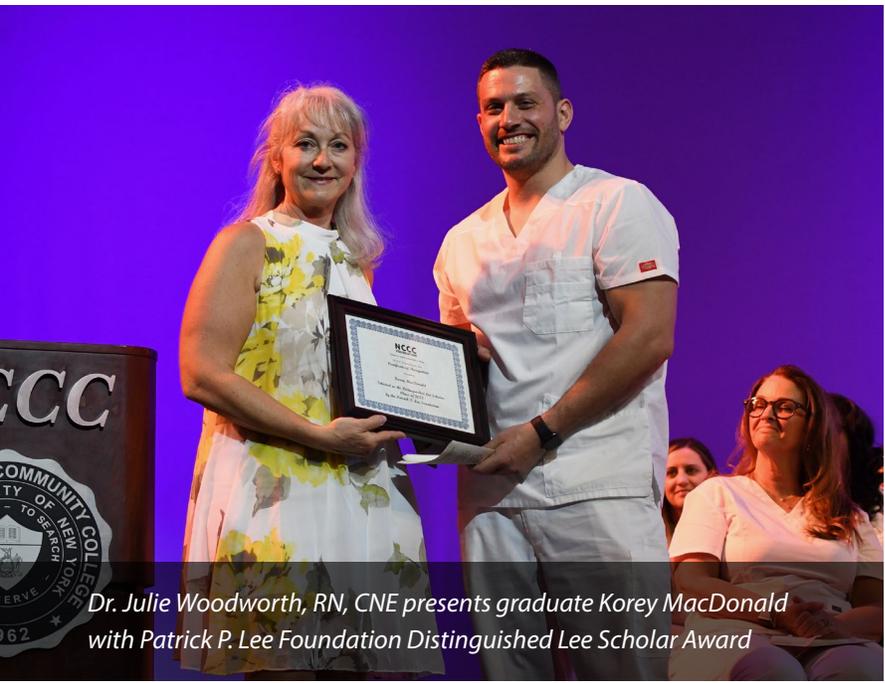
## Grants

The Grants Office managed over \$2.6 million in grant funding awards during the most recently completed fiscal year. Twenty-eight grant applications, totaling \$6.9 million in funding requests were made in 2022 - 23.

Funder	Funding
NYS Office of Children and Family Services Child Care Stabilization Grant 2.0 for Workforce Supports	\$13,700.00
NYSED - Coordinated Collection Development Aid - Annual Library Aid FY '23	\$7,767.00
NYSED - Liberty Partnership Program	\$522,864.00
NYSED Perkins Title V Career and Technical Education Act	\$453,663.00
NYSED - PTECH - Grant was submitted by N.F. High School as the Lead Agency	\$52,443.00
Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)	\$368,683.23
Patrick Lee Foundation Mental Health Supports	\$50,000.00
The Statler Foundation - NFCI Hospitality Revitalization	\$11,500.00
SUNY Cannabis Workforce Development	\$333,333.00
SUNY Child Care Block Grant	\$39,500.00
SUNY Child Care Operational Grant	\$80,043.00
SUNY Early Childhood Paid Internship Program	\$9,594.00
SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)	\$98,000.00
SUNY High Needs Localities Fund Allied Health	\$125,000.00
SUNY High Needs Localities Fund Workforce Academic Programs FY 2023	\$66,000.00
SUNY Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Ed (REACH)	\$15,000.00
SUNY Small Business Development Center Annual Support FY '23	\$333,736.00
US Department of Education - Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$99,837.00
WNYLRC Access and Innovation Grant Program	\$7,112.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,687,775.23</b>



Front row: Lee Scholar Kacie Waliszewski '23, Distinguished Lee Scholar Korey McDonald '23, Lee Scholar Jacquelyn Johnson-Harper '23  
 Back row: Jane Mogavero, Executive Director, Patrick P. Lee Foundation, NCCC President William Murabito, Christopher Allaire, Program Officer, Pat



Dr. Julie Woodworth, RN, CNE presents graduate Korey MacDonald with Patrick P. Lee Foundation Distinguished Lee Scholar Award



2022-2024 Distinguished Student Scholarship recipients, Isabella O'Connor, Evan Vickers, Dillan VanDenBosch, Abigail S

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS

## NCCC Foundation

### NCCC Graduate is First Two-Year School Recipient of Prestigious Award

The Distinguished Lee Scholar Award recognizes exceptional Lee Scholars who have successfully integrated the Foundation's values of integrity, leadership and service into their personal and academic endeavors. Recipients demonstrate leadership in and out of the classroom, help foster the community of Lee Scholars, and find meaningful ways to give back to others.

NCCC Nursing graduate Korey MacDonald is the first two-year school recipient of the Distinguished Lee Scholar Award from the Buffalo-based Patrick P. Lee Foundation.

In addition to this prestigious award, Korey was also elected as a representative to the Student Nursing Association by his classmates.

The NCCC Nursing program was proud to have two additional Lee Scholars this past year; Kacie Waliszewski, a first-generation graduate in her family, and Jacquelyn Johnson-Harper, who changed her career path after a tragic loss.

Thank you to the Patrick P. Lee Foundation for helping NCCC students achieve their dreams.

### Class of 2024 Distinguished Scholars

The NCCC Foundation awarded its most prestigious scholarship to six members of the Class of 2024. The Distinguished Student Scholarship goes to full-time, incoming NCCC freshman who earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 at a Niagara County high school and graduated with a New York State Regents diploma. Recipients must have demonstrated strong community service and provide assurance they plan to stay in Niagara County upon graduation and entry into the work force.

The Class of 2024 Distinguished Student Scholars are:

- Evan Bush, Starpoint
- Isabel Konopka, Niagara Wheatfield
- Evan O'Connor, North Tonawanda
- Abigail Stiokas, North Tonawanda
- Dillan VanDenBosch, Lewiston-Porter
- Evan Vickers, Niagara Wheatfield



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Isabel Konopka, Evan Bush,  
Abigail Stiokas



*NCCC President William Murabito with Gala Co-Chairs, Jerald Wolfgang, Jason Cafarella, Nicole Cafarella, and Dr. Martin Drake*

## Foundation Scholarship Gala

On October 22, 2022, the annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala returned in person with a special diamond theme to commemorate the College's 60th anniversary. The College recognized this year's Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Student Scholarship recipients with a recognition ceremony, raffles, and gourmet food stations prepared by the students of the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.



## Veterans Memorial Park Campaign

Over 100 sponsors contributed nearly \$250,000 to fund the relocation and expansion of the Veterans Memorial Park on NCCC's campus. The original park was dedicated in 1976 and the reimagined park, which honors the WNY veteran community, neared completion over the summer.

Through the college foundation, area veterans, their families, NCCC alumni and employees memorialized their service and those of their loved ones on the park's new monument by sponsoring engravings on the memorial wall, benches and flagpoles. The park will be a site for celebrating Niagara County's heritage of armed forces enlistment through community programming, such as the annual Veterans Day ceremony. The college plans a dedication ceremony in November to officially open the park.



## 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

**Lee Wallace '74**

Degree: Physical Education Studies

Title: Supervisor

Company: Town of Niagara



## NCCC Foundation Board 2022-2023

### Executive Committee

James Turner '86, *Chairman*  
 Dr. David Bonnevie '74, *Vice-Chairman*  
 Marc O'Hearn, *Treasurer*  
 Dr. Martin H. Drake '75, *Secretary*  
 Jason Cafarella '98, *Board of Trustee Appointment*  
 Jayne Schaber, *Member at Large*  
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