Our Mission
The Three Rivers College Foundation is a non-profit charitable educational foundation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut and granted 501 (C) (3) tax-deductible status by the IRS. Its purpose is to support the educational efforts of the College, the staff, and the faculty. In this role, it performs many functions for the College.

Message from the President of Three Rivers College Foundation

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to present to you our 2018-2019 Annual Report.

We are pleased to share photos of recent student scholars, new community partnerships and our successful TRCC alumni as well as achievements of the year.

Your generous support provided new program initiatives across campus, critical funding for non-credit and credit workforce training programs, tutoring support to improve performance and persistence for students, classroom enhancements to ensure they are the most technologically-advanced in the region, and a record-number of student scholarships.

Several new funds were also established during the past year to fulfill the unique wishes and interests of different donors who support students at Three Rivers.

Many thanks to all of our community partnerships and for your continued support of Three Rivers Community College.

Sincerely,

William A. Stanley
President, Three Rivers College Foundation

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Three Rivers Community College, a heartfelt thanks to the combined efforts of the Foundation Board, faculty, staff and community partners for your contributions and support.

The close of the academic year was celebrated on May 22, 2019 when 563 students earned a total of 517 associate degrees and 78 certificates. We are proud of the students we educate and the successes they have attained.

It was my honor to recognize and celebrate TRC Foundation President, William Stanley with an honorary degree during our commencement exercises. A life-long advocate for southeastern Connecticut, Bill has generously given his time to the TRC Foundation, Community College Foundation Working Group and Regional Advisory committee at the system level for the Board of Regents.

I would like to express thanks from all of us at Three Rivers for the dedicated support throughout the year and to the Foundation’s commitment.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President, Three Rivers Community College
Adventures in Life Long Learning
The Adventures in Life Long Learning established this endowment to solidify their enjoyable relationship with Three Rivers and to encourage a new generation of learners. Annual scholarships will be awarded on behalf of the Adventures in Life Long Learning in the names of Dr. Grace S. Jones and in memory of Eugene Frank.

AFE Chapter 122 Scholarship
The AFE Chapter 122 is an endowed scholarship established in 2011 that provides full tuition and fees for one year to a deserving student achieving excellence in an engineering discipline.

Alumni Association Scholarships
These scholarships were established on behalf of the Alumni Association in 2013. The Children of Alumni, First Year Student and Outstanding Graduating Student scholarships will be awarded on behalf of the Alumni Association annually.

Ann M. Ahamed Scholarship
Dr. Sultan Ahamed believes that opportunities should be made available to those with strength of character and ability. His determination to improve the quality of life in this community resulted in this endowed full tuition and fees scholarship in honor of his wife, Ann.

Capano Family Scholarships
Ken C. Capano is a firm believer in the ShopRite philosophy of being “partners in caring for the neighbors’ families, homes and communities.” The Capano family established an endowed fund to improve educational opportunities for ShopRite employees and their family members in 2008.

Charles W. Kitchings Memorial Scholarship
The Kitchings Family’s philanthropy is well known, especially in the healthcare arena. Their generous and unselfish contributions have helped support the Three Rivers nursing program and its students in time of need.

Dorothy Lewis & Family Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established in 2019 by Dorothy Lewis, class of 1978, to support non-traditional students with scholarship aid.
Edward P. Lord Scholarship
The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation established this scholarship in 2015 in honor of Edward Lord to support deserving students enrolled in an engineering discipline (preferably technical fields of engineering). The Lord Foundation supports our community and local students seeking to attend institutions of higher learning.

Helen and Joseph Jukoski Scholarship
This scholarship was established by President Mary Ellen Jukoski in honor of her parents who were avid supporters of higher education. Mary Ellen inherited her parents’ passion for education, and this scholarship will support students on their educational journey.

Joan Grove and Carolyn Krohn Memorial Scholarships
Seymour and Linda Adelman are community leaders and business people in the town of Bozrah. Through their generous good will and in remembrance of Linda’s two sisters, they funded this endowed scholarship for TRCC nursing students.

Judith Cook Albright Memorial Nursing Scholarship
The Judith Cook Albright Memorial Nursing Scholarship is an endowed scholarship established in 2016 by Charles Albright to support and serve as motivation and inspiration for future nurses. Judith was a professor at Three Rivers in the Nursing Department from 2005-2016. Judy was committed to the highest academic standards for her students delivered in a caring, learning environment.

Kyle Douglas Emmerthal Memorial Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established in memory of Kyle Emmerthal by his loving family. Kyle was a Three Rivers student who had a passion for learning and a respect for animals and the environment. He was known for his bright smile, wonderful wit and charm. This scholarship is awarded to a student in a STEM field active in helping others or the environment.

Luke J. Malek Scholarship
Luke Malek was a 1973 graduate of Griswold High School who passed away at the age of 18 in an automobile accident. His brother, Paul, a 1965 graduate of Thames Valley State Technical Institute and his wife Donna, established this endowed fund to provide financial assistance for other graduates from Griswold High School, giving them a chance to pursue careers in the STEM disciplines just as Luke was eager to pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

Mark Ballestrini Memorial Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established by Scott and Gina Donovan in memory of their brother-in-law, Mark. Mark joined the TRC Foundation board in 2008. In 2010, he became President. Mark’s desire to ensure continued success of our community college was evident in his dedication and commitment to strengthen community relations and build partnerships with other community leaders. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who exemplifies hard work and community service.

New London County Medical Association Scholarship
The New London County Medical Association established this endowed fund in 2008 to provide scholarships to deserving students at Three Rivers Community College.

Norwich Public Utilities Scholarship
Norwich Public Utilities established this endowed scholarship fund to support students, preferably living in Norwich, with full tuition and fees in one of the many Engineering or Business degree programs, and who demonstrate commitment to their community by volunteering and through extracurricular activities.

Ralph & Lillian Pelliccio Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established by Joseph, a former adjunct faculty member at Three Rivers, and Elaine, a TRCC emeritus faculty member, to honor Joseph Pelliccio's parents who were both business people and who knew the value of higher education. Joseph and Elaine hope that this scholarship supports those who wish to continue their education, particularly in the business field.

The LaMattina Scholarships
The LaMattinas, John, a former Pfizer research scientist and executive, and Mary, TRCC emeritus faculty, have set the bar high for generous and compassionate donations. The success of Three Rivers’ students is high on their list of priorities with three endowed scholarships.

The John and Mary LaMattina Professional Development Scholarship provides financial support for faculty professional development.

The LaMattina Foundation Scholarship provides full tuition and fees to a student who despite personal challenges, has the likelihood to persist and achieve their educational and personal goals.

The John and Mary LaMattina Scholarship provides full tuition and fees and is awarded to a Humanities student who demonstrates exceptional support for peers and the College.

The VNA Nightingale Scholarship
The VNA Nightingale Endowment Scholarship was established in 2008 and is given out each year to nurses throughout the state who work in the field of Nursing. They are dedicated nurses nominated by their peers. This scholarship is given by the Visiting Nurses of SECT to honor all those presented with the award and to future exceptional nurses.

Veronica Cronin Scholarship
The Cronin Family created this endowed scholarship in memory of their mother, Veronica, who was a dedicated nurse and mother of ten. The scholarship provides full tuition and fees to a nursing student who has demonstrated ability and commitment to leadership among his/her peers.

Wilbur B. Beckwith Endowment
The Estate of Wilbur B. Beckwith established an endowed scholarship fund for TRCC students in need. Mr. Beckwith retired from the State of Connecticut as an adjunct instructor at Thames Valley State Technical Institute.
21st Annual Golf Tournament

Our Golf Classic raised over $40,000 thanks to the generosity of every golfer and sponsor!

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Investing in our College Community

The Gallery at Three Rivers featured the "Makers Space" funded by the TRC Foundation during the month of September. The "Pop-Up Studio" provided a unique, multidisciplinary approach to learning and a chance for self-expression and self-regulation in ways that may not be obtainable behind desks.

The initiative was open to the College and community offering 40 pounds of white Legos, a visual arts station for innovation, over 2,000 KEVA planks and so much more!

SOUL AND JAZZ

Soul Cafe’ is an eclectic evening of live entertainment that pays homage to the influential history of African-American music on American culture. The event, funded by the Foundation was held on March 7th at Three Rivers, comprised of a live band that performed numerous musical genres engineered by the Black Vernacular.

This year’s event featured the musical talents of Grammy Award winning artist, Charmagne Tripp and her accompaniment, NuSoul. The band performed original songs and musical covers from pop culture artists ranging from Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley to Prince.

Soul Cafe’ provided Three Rivers’ students, faculty, staff, as well as members of the community the interactive engagement with the traditional heritage of Black musical philosophy and its impact on contemporary American culture.
IClickers
Providing our educators with the proper training they need and supporting our future nurses with more practical and engaging methods of learning is made possible through the generosity of our donors.

IClickers are a new tool that promotes critical thinking in an active teaching environment that allow students to participate in real-time question/answer activities anonymously.

Nfa Partnership
The Foundation offset the certification exam fee for NFA students taking the Certified Nursing Assistant Course. Of this cohort of students that participated, half are enrolled in TRCC college courses in the fall 2019 and half are pursuing a nursing education at TRCC.

Always Learning
The TRC Foundation provides over $10,000 annually to support Professional Development for faculty and staff. (L-R) Kacey McCarthy Zaremba and Cheryl Salva attended Ellucian Live 2019. Together they attended over a dozen workshops with topics covering everything from creating a paperless institution, using student feedback to improve usability, to self-service updates. In addition, they gained access to handouts from hundreds of other workshops that will be useful for numerous offices at TRCC.

Leadership Skills
TRCC Public Relations Associate, Alexa Shelton, participated in the nine-month Chamber of Commerce Leadership program.

"I gained a broader view of the community and was able to put to use my newly learned leadership and decision-making skills working along-side other community leaders."
A Year of Giving – Annual Fund

The Foundation leverages financial gifts from generous donors, ensuring the highest level of support for our students and faculty.

Many of our students go on to four-year universities, others become employed as engineers, nurses or other successful careers. Some students move on as paid interns or apprentices with local employers.

When you make a gift, you fund opportunities that transform the lives of students. It is not only your generous gift that matters, it is your belief in a student’s ability to overcome obstacles to reach their academic goals, enter the workforce and build a better future for themselves.

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THE EDWARD AND MARY LORD FOUNDATION

We know our community needs a vibrant and educated workforce. Thanks to the generosity of the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation, students at Three Rivers will not have to face financial roadblocks in route to an Associate degree in electrical engineering and related technologies.

“I feel unbelievably honored to have been chosen to receive the Edward P. Lord Scholarship. Being an engineering student, I have pushed my mind to learn incredibly remarkable concepts. All the hard work is worth it and my dream of being a successful electrical engineer is only becoming more real.”

Kristen Schadtle
Edward P. Lord Scholarship Recipient

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT

Workforce and Continuing Education students come to TRCC to seek short-term retraining solutions to re-enter the workforce after prolonged unemployment or first time entry into the workforce. Funding from the Community Foundation helps these students move forward by off-setting tuition, fees, supplies and books so they can move forward to find employment or advance their careers.
STRIVING FOR THE GREATEST IMPACT
John and Mary LaMattina

John and Mary LaMattina share a passion — ensuring that motivated students have the opportunity to receive a college education. Our sincere gratitude goes to the LaMattina family for their continued support of numerous scholarships so that financial concerns are not obstacles for a student’s success and for support of the Tutoring and Academic Success Center (TASC) that fills a much needed void in supporting students to achieve their academic goals.

This year, the LaMattina Professional Development fund afforded Barbara Chan, TRCC Instructor of Chinese Language and Tai Chi to spend seven weeks in Hong Kong and Chengdu to attend various workshops in Tai Chi and Chinese opera and an advanced training in Tai Chi and its theory.

This professional development opportunity will help grow TRCC’s Chinese and Tai Chi program at a time where there’s a significant influx of Chinese immigrants to the region and increasingly more working-class Chinese in our area.

“To summarize, this shadowing program has provided me practical information and advice as to how to be an impartial judge and the necessary qualities expected from a martial arts administrator, a chief judge and an arbitrator. I was afforded the opportunity to learn about and experience contemporary issues in the modern and rising China first-hand, submerge myself in the Chinese language and Chinese culture to enhance my Mandarin language skills, participate in cultural activities highlighting arts, cultural landmarks and more, and learn new Tai Chi and Chi Kung forms and improve existing forms at TRCC. Bringing new Tai Chi forms to TRCC will enable our students to repeat the course without repetition and help them enhance their Tai Chi movements and health exercises”.

A FRESH REDESIGN FOR THREE RIVERS

Special thanks to TRC Foundation board member, Kathy LaCombe, KML Architects, for volunteering her time and talent in redesigning the Cyber Café and the Three Rivers main entrance.

The Cyber Cafe was renovated so students have another space on campus that is conducive to studying, meeting and socializing. It is now brighter with new paint, furniture and lighting. The Main Entrance and wall outside of the Multi-Purpose Room have the TRCC logo and the words “Your College. Your Future” so that all who enter this building will know that we are committed to ensuring our students are successful in creating their future.
Scholarship Recipients

The TRC Foundation awarded a record-breaking 288 scholarships totaling $410,000 including $50,000 in summer scholarships on Wednesday, May 2, 2019 at Three Rivers Community College.

Proud families of Three Rivers Community College students packed the room to celebrate the annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony.

Students are the center of our institution and without this support, many of our students would not be able to pursue their educational goals.

Thank you to all of our supporters and congratulations to all of our scholarship and award recipients.

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The Scholarship Reception followed the Awards Ceremony and was enjoyed by close to 300 students, family and friends. It was made possible through the generous support of our community and corporate partners.

Students Samantha Bartosiak and Lorenzo Enderle celebrate his award at the scholarship reception.
Leaving a Legacy

The unique wishes and interests of donors provide financial support for our students and for future generations to come.

BLANCHE BERTÉ ILENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Three Rivers Community College Acting Director of Student Activities, Alycia Ziegler ’16 recently established The Blanche Berté Illenberg Memorial Scholarship in honor of her grandmother.

Blanche Berté Illenberg spent her entire life giving to others and twenty years of her career working with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

With only a high school diploma, Blanche was an advocate for education, supporting her granddaughter, Alycia through her educational journey. It was her unwavering support and guidance that moved Alycia to establish an endowed scholarship fund in her honor and memory.

Having received TRC Foundation scholarships, Alycia understands the positive impact that financial support can have on a student’s life. Because Blanche shared these same values, Alycia knew that an endowed scholarship would be the best way to honor her grandmother.

A guiding principal that Blanche repeated to Alycia that helped shape her into the person that she is today is that "helping people in need is not giving a hand-out, it is giving a hand-up."

Donations to support the Blanche Berté Illenberg Memorial Scholarship can be made directly to the TRC Foundation by check, cash or credit card.

DOROTHY LEWIS & FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Dorothy Lewis is often seen on campus participating in one of the many lectures, activities and events with her friends from Adventures in Life Long Learning. A 1978 graduate of Mohegan Community College, Dorothy’s desire to give back comes from her love of being a life-long learner and Norwich resident. The Dorothy Lewis & Family scholarship fund will support non-traditional students seeking to further their education despite, often times, challenging circumstances.

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WILLIAM F. MUIZNER SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Three Rivers Professor of Accounting, Edwin Muenzner established the William F. Muenzner Memorial Scholarship in honor of his father to provide student scholarships for Three Rivers students.

Bill spent nearly his entire life providing for his family. He married his wife, Diana, in 1957 and also enjoyed nearly six decades of service at Electric Boat retiring on his 80th birthday.

When Bill wasn’t at work, he was spending time with his five children and grandchildren cheering on the New England Patriots or Boston Red Sox.

Ed received his associate degree from Three Rivers and understands the positive impact the financial support can have on a student’s life. Bill was a man who valued hard work and compassion and because Three Rivers is an institution that values hardworking students, Ed felt that establishing an endowed scholarship was the best way to honor his father.

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Special Thanks

A celebration was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in the Gallery at Three Rivers to recognize out-going board treasurer, Jim Austin, for his nine years of exemplary service on the Three Rivers College Foundation

Jim Austin joined the Three Rivers College Foundation Board in 2010. Since 2011, Jim’s financial leadership, expertise and service has been a key component to the continued success of the TRC Foundation in his role as treasurer.

Donors in our region confidently give their hard-earned dollars to the Foundation because of our mission and the successful financial leadership of our board.

As board treasurer, Jim has been a leading advocate for the Three Rivers College community. He has continuously shown compassion and care for our students, faculty and staff and understands that an investment in education is money well spent.

It is because of his investment to this board, that we can continue the important work of providing educational opportunities for our friends and neighbors in southeastern Connecticut.
Todd Fisher has enjoyed a 30 year career at Dominion Energy, one that his family and friends are proud of working in a field that provides a valuable service of producing clean energy.

Upon graduating from Norwich Free Academy, Todd was accepted into the Nuclear Program at Three Rivers on a full scholarship. He graduated in 1988 and took a position as an Operator at a fuel plant in Middletown, CT. In 1990 Todd transferred to Unit 3 at Millstone in the Operations Department as a Plant Equipment Operator. In 1995, Todd obtained his Reactor Operators license and in 2007, obtained his Senior Reactor Operators License. Upon obtaining his license, he was also promoted to Unit Supervisor. A Reactor Operator can manipulate the controls of a Nuclear Power Plant. A Senior Reactor Operator can direct the activities of personnel, both licensed and non-licensed in a Nuclear Power Plant. In 2018, Todd was promoted to Shift Manager, the senior leaders of one of the five operating crews at the unit. “As an operator who came up through the ranks, I have become certified in a wide array of skills associated with my various roles with the list being quite extensive. To obtain the Reactor Operators license and Senior Reactor Operators license, I went to an 18 month intensive school which culminated in three days of examination before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.”

It is safe to say that Todd is one of the most experienced employees working at the Dominion Nuclear Power Plant.

We are fortunate to call Todd a TRCC alumnus!
GENERATIONS - LAMBERT FAMILY

After graduating high school, Stephan Lambert Sr., entered the TRCC Nuclear Engineering Program with a full scholarship thanks to the generosity of Dominion-Millstone, now Dominion Energy. Twenty-two years later, his son, Stephan received the same scholarship and now, the father-son duo are working at Dominion Energy. Stephan Sr., class of 1993 is a Shift Manager directing the activities responsible for the safe operation of the facility under all conditions. In this role, he also serves as interim Station Emergency Manager and acts as Senior Management during non-normal working hours. Stephan Jr., class of 2015 is a Nuclear Plant Equipment Operator performing work associated with the operation of various plant equipment.

This father-son team are a fantastic example of the partnership between TRCC and Dominion Energy – powering our community together!

TINA SPAKOWSKI

In 1992, Dominion Millstone Power Plant hired an employee who would become a lifelong member of the Dominion family. This employee is Tina Spakowski. Tina began her journey as an intern at Thames Valley in the field of nuclear engineering technology during the summer of 1990 after graduating from high school. After the summer internship was over, Tina began her course work at Three Rivers Community College. “The decision to pursue the Nuclear Engineering Technology program was an easy choice because it was FREE”.

Over the course of her 28 years at Dominion, Tina started a family, advanced in her field, and received an extensive portfolio of licenses and certifications. According to Tina, “It is a really high paying job and you work with a group of highly intelligent individuals. There is always someone to learn from because there is always someone who is smarter than you. The working conditions and benefits are very good. You learn to realize that many other people don’t have these same advantages in other industries. In the end it is really a satisfying job.”

DOMINION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(L-R) Trad Horner, Foundation Board Member, member of 1st graduating class of nuclear program, Chris Chatwell, Unit 3 Shift Manager, scholarship recipients, Jillian Benedict, Philip Kerr, Ashley Edouard and Mike O’Connor, Assistant Plant Manager.

Building the leaders of tomorrow.
Alumni Spotlight

Today our alumni are stakeholders in virtually every major employer and educational institution across the region. We invite all new (or new-ish) alumni to bring their own unique perspective to this legacy.

ASHLEY HANSON ’14

Ashley Hanson’s experiences at Three Rivers were far from typical. She enrolled in 2012 as a non-traditional student, and went on to earn two associates degrees and a certificate. She first graduated with an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. During the course of time that Ashley spent at Three Rivers, she was a member of three honor societies; Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Beta Delta, and the inaugural group for The National Society of Leadership and Success. Because of her active involvement in these honor societies, Ashley was awarded a fully funded opportunity by Phi Theta Kappa to join a ten day study abroad program to South Africa.

After graduating, Ashley realized that her exposure to International Relations had inspired her to pursue public relations. Because of the wonderful experiences that Ashley had at Three Rivers, it was an easy choice to return in 2016 to work on a certificate in Advertising and Public Relations, which she received in 2017. While progressing on the certificate coursework, Ashley decided to pursue another associate’s degree, in Graphic Design.

Today, Ashley puts her knowledge and experience to use at a local periodontal surgical practice where she is the Public Relations Coordinator. Ashley operates directly under the CEO, creating and executing marketing plans, graphic design projects, brand design, social media marketing, photography and videography for the practice. She is currently planning and coordinating the second annual education program that her employer offers for local dentists and hygienists. Ashley also assists in running and coordinating a mentoring program called High Performance Perio Practice where she works with periodontal practices around the country creating an organizational flow for their business to help them expand to their full potential.

In an effort to keep alumni and friends informed about the college, we encourage you to share news about your achievements, personal or professional, job, marriage, and/or children so we can share with alumni and friends. Our Facebook page can be reached at threerivers.edu/FBalumni. Photos can be sent to: bbaillargeon@trcc.commnet.edu or call 860-215-9043.
The Finance & Investment Committee acts on behalf of the Foundation Board to provide immediate oversight of the investment of the financial assets of the Endowment. The committee works closely with Dime Investments and our investment managers, Manning and Napier, to preserve and grow the endowment through prudent investment strategies.
DR. BOOKER T. DeVauhn LECTURE SERIES

The series, established by President Emeritus Dr. Booker T. DeVauhn, offers a platform for the exchange of ideas to the college and community.

The lecture series is co-sponsored by Dime Bank and the TRC Foundation with upcoming events beginning Fall 2019.

Check our website for event dates: www.threerivers.edu/foundation-events

All lectures are free and open to the public.