



**2019-2020** ANNUAL REPORT

# A COMPASS

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**THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION**

*for* COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION



“Guiding our fleet of colleges through early times and through exceptional times - helping students succeed and ensuring they adapt to challenges with resilience.”

—Chancellor Glenn DuBois



LEFT: Chancellor Glenn DuBois, Founding Chancellor Dana Hamel, former State Board Chair Dr. Susan Gooden



This Annual Report includes photos from 2019, before the pandemic, as well as photos of students embracing the challenges of 2020.



# *A Message from the Board Chair*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The events of 2020 have made our world significantly more complex. Challenges appear at every turn: Our economic and physical health have become daily headlines, changing the way we learn, how we engage with one another, and how we think about and plan for our futures.

These circumstances have made the role of the VFCCE more important than ever. Students are looking for a foundation to lean on for purpose and direction.

In this year's annual report — which highlights 2019 accomplishments as well as several from 2020 — you will learn how VFCCE provides that foundation. From building programs to help with essentials like food and housing to establishing partnerships that will make attaining a bachelor's degree following community college possible, we have worked to be the anchor for our students, our colleges and our Commonwealth, even in the face of so much uncertainty.

***Our mission is to build student success and the Commonwealth's future by supporting Virginia's 23 community colleges. This mission serves as the Foundation's compass in all that we do.***

It guides our decision-making as we work to provide scholarships, fellowships and other tuition awards; to provide coaching support for adult learners, foster youth, and the underserved youth of rural and urban regions; to extend leadership development and community service opportunities; and much more.

The VFCCE is moving in many directions. And as a friend and supporter of the VFCCE, you share our commitment to charting new paths for Virginians through higher education.

We are thankful for your continued dedication to our mission and invite you to share your enthusiasm for it with friends and family. Together, we can weather the storm and help students steer for success.

Gratefully,

**Stewart D. Roberson, Ed.D.**



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## ***VFCCE Board***

*January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020*

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education Board of Directors is composed of volunteers from across the Commonwealth who generate resources for the mission of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and its students.

- **Stewart D. Roberson, Chair**
- **Gretchen C. Byrd**
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ABOVE: 2020 State Board Chair  
Edward C. Dalrymple, Jr. with wife Cathy



## VCCS State Board

January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

The State Board for Community Colleges is the governing body of the VCCS. These volunteers are appointed by the Governor for up to two four-year terms.

- Edward Dalrymple, Jr., Chair 2020
- Nathaniel Bishop
- Adnan Bokhari
- David E. Broder
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- Douglas M. Garcia
- Susan Tinsley Gooden, Past Chair 2019
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- R.J. Narang
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- Richard Reynolds
- Eleanor Saslaw
- Senator Walter Stosch
- Robin Sullenberger
- Terri Thompson



## Honorary Board Members

Virginia's former governors and the founding chancellor of the Virginia Community College System comprise the honorary board of directors for the VFCCE. Their strong voices have supported Virginia's Community Colleges and the students and families they serve since the inception of the VCCS more than 50 years ago.

- Dana Hamel, Chancellor Emeritus
- The Honorable George Allen
- The Honorable Gerald L. Baliles\*
- The Honorable James Gilmore II
- The Honorable Linwood Holton
- The Honorable Tim Kaine
- The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
- The Honorable Charles Robb
- The Honorable Mark Warner
- The Honorable Douglas Wilder

\*deceased

# Moving the Needle



Providing students with the tools they need to succeed takes more than a mission, it requires a solid financial footing. At the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020), **the VFCCE had distributed \$2,698,109 to our 23 colleges.**

Since 2005 when it was revitalized, the VFCCE has generated nearly \$50 million to benefit the mission of Virginia's Community Colleges.

Blue Ridge	\$172,782
Central Virginia	\$132,900
Dabney S. Lancaster	\$37,648
Danville	\$69,738
Eastern Shore	\$64,313
Germanna	\$150,702
J. Sargeant Reynolds	\$171,384
John Tyler	\$222,823
Lord Fairfax	\$301,487
Mountain Empire	\$81,356
New River	\$87,753
Northern Virginia	\$171,599
Patrick Henry	\$122,649
Paul D. Camp	\$75,142
Piedmont Virginia	\$64,276
Rappahannock	\$78,937
Southside Virginia	\$74,712
Southwest Virginia	\$166,634
Thomas Nelson	\$61,947
Tidewater	\$79,825
Virginia Highlands	\$162,113
Virginia Western	\$118,371
Wytheville	\$29,018
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,698,109</b>



*"A community college education is the best pathway to a middle-class lifestyle. While our students are working to achieve that success, so many donors have been willing to make sure they have nutritious food along the way!"*

**—John Downey, Ed.D.**

President  
Blue Ridge Community College



## *Getting Their Bearings*

Among the many economic barriers associated with college are the cost of tuition and books. But for some students, even more basic needs are top of mind: food and housing.

Thanks to the Richard and Leslie Gilliam Foundation and The Anthem Foundation, two new initiatives driven by the VFCCE are taking concerns about food insecurity and housing challenges literally off the table. In this way, students can focus on the education and experiences that will feed their futures.

According to The National Alliance to End Homelessness, nearly half of young people who have lived in foster care will experience homelessness between the ages of 18 and 25.



**The Gilliam Foundation** gift is providing more than 60 foster youth in southwest Virginia with housing assistance while enrolled in school, allowing them to keep their minds in the classroom.



**The Anthem Foundation** provided resources to ensure that all 14 rural colleges could establish and expand food emergency programs to keep students hungry only for new knowledge.

These gifts are providing those foundational elements that Virginia students need to fuel their success.



*This support enabled:*

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**60+** Great Expectations foster youth  
in southwest Virginia to benefit  
from housing assistance

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**86K** students in rural Virginia  
now have access to new  
or expanded critical food  
emergency programs

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**The Great Expectations program provides a dedicated coach to help a young person, typically without a parent, navigate college and career aspirations. A partnership with philanthropists Barbara Fried and the late Mark Fried provided a challenge grant to launch the program which helps direct students as they embrace their full college experience, such as transportation, childcare, finances and more.**



**RIGHT: VFCCE Board Member Julia Gilliam Sterling and Great Expectations Students at Southwest Virginia Community College**



## *Transitioning for Success*

Each year, hundreds of Virginia community college students studying the Arts and Humanities transfer to four-year colleges and universities to continue their educational journeys.

Thanks to a generous investment of more than \$2 million from **The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**, VCCS is making that transition easier by partnering with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to build a seamless transfer model between the institutions. This grant, made possible by the VFCCE, is the first of its kind for Mellon, VCU, and the VCCS.

The goals of the Mellon Pathways to the Arts and Humanities initiative are to:



**Increase the number of transfer students** in these areas of study, and



**Ensure that these students are prepared** to compete for careers or graduate education.



**ABOVE: Students collaborate in the Writing Lab at John Tyler Community College**

In addition, the initiative provides an opportunity for students with economic challenges to earn their foundational course credits at the community college rate while building an academic résumé that makes them attractive for scholarships and fellowships in their third and fourth years.

J. Sargeant Reynolds (JSRCC) and John Tyler (JTCC) Community Colleges have worked in cooperation with VCU to align their arts and humanities programs so that students can make the transition between schools easily.

Grant funding from the Mellon Foundation has allowed for specialized transfer training for faculty advisors, the establishment of unified curriculum mapping, and newly revised and clearly defined degree program timelines—all of which have contributed to the success of this partnership so far.

In its inaugural semester, the Mellon Pathways to the Arts and Humanities program celebrated 50 students pursuing qualifying transfer degrees to VCU. With such a strong start, the initiative is on track to meet its goal of serving at least 156 students by December 2021.

# Opportunity In Every Direction

Each year, a cohort of promising second-year community college students in Virginia are selected for a special educational opportunity: becoming a VFCCE Fellow.

These Fellows are positioned for success thanks to the generous investment in their future from partners **Valley Proteins, Inc.**, **Potomac Health Foundation**, **Inova**, **Dominion Energy**, and **Betty and Ben Davenport, Jr.**

A Fellowship:



**Covers the cost of tuition**, textbooks and fees. With the financial burden of college reduced, students can devote their time and attention to their studies and volunteer work in the community or on campus.



**Provides students with unique, hands-on experience** working with leaders in area businesses and non-profit organizations. These leaders often turn into mentors, and Fellows gain access to the type of career and character guidance that only industry insiders can provide.



**Instills in students a feeling of support.** Knowing that they have a team behind them helps Fellows earn an associate degree and pursue advanced degrees and training.

A grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation enabled the fellowship program to grow by establishing new opportunities for students who are active-duty military, military dependents and veterans.



**“Receiving the Dominion Energy Fellowship was an incredible surprise and removed a great financial weight off my family. It was more than just a financial award. It was an incredible leadership experience and the connections made within our cohort will extend beyond the year of our program.”**

**— Katrina Duff**

Dominion Energy Fellow 2019–20  
Germanna Community College



ABOVE: Katrina Duff, Germanna Community College



## Supporter Spotlight

### *Joe and Linda Daniel Student Success Fund*

The foster care system in Virginia identified a pressing need for additional support to assist young people who were aging out of the system, but who lacked the skills needed to achieve a stable career and sustainable independence. The Great Expectations (GE) educational program for foster youth began in 2008 at five community colleges to help foster youth pursue associate degrees and workforce certifications, transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and position themselves for employment and life success.

Joe and Linda Daniel have been longtime supporters of Virginia's Community Colleges. In 2019, they took their support a step further by establishing the Joe and Linda Daniel Student Success Fund for Great Expectations students. This success fund is making it possible for coaches throughout the Commonwealth to design projects and interventions that will increase student recruitment, retention and completion among former foster youth.



LEFT: Joe and Linda Daniel

Several of the projects created by this collaborative effort are showing great promise. For example, Virginia Highlands Community College partnered with Bristol Public School, Bristol Transit and District Three Governmental Cooperative to provide public transit for students to the college. This partnership—known as the “College Express”—is providing reliable transportation to and from the college, as well as shuttling students to Feeding America where they can receive a free hot meal during their school day.

The new multi-tiered mentoring program at Germanna Community College is allowing peer mentors to earn stipends, scholarships and the volunteer hours required by many degree programs by providing support to first-year GE students. Forty-three GE students are receiving these services, thanks to the Daniel fund.

## ***The Petters Family Foundation Building the Future of Virginia Campaign***

Since his early days serving on the State Board (2004–2008), Mike Petters has had a special interest in Virginia’s Community Colleges and their role in workforce development. That lifetime of interest, combined with his participation on the VFCCE board, has culminated in an extraordinary unrestricted gift.

A \$1 million commitment from the Petters Family Foundation to the VFCCE Building the Future of Virginia Campaign has supported operational capacity building and endowment growth. The Petters’ generosity inspired other investors to support this work. Today, their daughter, Caroline Petters Sauer, serves as a director on the VFCCE board.



ABOVE: Nancy and Mike Petters

**“Nancy and I are committed to education and supporting Virginia’s workforce. We saw an opportunity to strengthen the mission of the VFCCE and advance its work with our commitment.”**

**—Mike Petters**



## Finding Their North Star

The goal of completing a college education can seem unattainable to many Virginians. The process of simply starting can either be unknown or overwhelming. Demographics compiled in 2019 show that more than 70% of students who enroll in Virginia's Community Colleges are from underserved populations, and more than 20% are first-generation college students.

Specially trained mentors or “coaches” who translate the college process for those who have little or no previous exposure to it can lead the way.

The power of these coaches to boost student success, particularly for first-generation college students, is enormous. In fact, VCCS reporting from 2019 shows that **working with a coach doubles the completion rate** for underserved groups.

*Of VCCS students who have worked with coaches:*

**48%** were more likely to complete a 2-year degree

**46%** were more likely to complete a 4-year degree

These students also earn a median salary that is 25% higher than their peers with only a high school diploma.

**“I said, ‘There’s no way I can go to college.’ Then I met my RVHI coach and she became my everything—from financial aid and finding the right program to helping me get back on track when my dad died. Because of her, I know I can do this.”**

**—Helena, Health Sciences Major**  
New River Community College

### EARNING POTENTIAL OF STUDENTS WHO WORKED WITH COACHES



■ VFCCE students who worked with coaches  
■ Peers with high school diploma

VFCCE students who worked with coaches earn a median salary that is **25% higher** than their peers with only a high school diploma.



ABOVE: Coach Mickey and Jacob  
Central Virginia Community College

Community colleges tend to serve more adults, including veterans, first-generation students, and under-represented populations, helping them earn credentials and develop their skills to increase their employability. Working with a coach doubles the completion rates of our hardest to serve, at-risk students whose success is essential to meeting Virginia’s workforce needs.

More than 150 coaches currently work with community college students across the Commonwealth, but VFCCE is funding the training of 350 additional coaches over the next three years to meet the nationally recommended student-to-coach ratio of 300:1.

**“As I look at the research that’s been done about higher education and the labor market, one of the most common recommendations to make the system work better is to improve the availability and the quality of advising and coaching, both in K-12 and in college.”**

**—Stephen Moret**

President and CEO, Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
2020 VFCCE Board Member

#### COLLEGE COMPLETION RATE



Students who worked with coaches



Students who did not work with a coach

**2X** more at-risk and marginalized students complete college with the support of a coach



**ABOVE:** Lord Fairfax Community College student Thanya Canelas dressed for success at her professional internship.

**“Having a coach makes a huge difference. With their help and resources, you can find the educational path you want to take early on, and most important you don’t feel alone in your academic journey.”**

**—Thanya Canelas**



## ***Reaching for the Stars***

When Thanya Canelas enrolled at Lord Fairfax Community College in fall 2019, she lacked clarity on a career goal. Her interests ranged from a dental career to occupational therapy to information technology.

But thanks to the coaching support provided through the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative (RVHI), which helps increase enrollment and degree attainment in rural areas of the state, Canelas was able to chart a course forward. “In early 2020, I provided her with a link to the YouScience career assessment,” says RVHI coach Julie Fainter. “Her results led her to pursue aerospace engineering, which combines her love of science and technology with her fascination with outer space. Her academic advisor laid out the math and science scaffolding she would need.”

Fainter reached out to the owner of a local aerospace engineering firm that provides student internships, and he agreed to meet to talk with them about the industry. With a scheduled interview on the calendar, Fainter referred Thanya to Dress for Success for professional attire. RVHI funds were used to hem the pants and sleeves so the clothing fit properly.

According to Fainter, Thanya had a great intern experience. The owner spent a considerable amount of time talking about the industry and the training required, as well as providing a tour of the office so Thanya could see the types of work in which employees were engaged. The visit opened a door for future mentoring or internship possibilities.





## Guiding the Way

Thank you to the generous supporters who made gifts between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020. Your dedication to affordable and accessible higher education helped the VFCCE impact more student lives than ever before.



BELOW, left to right: Sharon Morrissey, Nathaniel Bishop, and Megan Healy



## Families and Individuals:

- John Andelin and Virginia Geoffrey
- James Andre
- Dale and Ronald Andrews
- Julie Atkins
- Jim Babb
- Sheryl Bailey
- Mary Barnett
- Carolyn Berkowitz
- Peter Blake
- Dave Blanton
- Dr. Braddlee
- Stacy and Arthur Brinkley, III
- Clement Britt
- Kimberly Britt
- Melissa Brooks
- Dorcas Helfant-Browning and G. Landon Browning, Jr.
- Katherine Butler
- Gretchen Byrd
- Harry and Barbara Byrd
- Karen Campbell
- Amber Clark
- Brian Clark
- Laura Clark
- Cassie Cunningham
- Cathy and Ed Dalrymple
- Dixie Dalton
- Linda and Joseph Daniel
- L. Karen Darner
- Betty and Ben Davenport, Jr.
- Sue Davis
- John Dever\*
- Sarah and John Dicks
- Jane and Dan Dixon
- Sandy and John Downey
- Glenn and Carol DuBois
- Lori Dwyer
- Jean and Stephen Eitelman
- Elizabeth and Alaaeldin El-Nattar
- Charles Errico
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- Wendy Ezell
- Pamela Faggert
- Kayla Faulkner
- Catherine Finnegan
- Sheryl Finucane
- Nancy Firestone and Patricia Payne
- Paul Fitzgerald
- Judy J. Frederick
- Christopher and Rhonda French
- Adam and Rhonda Fried
- Leah Fried Sedwick
- Catherine Gaiser
- Marcella Gale
- Douglas Garcia
- Jennifer Gentry
- Sandy Gharib
- Richard Gilliam



LEFT: Ben Davenport and Virginia First Lady Pamela Northam, passionate advocates for early childhood education

## *Families and Individuals:* (continued)

- Julia Gilliam Sterling and Danny Sterling
- Mary Bruce Glaize
- Mark and Tonya Graham
- Lonnie Green
- Karen Greene
- Ruth Greene
- Shannon and Heather Hair
- Celeste Hall
- Edwin Hall
- Michael and Eva Hardy
- Holly Hazard and Richard Clayton
- Craig and Andrea Herndon
- Joseph and Vickie Hollis
- Ronald and Anne Holmes
- A. Linwood Holton
- Timothy Kaine and Anne Holton
- Pat Huber
- Elaine Humphrey
- Micol Hutchison
- Kristen Johnson
- Bert B. Jones
- Patsy Joyner
- Wendy Kang
- Bipin Khana
- Vincent and Maureen La Piana
- Rebecca Laben
- Donna Ladd
- Taylor Landrie
- Caroline Lane
- Mary Lawson
- Aubrey and Peggy Lane
- Christopher Lee
- Erin Leftwich
- Maria Legrand and Barry Hayes
- Rosalie and Monroe Lesser
- James Lester
- Carrie Lewis



- Howard and Joan Lewis
- Cynthia Lofaso
- Kate Loomis
- Sally Love
- Chris and Linda Lumsden
- Whitt Madere
- Dave S. Mair
- John Maxfield
- Intan McCartt
- Kristie McComb
- Diane McDougall
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- Crystal McNair
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- Gaye Montgomery
- Emily Moore
- Elizabeth Moran
- April Morgan
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- William Murray
- Kermitra Newbill
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- Rose Marie Owen
- Laurie Owens
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- Michael Perica
- Susan Perry
- Karen Petersen and Mike Honsharak
- C. Michael and Nancy Petters
- Julie Piercy
- Meredith Pollard
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- John and Laura Rainone
- Edward Raspiller
- Tiffany Ray
- Paul and Margaret Reagan
- Brad and Chris Repp
- Sabrina Ricks
- Kirstin Riddick
- Katsena Rimmer
- Jennifer Roark
- John and Stephanie Roberson
- Stewart and Leslie Roberson
- Matthew Robins and Jean Woolridge
- Anne Rogers
- Teresa Rooney
- Paula and Larry Rothenberg
- Paul and Linda Ruppert
- Michael L. Russell
- Laurens and Faith Sartoris
- Dick and Eleanor Saslaw
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- Rebecca White
- James and Sally Wilkerson
- Michael and Denise Wilkerson
- Erik W. Williams
- Mitchell Williams
- Therese Willoughby
- Van Wilson
- F. Blair and Jane Wimbush
- Max and Roslyn Wingett
- Susan and Leroy Wood
- R. Brian Wright
- La Fonda McWilliams-Wyatt

\*deceased



RIGHT: Dan, Valley Proteins Truck Driver,  
Piedmont Virginia Community College



## Corporations and Organizations:

- A & N Electric Cooperative
- ACG Richmond
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- American Electric Power Foundation
- Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation
- Appalachian Power
- Apple Federal Credit Union Educational Foundation
- Arlington Community Foundation
- AT&T Foundation
- Atlantic Union Bank
- Birdsong Charitable Foundation
- Blackbaud
- Carilion Clinic
- Cedar Mountain Stone Corporation
- CFC/National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation
- Chemung Contracting Corporation
- Clark Nexsen
- Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of Taxation
- Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
- Community Electric Cooperative
- Dewberry Engineers Inc.
- Dominion Energy
- Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation
- Dynovis, Inc.
- ECMC Foundation
- Eva Hardy Charitable Fund
- First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Harmonic Solutions
- Holmes, Riley & Associates of Merrill Lynch
- Hunting Run Investments Inc.
- Kathryn B. McQuade Foundation
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- Lester Charitable Fund
- Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation, Inc.
- Medical Facilities of America, Inc.
- Micron Technology
- Neall Family Charitable Foundation
- New York Private Trust Company
- Newport News Shipbuilding (a Division of Huntington Ingalls Industries)
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- Petters Family Foundation
- Potomac Health Foundation
- Richard and Leslie Gilliam Foundation
- Richmond CSI Scholarship Fund Foundation
- Segra
- Shelton H. Short, Jr. Trust
- Shentel
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- Temple Rodef Shalom
- The Choice for Temporaries, Inc.
- The Curtis Group
- The Dennis Foundation
- The Henke/Campbell Family Charitable Fund
- Timmons Group
- Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission
- TRI-COR Industries, Inc.
- Universal Leaf Foundation
- Valley Proteins, Inc.
- Verizon Communications, Inc.
- Virginia Community Colleges Association
- Virginia Foundation for Public Media
- Virginia529
- Virginia's Community Colleges IT Services Department
- Wells Fargo Foundation

If you see an error in a listing or know of a name that is missing, please contact the VFCCE by emailing [zspaeth@vccs.edu](mailto:zspaeth@vccs.edu).

## *Honorary and Memorial Gifts:*

- Peter Blake and Mary Blanchard  
(in honor of Clement Britt)
- Jennifer and Fred Gentry  
(in memory of Gov. Gerald Baliles)
- Mary Bruce Glaize  
(in honor of Barbara and Harry Byrd)
- Celeste Hall (in honor of Sue Davis and Family)
- Kristen Johnson  
(in memory of Gov. Gerald Baliles)
- Wendy Kang (in memory of Gov. Gerald Baliles)
- Mary Lawson (in honor of Jennifer Gentry)
- Susan Nolan (in honor of Dr. Jennifer Roark)
- John and Stephanie Roberson  
(in honor of Stewart and Leslie Roberson)



BELOW: The late Gerald L. Baliles, 65th Governor of Virginia and former chairman of the VFCCE, with past recipients of the Gerald Baliles Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship



# *Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy*

*Hosted by the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education*

Congratulations to the many benefactors who are making college possible for countless Virginia students. Since the inception of this award, more than 350 individuals, foundations and organizations have been honored for their collective investment of **more than \$675 million.**

The Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy was created in 2006 to honor leading philanthropists from each of Virginia's 23 community colleges as well as the VFCCE.



**"Mary Jane does not throw money at causes but rather invests in cures."**

**—Dr. Janet Gullickson**  
President, GCC



ABOVE: Mary Jane Pitts O'Neill,  
Germanna Community College's  
2019 Philanthropy Leader

## 2019 Philanthropy Leaders

Blue Ridge Community College	Kenneth and Nancy Bowman
Central Virginia Community College	Donna Schewel Clark Charitable Lead Annuity Trust
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	Stephen and Donna Vaughn
Danville Community College	Danville Kiwanis Club Foundation and Lions Club of Danville Foundation
Eastern Shore Community College	Tom and Page Young
Germanna Community College	Mary Jane Pitts O'Neill
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Mitchell F. Haddon and Sabine Neumann
John Tyler Community College	Amsted Industries
Lord Fairfax Community College	The Jenkins Family
Mountain Empire Community College	Ralph T. and Shirley M. Fisher
New River Community College	Dr. Lee and Anne Wheeler
Northern Virginia Community College	Dr. Glenn Fatzinger
Patrick Henry Community College	The Harvest Foundation
Paul D. Camp Community College	Charles R. Henderson, Jr.
Piedmont Virginia Community College	H. Gordon and Mary Beth Smyth
Rappahannock Community College	Rick and Sue Farmar
Southside Virginia Community College	Microsoft
Southwest Virginia Community College	Mary W. Lawson
Thomas Nelson Community College	Newport News Shipbuilding
Tidewater Community College	Stanley Black & Decker
Virginia Highlands Community College	David and Schéry Collins
Virginia Western Community College	Maury L. Strauss
Wytheville Community College	Floyd and Hilda Jonas
VFCCE	The Petters Family Foundation



## 2020 Philanthropy Leaders

Blue Ridge	<b>Debra Stiles Callison</b>
Central Virginia	<b>Karen K. Painter</b>
Dabney S. Lancaster	<b>Thomas &amp; Carol Hudson</b>
Danville	<b>Japanese Tobacco International Leaf Services (US) LLC</b>
Eastern Shore	<b>Roberta Newman</b>
Germanna	<b>Johnny P. Johnson</b>
J. Sargeant Reynolds	<b>Jean Perkinson Holman</b>
John Tyler	<b>JTCC Foundation Campaign Leadership Committee: Pamela Comstock Peter Eliades Bryce D. Jewett, Jr. David O. Ledbetter James Myers Arthur Hungerford, III</b>
Lord Fairfax	<b>The Jesse &amp; Rose Loeb Foundation</b>
Mountain Empire	<b>The Late Joyce Cutshaw Tallman</b>
New River	<b>National Bank</b>
Northern Virginia	<b>Apple Federal Credit Union Foundation</b>
Patrick Henry	<b>American Electric Power Foundation</b>
Paul D. Camp	<b>RepairTech</b>

Piedmont VA	<b>Wells Fargo Greater Charlottesville Market</b>
Rappahannock	<b>Dr. Robert and Beverly Gates</b>
Southside VA	<b>Carter Machinery Co., Inc. and Caterpillar Foundation</b>
Southwest VA	<b>Gene and Martha Hurst</b>
Thomas Nelson	<b>Mr. Charles P. Blankenship, Sr., Dr. Charles P. Blankenship, Jr., and Mr. Timothy K. Blankenship</b>
Tidewater	<b>TowneBank</b>
Virginia Highlands	<b>Michael A. Spiegler</b>
Virginia Western	<b>The Kroger Foundation (Kroger's Zero Hunger / Zero Waste Plan)</b>
Wytheville	<b>Wythe County Community Hospital</b>
VFCCE	<b>Betty and Ben Davenport, Jr.</b>

"Wells Fargo is proud to be a longtime partner, investing over a million dollars in the Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship Program that honors each philanthropy leader with a one-year scholarship in their name."

—**Anna Bard**  
Senior Vice President



LEFT: Chemistry, Central Virginia  
Community College

## *Steering for the Future*

One-time and recurring philanthropic gifts reach students who need help with college access and affordability now. There are also ways to improve the lives of those with the dream and drive for higher education for years to come, including:

- **Contributions to foundation endowments;**
- **Gift annuities;**
- **Naming the VFCCE as an insurance beneficiary in your estate plans; and**
- **Establishing a scholarship through planned IRA distributions or stock transfers.**

Former Virginia Community College State Board member Ms. LaVonne Parker Ellis established an annual scholarship in 2015 by naming the VFCCE as a beneficiary to a portion of her life insurance. Her spirit and dedication to educational achievement live on today through the students who are given the gift of opportunity as a result of her kindness and planning. Four scholars have been awarded the LaVonne Parker Ellis Memorial Scholarship to date.

While establishing an endowment or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary may not be the first types of giving that come to mind, they can have the greatest and most lasting impact.

*"An endowment provides resources to pursue new ideas and pilot those showing the most promise. It can provide basic administrative funding so the Foundation can continuously manage existing operations and support and expand new pilot programs systemwide. Finally, it helps direct nearly every dollar of new restricted funds into educational programming rather than administration, lifting more families into 21st century success."*

**—Dan Dixon**

VFCCE Board Member



If you would like to discuss how you can create a personalized and enduring contribution to the future of community college education, contact Anne Rogers, Director of Community Engagement, at (804) 819-5396 or arogers@vccs.edu.

## *Dana Hamel Legacy Society*

Thank you to these foresighted friends who have named the VFCCE as a beneficiary in their estate planning.



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Ms. Lynn Seuffert  
Mr. Martin Sharpless  
Mr. Michael A. Smith  
Mr. and Mr. Woodrow Stinnett II

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ABOVE: Culinary Arts, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

LEFT: Dr. Dana Hamel, founding VCCS Chancellor, with Janeen McNeish, 2019 Valley Proteins Fellow



LEFT: The Honorable William Fralin, President & CEO, Medical Facilities of America, with students from Piedmont Virginia Community College



# Building the Future of Virginia Campaign

Building the Future of Virginia is a comprehensive major gifts campaign that began its “quiet phase” in 2016. With this campaign, we seek to leverage **\$50 million in donor and corporate investments** to create a financial foundation that will amplify the transformative impacts of Virginia’s Community Colleges over the next decade.

For more information about these initiatives, please visit our website: [www.VFCCE.org](http://www.VFCCE.org)



**Program Accelerator Fund** — The Commonwealth provides limited funds for new program start-up at community colleges and the VFCCE generates critical resources to help hire faculty, develop curricula, purchase equipment, retrofit space, and recruit students.



**Foundation Signature Programs** — VFCCE funds innovative programs that improve economic and social mobility by bridging the access and affordability gap between high school and college among at-risk populations.



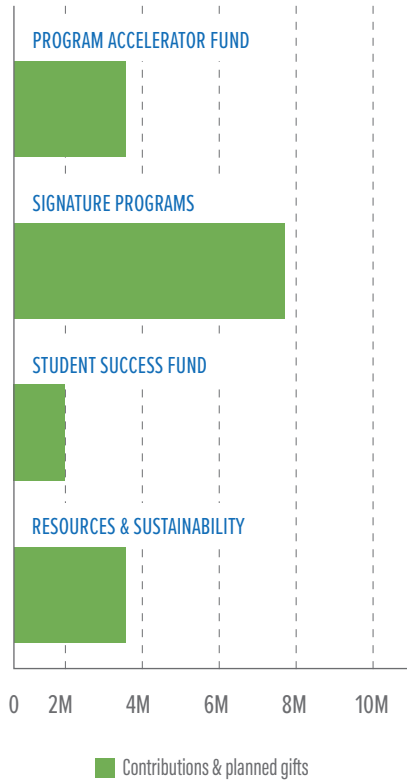
**Student Success Fund** — Providing flexible funds to address student emergencies and other obstacles to include food and housing insecurity, transportation, and childcare.



**Resources and Sustainability** — During the past year when the economic markets were volatile and enrollments dipped due to the pandemic, the need for a steady and reliable source of funding was more apparent than ever.

Leadership from Medical Facilities of America, along with partners Sentara Healthcare & Optima Health and ECMC Foundation, are helping hundreds of Virginia Community College students pursue nursing and other healthcare careers across the state with investments of approximately \$1 million to expand allied health programs.

*July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2020*



**PROGRAM ACCELERATOR FUND**

INCLUDES: Linework Program, Allied Health, Early Childhood Development, Information Technology

**3.5M**

**SIGNATURE PROGRAMS**

INCLUDES: Great Expectations, RVHI, Scholarships, Fellowships

**7.8M**

**STUDENT SUCCESS FUND**

INCLUDES: Student Emergency Funds, Food & Housing Insecurity

**2M**

**RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITY**

INCLUDES: Funds for the Greatest Needs & Opportunities

**3.5M**



**THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION**  
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Building on more than 25 years of experience in distance learning, Virginia's Community Colleges are proud to announce the launch of **CollegeAnywhereVA.org**. This online resource connects Virginians with high-quality and affordable remote-learning courses as well as specialized navigators to help simplify the enrollment processes.

- **Blue Ridge Community College**
- **Central Virginia Community College**
- **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College**
- **Danville Community College**
- **Eastern Shore Community College**
- **Germanna Community College**
- **John Tyler Community College**
- **Lord Fairfax Community College**
- **Mountain Empire Community College**
- **New River Community College**
- **Northern Virginia Community College**
- **Patrick Henry Community College**
- **Paul D. Camp Community College**
- **Piedmont Virginia Community College**
- **Rappahannock Community College**
- **J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College**
- **Southside Virginia Community College**
- **Southwest Virginia Community College**
- **Thomas Nelson Community College**
- **Tidewater Community College**
- **Virginia Highlands Community College**
- **Virginia Western Community College**
- **Wytheville Community College**

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