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Dear Friends and Supporters:

The decision to reanimate this dormant foundation at the beginning of my tenure as chancellor in 2001 may just be the most impactful call I ever made on behalf of our students.

Many years ago, skeptics and critics described my decision in dire terms. They feared that creating a statewide foundation would generate needless competition for individual community college foundations. However, we saw matters differently. Opening another door to those who support our students, colleges and mission would create opportunities for all of us to rise together. We trusted our donors, and they proved us right.

Since 2005, the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) has raised more than $42 million, with nearly all of that going back to our 23 colleges, the programs they administer and the students they serve. Jennifer Gentry is a big reason for that success. She was my first choice to serve as the Foundation’s executive director and has done a terrific job ever since.

The Foundation has succeeded in ways we expected, like awarding scholarships and student emergency funds. Further, it has allowed us to stretch and grow the community college mission in creative and unexpected ways. Great Expectations has helped hundreds of former foster youth become college graduates and shined a spotlight on the unique hurdles these young people face in pursuing higher education. The Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative has given us a way to understand, share and confront the economic challenges facing rural communities — where most of our community colleges exist — in the 21st century online economy. And the list goes on.

I hope you will spend time absorbing the content in this Annual Report, reading the stories and reviewing the list of generous donors who have made our success possible. I will continue supporting this Foundation in my retirement (knowing full well that Jennifer and her team will hold me to that), and I will be bragging about its success long after I conclude my career at the end of this academic year. Thank you to all our donors and supporters. You are why we can connect students to success!

With appreciation,

Glenn DuBois
Chancellor
Since 2014, the Potomac Health Foundation has been ushering in the next generation of community-oriented healthcare leaders by supporting a fellowship program for second-year students attending Virginia’s Community Colleges in the Foundation’s service area.

“This has been such an inspirational leadership program that has encouraged me to not just be, but to do,” said Melat Solomon, a 2019–2020 fellow. Now a registered nurse at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Solomon described the program as transformative. “I had great dreams to improve myself but had limited resources. I am profoundly grateful for the support that changed my life and that of my family’s.”

Thanks to the Potomac Health Foundation’s longstanding partnership with the VFCCE, there have been seven cohorts of fellows. Seventy-nine fellows have gone on to promote public health by becoming nurses, dental hygienists, researchers, physical therapy assistants, sonographers and more. This program has become a model for helping students develop the skills, tools and insights they need to make a greater impact on the Commonwealth.

The 2021-2022 fellows will participate in virtual and in-person leadership development activities to prepare them for the workforce. By providing networking opportunities, mentoring for reaching academic and career goals, and community service experiences, the fellows program is propelling students like Solomon to new heights.
Paige Thompson was excited to enroll at Lord Fairfax Community College in fall 2020. However, having experience with the foster care system, Thompson knew she lacked the support that other students have. She was worried about being able to succeed in her online classes without a key tool for digital learning: a laptop.

Thanks to funding that the Apple Federal Credit Union (Apple FCU) Foundation contributed to the VFCCE, students like Thompson get access to the tools they need to jumpstart their college careers.

Apple FCU’s most recent contribution of $120,000 exceeded all their past donations combined. Most of the funding went toward food, housing, utilities, transportation, childcare and educational expenses for students in need. Part of the gift ($30,000) supports Great Expectations coaches, who are specially trained to help students with experience in the foster care system overcome challenges so they can better achieve college success. Knowing that their college and community are partnering for their success helps these students stay motivated to achieve their goals.

“At Apple, our roots are in the education community. We believe in supporting the education of our youth because they are the foundation of our future. We are proud to contribute to the VFCCE to support their efforts in keeping at-risk students on the path to graduation,” said Katie Knight, community engagement officer at Apple FCU.

Thompson received her laptop and finished the semester with a 4.0 GPA. With partnerships between the VFCCE and community-focused organizations like Apple FCU, she and many others have been able to build strong foundations for successful futures.

ABOVE: Katie Knight, Community Engagement Officer at Apple Federal Credit Union
Fueling the Fight Against Food Insecurity

The Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation awarded VFCCE a $100,000 grant to continue hunger relief initiatives for students attending Virginia’s Community Colleges. Thanks to Anthem’s commitment to building stronger, healthier and more equitable communities, the funding supports and expands efforts to help students access food-related programs.

Maintaining these services is key to student success; a local survey at one college revealed that more than 80% of respondents indicated that having food emergency support allowed them to remain enrolled, maintain attendance, focus on academics and improve grades.

Anthem’s investment has fueled a robust dialogue about food insecurity. With their support, Virginia’s Community Colleges partnered with the Hope Center to conduct the #realcollege survey at all 23 colleges in fall 2020. While the survey results demonstrated that over half of community college students struggle to meet their basic needs, 32% struggle specifically with food insecurity. Thanks to Anthem, this is seven percentage points lower than the national average for community college students.

Anthem’s leadership in conducting the #realcollege survey allowed the colleges to better understand the challenges facing their students and communities. This data has been instrumental in securing additional resources at the state and local levels.

Vital Signs: How Community Colleges Propel Individual and Economic Wellbeing

Virginians rely on hospitals and healthcare providers for more than just personal health.

“In some areas, hospitals are also the largest employers,” explained Anna James, senior vice president of public policy and government relations for Sentara Healthcare and VFCCE board member. “Those places are giving back — not just through the people they help with healthcare services, but by giving back to the economy.”

In 2020, Sentara made a $300,000 investment establishing a pathways program to improve access to careers in health care. The funding allowed the community colleges to develop new curricula, purchase equipment and promote healthcare training.

Sentara’s impact will have ripple effects long after students earn degrees; it created the foundation for an even greater number of entry-level healthcare workers to advance into higher paying positions. The company also has supported numerous scholarships through the VFCCE, opening the door for new generations of leaders in the field.

“Our partnership with VFCCE and community colleges goes well beyond just a $300,000 donation,” James said. “It’s a local partnership that’s mutually beneficial. We look at more than just financial support, but at how the partnership impacts the communities we serve.”

ABOVE: Peyton Myers, a Southside Virginia Community College graduate and the first (2018) recipient of the Chris A. Lumsden Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship.
16TH ANNUAL CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY

The Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy was created in 2006 to honor leading philanthropists from each of Virginia’s 23 community colleges and the VFCCE. To date, nearly 400 individuals, foundations and organizations have received this award for their contributions, which total more than $191 million for the growth and development of our community colleges and their respective educational foundations.

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Chancellor Glenn DuBois and Vice Chancellor Jennifer Gentry with former recipients of the award.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Dottie Whitt, 2018; Jennifer Gentry; Glenn DuBois; Connie Kincheloe, 2015; Eva Hardy, 2016

FUELING THE FUTURE 5
Dan and Jane Dixon’s commitment to educational accessibility spans many years and many programs. From supporting students with experience in the foster care system to providing funds for criminal justice reform, the Dixons are staunch advocates for shaping the futures of underserved groups. That’s why they are this year’s recipients of the prestigious Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. In their longstanding partnership with the VFCCE, which began in 2013, their generous donations have boosted the Foundation’s capacity to provide students with the tools they need to succeed.

Eight years ago, the Dixons’ first contribution went to the Great Expectations program, which supports students who have experience in the foster care system. Since then, they have given to other initiatives including FastForward, a short-term workforce credential grant program to train Virginians for top-tier, in-demand jobs across the Commonwealth.

“Jane and I are inspired to give because we believe all students should have the opportunity to move forward through education and training,” Dan Dixon said. Mr. Dixon joined the VFCCE as a director in 2016 and currently serves as the secretary. He has not only provided valuable leadership on the Board, but also is always willing to provide fundamental support of the organization as a whole. Through all the programs he has touched, he invests to help others move forward.
Over the last two decades, Virginia’s 23 community colleges have established successful advancement programs that have been key to making capital improvements, obtaining funds for student scholarships and building collective assets of over $350 million.

To recognize the accomplishments of an advancement professional within Virginia’s Community Colleges, the VFCCE established the Kathleen H. Smith Distinguished Service Award. Named for a pioneer in institutional advancement, the award honors its namesake who was instrumental in generating significant funding for innovative programs that continue to enrich lives, support colleges and strengthen communities.

Elizabeth “Bess” Littlefield, the vice president of institutional advancement at Reynolds Community College, was presented the prestigious award for her commitment to serving current and future students through exceptional leadership and building resources.

“As someone who has the greatest respect and fondness for Kathleen, to receive this recognition in her name is incredibly special,” said Littlefield. “So many of us have come up through the advancement ranks together. Philanthropy is about building relationships, and I especially value those of my VCCS peers.”

Thanks to Littlefield, Reynolds was one of the first community colleges in Virginia to launch a Major Gifts Campaign. It raised unprecedented funds a decade ago, and her strategy remains at the cutting edge. Littlefield continues to represent Smith’s legacy, advocating for a better future for every student.

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Elizabeth Littlefield
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, VFCCE seeks 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.

Program Accelerator Fund — The Commonwealth provides limited funds for new program start-ups 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 — The 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 — This provides flexible funds to address student emergencies and other obstacles, including 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.

For more information about these initiatives, please visit our website: www.VFCCE.org.

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Thanks to the generosity of the Richard and Leslie Gilliam Foundation, more at-risk young people in Southwest Virginia are becoming college graduates. The Gilliam Foundation renewed their investment in Great Expectations students for a third year, delivering approximately $650,000 to help students who have experienced foster care pursue and become successful in college.

Established in 2008, Great Expectations supports young people who have experienced foster care to enroll in college, as well as to secure housing, transportation and other basic needs to be successful. Eligible students attending Mountain Empire, Southwest Virginia and Virginia Highlands Community Colleges will receive monthly financial assistance to help address food and housing challenges. Students already participating in the program will continue to receive monthly housing stipends.

“It [the stipend] has honestly changed my life,” said a Great Expectations student attending Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon, Virginia. “I was so grateful to be able to move into my own place and focus on school. I don’t have to rely on others for a place to live. It gives me a sense of security to be able to rely on myself.”

In the first two years of the housing stipend program more than 60 students received assistance, with 20% earning academic credit and 32% earning a workforce or industry credential. The Gilliam Foundation’s commitment to helping vulnerable students is an inspiring testament to the power of working collectively to promote accessible education and training.
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Thank you to the generous supporters who made gifts between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. Your thoughtfulness is fueling the success of current and future students.

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In remembrance of George B. Vaughan, a brilliant educator, notable community college leader and prolific author who passed away in January 2021. A special endowment fund in his name recognizes adjunct faculty who demonstrate his unwavering commitment to education. One of his publications from 1987, “Pursuing the American Dream: A history of the development of the Virginia Community College System,” continues to define his legacy.
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Caroline Petters Sauer
Board Member
A TRIBUTE TO LINWOOD A. HOLTON

As Virginia's 61st governor, Linwood A. Holton was known for his support of civil rights, transforming education by desegregating schools, increasing employment opportunities for Black individuals and women, and ensuring equal rights for all Virginians.

“Governor Holton’s political career mirrors the community college mission. He was a remarkable, stalwart leader throughout his life. When I think of the VCCS mission, ‘We give everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills so lives and communities are strengthened,’ it occurs to me that Linwood Holton could have easily drafted these words.”

—Glenn DuBois, Chancellor of Virginia’s Community Colleges

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Josh Baird completed high school in rural Southside Virginia while simultaneously taking classes at Southside Virginia Community College to become a power line worker. This opportunity set him up for success, and his credentials helped put a fulfilling career at Dominion Virginia Power’s Brunswick County power station within reach.

Thanks to visionary donors and the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative (RVHI), the lives of students and families are bolstered, strengthening local economies. RVHI is a campaign to transform Virginia’s rural communities through access to higher education and the development of 21st century job skills. RVHI coaches serve in high schools to offer support and guidance, help students plan for college and careers, and locate scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

Thanks to encouragement from a coach at Lord Fairfax Community College, Abigail Reilly is on the path to a promising healthcare career. A certified nursing assistant, Reilly’s goal is to become a registered nurse with a focus on labor and delivery specialties.

“I enjoy helping and being there for people. I want to leave a footprint in life and make a difference in my community,” she says.

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“I AM BUILDING MY FUTURE HERE ... ALL OF THIS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE I WAS GIVEN, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT AS I PURSUE MY CAREER AND FURTHER MY EDUCATION.”

Stephen Worley
FastForward welding student, Blue Ridge Community College
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