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For the year ending August 31st, 2024

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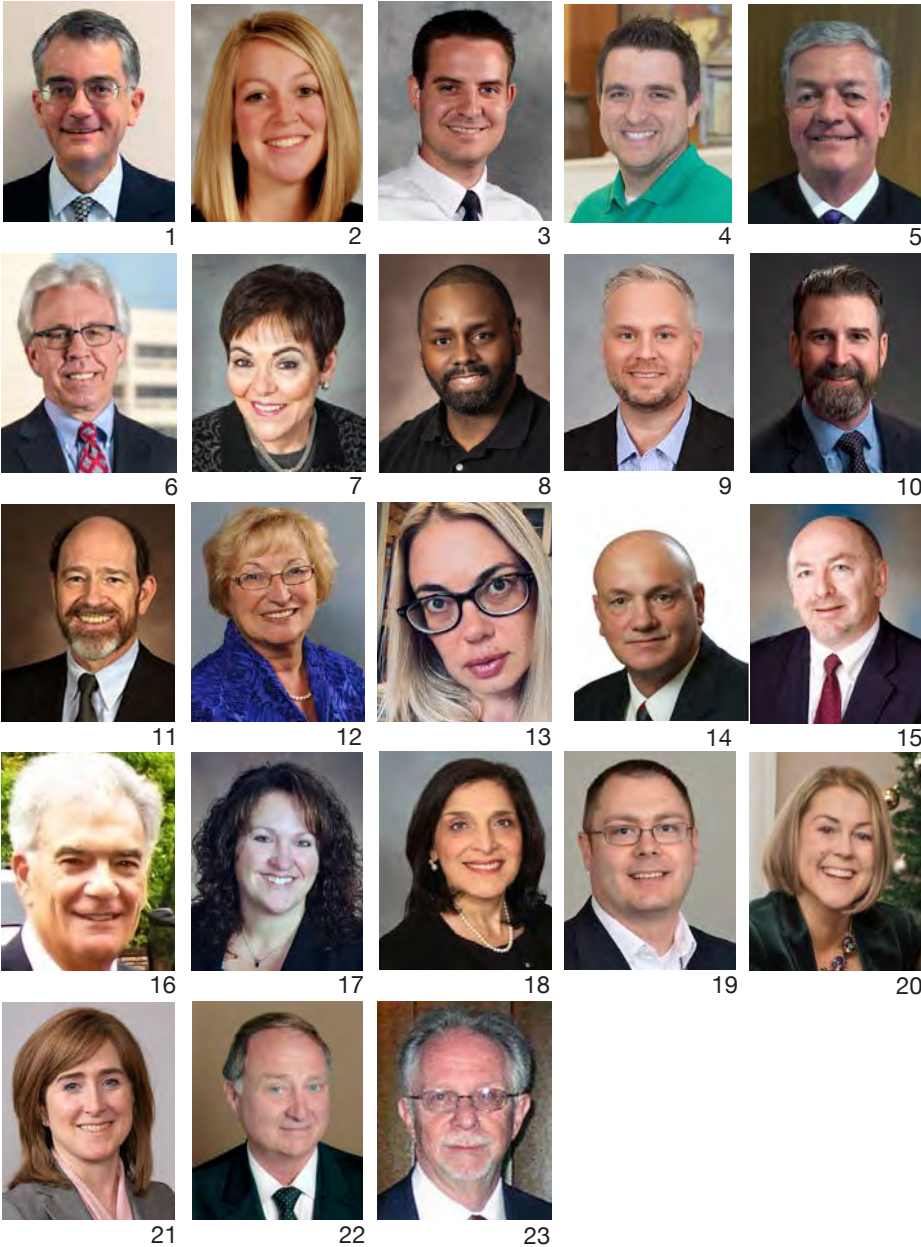
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New PTK Inductees Tariana Gandy, Amy Mahoney, Jennette Powell, Prof. Krista Giglio, Haley Mosch, Julia Gislason, Grace Applebee and Jorge Jimenez at their Induction Ceremony on the Auburn Campus in early May. The College Foundation helps students who need assistance paying their initiation fee to the PTK Honor Society on both campuses.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Cayuga Community College celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, the Cayuga County Community College Foundation continues to invest in our students, faculty, staff, and facilities on both the Auburn and Fulton campuses. We are proud that the College plays a pivotal role in enhancing our communities—whether through academic programs, workforce development, or as centers for community gatherings. This role becomes even more significant as Central New York looks to capitalize on investments from the MICRON Chip endeavor. We are confident that the College will leverage these opportunities and their offshoots.

This year, the College Foundation made several key capital improvements, including the completion of the new Workforce Development Center on Grant Avenue in Auburn and the new Law Enforcement Academy in Fulton, both of which are set to open in early 2025. These projects were made possible by leveraging SUNY Matching Funds, a testament to the strong partnership between the College, the Foundation, and our supporters.

In addition to these infrastructure investments, the College and Foundation have also focused on creating new programs and scholarships to increase enrollment. The changing demographics of Central New York and New York State require us to remain flexible and strategic in recruiting students to our campuses.

A notable new initiative by the Foundation, is the Early College Pathways Scholarship, a \$250,000 investment over the next several years. This scholarship will reward students who have worked hard to earn college credits while completing their Regents diploma in high school. We believe this investment will not only benefit individual students but will also strengthen our communities and increase enrollment at Cayuga.

We are also proud to announce a number of new scholarships established this year, including a scholarship in memory of the late Dr. Robert Lubanski, Huhtamaki of Fulton, David Morabito of Fulton, the Auburn Polish Falcons, and the Mary Porcari Brady Fund. These scholarships will support students in the Nursing Program, those pursuing liberal arts degrees and scholarships for students embarking in careers in the trades.

In addition to larger investments, the Foundation understands that smaller, targeted initiatives can have a profound impact. One such initiative is funding student attendance at lectures in Syracuse, where they have the opportunity to engage with authors and award-winning artists – experiences that can be transformative.

As you will see in the following pages of this Annual Report, the College Foundation is not only committed to raising funds for the College, but also to being careful stewards of our endowment. Over the past several years, our endowment has seen substantial growth. What began with seed money of just \$1,572 in 1982 has now grown to over \$19.4 million.

The College Foundation deeply appreciates the continued support and generosity of our donors. Your contributions make Cayuga Community College the shining jewel it is.

Warmest regards,

Kevin LaMontagne
Board President

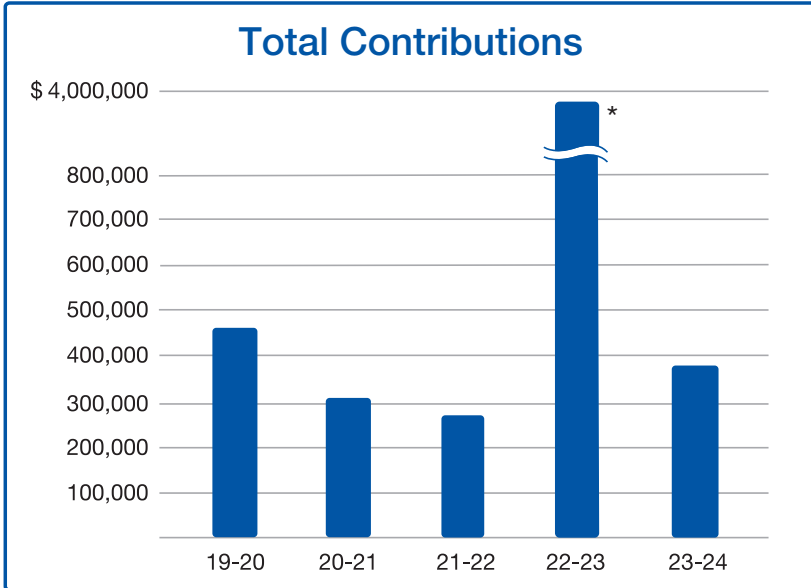
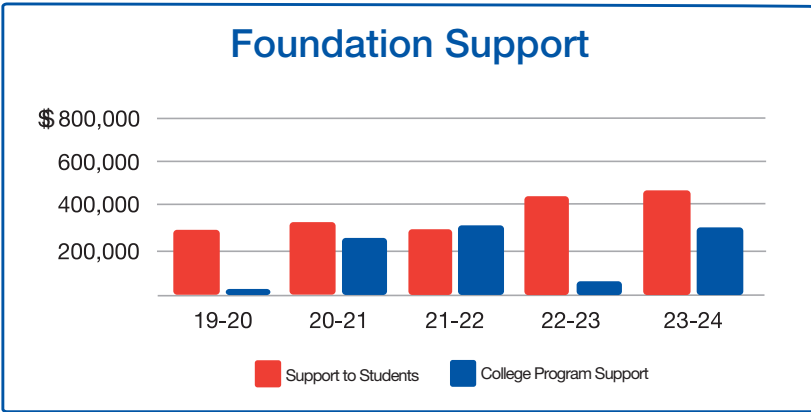
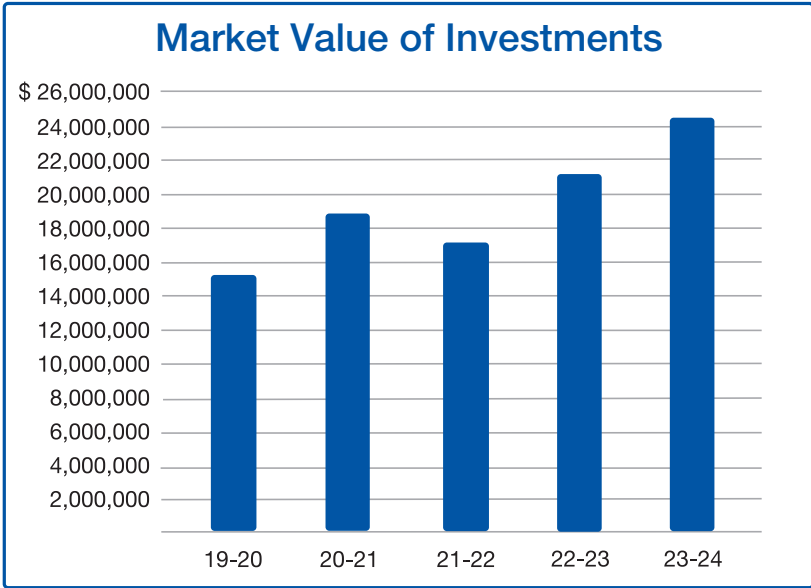
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“I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I earned at Cayuga Community College. They have not only brought me closer to achieving my academic goals at my transfer college, Binghamton University, but have also inspired me to pursue my passions in psychology. CCC’s thoughtful investments in furthering my education have made a huge difference for a young woman like me aspiring to make a difference in the world, and they have made that dream all the more possible for me!”

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“I am very thankful for the Presidential Scholarship and Nursing scholarships that I received from Cayuga Community College. These thoughtful gifts have taken a tremendous amount of stress off my shoulders as I go into my final year of Nursing School. Thank you again for your generosity and helping shape my future.”

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Amy Mahoney

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"I am extremely grateful to receive the Alfieri McColgin Nursing Excellence Scholarship. It was a wonderful experience to talk with and learn from the influential scholarship donors at the Presidents' Circle Dinner. I am very thankful and look forward to continuing my journey in nursing!"

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“I have always had a desire to pursue a career where I can study medicine and care for those in stressing times. By being awarded the scholarships, you have lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus on my studies, and moving one step forward towards my goal of being able to make a difference in the world of healthcare. Your generosity has inspired me to hopefully one day be capable of giving back to my community and future nurses just as you have for me.”

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A PLACE FOR RELAXATION AND CONTEMPLATION

Through the generosity of Jay and Marty Goldman and their families, a new bench was installed overlooking the pond at the College’s Nature Trail in memory of their mother.

Ruth Sara Goldman loved to walk around the Nature Trail. Her pride in and care for the Nature Trial were well known and appreciated by all who enjoyed it.

The new bench overlooks the pond and is a beautiful rest stop for those walking the trails behind our Auburn campus. We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of Goldman Family.



THE \$70 FOR 70 CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

The \$70 for 70 Campaign was created in celebration of the 70th anniversary of Auburn Community College/Cayuga Community College. Recognizing that nearly 60% of our students are enrolled part time; juggling jobs, families and academics as they reach for their goals, we have seen an increase in food insecurity, as well as an increase in the number of health care, housing and transportation

emergencies. Each of these financial barriers takes student focus away from academics and become significant obstacles to graduation.

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L-R Jewel Abubo, HR Specialist; Gloria Dickfoss, HR Coordinator; Jessica Gregory, HR Manager; – Mark Southwick, Plant Manager and Guy Cosentino, Foundation Executive Director.



Jessica Gregory, Guy Cosentino, and Mark Southwick

A PERFECT DAY TO HIT THE LINKS

Nearly 70 golfers took to Battle Island State Park Golf Course, just outside Fulton, for the 27th Annual Huhtamaki Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 17th to help fund the new Huhtamaki Employee Scholarship. Created this year, the scholarship at Cayuga Community College, particularly our Fulton Campus, will help the children and grandchildren of Huhtamaki employees earn a great education locally.

Participants this year competed for The Freddie White Memorial Trophy, named for a former employee at the Fulton Plant. Golfers not only played golf that day and had

a wonderful dinner at the course, but helped raise funds for the new scholarship with competitive cornhole games, a closest to the pin contest and a dunking booth manned all day by Huhtamaki’s Plant Manager, Mark Southwick, who is a member of the College Foundation Board. The College and Foundation appreciate the leadership of Mr. Southwick as well as the team at Huhtamaki, including Human Resources Coordinator Gloria Dickfoss, Human Resource Manager Jessica Gregory, Human Resource Specialist Jewel Abubo and the graphic talents of **Mark Hemans '92**.

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Good Sport – Plant Manager and Foundation Board Member, Mark Southwick



NURSING STUDENTS CAN ACCESS A NEW EMERGENCY FUND - UNVEILED AT THIS SPRING'S MOVING UP CEREMONY

On May 9th, the College's Nursing Program hosted its annual Moving Up Awards on the Auburn campus at a luncheon attended by several award donors and College Staff.

Among the attendees were Jinny Porcari Keough, Chuck and Conna Porcari, representing the new Mary Porcari Brady Fund that was established as an emergency fund for students in Cayuga's Nursing Program, allowing them to apply for funds due to a financial emergency that may threaten their ability to remain in the program. The \$10,000 gift from the Mary Porcari Brady Fund is being matched by the Cayuga County Community College Foundation.

The gift to Cayuga's Nursing program is one of several the Mary Porcari Brady Fund has awarded over the past decade to nursing programs at community colleges.



Started in 2006 by her children, the fund was established to honor Mary Porcari Brady after she completed nursing school in 1971 following the death of one of her children due to a rare genetic disorder. She started her nursing career at Park Avenue Hospital in Rochester before working at Old Forge Medical Center, Cortland Hospital and Oswego Hospital before retiring in 2001.

THE CAYUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

	2022 TO 2023	2023 TO 2024
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,202	189,540
Other receivables	34,642	18,212
Prepaid expenses	28,143	28,143
Total Current Assets	124,987	235,895
Investments	17,714,918	19,454,701
Beneficial interest in trusts	3,670,762	5,089,498
Building, net of accumulated depreciation	2,679,050	2,602,688
TOTAL ASSETS	24,189,717	27,382,782

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	7,386	637
Accrued expenses	5,118	6,119
Current portion of deferred revenue	156,722	156,722
Total current liabilities	169,226	163,478
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	1,880,667	1,723,945
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,049,893	1,887,423
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions – operating	1,308,080	1,473,505
Without donor restrictions – board designated	2,632,926	2,492,135
With donor restrictions	18,198,818	21,529,719
Total net assets	22,139,824	25,495,359
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	24,189,717	27,382,782

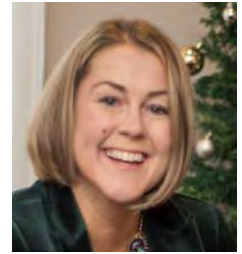
THE CAYUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2022 TO 2023	2023 to 2024
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Interest and dividends, net	\$ 425,939	419,294
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	696,995	2,110,769
Change in beneficial interest in trusts	26,914	1,418,736
Contributions	3,854,956	386,900
NewCo revenue	189,279	156,722
Donated facilities and supplies	8,610	8,110
Other revenue	14,110	19,170
Total support and revenue	5,216,803	4,519,701
EXPENSES		
Program services		
Scholarships and memorial awards	405,737	438,234
Equipment, campus improvements, and other grants	66,960	300,000
Other	129,722	76,362
Total program expense	602,419	814,596
Management and general	167,055	212,027
Fundraising	136,124	137,543
TOTAL EXPENSES	905,598	1,164,166
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	4,311,205	3,355,535
Net assets, beginning of year	17,828,619	22,139,824
Net assets, end of year	\$ 22,139,824	25,495,359

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**ONE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS
 MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES**

One of my proudest achievements was graduating from Cayuga Community College a little over two decades ago. My education at Cayuga helped open up a new world to me, as it did for so many of our alums. That is why we are so proud to recognize the achievements of those who graduated from Auburn Community College/Cayuga Community College over the last 70 years.

The Alumni Association, the Cayuga County Community College Foundation and College recognized three distinguished alumni, **Eileen Jerrett '02, Scott Jessie '96 & '98** and **Dr. Michael Kelly '76**, on June 18th at Prison City North in Auburn. This annual event brings together those who made nominations, our

awardees, their families and friends as well as members of our college community, many of whom taught our awardees. The evening is a night of celebration, reflection and gratitude.

As my fellow Foundation Board Member and 2021 Alumni Award Winner, **Judge Timothy Rice '77** told those in attendance “this year’s group of honorees cover a wide variety of professions and specialties from the arts and communications to health care and life sciences – that is the range of what an ACC/Cayuga education can cover.”

We wanted to share with you their biographies, excerpts of what their nominators wrote and some of their own thoughts about their time at Auburn/Cayuga.

Ms. Jarrett told those assembled,
“Receiving this award is deeply meaningful to me. As a documentary filmmaker, I believe in the power of storytelling, and today, I want to share a short story about Cayuga Community College and its lasting impact on my life.

“In 1999, I walked into Cayuga’s Telecom Department with curiosity and left with a profound sense of purpose. The hands-on experience was transformative. For example, in just one week, I found myself shooting scenes for my first film, recording a band in Cayuga’s state-of-the-art recording studio, running camera for a live broadcast on the soundstage, and capping that off with hosting my weekly techno radio show. Where else could you find such a rich and diverse media experience all in one place?”

“Steve Keeler, my mentor, deserves special recognition. For 22 years, Steve has been a steady source of advice and encouragement, always ready with the question,



Professor Steve Keeler, nominator, and **Eileen Jerrett '02**

a career. Even after graduation, the college continued to open doors for me, offering roles like the Brunelle Visiting Scholar and even opportunities to teach at the College.”

Mr. Jessie, in his remarks said that,
“I have been a Nurse for 9,521 days, and have been honored to have taken care of thousands of people from all across Central New York. My clinical specialty is medical and surgical intensive care and trauma care and I have been able to help so many patients and families get better. For those

“What can I do to help?” Steve, your unwavering support has been a cornerstone of my journey.

“Cayuga didn’t just teach me technical skills; it fostered a space to really test out ways creativity can play a role in



Scott Jessie '96 & '98 with his Award nominators and proud parents, Paige and Kevin Jessie

we couldn’t help, I was privileged to be there families while their loved ones passed. Nurses see and do it all; we are there for patients’ and families’ best and worst moments. We are the only professionals at the bedside 24 hours a day. We advocate, support, educate, and care.

“Our patients come to us, some by chance and some by choice and we are very often the lifeline and source of hope in times of desperation.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

Dr. Kelly told the attendees,



Michael Kelly, DMV '76
and nominator Tim Kelly

"I came to Cayuga (then, ACC!) with sports on my mind and not much else. Not having any specific career in mind, I had no idea that I would become a veterinarian.

I had a ball at ACC. "I played two seasons of soccer and ski club and loved the comradery that sports fostered with other students. What I really liked about ACC/CCC was the intimacy. We really got to know the faculty, and they us. They believed in us when we didn't know we could.

"I would like to thank Professor Jerry Smith from the ACC/CCC Mathematics Department who awarded me my only and most well deserved "F"

in Calculus 2 in 1975. It served as a sorely needed wake up call for me to focus my career path and life in general. Thanks, Jerry.

"That was the foundation upon which everything else was built. I never would have dreamed of this meandering journey I have been on to culminate with becoming a doctor of veterinary medicine. I count myself as a Cinderella story. I would never have dreamed of this journey."

EILEEN JERRETT '02



Documentary filmmaker and Ph.D. candidate **Eileen Jerrett '02** has been making films and traveling worldwide, speaking about hidden stories and extraordinary social movements. In 2015 she founded Wilma's Wish Productions and has since been praised by critics for being a pioneer in a new mode of documentary filmmaking.

Her unique approach has gained access to incredibly intimate and universally identifiable moments of humanity. Her films give the audience a window into personal stories that empower, delight, and humanize the viewer and the subject.

Her documentary, *Blueberry Soup: How Iceland Changed How We*

Think About the World (2013) can be found on streaming services everywhere.

Nominator and Professor Steve Keeler observed, "Each year it was my privilege to try to figure out how to help each new group of students form themselves into a community of learners. More importantly, into a community of creators.

What did they know? What did they need to learn? What motivated them? I considered it a challenge and a privilege every year. However, there were some years when I was especially blessed. Eileen Jerrett was there for one of those years. Some years, there were students who were so bright and motivated, that they created their own communities and coalesced around each other and motivated each other and challenged me to up my game and become a better teacher."

SCOTT JESSIE '96 & '98



Scott Jessie '96 & '98 launched his nursing career at Cayuga Community College and went on to earn a BSN and MSN, attended programs at Cornell and the Wharton School of Business, then earned an MBA, and is now close to completing his Doctorate in Healthcare Administration. As Chief Nursing Officer of SUNY Upstate University Hospital, Upstate Community Hospital and Upstate Golisano Children's

Hospital, he leads the largest and most highly skilled nursing workforce in Central New York with a team of over 1,700 RNs, more than 3,400 total team members and manages an operational budget of over \$450 million dollars.

Paige Jessie, nominator and proud mother, said in her introduction, "We are proud to introduce our son Scott Jessie, for the Alumni Award. Scott's first degree at Cayuga was in Criminal Justice, a program he loved, which led him to follow in his family member's footsteps and volunteer with the Owasco Fire Department. Becoming an EMT with them led him to consider healthcare as a career choice, and back to Cayuga for his Nursing degree.

"One of the biggest things that has touched us is the calls from neighbors and patients thankful for Scott's care and comfort. Scott is still continuing his education and works diligently for patient care and the employees at Upstate. We are very proud of Scott's accomplishments and look forward to his completion of his doctorate degree."

DR. MICHAEL KELLY '76



Dr. Michael Kelly '76 completed a BS in microbiology at SUNY Geneseo and a BS in Chemical Engineering at Clarkson University. After working in an agricultural firm in Cayuga County for a few years and countless hours spent volunteering with a veterinarian, his career path evolved to include Cornell Veterinary School. For the past 30 years he has been the consummate example of a conscientious and compassionate animal doctor, improving the lives of animals and their humans in the Olean, New York region.

Nominator Tim Kelly told the attendees "Like the other great honorees tonight, Mike built upon his Cayuga education. He has used that educational foundation to build a distinguished career. Running his clinic with his staff in Olean, quietly serving that community with professionalism and integrity. The man remembers every patient's name...and their owners, even though he might not have served them for years! Their warm appreciation is very evident when they greet him everywhere in the Olean area."

RENOWNED POLITICAL CARTOONIST WAS VISITING SCHOLAR



This year's Brunell Visiting Fellow, funded by the College Foundation, was Pedro X. Molina, a world acclaimed practicing political cartoonist, originally from Nicaragua. In 2018 he received the Inter American Press Association Cartoonist Category award. In December of the same year he was forced to flee his home country when the offices of the *Confidencial* news outlet where he worked were raided, ransacked, and then occupied by the government of Daniel Ortega. He arrived in Ithaca on Christmas day as a resident artist of the Ithaca City of Asylum program where he lives and works, continuing to create and publish cartoons while living in exile.

Cayuga Community College students were introduced to Mr. Molina's work in the Fall when he visited classes and gave a public presentation about cartooning.

In the Spring semester, he taught a course on the Auburn campus: *Special Topics – Cartoons, Comics, and Graphic Novels*. Students have had a great experience developing a new skillset in this unique course. Students in this special-topics class had an opportunity to showcase their work in an on-campus exhibition, as well as in a publication of their cartoons. The publication will be printed and distributed after the conclusion of the course.

The student exhibition, as well as an exhibition of Molina's cartoons opened on Wednesday, May 1st. An artist talk and reception coincided with the exhibit opening. It was a special opportunity to hear from a world-renowned cartoonist here at Cayuga Community College.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY



Cayuga Community College's Omicron Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), our Honor Society, held its annual induction ceremony on our Auburn Campus on Wednesday, May 8th. Over 40 students were inducted this year. Provost Ronald Cantor congratulated those in attendance, which included family members and supporters of our students.

College Foundation Executive Director Guy Thomas Cosentino, presented the Miele /Fama Leadership Award to **PTK President Julia Gislason '24** and the Phi Theta Kappa Dean Norman F. Bourke Award to **Ariel Mead '24**. He also explained why the Foundation helps to underwrite the induction fees for PTK Members on the Auburn and Fulton campuses. This opportunity allows PTK members to compete for over \$250 million in awards and scholarships to transfer institutions, should they wish to further their education beyond Cayuga. This year the Foundation covered the induction fees for more than a dozen Cayuga students.



This event demonstrated the academic excellence of Cayuga's students. We are very proud of their academic achievements and look forward to following their academic and professional careers.



Nathanael Hand '24, Prof. Steve Keeler, **Eileen Jerrett '02**, Director of Media & Telecommunications Laura Bailey, and **Jeff Szczesniak '01** celebrated Ms. Jerrett's accomplishments at Prison City North in June.

Mr. Jessie, continued from page 14,

"My time at CCC further developed my innate curiosity and fostered my love of learning. I am a proud lifelong learner and, as my family jokingly says, a professional student.

"This community is so lucky to have Cayuga Community College, the Foundation, and all the resources and opportunities they provide. The institution provides opportunity and hope for so many, providing a pathway to education and a brighter future. It empowers students from our diverse community to pursue their aspirations and make a difference in our society."

FOUNDATION SUPPORTS NEW EARLY PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

Cayuga Community College has announced a new scholarship starting this Fall that will reward students for their hard work and dedication to earning college credits while completing their Regents diploma.

Thanks to a generous \$250,000 gift from the Cayuga County Community College Foundation, the Early College Pathways Scholarship is now available for eligible students. The scholarship recognizes high school students who commit themselves to earning credits through Cayuga's concurrent enrollment offerings.

The annual scholarship is another example of the Foundation's commitment to creating financial pathways for determined high schoolers to continue their academic journey at Cayuga.

"The Early College Pathways Program is a double win for the College Foundation to fund", according to Foundation Executive Director Guy Thomas Cosentino "... it not only helps students in Cayuga and Oswego counties further their education, having already taken Cayuga courses, but also helps to increase enrollment on both of our campuses."

"We're very appreciative of the Foundation's generous support for our students and this new scholarship," said Dr. Cathy Dotterer, Cayuga's Vice President for Student Affairs. "Many students arrive at Cayuga having challenged themselves in high school to complete college courses and earn credits toward their chosen degree. This scholarship recognizes and rewards their commitment." Eligible students must successfully complete a minimum of three Cayuga credits through concurrent enrollment. They must also submit an admissions, FAFSA and TAP application by July 15, be enrolled as a full-time student the semester after their high school graduation, and maintain good academic standing.

Students who earned 3-11 credits in high school can receive an annual award of up to \$500, and students who earned 12 or more credits are eligible for an annual award of up to \$1,000. The scholarship is applied annually for up to two years, and is applied after all other financial aid is applied.

The Early College Pathways Scholarship can also be combined with the Presidential Scholarship at Cayuga, another financial opportunity generously supported by the Foundation.

The new scholarship dovetails with the Early College Pathways Program announced this summer by Cayuga.

The Pathways Program creates clearly defined routes for high school students to earn college credits toward a specific degree program at Cayuga.



Simultaneously earning high school and college credits creates an accelerated pathway for students to transfer or, in the case of Auburn High School grad and Cayuga alum **James Mark '22**, start their career.

Mr. Mark (pictured above on the right) completed his high school degree while earning numerous college credits, then received his A.A.S. in Electrical Technology from Cayuga at no cost. He started at Waygate Technologies upon graduating, soldering cable harnesses before he was 20 years old. He was recently promoted to Shop/Plan Operator-Expert, and discussed his experience at a conference this Summer on our Auburn Campus.

"The progress made from graduation to being a new hire to earning my first promotion has been rapid, and an amazing journey," said Mr. Mark. "In conversations at work, we still use terms and topics I learned at Cayuga, so I doubt I'd be this far along if it wasn't for that experience. I highly encourage everyone to consider a similar pathway to earn their high school and college degrees while preparing for their chosen career field."

Initiatives like the Pathways announced by Cayuga are essential to preparing the future workforce, said Dr. Gretchen Schmidt, a Senior Fellow at the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement and the guest speaker at the conference.

Citing evidence from a recent study from Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, titled "The Future of Good Jobs," Dr. Schmidt said future careers that lead to a living wage will require a post-secondary credential. *Continued on page 19.*

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“The work that Cayuga is undertaking in partnership with local school districts is critical for the economic mobility of members of your community but also for overall economic growth in the region,” said Dr. Schmidt.

“By working together, in more innovative and collaborative regional partnerships focused on programs that lead to a living wage, educational institutions and employers can increase economic opportunity for current and future students. This is hopeful work — for students, their families and the community at large.”

Connecting high school students to career pathways has also drawn support from district leaders at CiTi BOCES and Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, as well as Marq Brown, Vice President of Human Resources and Chief People Officer at Oswego Health.

“As the Baby Boomers continue to exit the workforce, it’s critical that we provide opportunities for Generation Z students to explore pathways into industries that are already seeing shortages,” said Brown. “Five years ago, Oswego Health partnered with Cayuga Community College and

three local high schools in an Early College Health Sciences program to create these pathways. Our first cohort of 24 students just graduated, each with over 30 college credits toward healthcare programs like nursing and medical imaging.”

CiTi BOCES District Superintendent Christopher Todd said collaboration between educational institutions and industry leaders will lead to stronger results for students.

“At the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation, collaboration is at the heart of everything we do,” said Superintendent Todd. “We are dedicated to fostering a cooperative environment where ideas and expertise converge to enhance educational experiences. By working together, we can create innovative solutions and provide valuable opportunities that open doors to student success.”

The Early College Pathways are the latest addition to Cayuga’s concurrent enrollment initiatives. The College currently has diverse programming agreements with 31 school districts across Central New York, offering high school students the opportunity to earn credits toward a college degree.

NEW AIR HANDLING SYSTEM FOR SPARTAN HALL INSTALLED



Pictured: Guy Cosentino, Foundation Executive Director, the Foundation’s first Executive Director, Dan Labelle, Board Member **David Verdi ’06**, Board Treasurer Kevin LaMontagne, Board Vice President and Former Cayuga Community College President Dennis Golladay, Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn, Assistant Board Secretary Patti Callahan, Board Secretary Aliza Querns and Kia Larsen, the Foundation’s Deputy Director and Director of Alumni Engagement in January.

In the Summer of 2021, Cayuga President Brian Durant, then Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn and Foundation Executive Director Guy Cosentino met to discuss the capital needs of the College. One item long on Dr. Durant’s list of “things to do”, as with several of his predecessors, was installing an HVAC system in Spartan Hall.

The need, especially after the pandemic, to have better air flow for Commencement ceremonies, the College’s Craft Fair and sporting events was readily evident. The Foundation worked with Dr. Durant and College staff to not only install a new system in Spartan Hall, but make

enhancements to the already existing, but antiquated system, at the Norman F. Bourke Memorial Library. The Foundation committed funds to this project that could be matched by New York State. College staff was able to access CARES Act funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, that allowed the Foundation’s funds to be switched to a new and exciting project that will be soon announced for the Auburn Campus.

At the direction of President Durant, a plaque noting the Foundation and Board of Trustee’s leadership and support of the new and upgraded air handling systems was unveiled before a Cayuga Women’s Basketball game on January 31st.

Faith Campbell

Walter K. Long Memorial Scholar Class of 2025

“Thank you so much for granting me the generous Walter K. Long Memorial Scholarship. This thoughtful, meaningful gift has inspired me to become an even better artist as I continue my journey to become an art educator. I will forever remember that hard work is rewarded, and I’ll continue to work hard to achieve great things. I graciously thank everyone involved in bestowing this amazing award to art majors like me at Cayuga Community College. Thank you for this special opportunity and thank you for cultivating passionate future artists who’ll be forever changed by the memories you’ve created from this experience.”



ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award
 Alfieri and McColgin Nursing Excellence Scholarship
 Louis & Madeleine Alfieri Memorial Nursing Award
 Dr. G. Burnett and Vera K. Atwater Memorial Award
 Auburn Community Hospital Auxiliary Award
 Auburn Police Union #195 Scholarship
 Josephine Aversa-Lynch Memorial Scholarship
 Claudine B. Babiarz Memorial Scholarship
 Antonino & Matteo Bartolotta Scholarship of Merit

Antonino & Matteo Bartolotta Technical Scholarship
 Irving & Helen Belth Memorial Award
 Neillia Hunter Biden English Award – British Literature
 Neillia Hunter Biden English Award – Journalism
 Dixon & Mary Blodgett Memorial Scholarship
 Dean Norman F. Bourke Memorial Scholarship
 Edward T. and Alice L. Boyle Memorial Scholarship
 Carol A. Brewer Sportsmanship Award
 Patricia M. Callahan Scholarship
 Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Memorial Award
 Ralph J. Casbarro Sports Award
 Mark “Chico” Castiglione Memorial Award

Cayuga Bank Scholarship

Cayuga County REALTORS Scholarship
 Philip Thomas & Mary Pace Cefaratti Memorial Award
 Vicki Cook Condie Nursing Excellence Award
 Thomas & Eloise Cool Memorial Award
 Sue Court Memorial Award
 John A. Daum Memorial Scholarship

David L. Decker II Memorial Award
 George & Helen Dinsmore Memorial Scholarship
 Barbara M. Dove Memorial Award
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 Empire State Diversity Honors

Lucy Noble
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Jorge Jimenez

Empire State Diversity Honors Scholar
Scholar athlete
Phi Theta Kappa
Class of 2025

“Receiving the Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship has been instrumental in alleviating the financial burden associated with acquiring school supplies and meeting personal expenses. I am sincerely appreciative of the investment made in my academic pursuits, which has significantly contributed to my accomplishments at Cayuga Community College.”



Claire E. and Frank A. Fama Memorial Award

Claire E. & Frank A. Fama Sophomore Scholarship
 Fulton Savings Bank Scholarships

Anne Drancsak Gallagher Memorial Scholarship
 Joseph P. and Elizabeth J. Ganey Business Scholarship
 Harry W. and Dorothy J. George Award

Harrington Business Award
 Huhtamaki Scholarship
 Heart & Soules Scholarship
 Walter W. & Mabel C. Hornburg Memorial Award
 William J. Humes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Kenneth & Margaret Lesch Jahn Memorial Scholarship
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 John Karpinski Memorial Award
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 Vincent M. Klein Scholarship

Richard J. and Barbara D. Knaul Award
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 Sabina Kulakowski Memorial Scholarship
 A.L. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Raymond F. Leszczynski Memorial Award
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 Mathematics Excellence Award
 Elizabeth Payne McQueeney Memorial Scholarship

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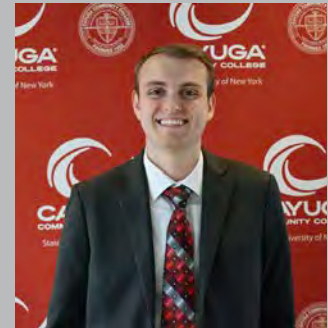
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Patrick Crawford

**Presidential Scholar, Raymond F. Leszczynski
 Memorial Commencement Award
 Class of 2024**

“I am beyond grateful for those at CCC who collectively came together to present me with the scholarships. Because of them, and those who supported me, I was able to get a head start for my future. I can proudly say because of the Cayuga classes I was enrolled in during high school and my work at CCC, I am currently in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Binghamton University, graduating after just one year at Cayuga Community College. Thank you to those who supported me and invested in my life.”



- Miele/Fama Leadership Award
- Germain Morin Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- NAMI of Cayuga County Nursing Scholarship
- William & Ester Norris Scholarship
- William J. Painter Memorial Award
- Phi Theta Kappa, Dean Norman F. Bourke Memorial Award
- Pine Family Scholarship
- Radio Advisor Award
- Patricia K. Rizzo Memorial Scholarship
- Dorothy M. Rooker Award
- Linda A. Rooker Nursing Scholarship

- James Sayre Seymour Memorial Scholarship
- Nataline Dulles Seymour Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. George Sincerbeaux Pediatric Scholarship
- Katie M. Socci Memorial Scholarship
- Anne I. Stapleton Award
- John E. Stapleton Award
- Thomas F. Steenburgh Memorial Award
- Josephine A. Stephen Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Wilfred “Sonny” Taylor Memorial Award
- Telcom Audio Production Award

Telcom Faculty Award

- Preston H. Thomas Memorial Scholarship
- Sarah Elizabeth Thurston Nursing Scholarship
- Trustees’ Memorial Award
- Shirley Vargason Memorial Award
- Herbert P. Ward Memorial Award
- John M. & Marjorie D. Wetherby Scholarship
- Lisa A. McLoud White Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Wojnar, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Joan Post Worden Memorial Scholarship

- Michael C. Wride Memorial Award
- Jean Wright Memorial Scholarship

- Jean Sturges and David Aidan Young Memorial Award

- Julia Gislason
- Kimberly Cespedes
- Rachel Polmanteer
- Sean Simko
- Brenna Wells
- Ariel Mead
- Alyssa Gavurnik
- Ashton F. Collins
- Zachary Ingersoll
- Francesca Romeo
- Emily Peed
- Madelynn Weed
- Alexandra Untilova
- Karen Fairbanks
- Samantha Halverson
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- Maria Burns
- Brandon V. Hoftijzer
- Helena Schmidt
- Chelsi Janes
- Colleen Chalker
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- Austin VanBuren
- Tonya Parks
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- Rachel Polmanteer
- William Howard Moore
- Ariel Mead
- Rebecca Chalupnicki
- Connor Revette
- Katie Myers
- Lucy Noble
- Zoe Gilcher
- Alexandra Stafford
- Tabitha Wood
- Kimberly Cespedes
- Zachary Saurini

- Port Byron, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Elbridge, NY
- Fulton, NY
- Oswego, NY
- Elbridge, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Weedsport, NY
- Hannibal, NY
- Baldwinsville, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Moravia, NY
- Warners, NY
- Central Square, NY
- Scipio Center, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Manlius, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Elmira, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Savannah, NY & Trumansburg, NY
- Moravia, NY
- Liverpool, NY
- Elbridge, NY
- Pulaski, NY
- Elbridge, NY
- Mexico, NY
- Brewerton, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Liverpool, NY
- Port Byron, NY
- Hannibal, NY
- Auburn, NY
- Auburn, NY

NURSING GRANTS 2023-2024

Cayuga County Community College Nursing graduates provide an outstanding level of care throughout Cayuga County and the Central New York region. They pursue employment opportunities in hospitals, ambulatory care, skilled nursing facilities, schools and community agencies.

It is with utmost gratitude we thank the D.E. French and Stanley W. Metcalf Foundations for their generosity in

supporting the Cayuga Nursing program. The Foundations' investments in the Nursing program helps students reach their career goals while encouraging students to enroll in a top tier program locally.

The following students earned Nursing grants from the D.E. French and Stanley W. Metcalf Foundations during the 2023 - 2024 Academic Year:

- Melody Bennett of Auburn, NY
- Dana Carnicelli of Auburn, NY
- Kimberly Cespedes of Auburn, NY
- Colleen Chalker of Auburn, NY
- Rebecca Chalupnicki of Auburn, NY
- Braydon Crosby of Auburn, NY
- Cameron Daddabbo of Auburn, NY
- JariAnna Gleason of Auburn, NY
- Liana Gibbs of Auburn, NY
- Haleigh Hotaling of Auburn, NY

- Tori Lafrance of Cato, NY
- Bryan Leader of Auburn, NY
- William Main of Cayuga, NY
- Alexis Martinez of Auburn, NY
- Hannah Newert of Auburn, NY
- Jesse O'Connor of Weedsport, NY
- Victoria Russell of Auburn, NY
- Paige Sitterly of Port Byron, NY
- Alyssa Smith of Auburn, NY
- Jenna Squires of Weedsport, NY

HIGHLIGHTING STUDENT ARTISTS

Over the last several years, under the tutelage of Professor Melissa Johnson, students in her Studio Art and Design Program, have submitted art work for us to use in our annual Presidents' Circle Dinner invitations and our holiday card.

Olivia Koffler '24 prepared our invitation for the 35th annual Presidents' Circle Dinner in 2023 and Faith Campbell's art work for this Summer's. Jordan Bull created our 2023 holiday card. We love to showcase the talents and works of our students and appreciate Professor Johnson continually working with the Foundation.



1. The Foundation is very appreciative of Professor Melissa Johnson, a Professor of Art at Cayuga, for her continued support in showcasing student work. The Foundation framed Ms. Koffler's art work and she was presented it by then Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn, Immediate Past President Kelley Gridley, Professor Johnson and Foundation Executive Director Guy Thomas Cosentino.
2. Faith Campbell
3. Kia Larsen, Director of Alumni Engagement & Foundation Deputy Director, student artist Jordan Bull and Professor Melissa Johnson.

“SOMETHING GOOD, SOMETHING MEANINGFUL AND IMPACTFUL” CAYUGA COMMUNITY ATTENDS AUTHORS’ LECTURE



On May 7th sixty five members of the Cayuga Community College community attended the Friends of the Central Library Author Series lecture at the Onondaga County Civic Center with authors and artists Art Spiegelman and Neil Gaiman. Mr. Spiegelman’s two volume and Pulitzer Prize winning “*Maus: A Survivor’s Tale*” graphic novel is used by Cayuga professors Mark Montgomery and Kelley Rowley during the academic year.



“*Maus*” is a graphic novel that was serialized in the 1980s intertwining the story of the fictional author interviewing his father, a holocaust survivor, about the terrors of World War II and concentration camps.

Mr. Gaiman’s works include “*American Gods*”, “*Coraline*” and “*The*

Sandman” all three have been made into films or TV adaptations.

The College Foundation was thrilled to offer this opportunity to attend the lecture to the College’s students, faculty and staff. Attendees were able to listen to a discussion with both authors as they talked about the creative process, what gets them motivated and issues surrounding censorship and book banning.

Both of the artists are depicted in the cover of a thank you, on this page, drawn by Brunell Visiting Scholar Pedro Molina, a noted political cartoonist, who was able to attend with art students of Cayuga Professor Melissa Johnson, in the forms of the author’s most notable characters.

Her students wrote in the thank you to the Foundation, that this was “a fantastic once-in-a-lifetime experience to get to meet artists who are passionate about their creations” and “their laughs, smiles and strong words filled me with great joy and aspirations”.



What may have been most rewarding was the comment that this event was “something good, something meaningful and impactful”.

48TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR A TRUE COMMUNITY EVENT

The College's 48th Annual Craft Fair was held in December on the Auburn campus and showcases the talents of nearly 140 artisans and crafters over a two day period.

The College Foundation is proud to be able to operate this on behalf of the College annually. It brings together, crafters, local not-for-profits, musical groups, and most importantly – thousands interested to browse just before the holidays.

Nearly a dozen not-for-profits were also invited in to explain the services they provide. Boy Scout Troop 21 of Owasco sold out of more than 140 boxes of Krispy

Kreme doughnuts within hours and our nursing students were able to do blood pressure checks for those who wanted to stop by their booth.

We were also delighted to have the college's Musical Theatre Ensemble, led by Professor of Vocal Music/ Choral Director Erica Walters and Adjunct Music Professor Mark Nowak, give a performance. As did Perform For Purpose in the cafeteria.

The Foundation's Kia Larsen started planning the 49th Annual Craft Fair to be held in December 2024 right after the New Year.



The Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation raises funds to provide grants to law enforcement agencies for their K-9 teams.



Troop 21 Scouts and Krispy Kreme donuts greeted customers and vendors at the 48th annual Craft Fair.



NAMI of Cayuga County raised awareness and funds at the Craft Fair.



Musical Theatre Ensemble performers from left to right: Kylah Rossbach, Kayleigh Stayton, Tessa Higgins and Cassandra Barker. They are pictured performing "Shine Line the Sun" from 9 to 5 The Musical.



Pictured left – right, are senior nursing students Rebecca Chalupnicki, Mackenzie LaForce, and Margaret Fudo.



Local students with Perform 4 Purpose take the stage.

EMERSON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fred L. Emerson Foundation Academic Scholarships have celebrated student excellence within the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES school districts since 2017.

During the 2023 -2024 Academic Year the Fred L. Emerson Foundation Academic Scholarships were earned by the following students:

- Moira Clare Curry of Auburn, NY
- Lexi Alberici of Auburn, NY
- Schae Brooke Fitzgerald of Auburn, NY
- Andrew Seward of Weedsport, NY
- Kristen Phillips of Moravia, NY

CAYUGA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2023-2024

The Cayuga Presidential Scholarship is for outstanding students from high schools in Cayuga and Oswego counties, including private schools. Students from the Jordan-Elbridge, Skaneateles and Red Creek school districts are also eligible. This honor is available to all students who graduate in the top 20% of their high school as long as the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and attends full time. All Cayuga Presidential Scholarship recipients can complete the first two years of their college education without spending a dime in tuition.

The Cayuga Presidential Scholarships reward students who participate in honors programs, student government and other leadership positions. These students serve to raise the academic bar in every classroom, serving as examples for their peers.

The Foundation Board expanded our Presidential Scholar Program to help recruit students for the 2023-2024 Academic Year to include up to \$500 per semester for students who qualify as Presidential Scholars and are fully covered by Pell and/or TAP.

- Grace E. Applebee of Port Byron, NY
- Alexis H. Arnold of Hannibal, NY
- Matthew C. Bouley of Auburn, NY
- Kayla E. Bunce of Oswego, NY
- Maria A. Burns of Auburn, NY
- Evelyn D. Butterworth of Williamstown, NY
- Catherine R. Callen of Oswego, NY
- Sabrina A. Carvey of Fulton, NY
- Breannah R. Connors of Auburn, NY
- Noah J. Cordone of Fulton, NY
- Shawn L. Cornell of Fulton, NY
- Patrick T. Crawford of Auburn, NY
- Braydon F. Crosby of Auburn, NY
- Miranda M. Dennis of Cato, NY
- Kayley M. Duffy of Auburn, NY
- Nora Gilmore of Cayuga, NY
- Julia D. Gislason of Port Byron, NY
- Aleah M. Harrington of Parish, NY
- Katelyn M. Hartman of Fulton, NY
- Lucas J. Holbrook of Red Creek, NY
- James M. Hunter of Auburn, NY
- Zachary E. Ingersoll of Hannibal, NY

- Tayden M. Johnson-Stayton of Moravia, NY
- Elaina I. Lamb of Fulton, NY
- Analysa N. Landes of Brewerton, NY
- Nevaeh L. Lando of Fulton, NY
- Alyssa L. Larrabee of Oswego, NY
- Miranda Laws of Fulton, NY
- Nattallie R. Lent of Richland, NY
- Logan M. Mathews of Oswego, NY
- Alexis Pettit of Fulton, NY
- Jack W. Phillips of Fulton, NY
- Alex C. Reuter of Auburn, NY
- Nikolai K. Rosenbaum of Sandy Creek, NY
- Olivia M. Rudd of Sandy Creek, NY
- Colby A. Sellen of Genoa, NY
- Abrielle L. Soluri of Richland, NY
- Ryan Stechuchak of Auburn, NY
- Shayla N. Sykes of Central Square, NY
- Celia E. Tangorra of Phoenix, NY
- Ethan V. Taylor of Auburn, NY
- Logan J. Tharrett of Oswego, NY
- Rebecca Vaughn of Fulton, NY
- Benjamin Weiman of Auburn, NY

36TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' CIRCLE DINNER

Annually the Cayuga Community College Foundation holds its Presidents' Circle Donor Recognition Dinner to recognize major donors to the Foundation, including those who give \$1,000 or more annually, and the local philanthropic community that support our College.

This year, the Foundation's 36th Annual Dinner was held at the Emerson Park Pavilion. Over 100 attendees enjoyed a wonderful dinner by Andrea Crowley-Gavigan and her team at A & M Catering after being serenaded by harpist Chris Molloy. Foundation President Kevin LaMontagne recognized 10 current or recently graduated students who were recipients of scholarships or Commencement Awards funded by those donors they sat with at the dinner. Mr. LaMontagne also recognized Cayuga Community College student and artist, **Faith Campbell '25**, a student of Professor Melissa Johnson, who drew the art work for

this year's invitation and dinner program.

Former Board Members Patti Callahan, John Latanyshyn and **David Mamuscia '64**, were also recognized at the dinner, as well as **Dr. Michael Pacelli '85**, who received the 2024 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Teaching.

Cayuga President Dr. Brian Durant thanked those who have routinely invested in the College, and also outlined plans he and the Board of Trustees envision in the coming years. Always optimistic about the College and its future, he told those in attendance "... our greatness is defined by our student outcomes and success stories, not the size of our institution. Our rich history, robust alumni network, community partnerships, and talented faculty and staff position us in an incredible position for our future."



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