# OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



# REPORT TO INVESTORS

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014



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Thank you
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The mission of the Oakland Community College Foundation is to obtain and allocate financial support to advance the mission and goals of Oakland Community College.

The Oakland Community College Foundation was established in 1979 to raise private contributions in order to provide opportunities for students and to enhance the quality of education at the College. Gift dollars support students through scholarships and program development. All gifts to the OCC Foundation are eligible for federal tax deduction to the full extent of tax laws. The Foundation is governed by an independent Board of Directors, comprised of volunteer community leaders, representatives of the OCC Board of Trustees, administration and faculty.

#### **COVER STORY**



ON THE COVER (left to right)
March 2014 Scholarship Luncheon
participants // May 2014 graduate //
Chancellor Timothy Meyer, PhD

Oakland Community College was founded in 1964 with a core philosophy of providing affordable education for all, regardless of income or social standing. OCC has five beautiful campuses located throughout Oakland County, in Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield and Waterford. OCC enrolls nearly 30,000 students each fall and spring, and graduated more than 2,300 students with more than 2,600 degrees and certificates at the May 2014 commencement ceremony. Additionally, a large number of our students transfer to four-year institutions to continue pursuing their educational goals.

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### Dear OCC donors, colleagues and friends,

Scholarships help change the lives of some very deserving students. In these pages, we are pleased to profile a few of our students whose lives have been transformed by your gifts and we are proud to recognize your generosity by listing your names in our Honor Roll of Donors.

OCC receives thousands of applications for scholarship support each year. Scholarships play a vital role in students' education and provide financial options so they may focus more intently on their studies. Scholarships often mean the difference between a student attending college or not. Currently, the OCC Foundation has the funds available to award scholarships to just a small percentage of those students.

You make a difference in our students' lives. We urge you to continue your contributions and to encourage others to do so as well. With your help, many more deserving students will enjoy a brighter future. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

For more information, visit us at www.oaklandcc.edu/foundation or call (248) 341-2137. Sincerely,

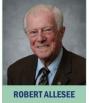


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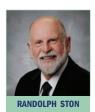
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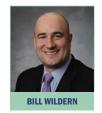




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In memory of her life and accomplishments, a permanent seat on the Board of Directors is reserved in her name.



# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

#### OCC RETIREES SUPPORT OCC STUDENTS



OCCARP President Bob Zemke, OCCARP members Debbie Schmidt and Sylvia Berggruen, OCC Chancellor Dr. Timothy Meyer, OCCARP member Cheryl Kozell and former OCC Foundation Executive Director Kathryn Rusak.

Oakland Community College retirees presented a check to the OCC Foundation at the annual Association of Retired Personnel (OCCARP) Iuncheon in November. At the presentation, President Bob Zemke stated, "It's more important than ever to help our community members achieve their goals for a great education. Our organization is committed to the success of OCC's students and to fund student scholarships every year. We are grateful to have this opportunity to give back to a place we dedicated so much of our lives to and care so much about."

OCCARP has contributed more than \$16,000 in scholarships since 1999, and we are grateful for their continued support.

#### OCC EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS HELP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS



Allison Horton, an OCC graduate and Foundation scholarship recipient, thanks donors, including OCC employees who help students meet their educational goals by giving through payroll deduction.

OCC employees recognize the financial burden associated with pursuing a college degree and help alleviate that burden for deserving students by contributing to the OCC Foundation through payroll deductions.

Allison Horton, an OCC Foundation scholarship recipient, spoke at the March 2014 Scholarship Luncheon about the difference scholarship support made in her life. Horton graduated in December 2013 with an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Nursing and is currently a nurse in the Clinical Decisions Unit of the Emergency Department at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. In addition to her full-time job, Horton is the mother of three children and will be enrolling in the RN to BSN program at the University of Detroit Mercy this fall.

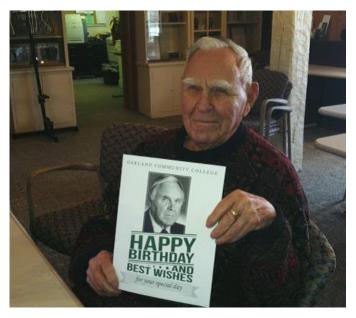
"My scholarship provided assistance as well as the belief from someone you've never even met that they believe in you. I had the luck to be chosen and I would like to thank you for helping make my dreams come true," Allison told donors.

More than 70 employees currently give to the Foundation with gifts ranging from \$5 to \$100 per pay period. Payroll deduction gifts generate \$25,000 to \$30,000 for scholarships each year.

We salute the OCC employees who "pay it forward" to help ensure OCC students reach their educational goals!

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

#### OCC'S BIGGEST FAN GEORGE MOSHER



George Mosher – OCC's biggest fan, endowment donor, past OCC Board chair and donor at his 93rd birthday breakfast at Foundation House. Founder's Day is recognized on March 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of George's birthday.

It can be said that if it weren't for George Mosher and his late wife, Doris, there would be no Oakland Community College.

In the early 1960s, the Moshers were actively involved in the effort to establish a community college in Oakland County. Mosher was elected chair of the OCC Charter Board in 1964 and remained in that position until 1970. He hired OCC's first president, the visionary John Tirrell, and was instrumental in the selection of the campus sites. Mosher was reelected to the board in 1966 and 1972, but resigned in 1976 to concentrate on his professional career. Due to this early involvement, Mosher has been dubbed "the father of OCC."

Mosher remains OCC's champion leading the independent citizen's committees that successfully advocated millages critical to OCC's future in 1965, 2002 and 2010.

In 2000, the Moshers established the George and Doris Mosher Endowed Scholarship, which now totals more than \$64,000 and benefits many OCC students each year.

In recognition of Mr. Mosher's many contributions to the College, the Auburn Hills Campus Library was named in his honor. The headquarters of the OCC Foundation was named the "Doris Mosher Foundation House" in 2009 to recognize her 25 years on the Board of Directors.

# THE GARDEN PARTY FOUNDATION BENEFITS OCC'S CULINARY PROGRAM AND STUDENTS

The Garden Party Foundation presented the OCC Foundation with a \$50,000 check benefiting OCC Culinary Studies Institute students.

In its fifth year, the event also raised funds for the Children's Leukemia Foundation and the Children's Tumor Foundation.

The Garden Party Foundation was established by Sydney L. Ross and his wife, Elizabeth. It was founded and is maintained by the J. Lewis Cooper Family and the Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross Foundation.



Sydney and Elizabeth Ross, founders of the Garden Party Foundation, present a \$50,000 check to Culinary Studies Institute Program Coordinator Susan Baier and Chancellor Tim Meyer. The funds were raised at the Garden Party held at Meadow Brook Hall on June 9, 2013.

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

#### ITC HOLDINGS CONTINUES TO FUND SCHOLARSHIP



Julie Garavaglia, ITC Holdings' Senior Community Affairs Representative, speaks at the 2014 OCC Scholarship Luncheon. ITC Holdings generously funds student scholarships annually.

ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company in the country, invests in the communities it serves through its Charitable Giving Program. The program focuses on four giving priorities: education, environmental stewardship, social services and health and wellness. ITC Holdings has funded OCC student scholarships annually since 2009, and OCC is grateful for their generosity.



#### FORD ARTS, BEATS AND EATS FESTIVAL SUPPORTS OCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Visitors to the 2013 Ford
Arts, Beats and Eats
festival were able to park
at the Royal Oak OCC
parking structures for a
fee of \$15 per car, with
revenues directed to student
scholarships. Parking at
the event netted more
than \$25,000 for the OCC
student scholarship fund.

# JAN C. DOLAN A ROLE MODEL AND OCC FOUNDATION FRIEND



Jan C. Dolan is a longtime member of the Oakland Community College Foundation board and at 87 years young, she continues to be a leader in our community. She has long been a steadfast advocate for people throughout Oakland County and Michigan. She served as State Representative from 1989 to 1996, Farmington Hills City Councilwoman from 1976 to 1988 and Mayor of Farmington Hills in 1978 and 1985. She continues to be a valued and productive member and officer of the Oakland Community College Foundation Board of Directors.

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Jan chairs or sits on a variety of boards including the Botsford Commons Seniors Community, Farmington Rotary, Michigan Campaign Finance Network, Area Agency

on Aging 1-B, League of Women Voters, and the AAUW. Her legislative interests include the environment, health care, problems faced by the frail and elderly and naturally, education.

A tireless advocate for accessible and affordable education, Jan is a role model and mentor for women and men alike. Jan always seeks opportunities to bring awareness to the need for education beyond the secondary schools in Oakland County. She is the consummate ambassador for OCC, pointing out that half of all households in Oakland County had a family member attend Oakland Community College. We are grateful for the work Jan has done on OCC's behalf to inform others of the important resource OCC is for our community.

Jan is admired for the way she leverages her position in the community to create partnerships among legislators, community groups and education. Her personal generosity is a model for others to support the Oakland Community College Foundation. While Jan established an endowed scholarship through the OCC Foundation in the fall of 2011, it's her perseverance to solicit others for similar contributions that sets her apart as a dedicated friend of the College. Jan continues to encourage friends and strangers to support educational opportunities for OCC students, always thinking of our students' needs as they reach for their educational goals.

#### FARMINGTON ROTARY ENDOWS OCC SCHOLARSHIP



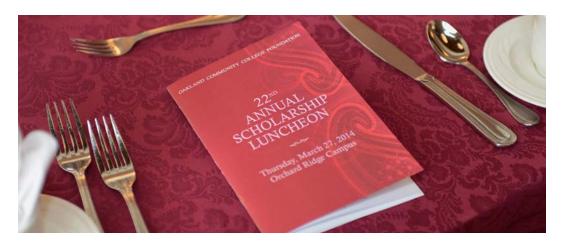
Farmington Rotary gave a \$20,000 gift to create an endowed scholarship designated for Orchard Ridge Project BOLD or ACCESS students.

The Farmington Rotary/Lydia Silvani-Foley Endowed Memorial Scholarship honors Lydia Silvani-Foley, a member of the Farmington community who designated a portion of her estate to support charities that help children with special needs and disabilities.

"This gift would have been very meaningful to Lydia," said Farmington Rotary President Lynn Morgan. "Her heirs were aware of Farmington Rotary's close relationship with Farmington Eagle School's Department of Physically or Otherwise Handicapped Individuals (POHI)."

The Farmington Rotary helped fulfill POHI program needs and services for 25 years. POHI closed, but members of Farmington Rotary felt this scholarship would continue to help students with special needs in their educational endeavors.

# 2014 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



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The 22nd Annual Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Orchard Ridge Campus on March 27, 2014. Attendees enjoyed a fabulous lunch prepared by OCC Culinary Studies Institute students and a piano performance by student Yukari Kido. Speakers included scholarship recipients Allison Horton and Lauren Crain, Foundation Board Member Bob Allesee, Julie Garavaglia from ITC Holdings and Chancellor Timothy Meyer. The annual luncheon provides an opportunity for scholarship recipients to interact with benefactors and express the benefits they have received from their scholarships.

Lauren Peetz is the recipient of the Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education- Dan Champagne Memorial Scholarship



1. Ryan Addis, recipient of the Law Enforcement Education Program Scholarship // 2. Donors Nedra and Christian Noordhoorn (The Noordhoorn Family Endowed Scholarship) // 3. Justin Gordon, recipient of the Frances Gomez Memorial Scholarship, the Leininger/Thornton Forensics Annual Scholarship and the OCC "Golf for Scholarships" Endowed Scholarship, and Tori Ford, recipient of the Gap Skills for America Scholarship and the Mildred C. Storch Endowed Scholarship // 4. (Left) Kenyatta Mack, recipient of the Harriett Heiden Gabori & Richard Frederick Gabori Endowed Scholarship; (Right) Stephanie Szymanski, recipient of the Roscoe J. Dann Family Scholarship and the OCC Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship. // 5. Skyla Veal, recipient of the OCC Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship // 6. Marisa Lensina Zavala (Right), recipient of the OCC Faculty Association Endowed Scholarship and the OCC "Golf for Scholarships" Endowed Scholarship

# STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION 2013-14

The annual OCC Student
Essay Competition
demonstrates the critical
thinking and writing
skills students attain at
OCC. Sponsored by the
OCC Foundation and
the Student Outcomes
Assessment Committee
(SOAC), the contest is
open to current OCC
students.

The 2013-14 theme focused on education as an opportunity for liberation, and students were asked to address the following prompt:

"How does the expectation that all Americans should earn a college degree interact with Friere's notion of education as an opportunity to liberate individuals from oppressive and self-perpetuating social systems? What dangers and/or opportunities are presented by the tendency of some to see college education as a human right or entitlement?"



With support of the OCC Foundation, first, second and third place winners were awarded \$1,000, \$750, and \$500, respectively. Essays were scored by a committee of OCC faculty and staff using college writing and critical thinking evaluation rubrics developed through assessment activities.

The winners were honored at a ceremony and dinner at the Orchard Ridge campus in May 2014.

#### FIRST PLACE CONNOR NEWTON -

Connor graduated from Waterford Kettering High School in 2013 and is currently studying liberal arts at OCC. He intends to transfer to a four-year university upon completion of his associate's degree, and plans on pursuing graduate studies.

#### SECOND PLACE VELINKA MARTON -

Velinka is working toward a degree in psychology while studying part-time and balancing a busy home life. She plans to transfer to a four-year university for a bachelor's degree, with the intention of continuing to a master's or doctorate degree.

#### THIRD PLACE ARTHUR PAWLIKOWSKI -

Currently a student at OCC, Arthur would like to transfer to the University of Michigan. He entered the essay contest because he enjoys complexity and the struggle to unravel it. He may become a patent attorney or he may live a life of solitude in the Alaskan wilderness.

# **HONORABLE MENTION**SARAH SEIDERMAN -

Sarah is a non-traditional student at OCC, as she currently holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Wayne State University. She developed an interest in business after graduating, which brought her to OCC to pursue an Entrepreneurship Certificate. Because she is passionate about education, she felt compelled to participate in the essay contest. She hopes to own her own business in the future.

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Nursing student, Kimberlie Flores with donor Dennis Fiems, is the recipient of the Susan & Dennis Fiems Text Book Endowed Scholarship. Fiems and his late wife, Susan, worked at OCC for many years. He was a charter member of the faculty and she was a library technician. They both possessed a passion for books, and as a faculty member, Dennis knew the high cost of textbooks can impact students. Their scholarship was established after Susan's passing to commemorate and honor their passion and their desire to help others.

#### NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Gifts of \$1,000 or more help create named scholarships for students in a variety of academic programs. Endowed funds are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more and continue in perpetuity.

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Lauren Crain, who is studying Liberal Arts, is a recipient of the OCC Gala Endowed Scholarship. He attends both the Southfield and Royal Oak campuses and acts as a Student Ambassador at each location. Crain also spoke at this year's Scholarship Luncheon where he expressed how his scholarship had a positive effect on his confidence because someone he had never met had faith in him. "It really does make you realize that you should have faith in yourself and you shouldn't have limitations on what you can accomplish," he said. "Your mind literally is the limit!"

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Blanca Fox (center), recipient of the Kelly Services Scholarship, with Kelly Services representatives Tracy Richey and Dan Spallone. The Kelly Services Scholarship is awarded to a student from a Spanish speaking household. Fox also received the Frances Gomez Scholarship. She is working toward an Associate's Degree in Administrative Office Management.

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Amber Dreon (left) and her guest are ready to enjoy the delectable luncheon prepared by students from the Culinary Studies Institute. Dreon is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Applied Science and is the recipient of the Fraser E. Pomeroy & Margaret T. Pomeroy Endowed Scholarship. Fraser Pomeroy was an individual who worked hard and achieved what he had in life without the benefit of a college education. In establishing the scholarship, Pomeroy requested that recipients pay it forward to other students along the way.

#### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - TIA TARTT



Tia Tartt-Fails (right) with her guest at the Scholarship Luncheon. Tartt-Fails is the recipient of the Matthew J. Sackett Memorial Scholarship. She is enrolled in the Health Care Administration program. Matthew Sackett was a young man who dreamed of going to college. Unfortunately, his dream was never realized. However, this scholarship keeps his dream alive by helping others achieve their own dreams.

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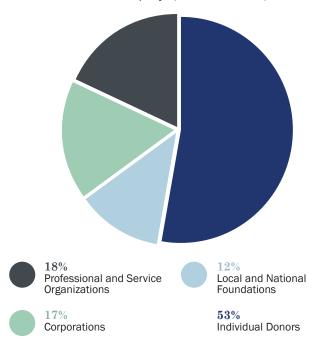
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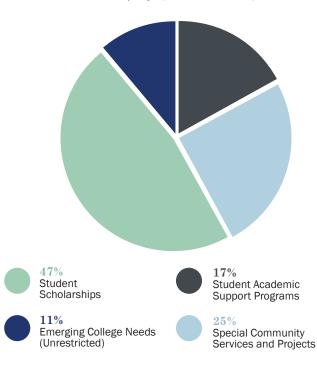
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