Thank you for your contribution to high-quality education in Oakland County. Your gifts help create remarkable opportunities for OCC students and communities.

**Our Mission**

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 to provide opportunities for students and 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**

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 approximately 20,000 students each fall and winter. At the May 2015 Commencement, the College graduated more than 2,300 students and awarded more than 2,600 degrees and certificates. Additionally, a large number of our students transfer to four-year institutions to continue pursuing their educational goals.

**ON THE COVER**
May 2015 Commencement
The Palace of Auburn Hills
Dear 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 scholarship applications 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,

David Ong  
Chair, 
Oakland Community College Foundation  
Board of Directors

Timothy Meyer, PhD  
Chancellor, Oakland Community College  
and  
Ex-Officio Member, Board of Directors  
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IN MEMORIAM  
In memory of her life and accomplishments, a permanent seat on the Board of Directors is reserved in her name.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

OCC Association of Retired Personnel


Oakland Community College Association of Retired Personnel (OCCARP) value and understand the importance of a quality and affordable education. Each year at its annual luncheon, OCCARP presents the OCC Foundation with a check for scholarships. Since 1999, their organization has contributed over $17,000 in scholarships to deserving OCC students to offset the cost of tuition and textbooks.

“We feel it’s a privilege to help fund the education of those who need it the most,” said OCCARP Board Chair Bob Zemke. “With every scholarship, we improve the lives of others and our community as a whole.”
The Garden Party Foundation event at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester Hills, features food from Michigan’s best restaurants and 100 of the finest wines. More than 700 people attended the event which raised $130,000 for 2014. The proceeds benefited the Culinary Studies Institute and the Children’s Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, with $55,000 donated to each organization and $20,000 donated to Children’s Tumor Foundation.

“The Culinary Studies Institute provides aspiring chefs a solid foundation to launch their careers,” said OCC Chancellor Timothy Meyer. “Our culinary students win awards at regional and national competitions and go on to become successful chefs and business owners. We are grateful for our partnership with The Garden Party Foundation and their generosity in supporting OCC’s Culinary Studies Institute.”

Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross, along with Lewis Cooper, founders of The Garden Party Foundation and owners of Great Lakes Wine and Spirits, presented Meyer with a check at the Ross residence in Bloomfield Township.

“We are thrilled that the next generation of Detroit philanthropists supported Children’s Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, OCC Culinary Studies and Children’s Tumor Foundation by attending the event. We are already looking forward to next year and are excited to hold The Garden Party on the beautiful grounds of Meadow Brook Hall,” Ross said.
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Implosion Timeline

A Gift for Someone Who Has it All

On the morning of December 14, 2014, one lucky bidder had the chance to start the implosion of a 17–story building in Southfield, Michigan.

Andrea Wilson, an Oakland Police Academy Cadet and Oakland Community College Foundation scholarship recipient, was selected to hit the lever that started the implosion of the North Park Plaza building. Wilson was sponsored by an anonymous donor who made an $8,000 bid on an eBay auction for the opportunity.

“It was a very big shock to be asked,” said Wilson of Waterford. “I’m honored to have been chosen and grateful for the donor who will fund a scholarship for someone. Since I am a scholarship recipient myself, it felt really good to be able to help with this project.” Wilson was awarded the “LJPR, LLC Guns and Hoses Scholarship” through the OCC Foundation.

A number of other bidders came forward as well to donate their bid amounts to the OCC Foundation. The final amount raised was $10,000. All proceeds benefit student scholarships.

Pictured top right: Andrea Wilson was selected to hit the lever that started the implosion of the North Park Plaza building.
The Oakland Community College Foundation celebrated its 23rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon honoring donors who contribute to scholarships, as well as their recipients last March 2015 at the College’s Orchard Ridge Campus.


Through the generosity of individuals, corporations and organizations, the OCC Foundation has made it our mission to help students succeed. We are able to do this by providing scholarships and other student focused initiatives. The Scholarship Luncheon is an opportunity to say, “Thank you” to the donors for playing an essential role in helping students achieve their educational goals.

Cheryl Kozell, a longtime donor, shared why she established a scholarship and the importance of giving to the Foundation. The attendees also heard from five scholarship recipients who spoke about the impact scholarships had on their lives. The reoccurring theme at the luncheon is scholarships change lives.

Lunch was prepared and served by the College’s award winning Culinary Studies Institute staff and students.

1. Table place setting for the 23rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon // 2. OCC Foundation Board of Director Robert Allesee playing piano // 3. Justin Gordon, recipient of the Soldan Family Endowed Book Fund, and donor Larry Soldan // 4. A variety of deserts prepared by OCC Culinary Studies Institute students // 5. Donors Fran Gunderson (left) and Sandra Thornton (right) // 6. Scholarship recipients Makumba Faal (left) and Daniel Stocker (right) with OCC Foundation Board of Director Lee Green (center)
Eight students have been selected as winners of the Oakland Community College eighth annual Student Essay Competition.

The contest is sponsored by the OCC Foundation and the College’s Student Outcomes Assessment Committee. First, second and third place winners were awarded $1,000, $750, and $500, respectively. Five honorable mention winners received OCC Bookstore gift certificates valued at $200 each. The essays were scored using college writing and critical thinking evaluation rubrics developed through previous assessment activities.

The purpose of the essay competition is to provide students with a well-rounded education necessary for today’s changing world and an opportunity for students to show the knowledge and skills they developed at OCC.

**Honorable Mentions**

ANDREW ALBER

NATALIE CIESLAK

OLIVIA MARTIN

NABAH RIZVI

ANDREW TIMLIN

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### 2014-15 Student Essay Contest Winners

**First Place, $1,000**

**CONNOR NEWTON**

Connor Newton lives in Waterford and wrote an essay titled “Bellows for the Inferno: The Printing Press and the Decline of a United Christian Europe.” Following his studies at OCC, he plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in English at Wayne State University, where he also hopes to minor in German. He then intends to continue on to graduate school, where he may study creative writing, but is also considering studies in law, biology, or history. For his career, Connor hopes to write and teach, but also intends to take the Foreign Service Exam and pursue employment with the State Department. Additionally, he would be interested in a career in radio journalism and public radio. Beyond his academic interests, Connor collects comic books, paints miniatures, gardens, and fulfills his love of film and the theater through work at the Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott Performing Art Centers.

**Second Place, $750**

**ROBBY SOHAL**

Robinder “Robby” Sohal comes from West Bloomfield and wrote his essay, “Hannibal as Portas,” about the historical influence of military leader Hannibal Barca on the Roman Empire. Robby has been encouraged in his writing by instructors and peers at OCC. He plans to transfer to The University of Michigan – Dearborn, where he will pursue a major in history and a minor in mathematics. His career goal is to become a high school history teacher. In his spare time, Robby likes to write fiction, play poker and spend time with friends. He loves to travel and his favorite destination is San Diego. He is a second generation American whose parents came from India. He also currently works at a grocery store while he attends school. Finally, he is a die-hard Lions fan who holds out hope for a future Super Bowl win.

**Third Place, $500**

**DEBORAH MATTSON**

Deborah Mattson resides in Davisburg and is a dual enrolled homeschool student. Her winning essay, “Mercy: An Insurmountable Nemisi” was inspired by her favorite book, “Les Misérables.” According to Deborah, “the characters have such deep morals, obligations, and worldviews immensely affect how they live their lives. I think that mercy is essential to this world, and Victor Hugo fills his story with the powerful message that mercy changes people and can sometimes be their downfall.” Deborah will attend Ball State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor’s degree in architecture, and from there she intends to earn a master’s degree to become a certified architect.
OCC Foundation Board of Directors **Thomas Sullivan (left), Shirley Bryant (center), and David Ong (right)** attend a special event kicking off the celebration of OCC’s 50th Anniversary at the Fisher Theater in downtown Detroit.

## Scholarships

**Motown the Musical Kick-Off Event**

### 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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Making a Difference

Foundation Board of Director, Richard Berkfield and wife Karen show their support by attending the Scholarship Luncheon and working to establish the Richard A. Berkfield Endowed Scholarship.

Newly Funded Endowed Scholarships

Clifford & Jeannie Benson
Endowed Scholarship
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Endowed Scholarship

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(Left to right) Michelle Casanova, Candy Geeter and Julie Burley welcome donors and recipients at the 23rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon.
Daniel Stocker, a police academy recruit, spoke about the impact scholarships had on his life as an OCC student. He received the LJPR, LLC Guns & Hoses Scholarship and the Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union Scholarship.
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Golf Student Joe Baker took a swing for golfers, which helped to raise funds for the Golf for Scholarships endowment. The OCC Golf Team students volunteer to serve as “ringers” for golfers for a minimal contribution.
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