



2023-2024

# Annual Report

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The Three Rivers College Foundation is a non-profit charitable educational foundation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut and granted 501 (C) (3) tax-deductible status by the IRS. Its purpose is to support the educational efforts of the College, the staff, and the faculty. In this role, it performs many functions for the College.

## Message from the President of the Three Rivers College Foundation

# Mark Tramontozzi, M.D.



Dear Friends,

I am proud to share our 2023-2024 Annual Report, which reflects the strength of our local board and the incredible generosity of our community. This year, thanks to your support, the Foundation has invested over \$825,000 into CT State Three Rivers. This commitment has bolstered scholarships, program initiatives, workforce training, and collaborative partnerships, all aimed at advancing our students' educational goals.

Our investment has funded critical resources, including scholarships across all disciplines, field trips, lecture series, mental health initiatives, and essential supplies such as laptops and nursing uniforms. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our board and the contributions from alumni, faculty, staff, community foundations, and corporate partners. Your support, in all its forms, is deeply appreciated and profoundly impacts our students.

A special thank you to outgoing board members Chris Gauthier and Cathy Osten for their invaluable time and service. Their leadership and commitment have made a lasting impact and we are grateful for their contributions.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Tramontozzi, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Tramontozzi, M.D.  
President, Board of Directors  
Three Rivers College Foundation

Message from the President of  
Connecticut State Community College Three Rivers  
**Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.**



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member of our community, particularly the Foundation and Institutional Advancement staff. Your tireless efforts in raising crucial funding are instrumental in supporting both the immediate and long-term needs of CT State Three Rivers.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to invest in essential programs and resources that directly benefit our students and enhance their educational experience. The funds you provide support everything from scholarships to program development, ensuring our graduates are well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to our community.

Investing in CT State Three Rivers is investing in the future of our community. Our graduates, whether from credit or non-credit programs, work and live right here, enriching our local economy and society. Your support helps us continue this vital mission, fostering growth and opportunity for all.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and belief in our shared vision.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ellen".

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D

President

Connecticut State Community College Three Rivers

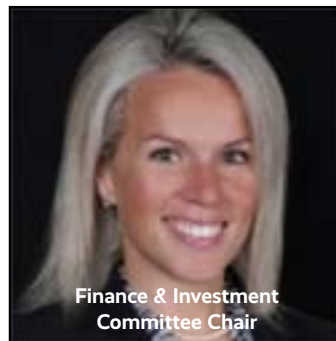
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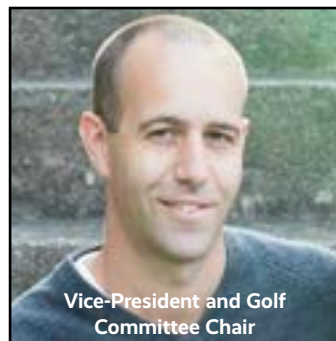
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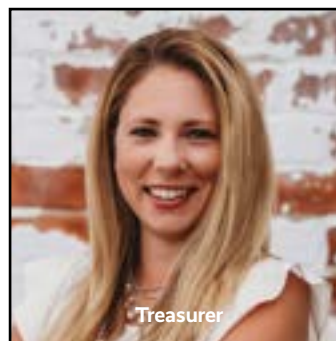
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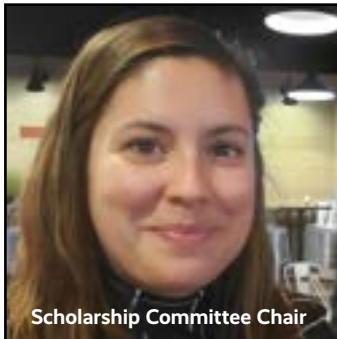
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# Endowed Scholarships

*Endowed scholarships create a lasting legacy of support for future generations of students and serve as a meaningful tribute to honor loved ones.*

To learn more about how you can start a fund with the Three Rivers College Foundation, please contact Betty Baillargeon at 860-215-9207 or email [betty.baillargeon@ctstate.edu](mailto:betty.baillargeon@ctstate.edu).

## **Adventures in Lifelong Learning Scholarships**

Established by Adventures in Lifelong Learning in the names of Dr. Grace S. Jones and Eugene Frank, this endowment solidifies their valued relationship with Three Rivers and aims to inspire a new generation of learners.

## **AFE Chapter 122 Scholarship**

Founded in 2011, the AFE Chapter 122 Scholarship supports deserving students who demonstrate excellence in engineering disciplines.

## **Ann M. Ahamed Scholarship**

Created by Dr. Sultan Ahamed to honor his wife, Ann, this scholarship reflects Dr. Ahamed's belief in providing opportunities to individuals of strong character. It supports students demonstrating the strength and ability to improve their community.

## **Judith Cook Albright Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

Established in 2016 by Charles Albright in memory of his wife, Judith, a Three Rivers Nursing professor, this scholarship supports nursing students who demonstrate academic excellence and commitment to a caring environment.

## **Alumni Association Scholarships**

Founded by the Alumni Association in 2013, these scholarships support the children of alumni, first-year students, and outstanding graduating students, fostering educational advancement within the community.

## **Mark Ballestrini Memorial Scholarship**

Established by Scott and Gina Donovan in memory of former Foundation board President Mark Ballestrini, this scholarship honors his commitment to community college success and strong community partnerships.

## **Blanche Berte' Illenberg Memorial Scholarship**

Established in 2019 by Alycia Ziegler, this scholarship supports students who demonstrate compassion, resilience, and a commitment to helping others as they pursue their personal and educational goals.

## **Wilbur B. Beckwith Scholarship**

Established by the Estate of Wilbur B. Beckwith, this scholarship aids students in need. Mr. Beckwith was an adjunct instructor at Thames Valley State Technical Institute and retired from the State of Connecticut.

## **Michael B. Brown Memorial Scholarship**

Founded to support students pursuing degrees in STEM fields, this scholarship honors Mike Brown's commitment to the nuclear program at Three Rivers, where he was a champion of science and math education.

## **Capano Family Scholarship**

Established in 2008 by the Capano family, this scholarship enhances educational opportunities for ShopRite employees and their family members.

## **Veronica Cronin Scholarship**

Created by the Cronin family in memory of Veronica Cronin, a dedicated nurse and mother of ten, this scholarship is awarded to nursing students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to their peers.

## **Drs. Booker T. and Elena L. DeVaughn Scholarship**

This scholarship, established by Drs. Booker T. and Elena L. DeVaughn, honors the legacy of enslaved Black/ African Americans and aims to enrich the local Norwich community through higher education.

## **Kyle Douglas Emmerthal Memorial Scholarship**

Established in memory of Kyle Emmerthal, known for his bright smile and charm, this scholarship supports STEM students active in helping others or the environment.

## **Joan Grove and Carolyn Krohn Memorial Scholarships**

Funded by Seymour and Linda Adelman in remembrance of Linda's sisters, these scholarships support nursing students at TRCC.

# Endowed Scholarships

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## Edward and Maria Hargus Scholarship

Dr. Edward and Maria Hargus established this scholarship to support students and reflect their belief in the positive impact of educational opportunities on student success.

## Helen and Joseph Jukoski Scholarship

Established by Mary Ellen Jukoski in honor of her parents, Helen and Joseph, this scholarship supports students pursuing higher education, reflecting the Jukoskis' commitment to education.

## Charles W. Kitchings Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the Kitchings Family, known for their philanthropic efforts in healthcare, this scholarship supports Three Rivers nursing students in times of need.

## The LaMattina Scholarships

John and Mary LaMattina have established three scholarships to support Three Rivers students and faculty:

The John and Mary LaMattina Professional Development Scholarship provides financial support for faculty development.

The LaMattina Foundation Scholarship assists students who, despite personal challenges, are likely to achieve their educational and personal goals.

The John and Mary LaMattina Scholarship supports Humanities students who demonstrate exceptional support for their peers and the campus.

## Dorothy Lewis & Family Scholarship

Established in 2019 by Dorothy Lewis, class of 1978, this scholarship supports non-traditional students with financial aid to further their education.

## Edward P. Lord Scholarship

Founded by the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation in 2015, this scholarship supports deserving students pursuing degrees in engineering, preferably electrical engineering.

## Luke J. Malek Scholarship

Established by Paul and Donna Malek in memory of Paul's brother Luke, this scholarship assists Griswold High School graduates pursuing STEM careers.

## William F. Muenzner Scholarship

In honor of his father, Edwin Muenzner established this scholarship to recognize students who embody perseverance, positivity, and compassion—qualities exemplified by William Muenzner.

## New London County Medical Association Scholarship

Established in 2008, this scholarship supports deserving students at CT State Three Rivers, reflecting the Medical Association's commitment to educational advancement.

## Norwich Public Utilities Scholarship

Founded by Norwich Public Utilities, this scholarship supports students from Norwich enrolled in Engineering or Business programs, emphasizing community commitment.

## Ralph and Lillian Pelliccio Scholarship

Created by Joseph and Elaine Pelliccio in honor of Joseph's parents, this scholarship supports graduating students pursuing higher education in business or accounting at a four-year college.

## Rose City Networkers, Inc. Scholarship

Established by Rose City Networkers, Inc., this scholarship supports students in need pursuing an associate degree, helping them advance their education despite financial challenges.

## Mark Vesligaj Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2021 by family and friends, this scholarship supports STEM students who demonstrate growth and a genuine commitment to their educational goals, honoring Mark Vesligaj's legacy as a dedicated educator.

## The VNA Nightingale Scholarship

Founded in 2008 by the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), this scholarship is awarded annually to a dedicated nursing student.

## Alycia Ziegler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship supports students who demonstrate a strong commitment to fostering an inclusive environment and advancing social justice.



# Building a Legacy of Support



The Three Rivers College Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the Rose City Networkers Inc. Scholarship. This new endowed fund, created in collaboration with Rose City Networkers, will offer ongoing financial support to students, helping them achieve their educational goals and contribute to Southeastern Connecticut's community.

Ed Muenzner of Rose City Networkers and Muenzner Payroll Solutions, LLC, noted, "We are excited to partner with the Foundation on this scholarship. Education transforms lives, and this endowment reflects our commitment to supporting students and fostering future leaders."

# Celebrating Collaborative Achievements

## Paul Jones Trust

We are grateful for the generous support from the Paul Jones Trust which has made a significant impact on our Nursing program over the past year. This funding is instrumental in continuing a cherished tradition: presenting gold-plated pins to our graduating nursing students. These pins symbolize the students' dedication and their transition into professional practice. By enabling us to provide these pins, the Paul Jones Trust helps us honor our students' hard work and commitment, making a lasting impression as they embark on their career.

The funding also extends to Faculty Development, which includes a workshop for new nursing educators. This training enhances their skills and helps us maintain our exemplary 100% NCLEX pass rate.

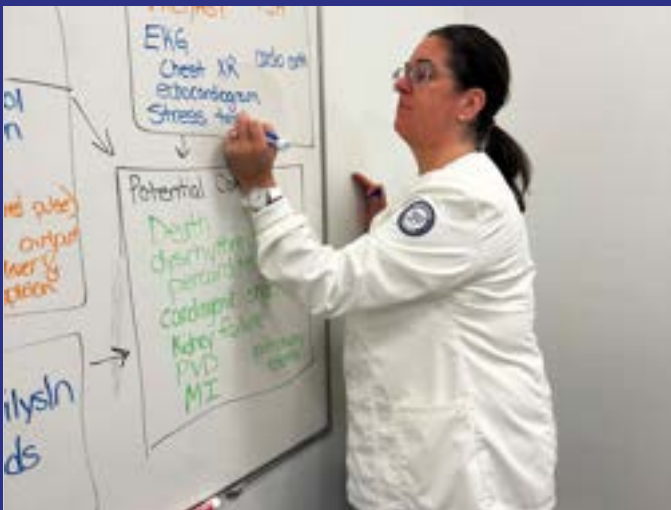
The Paul Jones Trust's investment in both student and faculty development underscores its vital role in advancing our mission to provide exceptional healthcare education and prepare future nurses who will make a difference in our community.



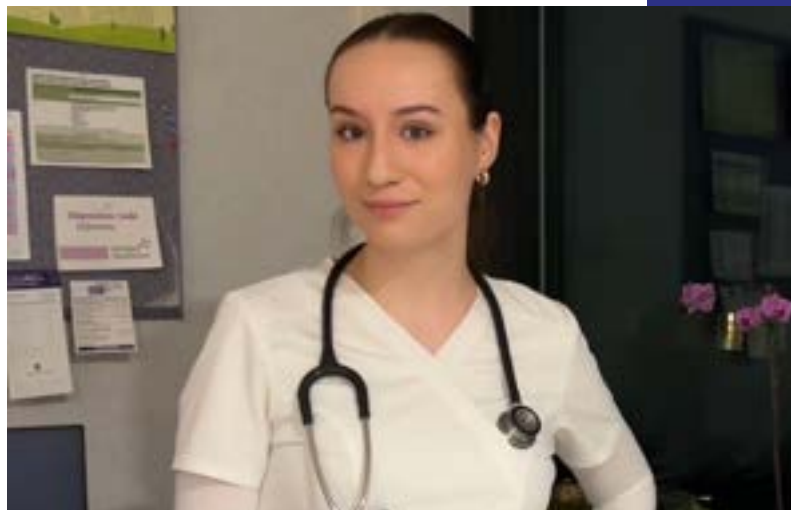
## RN Student Day

The Trust's funding allowed 3rd and 4th semester nursing students to attend RN Student Day at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. This event offered invaluable opportunities for students to engage with healthcare organizations and network with peers, positioning them for successful careers in nursing.





Donna Flowers, Paul Jones Scholarship Recipient



Brienna Fuentes, City of Norwich Scholarship Recipient



Jennifer Wilson and Katie Reinhart, Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Kaitlyn Nichols, Old Lyme VNA Scholarship Recipient



Mary Frank, Old Lyme VNA Scholarship



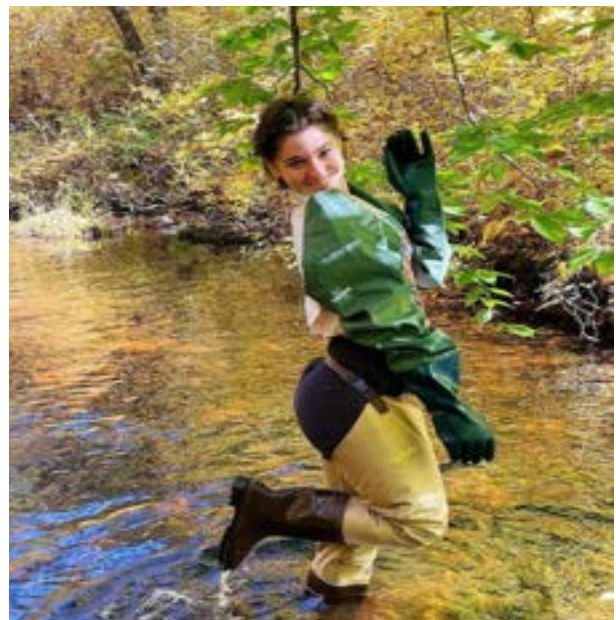
Carly Houle, Foundation Scholarship Recipient

# Community Foundation

Driving Key College Initiatives Forward



We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for their visionary investment in our environmental and STEM initiatives, beginning with their initial funding of a pilot program six years ago and their continued support to this day. Their desire to invest in our environmental program enables us to provide students with exceptional opportunities for research, fieldwork, and hands-on learning experiences typically reserved for university-level peers. This commitment empowers our students with the skills and knowledge essential for thriving in 21st-century environmental careers and opening pathways for historically underserved students to advance their education or enter the workforce. Our campus now features pollinator pathways, vegetable and rain gardens, and contributions to local food distribution efforts, enhancing both our campus and community.



Baylee Gagnier, Scholarship Recipient in Environmental Engineering Technology, and Student Worker in the Tutoring Center

# Uplifting Student Potential

Essential funding for Mental Health support services and scholarships

The Community Foundation’s funding of a pilot mental health initiative on campus is instrumental in providing essential on-ground training, services, and wellness resources to support our students’ well-being throughout the year. This initiative is designed to enhance mental health support and ensure that our students have access to critical resources that promote their overall wellness. Additionally, the Community Foundation’s bookstore scholarships are helping students in need obtain essential supplies and materials. We are profoundly grateful for the Community Foundation’s unwavering commitment to fostering these transformative programs and supporting our students’ academic and personal growth.



Relaxation Room located in the Tutoring Center sponsored by the Community Foundation



Pollinator Pathway on campus

# Community Partners

## City of Norwich

The \$150,000 investment from federal COVID-19 relief funds has expanded educational opportunities for local residents at Three Rivers, covering tuition, fees, books, technology, and supplies for both credit and non-credit programs. This funding impacts students like Kellie Workman, who shared: “Thank you for the scholarship toward my General Biology class and lab, crucial for my Nursing Program prerequisites. Without your generosity, college wouldn’t be possible for me. Attached is a photo of me in my fire gear at 3:15 AM during a call, to express my gratitude.”



Kellie Workman



CNA Lab

## Chelsea Groton Foundation

We extend our deepest gratitude to our local banking partner for their generous funding, which has been crucial in supporting workforce training programs at CT State Three Rivers. This investment allowed us to expand and outfit a partial lab specifically for CNA training, closely simulating real-world environments. By increasing space and equipping the lab with essential tools, we can offer more hands-on training, enhancing our ability to meet workforce demands and support incumbent worker training. These programs prepare students for high-demand jobs and strengthen our community’s workforce. Your partnership is invaluable, and we thank you for making a lasting impact.

# Investment in Education

## Mystic Garden Club's \$7,000 Scholarship Contribution

The Three Rivers College Foundation thanks the Mystic Garden Club for their generous \$7,000 contribution towards student scholarships. Celebrating their 100th Anniversary, the club supports environmental stewardship and civic beautification. This partnership provides vital support for aspiring scholars, fostering growth and opportunity in our community. We appreciate the club's dedication to empowering future environmentalists in Southeastern Connecticut.



(L-R) Kathy White, & Joan Sienkiewicz, Mystic Garden Club, Mary Ellen Jukoski, CT State Three Rivers, Mary Hotchkiss & Cindy Gerhard, Mystic Garden Club.



(L-R) George Grossomanides, AHEPA Norwich Foundation, Betty Baillargeon, CT State Three Rivers, George Ververis, AHEPA Norwich Foundation.

***Our friends from the Norwich AHEPA Foundation have generously awarded their annual scholarship to the Three Rivers College Foundation. This contribution supports our mission to provide invaluable educational opportunities to our students at CT State Three Rivers.***

# Supporting Student Futures

## Celebrating a New Planned Gift

The Three Rivers College Foundation is excited to share a new planned gift with donor Robert Burnside to create the Deb Burnside Library Technology Scholarship in memory of his beloved wife, Deb, a library supporter. In recognition of the vital role that libraries play in fostering education, information access, and community engagement, the Three Rivers College Foundation and its donors, like Bob, are committed to supporting aspiring library professionals in their pursuit of higher education.



(L-R) Robert Burnside and Mary Ellen Jukoski, CT State Three Rivers



(L-R) Sheamus Welsh, Foundation Scholarship Recipient and Laura Vasselle, CT State Three Rivers Librarian & Program Leader for the Library Technology Certificate Program

## Supporting Future Library Leaders

The Foundation proudly supported two Library Technology students, Gwen Pond and Sheamus Welsh, in attending the 2024 CT Library Association Conference. Gwen attended Day 1, while Sheamus, featured in the photo, attended Day 2. Both students had the opportunity to connect with librarians and administrators, fostering their professional growth and networking.



## The Dr. Booker T. DeVaughn Lecture Series

The Booker T. DeVaughn Lecture Series has enriched our campus this year with two compelling speakers.

On September 25, 2023, we hosted Rev. Terrlynn L. Curry Avery, Ph.D., for a thought-provoking discussion on “Dismantling Racism.” Rev. Dr. Avery led an intentional conversation about recognizing racism, increasing personal awareness, and engaging in courageous dialogues about the unknown. With a rich history of promoting racial equity and bridging divides, Rev. Dr. Avery’s insights provides valuable perspectives on creating a more inclusive community.

On April 1, 2024, we welcomed Adam T. Young, a champion baker and successful entrepreneur. He shared his inspiring journey from farm life and college to launching six thriving business ventures with his wife Ebbie, through their company, “ATY Hospitality,” in Southeastern Connecticut and Southern Rhode Island. His story of grit and determination offered a motivational glimpse into the entrepreneurial spirit and the drive to succeed.

These events are instrumental in fostering important conversations and inspiring our community.



Rev. Terrlynn L. Curry Avery, Ph.D.



Adam T. Young, ATY Hospitality

# 26th Annual Golf Tournament



Chris Gauthier, Golf Committee Chair

The Golf Classic held on May 13, 2024, achieved significant success, raising \$57,925—reflecting a 2% increase from last year and continuing the impressive 24% growth post-pandemic. This event plays a crucial role in funding student scholarships on campus.

With 106 golfers participating, the day on the course was fantastic. Special thanks go to our Presenting and Golf Gift Sponsor, Foxwoods Resort Casino, and our Title Sponsors: CorePlus Credit Union, Dime Bank, Dominion Energy – Millstone Station, Eastern Connecticut Savings Bank, Emprise Corporation, General Dynamics/Electric Boat, G. Donovan & Associates Inc., Hartford Healthcare-Backus Hospital, P&D Mechanical, and Yale New Haven Health-L+M Hospital. Your support was essential to our success.

Gratitude is also extended to the board members who volunteered with Betty Baillargeon and Meghan LaCasse from the Advancement Office: Lisa Griffin, Jodi Hope, Steve Goetchius, former board member Nikki Gullickson, and Mirra Fontaine from Dan King's office. The active participation of board members such as Mark Tramontozzi, Trad Horner, Dan King, Tessa Jordan, and several former members added to the day's memorable experience.



May 12, 2025  
27th Annual Golf Tournament

# Presenting and Golf Gift Sponsor



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Golfer receiving their choice of FootJoy shoe or apparel from volunteer Nikki Guillickson.

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- Caddy Shack Cafe 2
- Captain Daniel Packer Inne
- Connecticut River Museum
- Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
- Five Guys
- Flanders Fish Market & Restaurant
- Foxwoods Resort Casino
- Gales Ferry Spirit Shoppe
- Gouveia Vineyards
- Great Neck Country Club
- Holmberg Orchards
- Jack's Brick Oven Restaurant
- Lake of Isles
- Mashantucket Pequot Museum
- Mystic Aquarium
- Norwich Golf Course
- Norwich Sea Unicorns
- Pequot Golf Club
- Stonington Country Club
- The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
- The Spa at Norwich Inn

# 26th Annual Golf Tournament

## Congratulations to our Tournament Winners!

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Team Sinko



Team L+M Hospital



Team Talevi



Team Whittlesey



Team Jewett City Savings Bank



Team Goldblatt Bokoff



Team Horner



Team COFCU

### • 1st Gross

Ben Boyter, Anthony Kargul,  
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Tucker Regan, Nick Spera

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Aidan Serrano, Mike Thompson

### • 2nd Net

Al Guite, Keith Guilbeault,  
Tebucky Jones, Steven Talevi

### • 3rd Net

Marie Martin, Jason Peck,  
Peter Ruffo, Michael Sinko

### • Longest Drive

Nick Spera, Darlene Guillot

### • Closest to Pin

Al Guite, Darlene Guillot



Team TR and Son Electric LLC



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Team Eastern CT Savings Bank

# 26th Annual Golf Tournament



Meghan Smith & Tessa Jordan



Joe Loyacano & Jim Diaz



Megan & Chris Gauthier



Mirra Fontaine & Jodi Hope



Jim Austin & Scott Donovan



Karen Stearns & John Dolan



Peter Tramontozzi & Patrick McAllister



Jennifer & Michael Nally







Team CorePlus Credit Union



Team TR and Son Electric LLC



Team Electric Boat



Team Tramontozzi



Team CT State Three Rivers



Golf Classic Volunteers (L-R) Jodi Hope, Lisa Griffin, Betty Baillargeon, Nikki Gullickson, Meghan LaCasse, Mirra Fontaine and Steve Goetchius

# Christian Robinson's Oxford Experience

## *A Global Learning Opportunity*



Through the support of the Foundation, Christian Robinson, a student at Three Rivers, was granted a life-changing opportunity to attend the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights in July 2024. The Foundation generously covered all major expenses, including flights, transportation, tuition, room, and board, allowing Christian to fully immerse himself in this transformative experience.



The Oxford Consortium for Human Rights is a unique network of universities and community colleges committed to the teaching and practice of universal human rights. It offers students, particularly those from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds, the chance to engage in intensive workshops and seminars alongside Oxford faculty and global human rights leaders. Christian's participation in this program exemplifies the impact of such opportunities on our students' academic and personal growth.

Reflecting on his time at Oxford, Christian shared his gratitude:



*"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredible opportunity to attend the OCHR program in Oxford. This experience has been truly life-changing for me. Studying in such a historic and prestigious environment was inspiring, and the knowledge and insights I gained have already started to shape my approach to my studies. Meeting and learning from such brilliant minds was a privilege, and I know these experiences will stay with me for a lifetime."*

# Expanding Horizons

## *Unforgettable Educational Experiences*



In addition to his academic experience, Christian embarked on his first-ever backpacking trip through Europe, an adventure he wouldn't have considered possible. This journey further enriched his time abroad, allowing him to explore new cultures and create unforgettable memories.

Christian's experiences at Oxford and beyond highlight the profound impact the Foundation's support has on our students, opening doors to unparalleled learning opportunities and personal growth. We are proud to support students like Christian Robinson, who strive for excellence and embrace the opportunity to make a difference in the world.



# Alycia Ziegler

## Memorial Scholarship



The Three Rivers College Foundation established the Alycia Ziegler Memorial Scholarship, a heartfelt tribute to the enduring legacy of Alycia Ziegler, former Director of Student Activities at CT State Three Rivers.

This fully endowed \$10,000 scholarship, is dedicated to supporting students at CT State Three Rivers who embody Alycia's unwavering commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within their community or academic endeavors.

In honoring Alycia's remarkable legacy, the Three Rivers College Foundation seeks to perpetuate her values of kindness, inclusivity, and dedication. The establishment of this endowed scholarship serves as a poignant reminder of Alycia's enduring influence and provides meaningful support to students who share her passion for creating a more diverse and equitable society.

Future donations can be made to support the Alycia Ziegler Memorial Scholarship directly to the Three Rivers College Foundation by check, cash, or credit card.

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# Brooklyn Mendez

Blanche Berte' Illenberg Endowed Scholarship Recipient

The Three Rivers College Foundation proudly recognizes Brooklyn Mendez as the recipient of the Blanche Berte' Illenberg Memorial Scholarship. This esteemed award honors Blanche Berte' Illenberg's enduring legacy of perseverance, compassion, and dedication to helping students overcome challenges to achieve their educational goals. It is with deep respect and reflection that we acknowledge the passing of the founder of this scholarship, Alycia Ziegler, whose vision and commitment to supporting students have left a lasting impact. In celebrating Blanche's memory and the values she championed, the Foundation is reminded of the profound influence of her generosity and dedication. The Blanche Berte' Illenberg Memorial Scholarship continues to embody her spirit by providing vital support to students who strive to achieve their academic and personal goals despite significant challenges. Brooklyn shared:

*"I want to humbly express my gratitude for being selected for this scholarship. I feel honored to be able to receive such a generous donation towards my academic journey. As a full-time student, student worker, wife to an Active Duty servicemember, and mother to 3 littles, it is much appreciated. My family and I thank you wholeheartedly for relieving a financial burden to allow me to focus more on my studies. Included are three of my favorite memories at Three Rivers: myself pictured with balloon columns that I love making for our college events, my family and I in attendance at our Read Across America event, and a photo of me with women that empower*



Brooklyn Mendez, Balloon Columns College Event



Brooklyn's family attending Read Across America Event at Three Rivers



Brooklyn at Empty Bowls with "women that empower"

# Commencement

## *Congratulations Class of 2024!*



Chris Gauthier with Commencement Speaker,  
Saphira Dorelus

We were honored to have Chris Gauthier from Dime Bank, Vice President of the Three Rivers College Foundation, join us at our commencement on May 28th at Mohegan Sun. In his heartfelt remarks, Chris spoke on behalf of the Foundation board, expressing pride in our graduates' achievements and extending warm wishes for their future success. He emphasized the importance of perseverance and the value of education in shaping a promising future, inspiring all in attendance. His words served as a testament to the dedication and hard work that have led our graduates to this significant milestone.

We also celebrated the accomplishments of student speaker Saphira Dorelus, a Foundation Scholarship recipient, whose remarkable success exemplifies the positive impact of our scholarships. Saphira's journey and achievements highlight the transformative power of educational support and community investment. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to Saphira for her outstanding accomplishments.



Saphira Dorelus, City of Norwich Scholarship  
Recipient

# Innovation in Education

Supporting Students with Laptops and Digital Resources

The ongoing support of John and Mary LaMattina through their endowments and temporary restricted funds has greatly benefited our Three Rivers community. Their commitment to investing in education reflects a deep understanding of its value in supporting both individual success and community growth. Their contributions have consistently provided reliable funding, empowering students to pursue their educational goals and offering valuable professional development for our faculty. Notably, their annual donation of \$15,000 helped us purchase 29 laptops for student use. With our loaner laptop program fully utilized, this contribution has been instrumental in ensuring that students have the technology they need to succeed.

Thank you, John and Mary LaMattina, for your unwavering support and commitment to our community. Your generous contributions continue to make a significant difference in the lives of our students and faculty.



Stephen Fernandez, Laptop Scholarship Recipient



Kathrine Jones, Laptop Scholarship Recipient

# Our Supporters

Thanks to the remarkable support of our entire community, we successfully invested significant funding to support CT State Three Rivers this past year.

## CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

### Gifts of \$218,000

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### Gifts of \$150,000

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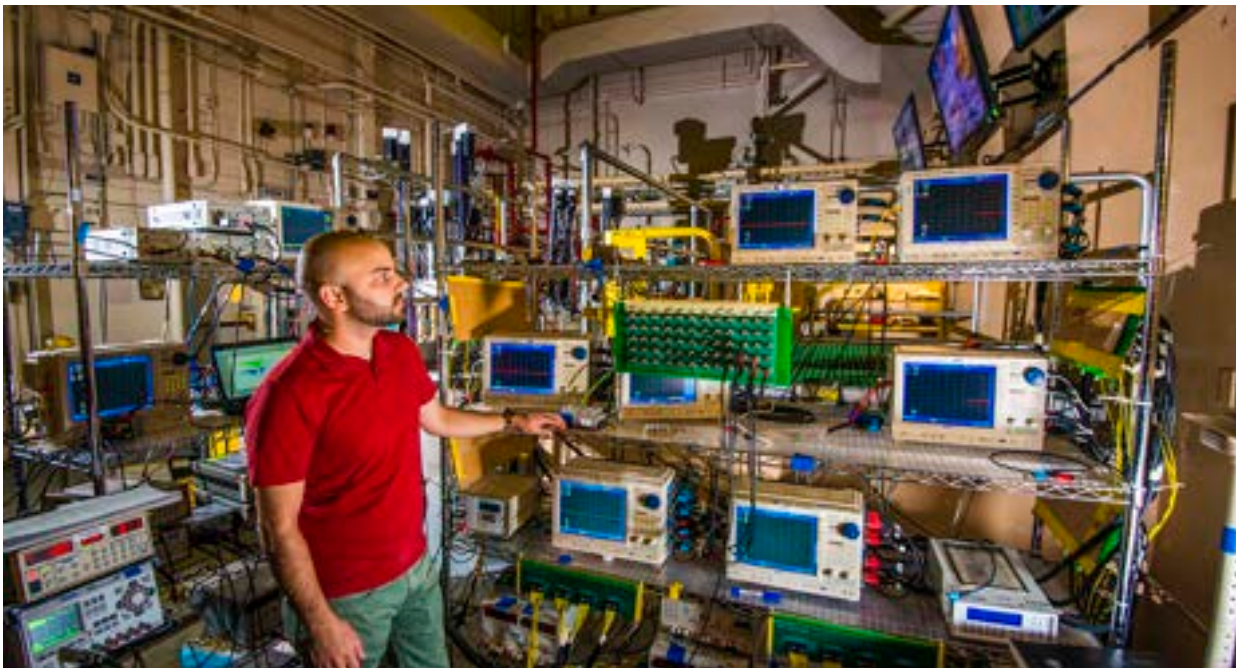
# Strengthening Our Partnership with Dominion Energy

CT State Three Rivers takes immense pride in the success of our Nuclear Engineering Technology program, which has become a premier entry-level employment pipeline for commercial nuclear power and an excellent pathway for credit transfer to four-year baccalaureate programs in nuclear engineering and health physics. This achievement would not be possible without the unwavering support of Dominion Energy.

Through Dominion's generosity, we are able to offer up to 16 full two-year scholarships annually to promising candidates in our Nuclear Engineering Technology program. These scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and a monthly stipend, along with a unique summer internship opportunity at Dominion Energy's Millstone Power Station. This comprehensive support ensures that our students receive not only a top-tier education but also invaluable hands-on experience in nuclear utility operations.

Our partnership with Dominion Energy is instrumental in providing students with the tools and opportunities they need to excel. Graduates of this program have successfully transitioned to baccalaureate programs in nuclear engineering and health physics, while others have immediately entered the workforce as highly sought-after technicians. This collaboration not only benefits our students but also contributes to the strength and innovation of the nuclear industry in Connecticut.

We are deeply grateful for Dominion Energy's ongoing commitment to the future of nuclear energy and the development of the next generation of industry leaders.



# Statements of Financial Position

Three Rivers College Foundation Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	2024	2023 (Restated)
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$404,924	\$397,481
Investments	\$6,069,585	\$5,883,772
Pledges receivable	\$61,750	\$4,926
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$6,536,259</b>	<b>\$6,286,179</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities:		
Grants payable	\$200	\$ -
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$1,350,863	\$1,345,010
With donor restrictions	\$5,185,196	\$4,941,169
Total net assets	\$6,536,059	\$6,286,179
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$6,536,259</b>	<b>\$6,286,179</b>

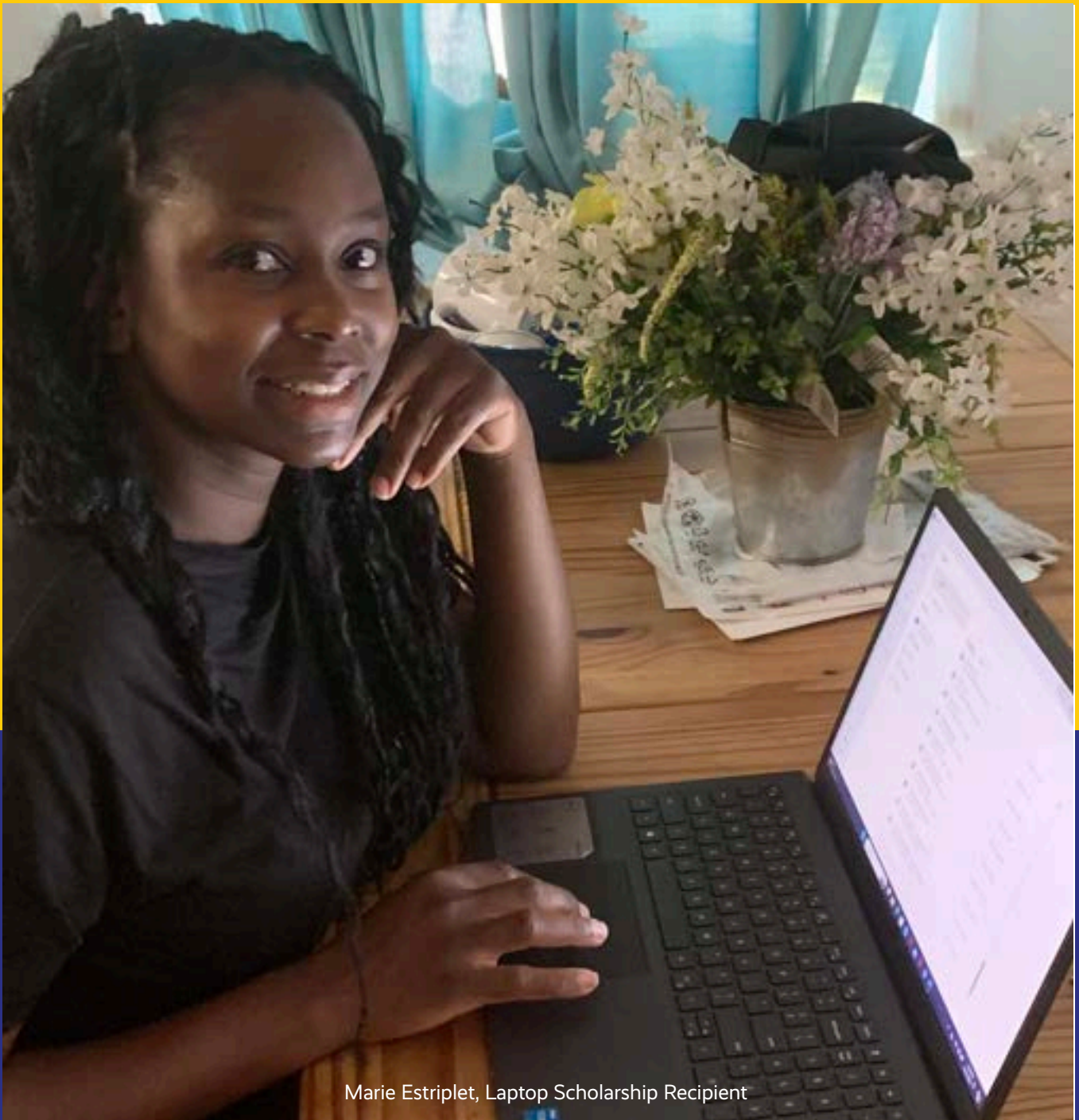
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Marie Estriplet, Laptop Scholarship Recipient



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