



2016-2017 Annual Report



Message from the President of Three Rivers College Foundation

Each time the Three Rivers Foundation Board of Directors meets, we are awed by the generosity of you – our donors. Year after year, you give generously to help students in our community on their educational journey.

This past year, the Foundation has participated in many new and exciting ventures. A highlight of our year is Scholarship Night, when we are able to provide more than \$400,000 in student scholarship aid. This year, we also began a new scholarship program that provided \$51,000 to students attending summer classes. The goal of the TRC Foundation Summer Scholarship Program is to help students who are close to graduation reach the finish line faster.

The Foundation also supports various arts and cultural programs on campus that enrich the lives of our students. Supporting faculty development is also a priority for the Foundation.

This journey could not be taken alone. The dedicated members of our volunteer Board of Directors give generously of their time, spirit, expertise and resources to grow the reach of the Foundation. Most important, we are grateful that each of you has accompanied us on this vital journey as we grow toward a stronger, brighter future together.

Thank you very much for your great support. We hope we can continue to count on you for the benefit of our College community.

Sincerely,

William A. Stanley, President / Three Rivers College Foundation

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# **Our Mission**

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.

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Three Rivers has a rich tradition of excellence in education and training the workforce of tomorrow. Our students go on to enter the local workforce, seek new careers, and transfer to four-year institutions. This academic distinction could not be achieved without the Three Rivers College Foundation.

The Foundation leverages financial gifts from generous donors, ensuring the highest level of support for our students and faculty. Your participation creates educational opportunities for our students who will go on to strengthen our community and economy.

The students at Three Rivers are our neighbors and colleagues, and, through your unwavering support, our community becomes stronger. You will find Three Rivers graduates everywhere. They care for you and your loved ones when you fall ill, utilizing the first-class training they received in our nursing program. They design buildings and survey roadways, applying the knowledge that they gain in our state-of-the-art laboratories, and they teach the next generation, implementing concepts that they learned in our classrooms.

With your help Three Rivers will continue to grow and provide academic excellence and support for students who need it most. Thank you for your generous aid and for making the education of our community a priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Ellen Jukoski, President Three Rivers Community College

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Message from the President of Three Rivers Community College

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# Adventures in Life Long Learning

The Adventures in Life Long Learning established this endowment to solidify their enjoyable relationship with Three Rivers and to encourage a new generation of learners. Annual scholarships will be awarded on behalf of the Adventures in Life Long Learning in the names of Dr. Grace S. Jones and in memory of Eugene Frank.

# **AFE Chapter 122 Scholarship**

The AFE Chapter 122 is an endowed scholarship established in 2011 that provides full tuition and fees for one year to a deserving student achieving excellence in an engineering discipline.

# Alumni Association Scholarships

These scholarships were established on behalf of the Alumni Association in 2013.

**The Children of Alumni Scholarship** is awarded to a student whose parent(s), grandparent(s) or legal guardian graduated from Thames Valley State Technical Institute, Mohegan Community College or Three Rivers.

The Alumni Association - First Year Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who achieved excellence in his/her first year at Three Rivers.

The Alumni Association - Outstanding Graduating Student Scholarship is given to a deserving student who balanced the demands of their academic and personal life while involved in College activities on campus.

# Ann M. Ahamed Scholarship

Dr. Sultan Ahamed believes that opportunities should be made available to those with strength of character and ability. His determination to improve the quality of life in this community resulted in this endowed full tuition and fees scholarship in honor of his wife. Ann.

# **Capano Family Scholarships**

Ken C. Capano is a firm believer in the ShopRite philosophy of being "partners in caring for the neighbors' families, homes and communities." The Capano family established an endowed fund to improve educational opportunities for ShopRite employees and their family members in 2008. The scholarships provide 2 students with half tuition scholarships that demonstrate a positive attitude with a drive to achieve.

# **Charles W. Kitchings Memorial Scholarship**

The Kitchings Family's philanthropy is well known, especially in the healthcare arena. Their generous and unselfish contributions have helped support the Three Rivers nursing program and its students in time of need.

# **Edward P. Lord Scholarship**

The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation established this scholarship in 2015 in honor of Edward Lord to support deserving students enrolled in an engineering discipline (preferably technical fields of engineering). The Lord Foundation supports our community and local students seeking to attend institutions of higher learning.

# Judith Cook Albright Memorial Nursing Scholarship

The Judith Cook Albright Memorial Nursing Scholarship is an endowed scholarship established in 2016 by Charles Albright to support and serve as motivation and inspiration for future nurses. Judith was a professor at Three Rivers in the Nursing Department from 2005-2016. Judy was committed to the highest academic standards for her students delivered in a caring, learning environment. Judy was known for her frequent smile and positive attitude that touched those around her on a daily basis.

# Luke J. Malek Scholarship

Luke Malek was the youngest of five children and was full of life and a joy to be around. He was a 1973 graduate of Griswold High School but passed away at the age of 18 in an automobile accident. His brother, Paul, a 1965 graduate of Thames Valley State Technical Institute and his wife Donna, established this endowed fund in his memory to provide financial assistance for other graduates from Griswold High School, giving them a chance to pursue careers in the STEM disciplines just as Luke was eager to pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

# **Endowed Scholarships**

# Mark Ballestrini Memorial Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established by Scott and Gina Donovan in memory of their brother-in-law, Mark. Mark was a well-respected, successful businessman and civic leader with a compassionate heart. Mark joined the TRC Foundation board in 2008. In 2010, he became President. Mark's desire to ensure continued success of our community college was evident in his dedication and commitment to strengthen community relations and build partnerships with other community leaders. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who exemplifies hard work and community service.

# New London County Medical Association Scholarship

The New London County Medical Association established this endowed fund in 2008 to provide scholarships to deserving students at Three Rivers Community College.

# Norwich Public Utilities Scholarship

Norwich Public Utilities established this endowed scholarship fund to support students, preferably living in Norwich, with full tuition and fees in one of the many Engineering or Business degree Programs, and who demonstrate commitment to their community by volunteering and through extracurricular activities.

# Ralph & Lillian Pelliccio Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established by Joseph, a former adjunct faculty member at Three Rivers, and Elaine, a TRCC emeritus faculty member, to honor Joseph Pelliccio's parents who were both business people and who knew the value of higher education. Joseph and Elaine hope that this scholarship supports those who wish to continue their education, particularly in the business field.

# The Joan Grove and Carolyn Krohn Endowed Memorial Scholarships

Seymour and Linda Adelman are community leaders and business people in the town of

Bozrah. Through their generous good will and in remembrance of Linda's two sisters, they funded this endowed scholarship for TRCC nursing students.

# The LaMattina Scholarships

The LaMattinas, John, a former Pfizer research scientist and executive, and Mary, TRCC emeritus faculty, have set the bar high for generous and compassionate donations. The success of Three Rivers' students is high on their list of priorities with three endowed scholarships.

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

**The LaMattina Foundation Scholarship** provides full tuition and fees to a student who despite personal challenges, has the likelihood to persist and achieve their educational and personal goals.

The John and Mary LaMattina Scholarship provides full tuition and fees and is awarded to a Humanities student who demonstrates exceptional support for peers and College.

# The VNA Nightingale Endowment Scholarship

The VNA Nightingale Endowment Scholarship was established in 2008 and is given out each year to nurses throughout the state who work in the field of Nursing. They are dedicated nurses nominated by their peers. This scholarship is given by the Visiting Nurses of SECT to honor all those presented with the award and to future exceptional nurses.

# **Veronica Cronin Scholarship**

The Cronin Family created this endowed scholarship in memory of their mother, Veronica, who was a dedicated nurse and mother of ten. It has been supported by family and friends who remember Veronica as a woman of strength and grace. The scholarship provides full tuition and fees to a nursing student who has demonstrated ability and commitment to leadership among his/her peers.



# Thank You to our Generous Event Sponsors

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Thank you for your support of the 19th Annual Golf Classic. We raised over \$40,000 and kept our expenses to a minimum while providing our golfers with an exceptional golfing experience.

The funds raised through our annual golf classic has an immediate impact on our students, many of whom are your employees, family, friends and neighbors.

Special thanks to our golf co-chairs Scott Donovan and Kathy LaCombe for their leadership and to our committee members for support of this event.

# A Few Highlights From the Day



TRC Foundation Board members Jess Wenzel and Chris Jewell team up with Brian Dudek and Andy Messier.



TRC Foundation President Bill Stanley enjoys the day with Ulysses Hammond, Perry Lorenz and Don Byles.

# 19th Annual Golf Tournament



TRC Foundation Board member Jim Austin enjoys the day with John Dolan, Scott Malgre and Brien Orienstein.



Golf volunteers Amy Main, Meghan LaCasse, Linda Champagne, Betty Baillargeon, Danielle Spada and Walker Baillargeon get ready for golfers to arrive.



Golf Committee Co-Chair Kathy LaCombe teams up with Mickey Busca, Michael Driscoll and Jeff Buebendorf for a great day.

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Golf Committee Co-Chair Scott Donovan spends a quiet moment with his mom, Nina Donovan, and friend, Susan Pochal.



Golf Committee Co-Chair Kathy LaCombe is joined by friends Heather and Dina Ballestrini.



Chris Baillargeon plays with Evan Wynn of Treat's Pools & Spas and Tom Wood and Jim Mercadante of Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.



TRC Foundation Board members Mark Tramontozzi and Chris Gauthier are joined with TRCC Professor James Sherrard and Tom McAvoy of Dime Bank.



TRCC Foundation Board Board member Trad Horner enjoys the day with Dean Fiscus, Robert Foltz and John Williams.



Dan Julian and Thomas Perra team up with Wendy Richardson and Paul Richardson for a day on the links.



Golf Committee member Karen Stearns of Chelsea Groton Bank is joined by Michael Rauh, Darlene Guillot and Tony Joyce.



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President Emerita Grace Sawyer Jones

On March 10, 2017, friends, colleagues, community leaders and local officials didn't let a blustery, snowy night keep them away from honoring the generosity and achievement of Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones.

The Three Rivers College Foundation hosted "A Dream Realized" event which raised nearly \$40,000. This exclusive sold out event honored TRCC's President Emerita Grace Sawyer Jones with the naming of the Dr. Grace S. Jones lecture hall in the main entrance of the College.

President Jones introduced the first ever Major Gift Campaign which resulted in more than four million dollars in contributions from both the College and the wider community, with the majority invested in

an endowment.

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The Grace Sawyer Jones plaque unveiling

A silent auction of Three Rivers student's art work was on display for the bidding. Dr. Jones' legacy includes the Grace Sawyer Jones Fund for the Arts, an endowed fund that supports the purchasing of art for the College. Proceeds from the auction went towards the endowed Art Fund.



Guests bidding on student artwork



"Ambition" by Sara Heikkinen

# A Dream Realized



Adventures in Life Long Learning check presentation

The evening peaked when Mary Pineault, President of the Adventures in Life Long Learning, presented a check to TRC Foundation Board President William Stanley for \$25,000 to establish an endowment scholarship fund. The fund will provide two annual scholarships in the name of the Grace S. Jones Scholarship for Excellence and the Eugene Frank Memorial Scholarship.



Grace Jones and Meghan LaCasse of the Three Rivers Advancement Office



Former TRC Foundation Board President, Carol M. Lahan

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# **Annual Fund**

While we are doing exciting things today, we are also firmly focused on the future. The generosity of our corporate partners, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and friends is what leads us there.

Unrestricted gifts are particularly helpful to the Annual Fund, or those that allow the College to allocate towards the areas of greatest need.

In recent years, a number of new endowed scholarships have been established by individuals who wish to create a legacy, recognize achievement and provide financial assistance to Three Rivers students.

The Annual Fund supports a myriad of programs and initiatives to meet industry demands above and beyond scholarships.

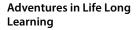
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To mail in your donation, please use the remittance envelope included in this report for your convenience.

If you have already made your gift, please accept our thanks.



The TRC Foundation awarded \$400,000 in scholarships along with College department awards at the annual Scholarship Night held Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Three Rivers Community College. Proud families of students packed the room to cheer on the scholarship recipients. These awards and scholarships recognize the talent and hard work of the students, and also provide financial support that allows them to focus on their learning and academic progress.



Colleen Casady Zanaya Holloway

# **AFE Chapter 122 Scholarship**Aaron Albee



Joan Grove & Carolyn Krohn Award -(L-R) Foundation Board Vice-President Chris Jewell, scholarship recipient Melissa Kennedy, and TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski.

# **AHEPA Scholarship**

Jeffrey Miller

# Alumni Association – Children of Alumni Scholarship

Eric Smith

# Alumni First Year Scholarship

Nataliia Romanenko

# Alumni Outstanding Graduating Student Award

Danielle Spada

# Ann M. Ahamed Scholarship

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**Backus Hospital Scholarship** (L-R) Carolyn Trantalis, Backus Hartford Healthcare; Edith Oulette, TRCC Director of Nursing; scholarship recipient Zaha Bush; and TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski



Chelsea Groton Bank Scholarship (L-R) Foundation Board member Karen Stearns; Jennifer DeLucia, Chelsea Groton Bank; and scholarship recipient Catherine Meja

# **Scholarships**

# Dime Bank Scholarship

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### Dominion Nuclear CT/ Millstone Scholarships

### 1st Year

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### LaMattina Professional Development Award

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**Veronica Cronin Scholarship** (L-R) Foundation Board President William Stanley, scholarship recipient Cassandra Stimson, and TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski



**People's United Bank Scholarship** (L-R) TRC Foundation Board member Dianne Kent, scholarship recipient Luis Delgado, Jr., and TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski



Liberty Bank Scholarship - Scholarship recipients



Adventures in Life Long Learning - Eugene Frank Memorial Scholarship (L-R) TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski, scholarship recipient Colleen Casady, and Adventures in LLL President Mary Pinault



**Dr. William DeHomer Scholarship** (L-R) Recipient Maximo Alparo and TRCC President Mary Ellen Jukoski



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# Ledyard Rotary Scholarship

Marisa Rondina

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# Luke J. Malek Scholarship

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# Mark Ballestrini Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Hess

### **Math Awards**

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# Matthew P. Hightower Memorial Scholarship

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# TRC Foundation Scholarships

Tyler Coleman Jay-Lynn Roberts Alexandra Santiago Zaha Bush

# Veronica Cronin Scholarship

Cassandra Stimson

### VNA Nightingale Award

Angela Stohlberg

Congratulations to all our scholarship and award recipients. Best wishes in the upcoming year and your future endeavors.



# Scholarship Student Spotlight

# Luis Delgado, Jr.



Luis Delgado, Jr. is a life-long Norwich resident. He graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 2015 and started at Three Rivers soon after. Since he began his college education, he has had a drive to succeed. Luis has maintained an impressive grade point average, while also working near full-time at a local bank.

"As a student at Three Rivers Community College, the amount of opportunities are endless, from the various academic courses to transfer options and student scholarships. Three Rivers provides an affordable education at an outstanding academic institution."

This past spring Luis was granted the Norwich Public Utilities endowed scholarship providing full

tuition and fees as well as the People's United Bank book scholarship through the TRC Foundation to help him achieve his academic goals.

We are proud to report that Luis is on track to graduate in the Spring of 2018 and transfer to a stellar four-year university to finish his business degree.

# **Danielle Spada, RN**



During her time as a Three Rivers Nursing student, Danielle was the recipient of scholarship funding through the TRC Foundation. She received the Kitchings Family Scholarship during her first year of the nursing program and the Alumni Graduating Student Award in her final year.

Danielle graduated from the Nursing Program in the Spring of 2017. She passed the NCLEX exam and is now a Registered Nurse.

Danielle is currently serving the community as an RN at a local rehabilitation facility. Her future goal is to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

# **EVERY GIFT MATTERS**

Your support of the TRC Foundation helps students like Luis and Danielle succeed. When you make a gift, you fund opportunities that transform the lives of students. You support scholarships that enable deserving, motivated men and women to further their education. It is not only your generous gift that matters, it is your belief in a student's ability to overcome obstacles to reach their academic goals, enter the workforce and build a better future for themselves.



# **Spotlight on Donors**

# **John and Mary LaMattina**



Dr. John and Mary LaMattina have had a long history of community involvement and their philanthropy and unwavering support of Three Rivers has led to a life-long investment in providing critical funding to the College.

The LaMattina's support three endowed scholarship funds, and recently provided significant funding to support transitional students as well as off-set the cost of embedded tutors for the Tutoring and Academic Success Center (TASC).

The professional tutors complete thousands of tutoring sessions per semester and the embedded tutors serve in a variety of intensive-level math classes that have a direct and immediate impact on our students.

# **Dominion Energy**



Our largest annual corporate partner provides 16 Nuclear Engineering full-tuition scholarships including fees, book support and a 12-week paid summer internship at Millstone Nuclear Complex. The loyal support of our education and training partners like Dominion Energy creates an environment that stimulates learning and provides our nuclear engineering students receiving this generous scholarship the opportunity of a life time.

# The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut

The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut awarded \$10,000 to provide funding for non-credit Allied Health Training Programs.

TRCC's Allied Health Programs are market-driven based on industry needs in Southeastern CT.

With the health-care industry growing, students participate in educational programs that allow them to sustain and improve their standard of living and promote future educational opportunities for themselves and their families.

# **Estate of Wilbur B. Beckwith**

The Estate of Wilbur B. Beckwith bequeathed \$297,802.56 to the TRC Foundation to provide an endowed scholarship fund for TRCC students in need. Mr. Beckwith retired from the State of Connecticut as an adjunct instructor at Thames Valley State Technical Institute.

# **The Paul Jones Trust**

Through the generosity of the Paul Jones Trust, the nursing program received an additional \$15,000. Last year, new clinical faculty were able to attend a nurse educator's workshop to enhance the knowledge and skills required to educate students in the clinical setting from funds donated. In addition, faculty attended a live workshop to develop exam item-writing skills for nursing examinations which was especially helpful in preparing students to demonstrate their ability to think critically and master the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

# The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation

The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation increased their endowed scholarship fund by \$30,000 bringing their total endowment to \$90,000! Since the establishment of the fund, the following students enrolled in an engineering discipline have been awarded scholarships; Jorge Morales (2015), William Harvey (2016), John Hoult and Aleksandr Vyatkin (2017).



# A Tribute to Judith Cook Albright

# **Nursing Lab Dedication**



(L-R) Chris Jewell, Karen and Ed Cook, Edith Ouellet, Mary Ellen Jukoski, Charles Albright and Princess Cook Norris

The Three Rivers College community joined family and friends on May 3, 2017 to witness the dedication and plaque unveiling of the Judith Cook Albright Nursing Lab. The newly dedicated nursing lab honors the life, memory and career of Judith Albright. Charles Albright worked with the Office of Institutional Advancement to establish the endowment which has exceeded \$60,000. Donations continue to come in from friends and family across the country, all to honor her legacy.

Chris Jewell, Vice-President of the Foundation board, stated, "You know success in life is measured

in many different ways, but to me the most valuable indicator of a successful life is the legacy you leave behind you. I can see that Judith made a positive impact on many people and as a result is leaving behind her a legacy that is true to her beliefs and values. Her family and friends recognized these beliefs and values and in turn have done thier part to ensure her legacy will live on. We hope that naming this lab in her honor will also help to ensure that this legacy will span future generations."



Plaque unveiling

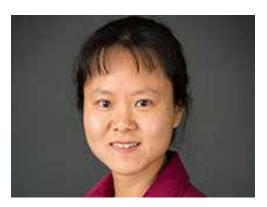


# What a Wonderful Gift for the Nursing Department



The Nursing Class of 2016 provided \$1,200 in scholarship money to help 15 students pay for the NCLEX review course. This course includes a standardized pre-exam that predict the likelihood of a candidates' ability to pass the national licensing exam.

# Dr. Laura Qin, Director of Institutional Research



In 2016, through the TRC Foundation's Title III grant, Dr. Qin attended the annual Northeast Institutional Research conference in Maryland. At the conference, Laura presented findings from her research, which investigated the impact of TRCC's multiple-measures placement process on students' academic success.

Well attended and received, the presentation demonstrated an excellent example of Institutional Research using data to inform decision-making and promote institutional success. In addition, this annual conference showcased a wide range of best-

practices, research projects, new ideas and key insights employed by Institutional Research professionals at institutions across the Northeast region.

The Northeast Conference provided great ideas on how to maximize efficiency and accuracy for the Three Rivers Institutional Research office, how to provide useful and simple dashboard tools, and how to better assess several ongoing programs such as developmental education redesign and Guided Pathways to Success. "I am grateful for the opportunities provided by the Foundation. Three Rivers is setting student success as one of its major goals in the next strategic plan. Funding provided by the TRC Foundation has allowed me to learn best practices in the field of student success. Such knowledge will help me build better tools and provide more useful information to advance the College's efforts in promoting student success."



The Three Rivers community extends our sympathy in memory of the following TRCC and TRC Foundation alumni, family and friends.

**Toivo Anderson**, beloved father of Lillian Rafeldt, Professor of Nursing at Three Rivers Community College, passed away on September 3, 2016.

**Alfred Adrien Belanger** passed away on February 25, 2017. Alfred was a 1984 graduate of Mohegan Community College, earning an associates degree.

Laura M. Bradley passed away on January 13, 2017. Laura was a lifelong learner and prior to receiving her masters' degree earned her associates degree in marketing management with honors from Mohegan Community College and attended Thames Valley State Technical College in mechanical engineering.

**Susan Celeste "Sue" Coggins** passed away on February 26, 2017. Sue graduated from Mohegan Community College.

**Robin Faulise** passed away on January 28, 2017 and was a graduate of Three Rivers Community College.

**Statia Maria Gwudz** passed away on Febuary 15, 2017. Statia was a life-long learner and in her spare time took numerous courses at Mohegan Community College and earned her Associate's Degree.

**Diane Elizabeth Haigh** passed away on August 17, 2016. Diane received a degree in nursing from Mohegan Community College.

**Milton Francis Hill** passed away on January 21, 2017. Milton worked at Three Rivers Community College for 30 years until his retirement.

**Katherine White-James** passed away on October 9, 2016. Katherine graduated from Three Rivers on the dean's list with an associate degree and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

**Joseph R. Kroll** passed away on February 4, 2017. Joseph earned his Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science Technology from Three Rivers Community College.

Mary J. LaRochelle passed away on May 29, 2016. Mary was the beloved mother of Edith Ouellet, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers Community College.

**Joseph Roger Marien** passed away on November 22, 2016. Joseph was the treasurer of the Mohegan Community College Foundation. **Robin Ann Miller** passed away on February 2, 2017. Robin attended Mohegan Community College.

William F. "Bill" Muenzner Sr. passed away on August 28, 2016. Bill was the beloved father of Edwin Muenzner, Professor of Accounting at Three Rivers Community College,

Joan Payne Platner passed away on March 28, 2017. Joan was the beloved mother of Sharon Lincoln, Student Support Specialist at Three Rivers Community College

Three Rivers Community College adjunct instructor, **Nataliya Plesha-Tereshchenko**, wife of Yaraslov Tereshchenko, passed away on July 21, 2016.

**Edward Charles Ruley** passed away on February 28, 2017. Edward was the beloved brother of Terri DeBarros, Student Services Processing Technician at Three Rivers Community College,

**Stephanie Turowski** passed away on December 26, 2016. Stephanie earned her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Three Rivers.



### STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK

In an effort to keep alumni and friends informed about the college, we encourage you to share news about your achievements, personal or professional, job, marriage, and/or children so we can share with alumni and friends. Our Facebook page can be reached at threerivers.edu/FBalumni. Photos can be sent to: bbaillargeon@trcc. commnet.edu or call 860-215-9043.



# **Alumni + Donor Spotlight**

# **#IAMTRCC** — Edwin R. Muenzner



"I am an Accounting Professor at TRCC, a business owner (CPA) in the local community, and a TRCC Alumni.

A back injury at a paper mill brought me to TRCC to pursue a new career. While I was a student at TRCC, I was juggling school and family and trying to make ends meet financially.

Attending TRCC was one of the best decisions of my life. I received my A.S. in Business here. I transferred to Eastern Connecticut State University and received my B.S. in Accounting. Then, I received my CPA license, and graduated from the University of Hartford with an M.S. in Accounting and Tax.

I have been teaching accounting classes at TRCC for over 20 years and have seen many students who have juggled school, family and finances as I once did."

Ed is the owner of Edwin R. Muenzner CPA, LLC located in North Franklin, CT. As a testament to the Three Rivers Community College education, he is proud to say that 13 of his 14 employees have attended or graduated from Three Rivers.

Ed co-founded the **Matthew P. Hightower Scholarship** in memory of his colleague Matt Hightower who was a tenured faculty member at Three Rivers. The annual scholarship is awarded to a deserving student achieving excellence in the area of public accounting with a desire to become a certified public accountant.

"Through scholarships and special funding, the TRC Foundation works with the College to meet the needs of our students. It is our responsibility as a good citizen to give back to the local community. When you give to the TRC Foundation, you make a difference in the lives of the students, you are making a difference in the local community, and that is a great feeling."



TRCC students in Managerial Accounting



Professor Edwin Muenzer teaching Managerial Accounting



# Three Rivers College Foundation Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2017 and 2016

2017

2016

	2017	2016
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$508,095	\$540,335
Investments, at fair value	\$4,641,713	\$3,943,284
Pledges receivable, (no reserve)	\$61,500	\$2,000
Total assets	\$5,211,308	\$4,485,619
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Deferred revenue	\$14,800	\$17,575
Total liabilities	\$14,800	\$17,575
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 224,310	\$207,506
Temporarily restricted	\$ 2,053,547	\$1,804,731
Permanently restricted	\$ 2,918,651	\$2,455,807
Total net assets	\$ 5,196,508	\$4,468,044

The Finance & Investment Committee acts on behalf of the Foundation Board to provide immediate oversight of the investment of the financial assets of the Endowment. The committee works closely with Dime Investments and our investment managers, Manning and Napier, to preserve and grow the endowment through prudent investment strategies.

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** 

### **Finance & Investment Committee Members**

\$4,485,619

Jim Austin	Bill Sweeney
Chris Gauthier	Jesse Wenzel
Chris Jewell	
Chris Soto	Ex-Officio
William Stanley	Betty Baillargeon

\$ 5,211,308

The TRC Foundation's audit is conducted by Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.



# Thames Valley State Technical Institute

**Class Of 1968** 

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION!

# Save the Date - May 23, 2018

Plans are underway for the Thames Valley State Technical Institute Class of 1968 to join in Commencement activities on Wednesday, May 23, 2018! See old friends, get a tour of Three Rivers and join in Commencement activities as honored guests. So join us at the Fireside Room in TRCC's Library Three Rivers on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Meghan LaCasse at mlacasse@trcc. commnet.edu.

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