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In 2017-2018, approximately half of Monroe Community College's 15,600 students enrolled in degree and certificate programs relied on public funding to attend college. Federal and state grants only go so far, leaving students and families struggling to cover the full cost to attend, including books, housing, food, child care, etc.

MCC Foundation Launches \$50 Million Campaign for Scholarships

Scholarships make a significant difference to MCC students — impacting students' abilities to earn a degree or certificate in a timely manner and with little to no debt. In 2017-2018 alone, 3,058 students applied for MCC Foundation scholarships, but less than one-third received the philanthropic support they needed.

On October 1, the Foundation announced its \$50 million *Every Bright Future Needs a Strong Foundation* campaign. One of the largest ever pursued by a community college, the campaign will engage alumni, corporate partners, private foundations, past benefactors and others to help ensure all students have access to the scholarship

support they need to earn a degree or certificate at MCC.


To date, \$39.5 million has been raised. The total includes alumni Robin '80 and Timothy '80 Wentworth's historic \$4 million gift that was announced in conjunction with the campaign launch. The Wentworths serve as the campaign's honorary chairs. (See article below.)

"With the initial response we have received from those who are passionate about this initiative, we are confident we will achieve our campaign goal," said Gretchen Wood, CFRE, chief advancement officer and executive director of the MCC



MCC students thank Robin and Timothy Wentworth for their gift of \$4 million to help kick off the MCC Foundation's *Every Bright Future Needs a Strong Foundation* campaign. MCC named its arts building in the couple's honor.

Foundation. "We thank Robin and Tim for motivating others to help the thousands of MCC students who need scholarship support in order to earn a college credential and establish a strong foundation for life."



The Altrusa International of Rochester, N.Y. Inc. Scholarship through the MCC Foundation is helping student-veteran Timothy "Bernard" Butler work fewer hours in order to concentrate on his studies and family. His goal is to earn his associate degree in hospitality management.

Wentworths Give Back to MCC, Rochester

Robin and Timothy Wentworth's \$4 million gift to the MCC Foundation, the largest in the college's history, will expand the Wentworth Family Endowed Scholarship program at MCC to provide full scholarships to 100 MCC students each year. The gift surpasses the Wentworth's previous gift of \$2.25 million.

As Timothy Wentworth said to an audience of alumni, students, employees and supporters at the

Every Bright Future Needs a Strong Foundation campaign launch, "MCC opens doors that might otherwise be closed to talented students. Robin and I know firsthand the value of scholarships and the MCC experience. We are changing the lives of others through our involvement in MCC and our investment in scholarships."

Timothy Wentworth is president and CEO of Express Scripts, a Fortune 100 company, and a member of the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame.

Scholarships, Grants, Jobs Make College Possible for Victoria Cappon

Receiving a Time Warner Communications Endowed Scholarship for new students made



MCC even more affordable for Victoria Cappon (pictured left) of Irondequoit. A music performance major and

student leader, Victoria also relies on Pell and Tuition Assistance Program grants and two on-campus jobs to cover expenses. She lives on campus to overcome transportation issues.

With her sights set on earning her associate degree and transferring to Nazareth College in 2019, Victoria is determined to avoid taking out student loans. Through her work in MCC's financial aid and student life offices, Victoria knows overcoming financial barriers, including food insecurity, is a major challenge for some MCC students.

"As soon as I started school here, I changed," Victoria said. "I found out I love being organized and having a plan. ... I always wanted some sort of independence. MCC is helping me transition."




The MCC-educated workforce adds approximately \$737.9 million in income to Monroe County each year. New York state taxpayers see an average annual rate of return of nearly 15 percent on their support for MCC.

(Source: Emsi, November 2016)

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Depending on a student's housing choice, the cost of an MCC education is approximately \$13,000 to \$17,600 per year for New York state residents. The estimated cost includes tuition, fees, books/supplies, transportation, housing and food.



Monroe Community College Foundation

For the fifth consecutive year, the MCC Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to MCC students in 2017-2018.

To support the *Every Bright Future Needs a Strong Foundation* Campaign, visit www.monroecc.edu.

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