Our City – Our Path

Foundation Report 2007-2008

Community College of Philadelphia
Our City – Our Path is highlighted by profiles of the 2007–2008 Community College of Philadelphia Foundation Scholars (pictured above). Look for the “Foundation Scholars: Our Paths” sidebars to learn more about the students recognized for their academic achievements, which were accomplished despite significant barriers encountered on their paths to possibilities.

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## Latrice Davis

An unplanned pregnancy required Latrice Davis to drop out of school during her first semester. Nine years later, seeing her older sister graduate from Community College of Philadelphia gave Davis, now mother to two daughters, the motivation to go back to college. After living paycheck to paycheck and holding many “odd jobs,” Davis is working toward an associate’s degree at the College in Computer Information Systems – Information Technology option. Davis aspires to work as a corporate computer specialist and go on to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees in her field.
As we consider the impact of Community College of Philadelphia Foundation’s mission and accomplishments over the last year in Our City – Our Path, we remember the lessons of interconnectedness taught by Dr. Martin Luther King, who said, “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.” This eloquent sentence can be used to illustrate the undeniable interdependency that exists among Philadelphia’s citizens, its business community, and its lone public institution of post-secondary education – Community College of Philadelphia.

Across our City, in boardrooms, living rooms and classrooms, awareness is growing that, to a great extent, we will succeed or fail together. While we take heart knowing that the College ranks fourth in the nation among two-year institutions in granting associate’s degrees to African-American students, there still exists great cause for concern.

Though Philadelphia is home to some of the finest colleges and universities found anywhere, only 14 percent of Philadelphians have earned a bachelor’s degree, ranking our City 92nd in college educated residents among the country’s 100 largest cities. Not surprisingly, more than 60 percent of Philadelphians are considered low literate, negatively impacting their ability to succeed in the fundamental arenas of higher education, job competition and career advancement. And, just 55 out of every 100 City residents are working or looking for work – leaving us 96th among the largest cities in the country for labor force participation.

These often-quoted, sobering statistics emphatically underline the vital nature of our efforts to support the College’s remarkably diverse student body, which represents individuals from a wide range of backgrounds. Continuing to provide external resources to support the College’s mission is paramount to our City’s competitiveness, strength and success. We are grateful to the thousands of individuals and organizations recognized in Our City – Our Path for their contributions to our mission, as we work to ensure there continues to be an open-admission path to higher academic and career possibilities in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Curtis
President
Community College of Philadelphia

A.E. Piscopo
President
Community College of Philadelphia Foundation
About the College

At a time when studies show that current and prospective local employers are sorely challenged to find skilled, problem-solving employees, Community College of Philadelphia provides the City’s most accessible path to post-secondary education. The largest institution of higher education in Philadelphia and the sixth largest in the state, the College also is the largest single point of entry into higher education for minorities in Pennsylvania.

With offerings of more than 70 degree and certificate programs with day, evening, weekend and online classes held at our Main Campus, three Regional Centers and more than 20 neighborhood and corporate locations, the College served nearly 35,000 students last year. More than 581,000 individuals have studied at the College since it opened in 1965; nearly 70 percent of graduates in transfer programs continued at four-year institutions.

Additional critical indicators – budget, expenditures and institutional payroll – further illustrate the impact the College has on the City and region. The College’s $114 million operating and capital budget in 2007–2008, $42.8 million in expenditures for goods and services and an annual payroll of more than $64.4 million demonstrate the College’s position as an economic powerhouse.

Mission

Community College of Philadelphia is an open admission, associate’s degree-granting institution which provides access to higher education for all who may benefit. Its programs of study in the liberal arts and sciences, career technologies and basic academic skills provide a coherent foundation for college transfer, employment and life-long learning. The College serves Philadelphia by preparing its students to be informed and concerned citizens, active participants in the cultural life of the City, and enabled to meet the changing needs of business, industry and the professions. To help address broad economic, cultural and political concerns in the City and beyond, the College draws together students from a wide range of ages and backgrounds and seeks to provide the programs and support they need to achieve their goals.

Foundation Scholars: Our Paths

Kimberly Curlik-Zapata

Her father’s sudden death brought about adult responsibilities for Kimberly Curlik-Zapata, who was just 12 at the time. Mental illness and severe financial difficulties marked her late teenage years, and an unsuccessful first attempt at attending college at Penn State University resulted in further “life detours.” Yet her dream to become a published author and college-level teacher, although delayed, never died. Encouraging the arts in others through creation of a nonprofit publishing company is Curlik-Zapata’s ultimate goal. Now a 4.0 student at the College, full-time employee at Drexel University, member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Earth Alliance club, Curlik-Zapata is well on her path.
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About the Foundation

Developing resources to ensure students at Philadelphia’s only open access College have the programs and funds they need to succeed is the Foundation’s primary mission. The volunteer leadership and staff have worked to grow the Foundation’s assets from $2.8 million to $6.3 million over the last seven years and nearly doubled the amount raised through the Annual Fund. During that same period, the number of planned gifts has increased thirtyfold, while the number of scholarship programs available to students grew by 140 percent.

Mission

The Community College of Philadelphia Foundation enhances and enriches the educational experiences of Community College of Philadelphia students by providing external resources to support the College’s mission. As the private funding development arm of the College, the Foundation seeks to support the College’s mission by bringing together community leaders who will serve as ambassadors of the College, broadening the College’s image within the community. The Foundation serves the College by creating partnerships with individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations to raise private gifts for scholarships, instructional equipment, professional development and capital needs of the College.

Judah Ciervo

Judah Ciervo’s interest in “the effect of movement modalities, therapies and communication on the psychopathology of violence” seems like a natural fit for this mixed martial arts athlete. Having survived a number of violent crimes, Ciervo is certified both as a professional martial artist competitor and a corner man to other competitors. After completing an associate’s degree at the College, Ciervo will transfer to Penn State University’s College of Health and Human Development and work toward both bachelor’s and doctorate degrees in the field of kinesiology. He hopes his research will contribute to the urgent issues surrounding violent behavior and benefit the development of human populations.
Diego Martin Chiri

Diego Martin Chiri grew up in a country that placed little or no value on his “field of dreams,” but that did not dissuade him.

From Lima, Peru, Chiri moved to Philadelphia to study Liberal Arts on his path to becoming a film director and moviemaker. The cultural differences he encountered in the City of Brotherly Love were many, but the greatest challenge was learning English. “My desires to reach my goals and my intentions to triumph helped me to overcome these barriers.” Today, Chiri takes particular interest in helping the College’s international students navigate their new City and academic home as a Student Ambassador.

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George W. Nise graduated from Temple University in 1964 and went on to Wisconsin University School of Bank Administration. He began his career as a Pennsylvania senior bank examiner until he joined Beneficial Savings Bank in 1970. Nise led Beneficial to expansion in the local communities to better serve its customers through outstanding service and a “hometown” presence. In January 2007, he retired as president and CEO of the bank.

Nise has been very involved in the community, including affiliations with the American Heart Association, Police Athletic League, Citizens Crime Commission and the Hero Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia. He is a member of several boards, including Holy Redeemer Health System, Holy Family College, Pennsylvania Association of Community Banks and the Comprehensive Learning Center. He assists in the banking community by working with the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, the Financial Managers Society and the Bank Administration Institute, among others. In 2007, he joined the Community College of Philadelphia Foundation Board of Directors.

Nise’s community service has led him to be the recipient of several honors and awards, including the Eagles Fly for Leukemia Corporate Recipient in 2001, the Police Athletic League award in 2004 and the CYO Hall of Fame Award in 2007.

Sandra Robinson

Working with her husband to raise their two daughters and the subsequent adoption of sisters with disabilities provided years of welcome detours to Sandra Robinson’s pursuit of her dream to become an American Sign Language interpreter. Despite a relocation to Lancaster County and the associated financial and commuting burdens, Robinson enrolled in and followed through with the College’s American Sign Language/English Interpreting (INT), and the realization of her long-held goal is in reach. She appreciates working with deaf people to “encourage and assist them as they seek to overcome barriers of daily life, whether they’re due to disability, communication, literacy or loneliness.”
Scholarships, ongoing professional development of faculty, updating technology and fostering learning through innovative projects are the crucial priorities established for funds raised in annual giving. These initiatives are central to maintaining access for students who are committed to improving their lives and those of their families through higher education.

Annual Fund
Through a yearly direct mail campaign and phone-a-thon, the Foundation asks alumni and friends of the College to support its mission. Reports of faculty and students’ successes emphasize the unique case for support of Philadelphia’s largest public institution of higher education. Unrestricted contributions to the Annual Fund allow the Foundation to provide resources where they are most needed, when they are needed most.

Almost 800 individuals responded to requests for support of the annual fund with gifts totaling more than $168,000 in 2007-2008. The Annual Fund is an essential aspect of the College’s mission-driven commitment to accessibility. If you would like to participate in the annual fund, visit www.ccp.edu/AnnualFund/ or contact Louisa Wilson, associate director of Annual Fund, at lwilson@ccp.edu or 215-751-6344.

Annual Giving
Foundation Scholars: Our Paths

Kenneth DeWitt became disabled and unemployed when an accident left him unable to perform his job after more than four decades as an electronics/engineering technician. The resulting subsistence on welfare and social security disability, and alcoholism landed him in a mandatory rehab program where he discovered the TRIO Veteran’s Upward Bound program at the University of Pennsylvania. “They helped me discover my passion for writing and to see that there could be success in my life, with education as the key.” Today, with three years of sobriety, DeWitt is working to become a technical writer in the field of electronics.

Annual Fund Growth

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Vietnam veteran Kenneth DeWitt
Special Events Fundraising

4th Annual Set the Pace to Educate 5K Race, Walk and Pooch ‘n’ Pal Stroll
Nearly 300 students, faculty, staff, volunteers and friends of the College gathered at the entrance to Martin Luther King Drive Saturday, Oct. 20, for the 4th Annual Set the Pace to Educate 5K Race, Walk and Pooch ‘n’ Pal Stroll. More than $20,000 was raised for scholarships and programs that benefit students at the College.

Pathways Breakfast
The College and Foundation hosted an awards event on Dec. 13 to honor individuals and organizations who had shown extraordinary dedication to students and educational endeavors. The first-ever Pathways Breakfast, held at the Down Town Club, brought together more than 280 members of the College leadership, friends and supporters. The Bonnell Award, established in honor of the College’s founding president, Dr. Allen T. Bonnell, recognizes profound commitment to access, opportunity and transformational change. The inaugural award was presented to Bill Cosby, Ed.D. Additional honorees included Cecilia Yep and the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation, Kal Rudman and the Kal and Lucille Rudman Foundation, Bill Knott and Wachovia Corporation, alumnus Paul Gluck, and Barbara M. Cohen and the Hassel Foundation. The award-winning CBS 3 reporter and College alumnus, Robin Mackintosh, served as emcee. More than $45,000 was raised to benefit students.

3rd Annual Online Auction
Thanks to more than 100 bidders and nearly 200 in-kind donations, the Foundation’s 3rd Annual Online Auction raised nearly $12,300 to benefit students at the College. Faculty, staff, Foundation Board Members, alumni, retirees and friends joined in the auction action. Bargain hunters from as far away as Ohio, New York and California joined forces with local people interested in “bidding for good.” From dining and spa gift certificates to Hummel figurines, lunch with the College’s president, tickets to concerts and a gift certificate for a zipline tree canopy adventure tour, the auction offered something for nearly every taste or interest. Articles in the Philly Metro and on CampusPhilly.org helped the auction audience reach new heights.
Student Scholarships

In 2007–2008, more than 880 students were supported with $1.4 million in scholarships administered and granted by the Foundation and Office of Institutional Advancement. A wide range of criteria were used to award these funds, including:

- Community service
- Academic achievement
- Barriers overcome on the path to higher education
- Curriculum of study
- Transfer to a four-year institution

Scholarship Highlights

Theresa Y. Nhu Vuong Flynn Memorial Scholarship

The first-ever Theresa Y. Nhu Vuong Flynn Memorial Scholarship was awarded last spring to student Thuthuy Nguyen. Enrolled in the Early Childhood Education curriculum, Nguyen volunteers as an assistant teacher in her neighborhood. A ceremony was held in May to remember Flynn and to recognize Nguyen’s achievements. In attendance were Flynn’s widower, Desmond Flynn; Dinh Chinh, president of the Vietnamese Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Arlene M. Yocum, vice president of the Foundation Board of Directors; faculty members from Early Childhood Education; and members of Philadelphia’s Vietnamese community.

Theresa Y. Nhu Vuong Flynn was a faculty member in the Early Childhood Education department who passed away in 2007. The highly respected and much-loved volunteer, organizer, philanthropist and activist lived in Philadelphia and often traveled to her homeland to help those in need.

Piscopo Family Scholarship

The Piscopo Family Scholarship was established to support a student in a business curriculum at the College. Though many may recall finding a passion that translates to a career later in life, Allison Walton-Jones remembers loving numbers from the age of three. That childhood appreciation led the 2008 recipient of the scholarship to pursue a degree in Accounting, a pursuit which started when she first became a post-secondary student at the University of Technology in Jamaica – a path that was cut short when she encountered financial obstacles. Having completed an associate’s degree more than 20 years after her first attempt, Walton-Jones plans to earn a bachelor’s degree and become a Certified Public Accountant.
Ryllindis Fualem
A master’s degree in Nursing and service to the young and sick as a neonatal nurse have been the focus of Ryllindis Fualem’s career aspirations since middle school. As she studies to become a registered nurse on her ambitious educational path, the balance between working to provide for her family, caring for her children and completing classwork has been challenging. A child care assistance grant helps Fualem as she works to achieve a career that will mean a good income and security for herself and her family. She looks forward to performing her job with “compassion, love, dedication and professionalism.”

Kathryn J. Engebretson Scholarship
Established by the William Penn Foundation and a private donor, the Kathryn J. Engebretson Scholarship funds tuition, fees and the cost of books (up to $10,000) for a student who is returning to college after at least a two-year absence to earn an associate’s degree. Stacie Gaskin, a 32-year-old mother of six, dropped out of high school in 11th grade and later earned her GED. Employed by the Philadelphia School District, Gaskin has long dreamed of furthering her education so that she can become an educator. The Engebretson scholar plans to continue her studies by transferring to Temple University to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

Foundation Scholars: Our Paths

Ryllindis Fualem
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Growing ideas and supporting the pursuit of scholarly works are part of the mission of the College Foundation. The Foundation Mini-Grant Program is a critical resource to meet these goals. Beginning with their first grants in 1996, the Foundation has awarded $280,841 to 123 projects led by full-time faculty, administrators and staff. More than $30,000 was provided in 2007–2008 to support 10 projects. They include:

African Diaspora Speakers Series
Ardencie Hall-Karambé
Bringing life to the African Diaspora experience through presentations from scholars, writers and educators, this speaker series also serves as a tool to introduce the new Liberal Arts – African Diaspora Studies Option. The program communicates to the College and the community-at-large a cutting edge, multidisciplinary field of study that allows students to explore different cultures.

Art and Justice Display and Presentation
David Freeman and Kathleen M. Smith
This mini-grant supported the opening reception and other related expenses for “Art for Justice,” a pair of art exhibits depicting relevant societal issues around matters of justice. Held during the Ninth Annual Law and Society Week, portraits of murder victims by various Philadelphia artists literally gave faces to the victims of lethal violence, who are most often learned about through objective news stories. The points of view of incarcerated individuals, particularly those serving life sentences in Pennsylvania prisons, were presented in the second exhibit.

Capstone: Geriatric Evidence-Based Practice Nursing Conference
Daniel D. Cline and Carol Moriarity
Expanding senior nursing students’ knowledge of evidence-based practice and geriatric care is the goal of this project. It will improve competence and skill with health care informatics, develop collaboration, communication and team building skills and hone their self-concept of the professional nurse. Students will research and critique literature on geriatric best practices to develop professional poster presentations.
Reginald Nkesa Hagan

“Son, nothing in life is guaranteed, but an education lays the foundation for hope and prosperity.” A wise father’s words echo in his son’s ears many years after they were first spoken, thousands of miles from Reginald Hagan’s Ghanaian homeland in Western Africa. One of eight sons and an orphan before he came to the United States, Hagan is working toward a master’s degree in Finance and establishing his own accounting firm. He will complete his associate’s degree in Accounting at the College next spring as the first step on his career path. “I aspire to use my knowledge and expertise to encourage and empower, as well as to ignite the passion in others that burns in me.”

Student Attendance of a Professional Archaeology Conference

Stanley Walling

The ongoing development of professional archaeology as a nascent area of instruction at the College and as a field of employment were the motivation for participation in an annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology last March in Vancouver, British Columbia. Two Community College of Philadelphia students, who had previously participated in Assistant Professor Stanley Walling’s summer field school in Belize, joined 3,000 archaeologists from the United States and Canada to learn about projects taking place all over the world. Discovering how data from the field is interpreted and presented and how archaeology is organized by academic institutions, museums and professional archaeological firms were additional benefits for the students.

Enrichment of Creative Writing Program: Student Attendance at AWP Conference

Kelly McQuain and Simone Zelitch

Attendance at the Association for Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) convention in New York City last winter and the enrichment of the resources offered in the College’s Creative Writing certificate program were underwritten by this mini-grant. Guided by two creative writing instructors, eight students, who had completed most of the program’s requirements, participated in an array of workshops, panels and readings. The convention brought them into contact with luminaries, including authors John Irving, Frank McCourt and Joyce Carol Oates. As part of the project, students selected materials about the publication process and career and transfer opportunities for writers for use in future classes and the College’s Career and Transfer Center. Students shared what they have learned with the College community through a series of presentations and a weblog on the program’s Web page. In addition, student participation in the convention increased the visibility of the College’s Creative Writing certificate program on both the regional and national levels.

Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Certification for Nursing Faculty

Carolyn Bartsch, Patricia Rexer, Ann Russo and Laureen Tavolaro-Ryley

As the College continues to develop its role as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence, nursing faculty will demonstrate their expertise in nursing education by obtaining CNE certification. The mission of the Academic Nurse Educator Certification program is to recognize excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator. Funding supported attendance of seven nursing faculty at a CNE review session in preparation for the certification exam.
Emerging Leader’s Summit

*Claudia F. Curry*

Last April, “A Leadership Development Program for Current and Emerging Leaders” brought together dozens of students with highly respected presenters in the field. The conference served as a forum to exchange ideas centered on leadership as an inclusive process that supports multiple viewpoints and empowers the participants to succeed academically and professionally. The summit highlight was a presentation entitled “Leading from the Front” by keynote speaker Vernice Armour, the nation’s first female African-American combat pilot. The summit promoted the concept of leadership as a principle that is centered upon values of self-knowledge, personal accountability, valuing others and integrity.

Academic Credit for Study Abroad: Geography and Environmental Conservation in Belize

*Chris DiCapua and Margaret Stephens*

The primary goal of this project is to expand opportunities for the College’s students and broaden their global and cultural horizons through a new study abroad credit program in Belize, Central America. Students will complete up to six academic credits, including predeparture orientation and instruction followed by an intensive 15-day experience at field stations of the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in Belize.

Restoration of Mosaic Tile in Mint Building

*Craig Weintraub*

Continuing the preservation and restoration of the architecture of the former U.S. Mint Building that now serves as the center of the College’s Main Campus is the focus of this mini-grant. This project is one component of the Mint Building restoration project that the College has undertaken. This phase of the restoration focuses on restoring the main hallway and lobby of the Mint Building to their original splendor through the repair of the mosaic tile, installation of a replica clock in the Rotunda and replacement of a console bracket in the Rotunda.
Helping children who have been through traumatic family experiences understand that they can become productive members of society has been Dawn Donaghy-Warren’s passion and a motivating goal in her career choice. Her own struggles in a dysfunctional family with mental illness, drug abuse and an absence of role models shaped her goal to open a community center with on-site counseling for at-risk children. At the College, Donaghy-Warren is working toward an associate’s degree in Behavioral Health and Human Services and plans to continue her studies at Temple University. “I will encourage kids in my programs to do the right things with their lives.”

Deliberative Polling Student Training
Julie Gurner, Kathleen M. Smith and Nicole Vadino
The primary thrust of this project is the preparation of students to act as moderators and facilitators for the community-wide deliberative poll on the issue of marriage that will take place this fall. Carnegie Mellon University, the College’s Center for Law and Society and three other institutions are co-sponsoring the poll that will look at statewide views on the issue of marriage. The grant goal is to train 15–20 students to serve as moderators and facilitators for the poll and to develop two College faculty as project leaders.

Frederick W. Capshaw Memorial Fund
Former College president Dr. Frederick W. Capshaw spoke often of his vision of “a college that was academically excellent, a community characterized by a welcoming and supportive environment for students and employees, technological responsiveness and efficiency in offering education for a changing world.” The Frederick W. Capshaw Memorial Fund was established to advance Dr. Capshaw’s vision of educational diversity at the College in perpetuity.

Diversifying International Education: Field Archaeology in Belize, developed and implemented by Stanley Walling, was funded by the Capshaw Memorial Fund. The purpose of this project is to provide financial support for College students to participate in the Rio Bravo Archaeology Field School in Belize, Central America. In addition to expanding students’ intellectual horizons, the field school experience provides an opportunity for these students to directly experience and contribute to the scientific process by assisting in testing archaeological hypotheses through field research. Connecting and sharing the field experience with students from a variety of backgrounds has the potential to substantially expand awareness and help students see themselves in a larger cultural context.
Corporate Initiatives and Special Projects

Fundraising Events

Major Donor Annual Recognition Event
Major donors to the Annual Fund Campaign, College Trustees, Foundation Board Members, faculty and employees of Community College of Philadelphia gathered at the Arden Theatre last June for a reception and performance. During the reception, three students from the College described the dramatic impact receiving scholarship funds had on their academic paths. Following the reception, guests enjoyed a production of Thornton Wilder’s classic *Our Town.*

President’s Leadership Breakfast
On a late-spring morning, alumni joined College president, Stephen M. Curtis, and members of the Office of Institutional Advancement for a President’s Leadership Breakfast. Guests learned about recent institutional achievements and future plans and saw the College’s award-winning video. Alumnus Joseph T. Heard, ‘07, joined student and Foundation Scholar Kimberly Fuller in describing the opportunities they have experienced as a result of their studies at the College.

A single plastic bag held every single thing Kimberly Fuller owned when she moved to Philadelphia at 42. Having survived homelessness and addiction, Fuller’s immediate goal was simply a better life. With no job, she dared not dream about attending college. After five months of living in and volunteering with a recovery program, she was ready for the challenge. “I became excited about my new life and decided to go to college, in spite of not having set foot in a classroom for over 20 years,” said Fuller. An associate’s degree in Behavioral Health and Human Services is the first step on her path to a master’s degree in the field. “I have two children and two grandchildren, and I want to inspire them to reach for the top, no matter what the circumstances and who their critics may be.”

Foundation Scholar
In Memory of Almarin Phillips

Kimberly Fuller

From left, Kimberly Fuller; Harold Burnett; Karon Kanze; Joseph Heard, II; Dotty Hillman; Larry Farmbry; Joseph Heard; and President Stephen M. Curtis
Wanamaker Scholars Program

The Wanamaker Scholars Program, which last year celebrated its seventh anniversary as a partnership between the College and the Wanamaker Institute of Industries, has served more than 500 unemployed and underemployed City residents. The program provides free education and training to eligible Philadelphians. Last year, some 82 students completed training to become pharmacy technicians, nurse aides, medical billing and coding specialists and phlebotomists. A partnership with the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation helps participants in the program secure employment after completion of the training.

Wanamaker Spotlight: Shaniece McGriff

Forced to drop out of Community College of Philadelphia when she first enrolled due to a high-risk pregnancy, Shaniece McGriff found herself underemployed and uninspired. Now the mother of a four-year-old son, McGriff was looking for a secure career when she learned about the College’s Phlebotomy training and the Wanamaker Scholars Program. McGriff’s monthly income rose from $700 to as much as $2,000 after she completed the program and was hired at the Methodist Hospital division of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. After two months of employment, both patients and other health care professionals regularly request McGriff when they need blood drawn. “The challenge of finding a vein is fun – especially when I’m told it can’t be done,” said McGriff.

Richard Potter

After running away from a family where alcoholism and abuse were all too present and dropping out of school in the eleventh grade, Richard Potter traveled the debilitating road to substance abuse he originally tried to escape. When an injury derailed his work in the field of maintenance, Potter was encouraged to rethink his career to avoid physical labor. Now, with more than 14 years of sobriety, the single father of a 17-year-old son is studying Facilities Management, which he finds both interesting and rewarding. “No matter how much I knew, every day it seems like I learn something more.”

Shaniece McGriff

Foundation Scholar

In Memory of Almarin Phillips
Foundation Legacy Circle

Planned gifts continued to play a growing role in ensuring that future generations of students will find opportunities in post-secondary education at Community College of Philadelphia. From outright gifts of cash or assets and bequests to endowed gifts, planned gifts are recognized on the Foundation’s Wall of Remembrance:

40th Anniversary Endowment
Anonymous (five)
Philip J. Antonucci
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Edmund N. Bacon
Ruth Holmes Bacon
Jacquelyn Bader
Sandra Lynn Barnett
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Center for Law & Society
Hal Lane Chesler
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Haas Charitable Trusts
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Sandra E. Klein
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Lavine Foundation
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Minority Education Initiative
One Book Endowment
Pathways International Student Travel Endowment
Pearson Education Book Fund
Susan Piergallini
Piscopo Family
Sylvia Hayre Randolph
Anne P. Ritter
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Scholarship for Human Services Endowment
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Wachovia
Doris Weiss Fund
William Penn Foundation
Nochem S. Winnet

Wei Hou

The enormous hurdle of learning English – especially medical terminology – and the profound financial challenges that face international students have not diminished the memories that drive Wei Hou. Patients suffering and in misery in the Chinese hospital where her parents were doctors left her feeling “heavy with sorrow and sympathy.” These memories regularly drive her to work 20 hours on essays that might take a native English speaker two hours. They are motivating Hou to complete all the prerequisites for a career in health care and her transfer to Thomas Jefferson University.
Grant Funding

Each year, the College is awarded upwards of $6 million in grant funding. The importance of those dollars, and the partnerships they represent, cannot be overstated. Through relationships with federal, state, local, private and corporate funding sources, Community College of Philadelphia is able to serve countless students with an extraordinary range of highly innovative programs.

From increasing the number of nurses with geriatric specialties and helping students with significant barriers succeed in college to providing child care stipends for single parent-students, grant-funded programs are vital to maintaining true accessibility at the College. Below are highlights of three of the 44 grants received in 2007–2008.

TRIO Upward Bound
U.S. Department of Education

The College’s third TRIO Upward Bound grant, this program annually provides 60 eligible high school students with the academic skills and motivation necessary for persistence and completion of secondary and post-secondary education. The College partners with five high schools in the School District of Philadelphia to deliver supplemental instruction, tutoring, counseling and transition programs.

Undergraduate Study in Turkey
Institute for Turkish Studies

The Institute of Turkish Studies funded a two-week summer study abroad experience in Turkey for five students. Goals for the program included enhancing students’ understanding of the culture and civilization of the Middle East and working cooperatively with Turkish and Turkish-American institutions to promote understanding and friendship among Turkish and American citizens. Students and their teachers experienced a number of diverse communities and historic sites in Istanbul and the north coast of the Anatolian Peninsula, including the Hippodrome in Istanbul and the Trojan Horse in Troy.

Annenberg Classroom Constitution Project
Annenberg Foundation at Sunnylands

From lands as diverse as Russia, Haiti, Columbia and Morocco, students came together in the Annenberg Classroom Constitution project, which incorporated civics education and understanding of democratic institutions into English as a Second Language (ESL) curricula. Students improved their English skills while learning the historical and political events that contributed to the formation of the United States, as well as learning the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation.
Federal Government

National Institutes of Health
Bridges to the Baccalaureate/Temple University
Bridges to the Baccalaureate/Research Models for Change

National Science Foundation
Alliance for Minority Participation for the Greater Philadelphia Region (AMP Phase III)

U.S. Department of Education
African Studies
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)
Tech Prep Demonstration Project
Title III Strengthening Institutions
TRIO Student Support Services
TRIO Upward Bound

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Scholarships (Nursing) for Disadvantaged Students

State

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Act Now/Act 101
Adult Basic Education and Literacy Education (ABLE)
New Choices/New Options
Perkins Post-secondary Local Plan
Tech Prep Partnership

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS)

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
Workforce Advancement Grant for Education (WAGE)

Local

City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services
Achieving Independence Center Computer Literacy Program

Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation
Articulated Collegiate Nursing Career Ladder
PRAXIS Workshops for Teacher Certification Program
Wanamaker Program Coordinator

School District of Philadelphia
Dual Enrollment Program

Carl Laguerre

Carl Laguerre left Haiti – where fewer than 10 percent of high school graduates are able to attend college – to study nursing with a dream and a plan. He could not have anticipated the death of his sponsor’s husband just a month after arriving in the United States. His sponsor’s diminishing health and the loss of one of her jobs further impacted Laguerre, who may not seek employment based on his status as an international student. He continues to persevere, was accepted in the College’s Nursing program, expects to earn a Ph.D. and ultimately to teach. “I remain determined because I believe that education is the best way someone can be helpful to himself, his family and his community.”
Kwok Li

With two children studying at Penn State University and his own dream of becoming a computer specialist, Hong Kong native Kwok Li recognized that earning a post-secondary degree is essential to providing for his family. The difficulties of maintaining a household and paying for three tuitions motivated Li’s wife to return to Hong Kong to work there temporarily, despite the pain of separation. Li expects to follow in his children’s footsteps at Penn State University after he completes his associate’s degree in Computer Information Systems at the College. Working part time and carrying a 13-credit semester while maintaining a 4.0 cumulative grade point average have been manageable, though he is keenly aware of the sacrifices made to attain his goals. “I believe my academic advancement can benefit my whole family.”
Gifts to the College

- Abbott Diagnostics donated an Abbott AxSym Immunology Analyzer to the College’s Clinical Laboratory Department.

- Bernice Alexander, an employee of the College, donated artwork to the College consisting of one watercolor by Frank Galuszka, three prints by Itzak Sandusky and two Japanese prints.

- Bernie Cleff, a friend of the College, donated a Fuji Film 4900z digital camera and related equipment to the College’s Photographic Imaging department.

- Pat Kenschaft, a friend of the College, donated a book to the College titled *Math Power: How to Help Your Child Love Math Even If You Don’t*.

- Brad Mills, a friend of the College, donated two Minolta 35 mm film cameras, an extra lens, bag and filters to the College’s Photographic Imaging department.

- Donald Scott, Sr., assistant professor of English at the College, donated a book he wrote to the College library, entitled: *Camp William Penn (Images of America Series)*.

- Strategic Transitions, Inc. donated a complimentary copy of WordQ and SpeakQ software to the College’s Center on Disability.

- The Theatre Communications Group donated to the College a box set containing hardcover editions of ten plays titled “The August Wilson Century Cycle.” The donation was made possible by a grant from The Heinz Endowments.

Foundation Scholars:
Our Paths

Gilbert Perez

Traveling a perilous path from addiction to recovery motivated Gilbert Perez’ first academic steps 37 years after dropping out of high school. The youngest of six children, Perez was dealing with addiction by age 17. Factory work and homelessness led Perez to treatment in several programs and, once he was clean and sober, volunteering to help other addicts. Earning an A.A.S. degree in Behavioral Health and Human Services will allow him to work toward bachelor’s and master’s degrees. “Entering College was initially overwhelming, but with the help of wonderful teachers and the motivation to succeed, I earned my GED, developed new skills and a whole new world opened up to me intellectually.”

Other

Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, Inc.
VA Program

Philadelphia Job Corps Life Science Institute
Advanced Career Training (ACT)/Off-Center Training (OCT) Program

Turkish American Friendship Society of the United States
Turkey 2008

Turkish Coalition of America
Turkish Workshop

University of Pennsylvania
Pipeline for Promise
Expanding Possibilities: The Campaign for Community College of Philadelphia

As demand for high-quality, accessible post-secondary education has grown exponentially, the College has developed ambitious plans to meet those needs. To assist the College, the Foundation has launched its first-ever capital campaign, Expanding Possibilities. The Foundation is seeking $10 million in public and private support to meet the $85 million cost of expanding facilities and programs at the College’s Main Campus and Northeast Regional Center.

The Main Campus expansion includes the creation of a new Pavilion building to house the College’s Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs, Welcome Center, student and staff dining, an expanded bookstore, and seminar and meeting rooms. Renovated space in the existing Mint and Bonnell buildings will provide space to house a one-stop Student Services Center, consolidating all of the College’s enrollment services. The Northeast Regional Center expansion project will double the size of the current center and allow the College to offer a wider set of course offerings and more degree program opportunities.

Below, major donors, Sandra E. Klein and Richard Downs, describe their motivations for supporting the campaign.

Why I’m Walking This Path — Sandra E. Klein

The first faculty member to give a major donation to the Foundation's capital campaign started teaching at Community College of Philadelphia in 1968. Sandra E. Klein began her tenure at the College in the former Snellenberg Department Store, which had been transformed into the College’s first campus. Over the ensuing 40 years of instruction in the Office of Administration curriculum, she worked with thousands of “ESL students, and those with disabilities and academic challenges, as well as those who just needed a kind word, and ultimately, a good job.”

The decision to make a significant gift in support of the Faculty and Staff Dining Room in the new Pavilion Building “fits like a glove.” The recent retiree and her husband, Burton Klein, frequently enjoy dining out together, along with indulging their other passion—travel. While the Kleins originally planned to leave a bequest for the College, they chose to make their gift while they could enjoy the results of their contribution. “I would say to other retirees, faculty and administrators who are considering giving to the capital campaign, ‘if you love and have enjoyed the College, you must want to give back.’”
Why I’m Walking This Path—Richard Downs

When his guidance counselor at John Bartram High School suggested Rich Downs join the Army in 1965, the Philadelphia native took the advice, but applied to Temple University, Penn State and Drexel just to see if he would gain entry. All three denied Downs admission and, while waiting for activation in the service, he got a job working at Acme. The chance passing of a promotional banner announcing the opening of Community College of Philadelphia at 11th and Chestnut streets “changed my life,” says Downs. “I went from college rejection letters to studying with some of the most inspiring teachers I could ever have hoped to meet.” In fact, Downs established a scholarship endowment named for his mentor at the College, Dr. Edward Anderson.

After graduating with an A.A.S. in General Business, Downs went to Drexel for a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, completed his MBA in Finance and passed the certified public accounting exam at Temple. Downs’ path moved from staff accountant at Price Waterhouse & Company, then onto chief financial officer and board vice chairman at American Foodservice Corporation. Today, Downs serves as a member of the Community College of Philadelphia Foundation Board.

“Among other things, my experience taught me that two-year colleges everywhere are the best opportunity for people to elevate their lives – for themselves and their families. There are no comparable institutions or organizations that consistently allow folks in nearly every financial circumstance or academic history the chance to take a new avenue or grow significantly on the path they’ve chosen,” says Downs. “It’s a hand up – not a hand out.” Rich is supporting the College’s first capital campaign by making a leadership gift and serving on the College’s campaign steering committee.

Michelle Rodgers

One of the first important lessons Michelle Rodgers learned in the halls of Community College of Philadelphia, some 20 years after graduating from high school, is that “it is never too late to start something new.” Studying nursing fulfills a number of dreams in her life – from accomplishing a childhood goal, securing a decent paying job to help sustain her family and helping “people heal physically, mentally and spiritually.” After completing her prerequisites at the College and going on to earn a bachelor’s degree, Rodgers plans to complete a master’s degree in Nursing Administration or work as a registered nurse practitioner.