

EMBRACING *Change*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2024





On the cover: "Northern Lights" by Alumna Skyler Scampoli

Be the change that you wish to see in the world. MAHATMA GANDHI

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

When Columbia-Greene opened its doors in September 1969, the country had entered “The Age of Aquarius” — a time of unprecedented change and seismic shifts in culture, science, and politics. That summer, the first students enrolling at the College had witnessed The Stonewall Rebellion in New York City, the Apollo 11 moon landing, the first commercial flight of the Boeing 747, and the legendary gathering of a generation demanding peace, equality, and a reimagined future at the Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

Indeed, that was a time when the old ways of thinking were being challenged, and new possibilities seemed within reach. Thinking about these moments today reminds us that change, while often unsettling, embodies the very engine of progress needed to secure the vibrant and sustainable future of Columbia-Greene Community College.

Launched at the beginning of the 2022 academic year, *Change Matters*, the College’s Strategic Plan, set forth five goals – advancing student success; strengthening academic programs; fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion; increasing enrollment; and upgrading information technology – and provided the blueprint for embracing new perspectives and the transformations needed to reinforce the mission, vision, and values that have been the hallmark of a Columbia-Greene education for the past 55 years.

During 2024, the College underwent significant changes detailed in the pages of this *Annual Report* that affirm an invigorated commitment to tackle the rapidly shifting landscape of higher education – declining demographics, the eroding public perception about the value of a college degree, the Artificial Intelligence revolution, and the ever-evolving needs of the local workforce. Simply put, change matters. In the words of Peter Drucker, “The enterprise that does not innovate ages and declines. And in a period of rapid change such as the present, the decline will be fast.”

Carlee Drummer, Ph.D.

President



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IN THE CLASSROOM

*Education is the most powerful weapon you
can use to change the world.*

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ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS

Center for Innovation, Teaching, and Learning



A major milestone in 2024 was the grand opening of the Center for Innovation, Teaching, and Learning (CITL) in a dedicated space within the Arts Center. With generous support from the Columbia-

Greene Community College Foundation, CITL provides a dynamic hub for transformative teaching practices in the classroom, and professional development and collaborative learning outside the classroom. Varied and diverse programs each week connect the College community, inspiring excellence and fellowship.

Four faculty members accepted appointments to serve as the founding CITL Fellows for the 2024 – 2025 academic year: Dr. Nicole Childrose, Dr. Stacey Hills, Professor Matthew Kenny, and Professor Joe Scampoli. They will focus their efforts during this start-up period to further the mission of the Center; strengthen instructional

technologies; build equity in student outcomes; engage faculty in professional growth and pedagogy development; foster research capacity; and use insights from academic assessment for continuous improvement of the student experience and academic programming.

Guided Pathways

The College began developing a plan that re-envisioned the curriculum to form clearly defined and articulated pathways that will help students stay on track to graduation and then transfer to a four-year institution or enter the job market.

Automotive Technology Reaccreditation

Automotive Technology once again received the coveted Master Automobile Service Excellence (ASE) Training Program accreditation from the ASE Education Foundation. This honor celebrates Columbia-Greene's resolute commitment to promote the ASE strict standards of excellence in instruction, facilities, and equipment in the automotive classrooms and labs.

Tiny Houses Reprise



During the fall semester, Building Construction Technology students enrolled in the Construction Drawings and Blueprints class worked with Columbia-Greene “clients” who shared their visions

for a particular kind of Tiny House. In early December, 16 students presented final blueprints and renderings for these imaginary 8’ x 30’ dwellings to their clients. The variety was amazing – from spaces without a sleeping loft or a kitchen to a Food Truck! Assemblymember Didi Barrett stopped by the College to hear some of the presentations and offered high praise for the students’ work. For the third year, the Tiny Houses constructed by the students will be auctioned, with the proceeds supporting the Building Construction Technology Program. In 2024, the Tiny House auctions generated \$59,000.

New Visions Classes

Questar III / Donald R. Kline Technical School’s New Visions Program in Business, Finance, and Marketing—a one-year honors-level class for motivated high school seniors that meets at Columbia-Greene—hosted a panel discussion in the spring with several College administrators to learn about different career options in higher education. Students from Cairo-Durham, Catskill, Chatham, and Ichabod Crane High Schools participated and asked insightful questions such as, “What do you like most about your job?” and “How do you handle challenging situations?” Several of these students continued their education at the College in Fall 2024.

In September 2024, Questar III / Donald R. Kline Technical School added a New Visions Program in Medicine. Students selecting this option learn about careers in a variety of medical professions and spend time in clinical settings such as critical care, emergency medicine, oncology, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, and surgery.

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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

There is nothing permanent except change.

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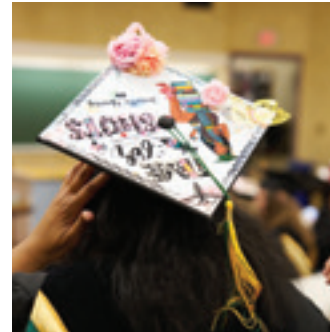
INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

At the conclusion of the Spring 2024 semester, the Board of Trustees passed a Resolution delegating the College to develop an Institutional Sustainability Plan (ISP) that provides a blueprint to secure the vibrant and sustainable future outlined in the current strategic plan, mindful of the constantly changing landscape of higher education and the local economies. The ISP provides direction for accomplishing five strategic goals:

- 1 **Ensure Fiscal Sustainability;**
- 2 **Invest in Health Professions Education and Programs;**
- 3 **Promote Innovation and Enhance Teaching and Learning;**
- 4 **Develop an Academic and Student Success Master Plan; and**
- 5 **Scale Non-credit Programs and Improve Alignment with For-credit Programs.**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Commencement Festivities 2024



Columbia-Greene proudly saluted the Class of 2024 during its 54th Commencement ceremonies at the College on May 11. Todd Traver, a United States Army Brigadier General and a 1993 nursing alumnus,

delivered an inspirational message to the graduates. Later in the month, the College celebrated the students in the Greene Correctional Facility and Green Haven Correctional Facility who completed their associate's degrees. In all, 273 graduates received diplomas and/or certificates.

At the beginning of May, the Alpha Beta Gamma and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies inducted 13 and 41 students respectively. These two organizations recognize students who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. Graduating members of these two groups proudly donned their special stoles for the Commencement ceremony.

The Nurses' Pinning Ceremony on May 7 – the first in-person celebration since 2019! – saluted 50 students who earned their associate's degree in nursing. Dr. Dorothy Urschel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Memorial Health, delivered impassioned greetings to the graduates and talked about her own journey in nursing.

Academic Divisions Restructure

Shortly before the conclusion of the spring semester, the Office of Academic Affairs restructured the number of Academic Divisions from six to four. This reorganization provides greater efficiency, enhances interdisciplinary conversations, and will stimulate academic innovation. The new Divisions are Arts and Humanities; Business, Mathematics, and Technology; Natural and Social Sciences; and Health Professions.

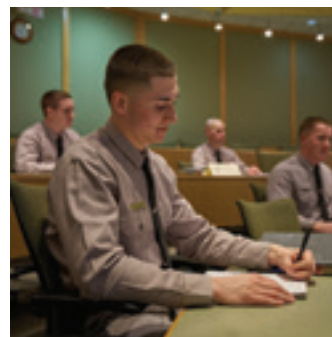
Academic Council

Columbia-Greene formed an Academic Council to enhance governance, increase communication and transparency across departments, and ensure key stakeholders consider decisions. The Council also takes an active role in monitoring compliance and adherence to the standards for accreditation.

Credit for Prior Learning

Part of a SUNY-wide initiative, the Office of Academic Affairs reviewed and updated the College's policy and processes for granting Credit for Prior Learning (CPL). CPL plays a key role in widening participation in academic offerings for special populations such as adult learners, Veterans, and incarcerated individuals as well as creating more defined pathways for non-credit students.

Police Basic Training Program



Four students graduated from the second class of the Police Basic Training Program. Three of the four are Columbia-Greene alumni, and all are employed by either the Greene County Sheriff's Office or the Catskill Police Department.

Spotlight on the Use-of-Force Simulator



Channel 13's TV News Anchor and Reporter Kumi Tucker visited the campus to produce a news story about the Use-of-Force-Simulator Training Room, a distinctive campus resource managed by

Professor Emeritus Bill DeLuca to support the criminal justice program as well as local law enforcement agencies. The College's Deputy Sheriff, Joe Bruno, provided the first demonstration focused on a burglary in progress. Reporter Tucker asked dozens of questions about the other training scenarios available and conducted interviews with Professor DeLuca, Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf, Greene County Sheriff Peter Kusminksy, and Hudson Chief of Police Mishanda Franklin. She ended her visit by taking part in an active shooter exercise with Sheriff Krapf. Since its opening in 2021, more than 200 law enforcement officers from Columbia, Greene, and Albany Counties—and beyond—have taken advantage of this unique facility.

Leader College Distinction



Achieving the Dream (ATD), the prestigious national network comprising some 300 community colleges, recently designated

Columbia-Greene a Leader College. This esteemed honor recognizes the amazing progress the College has made since 2021 to pursue and meet challenging goals to advance student success. Dr. Karen Stout, President of Achieving the Dream commented, "Leader Colleges are exemplars of excellence within the ATD Network. They are driving accelerated gains . . . that effect substantive improvements for students, families, and the communities they serve. Their dedication and hard work both inform and inspire other colleges, and we admire them for their work."

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Mascot Madness

The Office of Student Engagement (formerly the Office of Student Activities), along with members of the Student Senate, launched Mascot Madness, an inclusive campus-wide project to explore the possibility of adopting a new mascot that accurately reflects the ethos of Columbia-Greene. Tilt36T, an advertising firm in Albany, led the creative process with students; distributed surveys; and conducted numerous focus groups with administrators, faculty, staff, and alumni to gather information about the College's history, values, mission, identity, and more. Given the overwhelmingly positive response, a new mascot will be "revealed" in a special ceremony.

Persistence Program

At the beginning of the Fall 2024 semester, the Office of the Dean of Students inaugurated a Persistence Program for students experiencing academic and economic challenges. These students receive holistic support services such as financial assistance, individualized success coaching, financial literacy training, and onboarding activities.

Accessibility Services

The Office of Accessibility Services participated in the annual Student Empowerment Day in Albany. A number of Columbia-Greene students and staff attended this important event to raise awareness with elected officials about the increased numbers of college students with disabilities across the State of New York and advocate for increased funding in the budget.

In late April, Accessibility Services welcomed high school students from Catskill, Hudson, Red Hook, and Taconic Hills to the 10th annual "It's All in the Planning" Conference. This summit provides the opportunity for soon-to-be graduates to hear guidance about navigating the transition to college.

Phi Theta Kappa Accolades

At the beginning of 2024, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) named Columbia-Greene a REACH Chapter "for achieving exceptionally high rates of membership acceptance during the 2023 calendar year". This milestone recognizes the College's commitment to create an environment that encourages learning and success and enhances the lives of students by providing recognition for their academic achievements and engagement with the community.

Focus on Wellness

During 2024, Columbia-Greene opened a Wellness Center and engaged a Certified Mental Health and Spiritual Director, Erik Swift, who is a staff member at the Columbia County Mental Health Center. On campus four days each week, he provides counseling and emotional support for students and employees alike.

The Office of Health Services actively engaged the community offering vaccine and blood pressure clinics, classroom presentations on timely health care topics, lunch-hour yoga, and an interactive program about self-care for higher education professionals.

The CARES Team reached out to some 265 students identified through direct referrals and the Early Alert Program to assist learners by addressing potential risk factors to their academic success.

BELONGING AND EMPOWERMENT

Women's History Month

Dr. Shea Butler, the author of *Better, not Perfect* and the Founder/CEO of StrathERGies LLC, facilitated a workshop, "Values, Purpose, Strategy: Turning Passion to Action". The interactive session enabled participants to determine their "wheel of life"; identify their values; find their "ikigai"

(the Japanese concept for 'reason for being'); and ultimately set goals "that align with value and purpose". Dr. Butler strives to "develop authentic leaders and teams to drive positive, sustainable change".

International Human Rights Day

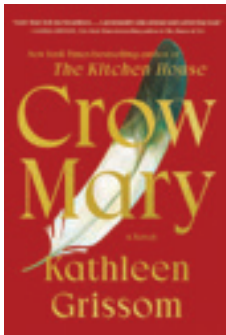


UNITED NATIONS

The Center for Innovation, Teaching, and Learning sponsored an International Human Rights Day discussion on December 10, the day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration in "response to the atrocities witnessed during World War II". Featured panelists included Shantha Thangiah, President of the United Nations Association's Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter; Ilgu Ozler, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY New Paltz and a Board member of Amnesty International; and Dr. James Turpin, Chief of the United Nations' Prevention and Sustaining Peace Section in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Common Read Selections 2024

Three books inspired the campus community to join the Common Read initiative hosted by the Library. Jacqueline Woodson's *Red at the Bone* kicked off the Spring 2024 semester with readers exploring its themes of race, identity, family, and generational dynamics. The novel weaves the lives of two families from diverse backgrounds residing in Brooklyn into a compelling and complex story about love and legacy. Woodson also exposes the violent history of the 1921 Tulsa massacre.



Two novels punctuated the Fall 2024 semester: Kathleen Grissom's *Crow Mary* and Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*. Grissom's enriching – and profoundly disturbing – novel about cultural identity, resilience, and justice sparked much discussion. The College's bibliophiles relished the opportunity to meet the author via Zoom, and during the hour-long program, Grissom discussed her experiences gathering information over two decades before bringing *Crow Mary*'s story to life. Coates' work also prompted thoughtful conversations about race, identity, and the Black experience in America.

Black History Month Celebrations

The IDEA Committee sponsored two engaging programs during Black History Month. Jordan Taylor Hill, a transformative artist known for “inspiring cultural curiosity and artistic exploration”, led the “African Drumming Workshop” that demonstrated the rhythm and spirit of Africa and its diaspora.



Faculty members Carl Nabozny and John Santana staged “Harmonic Heritage: A Deep Dive into Black Music History”. During the program, attendees learned about the earliest music performed by enslaved Africans known as “Field Hollers”. A form of communication and entertainment “to combat the tedium of field work”, these songs morphed into Spirituals and eventually launched the development of a wide range of genres including ragtime, gospel, jazz, blues, and rap.

Both of these cultural events paid homage to African music's rhythms, instrumentation, vocal techniques, and cultural significance that have been crucial in shaping the course of global music history, from the roots of Western popular music to contemporary global genres.

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*The more that organizations embrace change,
the more they will thrive . . .*

RICHARD BRANSON

PARTNERSHIPS

Grants

- At the beginning of the semester, the State of New York awarded Columbia-Greene \$175,000 for mental health resources (\$100,000) and support for health care programs (\$75,000).
- The College received two SUNY grants: \$65,000 to support Prison Education Program operations at the Greene Correctional and Green Haven Facilities and \$21,000 for enhancing simulation support for nursing.
- The Office of Career Success and Experiential Learning obtained \$15,000 from the Columbia Economic Development Corporation and \$2,500 from Mid-Hudson Fiber to support the 2024 cohort of Advantage Scholars who receive career coaching and experiential learning opportunities from local employers.
- Receiving a \$500,000 grant from the ECMC Foundation, SUNY disbursed \$12,050 to Columbia-Greene to support FAFSA completion for new and continuing students. With this funding, the College launched a marketing campaign to promote FAFSA Completion Workshops every Tuesday evening during the Fall semester to help prospective students and their

families navigate the financial aid paperwork maze. Currently the College's completion rate is 68 percent, well above the national average of 51 percent.

Environmental Field Station Renovation



At the beginning of November, Greene County hosted the re-opening of the College's Environmental Field Station along the Hudson River in the Cohotate Preserve. Thanks to the \$1.2 million funding

provided to the County through DASNY, the extensive renovation project included adding climate control, plumbing, and high-speed internet, upgrades that enable Columbia-Greene to now use the facility year-round. Discussions are underway to expand class offerings in art, biology, environmental science, river ecology, and more.





Columbia Memorial Health

Hoping to bolster the nursing workforce, the Columbia-Memorial Health Foundation awarded academic scholarships to 10 Columbia-Greene first-year nursing students. Students will receive up to \$10,000 per year and in return must agree to work at the Hospital for at least two years after earning their Associate's Degree in Nursing.

Career Connections

Throughout 2024, the Office of Career Success and Experiential Learning offered career workshops for students pursuing opportunities in various fields. The Olana Partnership continued its summer internship opportunity for a student interested in the arts. New

internship partners include the Frisbee Agency, Greene County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Forest Owner's Association. SUNY also provided support stipends for students selected for internships with the Columbia County District Attorney's Office.

College-in-the-High School

The College-in-the-High-School (CITHS) program continued to attract increased numbers of students. CITHS enables academically eligible students in Columbia and Greene Counties to earn college credit while still in high school – at one-third of the regular cost per credit. The program motivates students to continue their academic journey and successfully transition to Columbia-Greene or a four-year college or university.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

GED Testing Site

Shortly before Spring Break, Columbia-Greene officially became a GED Testing Site, providing a space in the Professional Academic Center where those without a high school diploma can take and pass examinations in four academic subject tests and receive a Certificate of High School Equivalency. This addition to the campus provides the only GED Testing Site between Kingston and Albany.

Greene County Family Planning

Greene County Family Planning staged a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of its satellite center in the Professional Academic Center. Students, employees, and other community members are now able to receive required physical examinations on campus instead of going to their primary care physicians. The organization also dispensed vaccines and flu shots every week through the fall semester.

Spreading the Love

The Office of Student Engagement contributed more than 70 Valentines to New York Senator Michelle Hinchey's card drive that delivered some 3,000 "messages of love" to area senior citizens and Veterans living in nursing homes.

"Mastodons, Mohicans, and More!"



Professor of English Gregg Berninger, the Ghent Town Historian, engaged local history buffs with a one-hour illustrated talk, "Mastodons, Mohicans, and More!" at the Chatham Public Library. His presentation explored the

pre-1818 years "before Ghent was even Ghent" with three big questions: "What became of the Mastodons and the Mohicans?" "How did the European settlement evolve?" And, "How common was slavery during that period?"

Legislative Breakfast

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Legislative Breakfast in early spring. Guests of honor included New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblymember Didi Barrett, and Columbia County Supervisor Matt Murell. The elected officials discussed critical issues affecting Columbia County including affordable housing, agribusiness, childcare, climate change, food insecurity, the Cellular Mapping Act Bill, and more.

NEW TRUSTEE

Susan Timan joined the Columbia-Greene Board of Trustees in September 2024. The Vice President, Marketing Director, and Corporate Secretary of The Bank of Greene County, Trustee Timan is a life-long resident of Greene County who earned an associate's degree from Columbia-Greene, a bachelor's degree in marketing communications from Roger Williams University, and an MBA and MPA from the College of Saint Rose and Marist College respectively. Beginning her nearly two-decade tenure at the Bank as a teller, she completed the Manager Trainee Program and then assumed positions of increased responsibility in the marketing department while also serving as the Corporate Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Peter J. Markou, a Columbia-Greene Community College Trustee for five years, passed away in July 2024. Formerly of North Adams, Massachusetts, he served as President of North Adams Community Development Agency for six years and was a Professor at North Adams State College for 24 years. He relocated to Catskill in 1996, and served his community in a number of capacities including Economic Developer/Director for Greene County; Executive Director for the Hudson Development Corporation; Town Supervisor in the Town of Catskill; and Greene County Treasurer. A Veteran who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965 - 1967, he earned a PhD in Economic Development from Richmond American University London.



Best Value College

Research.com released its annual ranking of U. S. Colleges and recognized Columbia-Greene for being one of the Top Five Best Value Colleges in New York and one of the Top Ten Best Value Colleges in the Northeast! These prestigious rankings stem from four key factors: affordability, student satisfaction, strong academic outcomes, and return on investment. This honor reflects the College's unwavering mission and commitment to provide an educational experience that is accessible, affordable, and life-changing.

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IN PHILANTHROPY

*The best way to predict the future
is to create it.*

PETER DRUCKER



COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

During 2024, the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation raised \$1,367,170 to transform the lives of traditional-age and adult students, career changers, and lifelong learners who seek an educational experience that can open doors for personal and professional growth. Heartfelt thanks to the generous donors acknowledged in this report who provided the vital support that helped make higher education more accessible.

CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM

The Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation helped embrace change by investing more than \$500,000 to support the College's upward trajectory:

- \$100,000 for the Student Persistence program that includes the CARES Team, a cross-disciplinary group of administrators, faculty, and staff charged with keeping students on track to achieve their academic goals.
- \$118,000 for equipment upgrades and aggressive marketing to attract more students to the Automotive Technology program thereby helping combat the acute shortage of auto mechanics in the Capital District Region.

- \$175,000 in start-up funding for the Center for Innovation, Teaching, and Learning (CITL). As noted earlier in this report, CITL opened its doors in September 2024. A dynamic hub for transformative teaching practices, professional development, and collaborative learning, CITL offers weekly programs to inspire and spark conversations that lead to meaningful changes inside and outside the classroom.
- \$150,000 to underwrite the College's first Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. This new leadership will guide the expansion of academic offerings in health care fields and establish a new Health Sciences Hub.





INCREASING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Greene County Cares Fund

The Greene County Legislature again voted unanimously to grant \$100,000 during 2024 to continue its investment in the Greene County Cares Fund. Since 2020, this fund has provided tuition assistance for 353 Greene County residents seeking to enroll in credit or non-credit classes.

Building Construction Technology Program Grant



For the second year, The Spark of Hudson provided comprehensive funding for underserved students enrolled in the Building Construction Technology program that covered tuition, fees, books, and tools.

Catskill Rotary Roger Lane Scholarship

The Catskill Rotary endowed a \$15,000 scholarship to honor the late Roger Lane who served the 102-year-old Club for more than 50 years. The funding will benefit a student pursuing a career in health care.

Laptop Loan Program

Through its laptop loan program, the Foundation assisted students without a computer who are unable to access the College's computer labs.

Other Noteworthy Gifts

- The Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation contributed \$500,000 to support 148 students who needed financial assistance. This gift continues the organization's generosity that began a number of years ago.
- A gift of \$100,000 from the estate of Purcell Palmer established an unrestricted endowment that will provide continuing support for the College. The late Ms. Palmer was among the founding volunteers who launched the Scholars' Ball in 2024.
- The Bank of Greene County, a long-time benefactor to the College and the Foundation, provided support for workforce development, Day Care Center operations, and general needs. In addition, the Bank donated \$25,000 for unrestricted financial aid awards and more than \$50,000 for future enhancements to the athletic facilities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Scholars' Ball



At the beginning of September, the Scholars' Ball bounced back in a new location -- the Locust Hill Barn -- thanks to the generosity of Kirk and Sue Kneller of Kneller Insurance. Other sponsors included the

Albany Med Health System, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Metzwood Insurance, and Mid-Hudson Fiber. The event raised \$234,051 to support the General Fund.

Hole-in-One for Education

The Foundation's annual Hole-in-One for Education in June, hosted by the Columbia Golf and Country Club in Claverack, attracted golfers from the Twin Counties and as far away as Florida! The event, including gifts from the lead sponsor, The Bank of Greene County, and additional sponsorship support from A. Colarusso+ Son, Inc., Iron Horse Cigar Depot, Herrington's, and Marshall + Sterling, added almost \$25,000 to the General Fund. Orchard Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/Ram donated a vehicle for the hole-in-one prize.

Holiday Craft Fair

Kicking off the holiday season at the end of October, the Craft Fair featured 80 vendors and attracted some 1,800 shoppers to the College -- some of whom had never been on campus before! This was the largest -- and most successful -- Fair to date, raising nearly \$9,000 for the General Fund.

MEET LAURA GOODWIN



In January 2024, Laura Goodwin became the Executive Director of the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation following the retirement of Joan Kowek, who served in that capacity for 17 years.

Executive Director Goodwin brings nearly three decades in fundraising to the position, most recently at Girls Inc. National where she was the Director of Development and an internal fundraising consultant working with Boards and executive leadership teams of the organization's 77 affiliates around the United States and Canada.



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*Education is the key that unlocks the
golden door to freedom.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER



Thank You, Donors!

Heartfelt thanks to the following individuals, foundations, businesses, and organizations for their generous support during 2024 – and their belief in the Mission, Vision, and Values that form the hallmark of a Columbia-Greene Community College education.

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COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.*

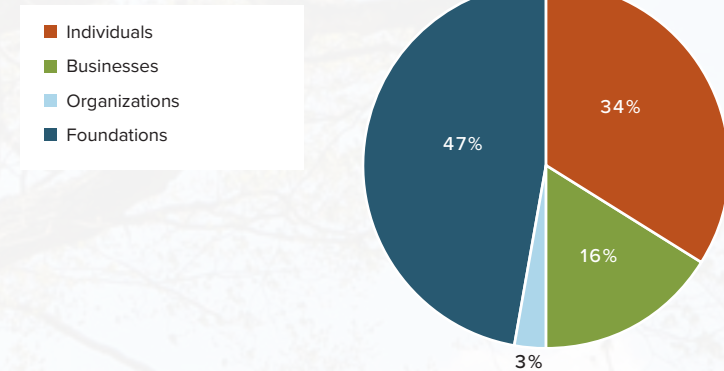
ASSETS	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$547,083
Prepaid expenses	35,763
Pledges receivable	56,701
Certificate of deposit	14,501
Investments	5,172,182
Equipment, net accumulated depreciation of \$22,503	12,982
Total Assets	\$5,839,212
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$76,490
Scholarships payable	142,686
Accrued expenses	\$3,136
Total liabilities	\$222,312
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	\$958,929
With donor restrictions	4,657,971
Total net assets	\$5,616,900
Total liabilities and net assets	\$5,839,212

Note: The financial statement for 2024 is under review.

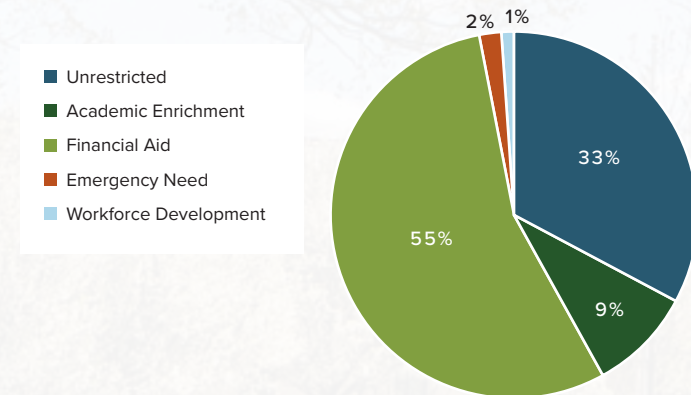
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