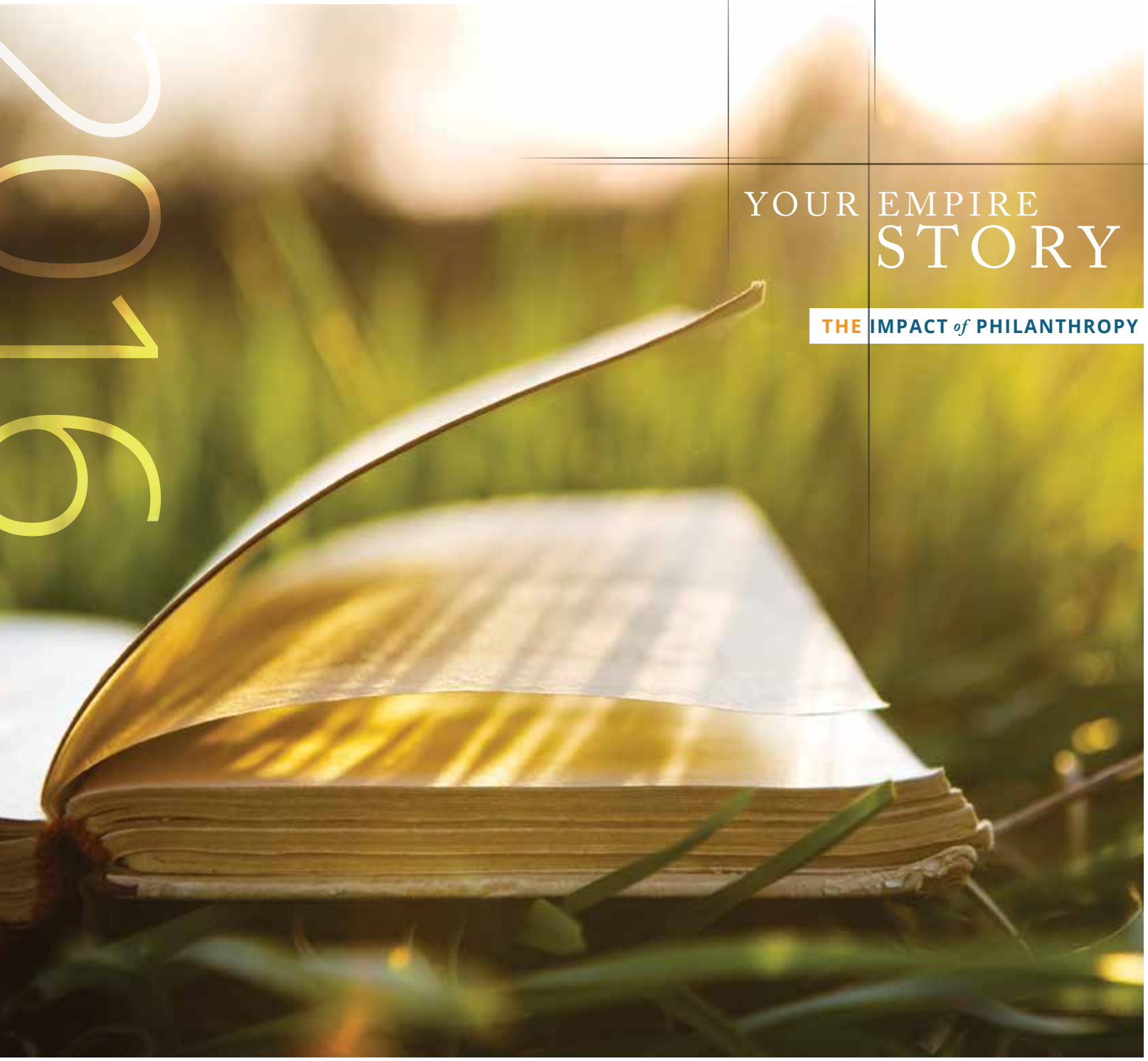

2016

YOUR EMPIRE STORY

THE IMPACT *of* PHILANTHROPY

SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI HAS A STORY TO TELL – THE STORY OF HOW THEY FIRST CAME TO SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE, THE STORY OF THEIR JOURNEY AS A STUDENT, OR THE STORY OF HOW THEY USED THEIR HARD-EARNED DEGREE TO ACHIEVE THEIR ASPIRATIONS. MANY OF THEIR STORIES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COMPLETE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, AND ULTIMATELY FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO SUPPORTED THE FOUNDATION IN 2016.

THESE ARE THEIR EMPIRE STORIES.

WHAT'S YOUR EMPIRE STORY?

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My Student, Alumna, Volunteer Empire Story

A MESSAGE *from*

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIRWOMAN,

MARIAN CONWAY, Ph.D.,'96, '01, '04

SUNY Empire State College has played an important role in my own life, first as a student then proud alumna, later as chairwoman of the Alumni Student Federation Board of Governors and, now, as chairwoman of the Empire State College Foundation Board of Directors. I am honored to be the first person who has served as chairwoman of both boards, but even more honored by my many years of association with the college.

My own Empire Story, like many of yours, began when I realized that a traditional education just wouldn't be possible for me. I did not go to college right after high school. I went to work, got married young, had two daughters and, then at the age of 33, I took a class at the local SUNY school. I became hooked on college with that first class. I eventually cobbled together an associate degree. I wanted to continue but it became impossible to work full time, raise my growing girls, and attend regular classes.

The programs did not accommodate working adults. I recall a professor who would lock the door at exactly 4 p.m. and not let anyone in who was just seconds late, never mind that half the students in that class were parents coming from their jobs. I remember complaining to my father one day, suggesting that I was going to have to leave college behind for a while. My dad is my hero. He also attended college as a working adult, overcoming dyslexia to get all the way from a GED in his 40s to a double master's and a Ph.D.

He insisted that there is always a way to make it work. He called me back and said, "Look up Empire State College, it is a SUNY school, they might have what you need."

Have what I need? Wow, that and so much more. I owe my career to SUNY Empire, to the faculty and staff that got me over so many bumps in the road. Twice, I nearly withdrew and my professors called and pulled me off that ledge at just the right time. I owe Empire for teaching me to learn independently, and to work with online courses, because that is how I earned my Ph.D.

This year's report on The Impact of Philanthropy features a number of Empire Stories like mine, people who have been touched by gifts to the college – whether as a benefactor or a recipient – and we are delighted to share their stories with you.

I thank each of you for your support over the past year. Thanks to you, new Empire Stories are being created and told every day.

Marian Conway

Marian Conway, Ph.D., '96, '01, '04

Chairwoman, Empire State College Foundation Board of Directors

MY EMPIRE STORY

If there's something James Martin '13 wants to know, he will. The senior investigator for the New York State Police is in the business of uncovering information. Ironically, in his case, what he needed to know was only two floors away in the office building where he's stationed in Utica, N.Y.

New York State Police Senior Investigator James Martin '13

"I was 45 and had served the New York State Police for long enough – more than 20 years – to retire and get a pension," he said. "So, I started looking around for a second career. What I learned is that despite my many years of experience, I needed a college degree to get the kind of job I wanted. I had joined the police force right out of high school. Now, you need an associate degree to join the force."

Instead of leaving the job he loved and excelled at, Martin went two flights down from his office to Empire State College's Utica location and enrolled, ultimately earning a B.S. in Business, Management and Economics, which propelled him up the NYSP ranks. "As a 'late-in-life learner,' I can't say enough good things about the college and the process."

Like many adult learners, Martin had to carve out study time from a schedule already brimming with commitments to family and career. But, he relished his studies, including a challenging online history course, which had the most reading and writing of any course he undertook; one-to-one work with a mentor in North Carolina; and a course that met three times during the term in Syracuse. "You could say I participated in all ways of learning available," he said. "And, I'm 100 percent glad I did. Having the degree has opened many doors. I am moving up and forward. As an investigator, I can pick one case and work it, whether it's illegal gambling or trading in narcotics. Even my kids think I have a cool job. They saw me go back to school and understand 'it's up to you to make your life better.'"

"My advice to anyone considering going back to school is 'just do it.' If you want it to work, you can make it happen at Empire State College."

A high point for Martin was receiving the Morton Bahr Distance Learning Scholarship. The Bahr Scholarship, established to honor Morton Bahr '83, SUNY Empire alumnus and president emeritus of the Communications Workers of America, was created to help union members and other workers pursuing an undergraduate degree through distance learning. Through a highly competitive selection process, about a dozen Bahr Scholarships are awarded each year.

"The scholarship paid for two semesters of my college education," said Martin. "My advice to anyone considering going back to school is 'just do it.' If you want it to work, you can make it happen at Empire State College."

During his career, Martin has been a uniformed trooper, an investigator for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, a unit coordinator in the Special Investigations Unit and, since 2014, a senior investigator with the Special Investigations Unit. He is a broadly trained professional, experienced as a certified medical first responder, crisis negotiator and felony investigator. He also has supervised covert installation of electronic surveillance devices and multi-agency investigative teams, and drafted court documents for applications for eavesdropping, search and arrest warrants. Additionally, he's worked with lawyers to interpret and implement relevant laws to prosecute defendants.

"It's like you see on TV," he said with a laugh. "It's an exciting career. I definitely don't work banker's hours."

MY EMPIRE FAMILY

Sometimes, diplomas run in families. SUNY Empire has a long tradition of enrolling multiple members of the same family. Some family members are separated by many years, and others cross the stage to graduate together. All of them share a special bond, and are unique members of the Empire family.

Travis Brown '13, Christina Pearson '10, '12, *and* Rick Pearson '09

Travis Brown followed in the footsteps of his mother, **Christina,** and stepfather, **Rick Pearson** when he entered a degree program at SUNY Empire. Travis chose SUNY Empire because he felt "the huge campus and large class sizes weren't for me." His mother and stepfather raved about the flexibility and understanding of their SUNY Empire mentors.

Travis has a passion for health care and assisting the elderly with personal care, medication management and housing placement. He earned his associate degree in Human Development and currently is pursuing his bachelor's degree. Christina earned her associate degree in Business, Management and Economics, and a B.A. in Community and Human Services. Rick taught piano privately and performed professionally for two decades. "The combination of online studies and mentor-driven individual work was the most effective, efficient and thorough method," he said. "I could never have finished my degree in a traditional classroom setting."

Christopher Lent '13, *and* Stephanie Lent

Spouses **Christopher** and **Stephanie Lent** share three children together, a passion for education, and may even be taking a few classes together. Christopher received a degree in Business, Management and Economics in 2013, and is currently enrolled in an interdisciplinary Educational Studies/ Community and Human Services program. Stephanie is pursuing her own concentration in Community and Human Services, with a focus on Child and Family Studies.

"I chose Empire State College because my father, brother and sister-in-law had all attended in the past, and said great things about the programs they offered," Christopher said. "I decided to follow in their footsteps and am thrilled that I did."

This year, Christopher is a recipient of the Mazzetti Family Scholarship, which is awarded to students who have a family legacy at the college. The Mazzetti Scholarship was established by a family with their own SUNY Empire legacy, David and Joy Mazzetti. David is a member of the class of 2010, his father John graduated in 1993, and his niece Jennifer Ashton graduated in 2011. Joy's own father Russell Harris was among the college's earliest graduates in 1976.

"I DECIDED TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS AND AM THRILLED THAT I DID." – *Christopher Lent '13*

Meghan Lillis *and* Michael Lillis '16

Mario Salvati '16 *and* Sarah Harman '16

Renee McAfee '13, '16 P. Shane McAfee '16 *and* Brianna Cansdale

"I REALLY CANNOT EXPRESS HOW MUCH THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANS TO MY FAMILY AND ME. IT GIVES ME AN ENORMOUS SENSE OF PRIDE TO SET THIS EXAMPLE FOR MY TWO YOUNG CHILDREN." – *Meghan Lillis*

Meghan Lillis and her husband **Michael** balanced taking care of two young children with their full-time course loads as the pair both pursued degrees at SUNY Empire. Meghan is enrolled in a program in Community and Human Services, while Michael recently graduated with his degree in Business, Management and Economics.

A stay-at-home mom, Meghan was grateful to receive the C. Penn Wettlaufer Scholarship to help her continue her studies. "Being a student at Empire has benefited me in so many ways," she said. "My husband Michael just graduated this summer from Empire as well! I really cannot express how much this scholarship means to my family and me. It gives me an enormous sense of pride to set this example for my two young children."

The Wettlaufer Scholarship was established in memory of Penn Wettlaufer, a longtime faculty mentor at the college's Niagara Frontier location. Penn was a part of the college community for 22 years, and his family, friends, colleagues and students established the scholarship in his memory to honor his service and devotion to the college.

In the early '90s, **Mario Salvati,** a recording engineer/producer for more than 40 years, decided "to ease off studio life and teach the next generations." He earned his B.A. in The Arts, graduating with his daughter, **Sarah Harman,** a photographer who earned her B.S. in Business, Management and Economics. They walked across the stage together at the college's Hudson Valley region graduation in 2016.

"I have always wanted to complete my bachelor's degree, but with such a large family and little ones at home, it would have been difficult to commute to a campus every day," Sarah said.

Mario is an instructor at the Institute of Audio Research, a technical school that teaches audio recording technology in New York City. Mario credits mentors Renee O'Brien and Laura Koplewitz "for their superb guidance and assistance during the prior learning assessment process." He is enrolled in the M.A. in Learning and Emerging Technologies program, which will help further his plans and aspirations.

Mario's recommendation of a degree program proved correct, according to Sarah. "His positive opinions of the online course structure, the courses themselves and the professors, definitely led me to believe that SUNY Empire was a good choice for me as well."

Adversity may be the mother of invention, but it also can be the source of reinvention. Wife and husband **Renee** and **P. Shane McAfee** graduated together in the Class of 2016.

Renee earned an M.A. in Social and Public Policy, with an advanced certificate in nonprofit management. She previously received an undergraduate degree from the college in Community and Human Services. Shane graduated with his B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a concentration in organizational communications. Daughter **Brianna Cansdale,** a new mother and a current SUNY Empire student in the Community and Human Services program, cheered her parents on, along with their three other children and grandson.

While earning their degrees, Renee underwent spinal surgery, Shane suffered a mild stroke and two loved ones died. "Because SUNY Empire is a nontraditional college, I was able to pursue my degree at home," Renee said.

Renee plans to pursue a career with a nonprofit organization, preferably one that serves families affected by autism. Their youngest son, Caleb, received that diagnosis 20 years ago.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Jon-Marc McDonald

JOYCE E. ELLIOTT PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Arts, Writing

"My long academic journey has wended its way along some difficult terrain, and this scholarship is as appreciated as it is unlikely. Thank you for making my world better by generously providing your time and resources so that those like me can achieve a lifelong dream, the dream of finally getting the degree that I abandoned nearly 20 years ago. I am, and will forever be, grateful for all that ESC has given me. That I would be the recipient of the Joyce E. Elliott Pride Scholarship is an honor beyond measure."

MI HISTORIA EMPIRE

Translating recruitment materials into Spanish

Among the dozens of programs that received funding from the Empire State College Foundation over the past year were a number of diversity-related initiatives. These included academic residencies, workshops, community outreach, and the translation of recruitment materials into Spanish. This project will ultimately help future students to formulate their own "Mi Historia Empire" in their own language as they join the Empire State College community.

Worldwide, Spanish is the second most-spoken native language, ahead of English and behind only Mandarin Chinese. Here in the U.S., more than 41 million people speak Spanish, and the number of Spanish-speaking residents is increasing. Nearly 20 percent of Metropolitan New York residents speak Spanish, and it has become increasingly obvious that the demographic makeup of the United States and of the state of New York is changing.

Translating the college's recruitment and enrollment materials into Spanish helps fulfill our mission of increased access to higher education. Over the past year, SUNY Empire took its first steps toward offering prospective students the chance to read about the college in their native language.

We specifically targeted those for whom Spanish is their native language and had marketing and recruitment materials for prospective students, especially those interested in our School of Nursing, translated into Spanish.

Sharing these materials with populations who would otherwise be unable to access them helps send the message that Empire State College opens its doors to all who seek a higher education, and stands ready to help them move through their journey. The college's foundation, through the support of our donors, will help make this journey possible.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB

The President's Club recognizes our most generous alumni and friends who make gifts totaling $500 or more throughout the year. Some members may make a single gift for a specific purpose – such as a scholarship – while others may make monthly contributions to The Fund for Empire State College, which are used to address our areas of greatest need. But however they participate, members of the President's Club share the college's vision, and demonstrate their dedication and commitment through their leadership support.

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$5,000+

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$500-$999

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Consecutive contributions of 20+ years are represented in **bold;**
10+ years in ***bold italics;*** *3+ years in* *italics.*

If your name is missing or incorrect, please contact us at 518-580-4965.

“Self-preservation demands an investment in those brave enough to implement change. Where economic independence is possible, it must be accompanied by philanthropy.”

– OMAR ’15 AND TAKISHA RICHARDS

BOYER LEGACY SOCIETY

Through the Boyer Legacy Society, we recognize the foresight of individuals who have named SUNY Empire State College in their will or made a gift arrangement that may be realized beyond their lifetimes. This society is named after Ernest L. Boyer Sr. and his wife Kathryn G. Boyer '78. Dr. Boyer, chancellor of the State University of New York from 1970 to 1977, saw the value of what a student knew, rather than time served in a classroom. Kay Boyer was an adult student whose needs mirrored her husband's vision. She graduated from Empire State College in 1978 and later served on the board of the Empire State College Foundation.

We honor those individuals whose gifts have already been realized, and are grateful to the members of the Boyer Legacy Society who have made a future commitment to the college through their own estate plans.

Anonymous
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David M. Asch '83
Anne R. Bertholf
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Deborah Botch '86
Kathryn (Kay) Boyer '78
Patricia Brozinsky
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Mitchell S. Nesler
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Charles P. Trudel '79, '95
Susan H. Turben '72, '05 and John F. Turben
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Mabel B. '79 and T. Urling Walker
Karen West '84, '95
Gareth Williams '07
Eldon R. Williamson '94
Judith '02, '04 and Jack Willis
Maureen Winney
Gloria Jean Wright '79
John Wright '98
David Yamada '99
Cynthia Zaentz '89

THE LEGACY OF GEORGE DAWSON, Ph.D.

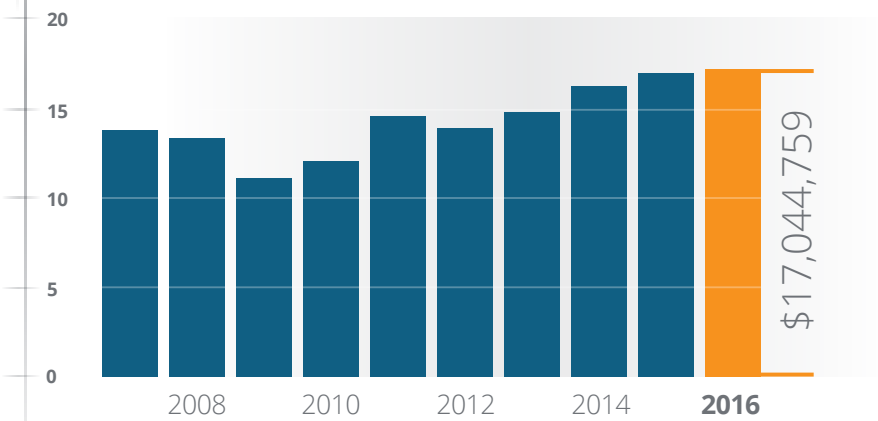
George Dawson wore many hats throughout his life. He was a Navy veteran, high school social studies teacher, Peace Corps project manager, professor of economics and education at SUNY Empire State College, and former dean of SUNY Empire's Long Island location. Dawson and his wife Shirley spent many years traveling the world, and he was a tireless advocate for education. George Dawson passed away in 2015, leaving a legacy gift to the college in his will. Given Dawson's link to Long Island, the college chose to use his gift to provide cutting-edge technology in the college's new facility that is being built in Selden, Long Island. Through Dawson's foresight, students on Long Island will have the resources available to complete their studies, and faculty will be able to serve their students in more customized ways. George Dawson's legacy will have a tangible impact on students for many years to come.

THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Through the support of our alumni, employees and friends, the Empire State College Foundation provides invaluable support to our students, faculty and the development of new academic programs. We remain grateful for the loyalty of those who support the foundation, and their faith in our mission and our students.

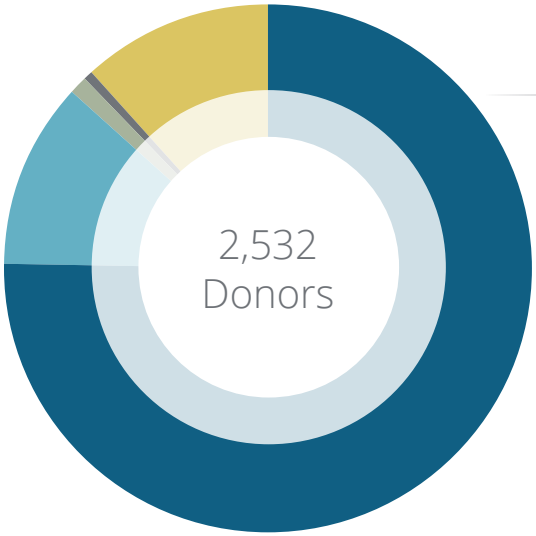
Total Endowment Value 2007-2016

Endowment value as of June 30, 2016: $17,044,759



The Fund for Empire State College

The Fund for Empire State College is the most popular mode through which people choose to make gifts to the college. Our donor base is anchored by a strong foundation of alumni – representing three-quarters of all contributors – who are joined by dedicated employees, friends, and regional and national corporations and foundations. The highlight of the 2016 year was a one-day giving challenge, held on Oct. 19, during which The Fund for Empire State College received gifts from 434 donors and raised nearly $80,000.

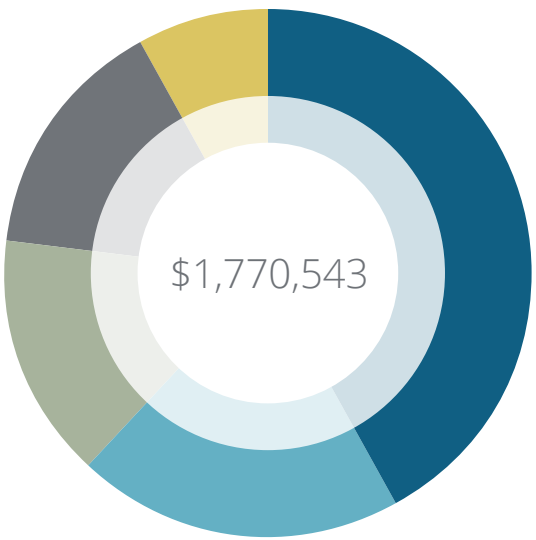


TOTAL FOUNDATION DONORS BY CONTRIBUTION SOURCE

ALUMNI	1,896
EMPLOYEES	288
CORPORATIONS	40
FOUNDATION	18
FRIENDS	290

Foundation Spending for 2016-2017

For the 2016-2017 year, the foundation has allocated a total of $1,770,543 to distribute directly to students, on faculty programs, and other initiatives to ensure our students' academic success.



42%

TO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

$741,252 including $530,000 from donor-named scholarship funds, and more than $200,000 in donor-funded financial aid and on other student-centered initiatives

20%

ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

$351,419 on activities including residencies and new program development

15%

ON OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

$264,272 to develop partnership programs with community colleges and engage with community members in each region of the state

15%

ON PERSONNEL SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

$266,200 on staff training, faculty conferences and other scholarly or professional engagement

8%

ON FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING EXPENSES

$147,400 to administer The Fund for Empire State College and promote the message and mission of SUNY Empire State College

A NOTE OF THANKS

Expressions of gratitude from 2016-2017 scholarship recipients

Karen Petry

DR. JOHN M. BECKEM II SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Microbiology/Biochemistry

"The Dr. John M. Beckem II Scholarship award provided me with a sense of confidence and validation that had been missing in my life and it reinforced the fact that I should continue upon this journey, even when times seem unbearably tough. I thank you more than you may ever know. In the words of John F. Kennedy, 'As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.'"

Steven Reece

ARCADEO AND SADIE J. BROWNE AMPARADO "FORCE FOR CHANGE" SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Human Services

"Your scholarship has provided a bridge toward my future aspirations. There are many who have much and give none but you 'have' and I hope you know that you have changed a life, and truly made a huge difference in the story of another. With the deepest of gratitude, I thank you."

Julius Hatten

E. LESTER LEVINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Community and Human Services

"Empire State College has given me a unique resource to begin reinventing myself. This scholarship means more than words could express. Receiving this scholarship allows me to share with others that there are people in the world that possess a heart to help others who may have been forgotten."

Rachel Kelly

JANET WOOD MCGREGOR SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Business Management

"I had been contemplating letting go of my last two semesters of school and taking another 'break' from earning my degree. With two semesters left to go before I graduate, your scholarship has helped to remind me that there is support around me, and it often comes from unexpected sources, just when you need it the most."

Sasha Jamieson

DUNKIRK-FREDONIA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Business

"I chose Empire to finish my degree to have strength and pride for my two children's lives. This scholarship will help me pursue my lifelong goal of graduating. With pride, I will continue to be an asset to my Seneca Nation community."

Jamie Cook

ROGER L. '81 AND MARY KRESGE SCHOLARSHIP

Bachelor of Science, Business, Management and Economics

"Entering Empire State College has changed my life. I want to be an example to students who may not think that they are 'college material' or that they cannot afford to attend. A college education truly is an opportunity for a better way of life."

SCHOLARSHIP FAST FACTS

In the 2015-2016 year, a total of **835** students received scholarship funding beyond federal and state aid.

The Financial Aid Office distributed **$782,155** in institutional aid through foundation-sponsored funds in 2015-2016.

Donors to the foundation have established **98** endowed and annual scholarship funds that were awarded during the 2015-2016 year.

The average scholarship award is **$1,500**, which covers almost the entire cost of two undergraduate 3-credit courses.

Scholarships are awarded to both part-time and full-time students in all undergraduate and graduate programs.

A Message of Thanks

from

THE PRESIDENT,
MERODIE A. HANCOCK, Ph.D.

Each of the stories in this year's Impact of Philanthropy report are a powerful expression of how the college has changed a life – and sometimes, in the cases of our legacy families, multiple lives. With the support of our alumni and friends in 2016, SUNY Empire State College was able to improve our students' lives for the better, and thanks to you, we will continue to do so.

This year has seen many changes at the college, and we have made tremendous progress in updating our delivery methods, implementing an institution-wide slate of diversity initiatives, developing academic programs and emphasizing responsiveness in student services. The college continues to grow, and we are pleased to have such dedicated students growing with us.

This report provides a brief snapshot of the Empire State College Foundation's many activities over the course of the past year. In 2016, the foundation distributed more than $1.7 million to students, faculty programs, and collegewide initiatives – invaluable assistance made possible through our alumni, donors and friends.

In telling the foundation's story, the preceding pages take a look at how your gifts have been spent, demonstrate how you have directly helped the college and underscore how your faith in our students has helped them accomplish their goals.

Every SUNY Empire story is worth hearing. The next time your experience with SUNY Empire comes to mind, I encourage you to speak up and share your story. Share it with your friends, neighbors and colleagues, or share it with us directly at alumni.esc.edu.

On behalf of the Empire State College Foundation and all of us here at the college, thank you again for your support, your dedication and your advocacy of the college throughout the year.

Merodie A. Hancock, Ph.D.
President, SUNY Empire State College

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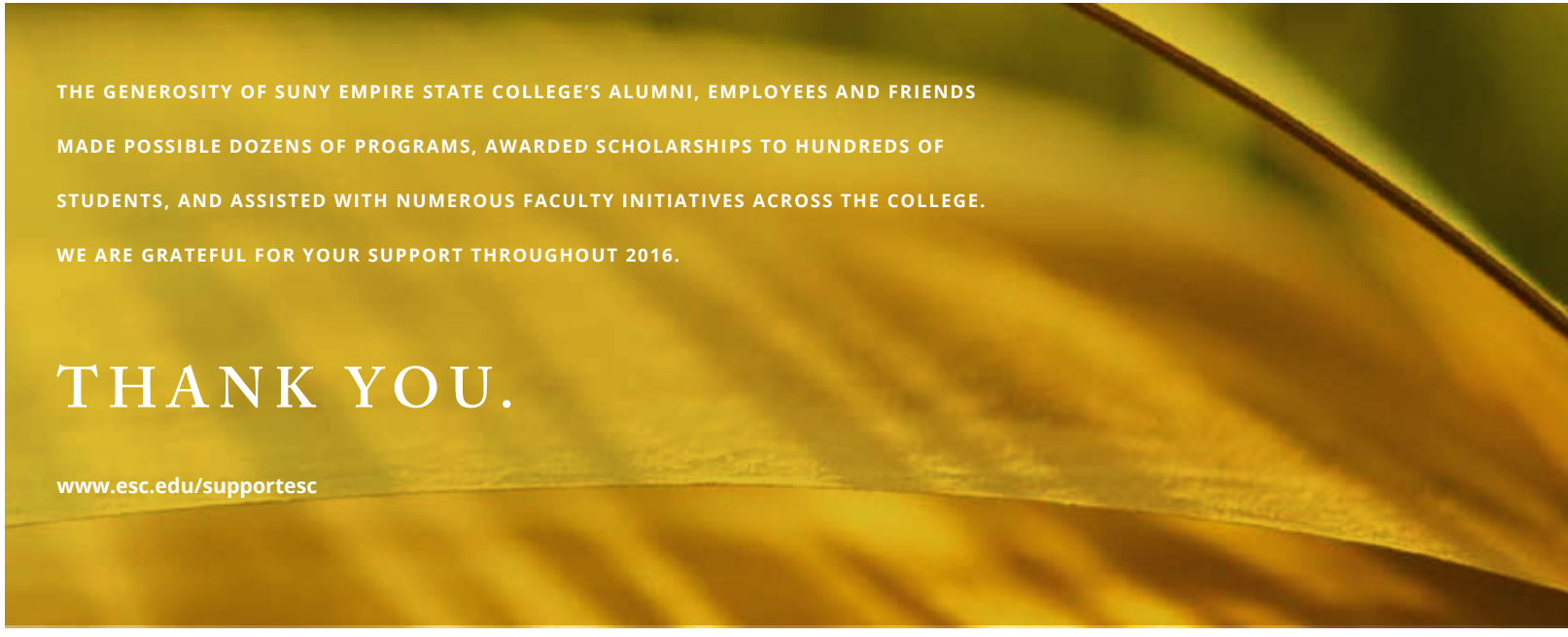
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