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CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

“The financial assistance your foundation has provided will be of great help to me. Thank you for supporting me towards reaching my fullest professional potential.”

– *Lorraine A.*

“By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning.”

– *Zaya S.*

“I can’t wait to attend CCC and start my path towards my life goals. I will strive to live up to the expectations of someone receiving this scholarship.”

– *Allison T.*

“Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

– *Hannah H.*





# CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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# Together, we took a big step!

On Nov. 29, 2022, Central Community College cut the ribbon at the new Columbus Community Hospital Center for Science and Technology at the Columbus Campus. This new building is a massive addition to what was formerly known as the East Education Wing.

This \$14 million project is a fantastic example of a public/private partnership with individuals, businesses and foundations joining the college to invest in quality instructional space for students. The facility is state-of-the-art. It includes classrooms and laboratory space for nursing, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, physics and a virtual reality lab.

In 2018, the college laid out its plan for this investment. The 50-year-old East Education Wing needed a modern upgrade to serve the learners of today and tomorrow. The college had saved for several years and committed \$10 million to the project. After a comprehensive feasibility study, the CCC Foundation hit the ground with a

\$3.5 million capital campaign to complete the amount needed for the project. As bids came in higher than anticipated, the CCC Foundation rose to the challenge and revised its goal to \$4 million to cover the gap.

The community, including 185 donors, rallied in support for the project, giving a total of \$4,118,209. The funds include a designated \$500,000 technology upgrade and scholarship endowment under the auspices of the Foundation.

Perhaps the largest step was the completion of fundraising ahead of schedule during a global pandemic! This herculean effort by donors and the Foundation team meant construction could also begin and end ahead of schedule. On Nov. 29, with a fresh blanket of snow covering the ground, we were able to celebrate this accomplishment and a new beginning for STEM at CCC. It was a big step. We took it ... together.



# Redefining Tomorrow

“Redefining Tomorrow” is how I would describe many of the activities within the Central Community College Foundation during this last year.

Traci Skalberg joined the Foundation as the new Executive Director in August of 2022. After several months of watching and learning, Traci has started developing her vision for the Foundation, which will be implemented over time. Exciting times are ahead!

Dean Moors is now the part-time Planned Giving Director, focusing his attention on various fundraising activities with an emphasis on “The Generations of Impact” campaign. I am very excited about having an endowment at some point in the future that will cover most or all annual operating expenses for the Foundation. If this quest becomes a reality, the Foundation will be able to allocate 100% of every dollar raised towards the specific purpose for each donation. Dean and the other team members are off to a great start with donations and pledges to date.

We witnessed the grand opening of the Center for Science and Technology at the Columbus Campus. The Foundation team successfully completed fundraising efforts for the Pirnie Inclusive Playground in Grand Island and developed many new relationships in the process. Several annual fundraising campaigns were also successfully completed.

It has been very rewarding to support the CCC Foundation team as they continue to make a true difference in the lives of students and communities served by Central Community College.

*Jeff S. Anderson*

PRESIDENT, CENTRAL COMMUNITY  
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CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Hall of Fame

The Central Community College Hall of Fame was established by the CCC Foundation to honor individuals or couples who have demonstrated exceptional support for Central Community College and its mission over the years. Hall of Fame members listed by year inducted.

**2021**

Gale & Paula Beirow  
Hastings

Terry & Beth Millard  
Columbus

Rhonda Pauley  
Hastings

**2008**

Jack Crowley  
Hastings

**1998**

Dale & Dolores Watley  
Sioux Falls, SD

**2006**

Ken Morrison  
Hastings

**1997**

Wuanita Butler & Butler Family  
Hastings

Jim & Norma Merrick  
Grand Island

**2017**

Drs. Greg P. & Marilee Smith  
Denver, CO

**2004**

Dr. Jack & June Yost  
Hastings

**1995**

Ken Torczon  
Columbus

**2015**

Homer & Margaret Pierce  
Hastings

**2002**

Dr. Joseph W. Preusser  
Elkhorn

**1994**

Ken Wortman  
Aurora

**2013**

Dr. LaVern Franzen  
Hastings

**2001**

Mathew (Bud) & Rita Fleischer  
Columbus

**1993**

Lois Behlen  
Columbus

**2011**

S.N. (Bud) & Gloria Wolbach  
Grand Island

**2000**

Ron & Carol Cope  
Kearney



# Student Support

Supporting students at CCC involves more than just scholarships. The Foundation also has various funds, which provide support to programs at the College and to organizations within the College. The Food and Hygiene Pantry fund, Central for Student Success fund, International Studies fund, Phi Theta Kappa fund, Veterans fund, and TRIO fund are just a few established to assist CCC students.

A number of permanently endowed funds have been established for student and college support over the years. Monies in these endowed funds are invested, and scholarships and support are awarded from investment earnings only. The principal of the endowed funds remains intact to continue providing scholarships and support for future students and for other support at Central Community College. **The endowed fund names are listed in bold font.**

The Foundation also coordinates a number of funds that have not been permanently endowed. They are listed below in regular font.

*\*Denotes a new scholarship for 2022-2023.*

## College-Wide Support Options

Adult Education

**Alumni Heritage Endowed Scholarship**

**Karen Baird Memorial Scholarship**

Black Hills Energy Scholarship

**Bosselman Family Scholarship**

**Dr. Deb Brennan Scholarship**

CCC Business Scholarship

CCC DACA Scholarship

CCC Food & Hygiene Pantry Fund

Central for Student Success Fund

College Wellness Account

**Ron & Carol Cope Foundation GED Scholarship Fund**

**Cornhusker Power Employees Scholarship**

**Ed R. Crowley, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

**Dawson County Scholarship**

Entrepreneurship Scholarship

\*E-Sports Fund

**Essex Family Scholarship**

Extended Learning Services Scholarship

**Hastings Faith Lutheran Church Scholarship**

**Dr. LaVern Franzen Scholarship**

**Dean & Kathy Fuchser Scholarship**

**Alvena Garrido GED Endowed Scholarship**

**Dr. Chester Gausman Scholarship**

**General Scholarship Fund**

**Generations of Impact General Administrative Endowment**

**Mabel Gentry Gade Scholarship**

**Mick & Janelle Grabowski Scholarship**

**Myrtle B. Grimminger Endowed Scholarship**

**Hastings YMCA Scholarship**

**Richard & Marlene Hinrichs Scholarship**

International Studies Fund

**Dorothy Jacobsen Scholarship**

**Kaufman-Cummings Trust Scholarship**

\***Kitson Family Scholarship**

**Memorial Scholarship**

Men's Health Sciences Scholarship

\***Moors Family Scholarship**

**Kenneth Morrison Health Occupation Scholarship**

**Roy & Mary Pearson Nursing Scholarship**

Phi Theta Kappa

**Dr. Joseph W. Preusser Scholarship**

**Jim & Marilyn Reier Scholarship**

Retiree Scholarship

**Edgar Reynolds Foundation Scholarship**

**St. Cecilia Parish Scholarship**

**Larry & Barbara Schnase Family Endowed Scholarship**

**Amanda K. Schreiner Memorial Scholarship**

**Service Award Endowed Foundation Scholarship**

**Buz Shultz Memorial Scholarship**

**Drs. Greg P. & Marilee Smith Scholarship**

Student Veterans Association Fund

Sustainability Fund

**Kathleen E. Tebbe Scholarship**

TRIO Fund

**Dr. Dennis Tyson Scholarship**

Veterans Appreciation Scholarship

Veteran's Fund

\***Wolfe Family Student Success Fund**

Women's Veteran Scholarship Fund

**June Yost Nursing Scholarship**

## Columbus Campus & Ord Learning Center Support Options

**Richard "Abe" Abraham Endowed Scholarship**

Athletic Booster Club Fund

**Averett Family Scholarship**

**Behlen Memorial Scholarship**

CCC DACA Scholarship-Columbus

CCC Food & Hygiene Pantry Fund-Columbus "Fueling Student Success"

Center for Science & Technology Fund

Central for Student Success Fund-Columbus

Central Honors Institute (CHI) Scholarship

Columbus Alumni Heritage Scholarship

Columbus Area Entrepreneurship

Columbus Middle School Scholarship

Columbus Music Program/Spectrum

**Emerson Charitable Trust Scholarship**

**Lucille & Dr. Ed Fillipi Scholarship Fund**

**Fine & Performing Arts Endowed Fund**

**Mary J. Graf Scholarship**

**Mary Lou & Jim Holmberg Scholarship**

Ingemansen Family Scholarship

**Patricia Karsk Memorial Scholarship**

**Vince Lempke Scholarship**

**Lindsay Manufacturing Welding Scholarship**

**Martha E. & Robert Lund Scholarship**



**Memorial Scholarship-Columbus**

Men's Basketball  
Men's Golf  
Men's Soccer

**New Business & Technology Center Scholarship**

**Newport Presidential Leadership Scholarship**

**Ord Learning Center**

**Paul Peterson Memorial Scholarship**

**Paul Rebrovich Memorial Scholarship**

Retiree Scholarship-Columbus

**Dr. Pete & Pat Rush Memorial Scholarship**

**\*Sanders Family Scholarship**

Student Veterans Association Fund-Columbus

**Ben Teller Memorial Scholarship**

Dr. Emily Jane Uzendoski Memorial Fund

Welding Program: Funds used to support the Welding program. Used also to provide scholarships.

Women's Basketball

Women's Softball

Women's Soccer

Women's Volleyball

**\*TJ Wrigley Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

**Grand Island Campus, Lexington Center, Holdrege Center & Kearney Center Support Options**

**Dr. Lynn & Joan Black Scholarship**

**Linda Bowden Scholarship**

Career Pathway Institute Scholarship  
CCC DACA Scholarship-Grand Island/Lexington/Holdrege/Kearney

CCC Food & Hygiene Pantry Fund-Grand Island/Kearney-"Fueling Student Success"

Central for Student Success Fund-Grand Island

**Ron & Carol Cope Foundation Nursing Scholarship**

**GI Scholarship Committee Scholarship**

Nellie A. Grim Scholarship  
Della Mae Gutschow Scholarship

**Vicki Harvey Scholarship**

**Sid & Irene Hellman Scholarship**

Holdrege Center Fund

Kearney Center

Lexington Center

**Memorial Scholarship-Grand Island**

**Jim & Norma Merrick Scholarship**

**Don Nelson Memorial Scholarship**

Retiree Scholarship-Grand Island

**John & Sonia Sahling Scholarship**

**Skilled & Technical Sciences Scholarship**

**Drs. Greg P. & Marilee Smith Kearney Center Scholarship**

Louis Sr. & Reynalda Soto Scholarship

Student Veterans Association Fund-Grand Island/Kearney

Tween Camps

**S.N. (Bud) & Gloria Wolbach Nursing Scholarship**

**Hastings Campus Support Options**

Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology Fund

**AMDT/WELD Endowed Scholarship**

**Merle & Dorothy Anderson Scholarship**

Auto Body Technology Program

Automotive Technology Program

**Beck Family Endowed Scholarship**

**Gale & Paula Beirow Scholarship**

**Burke Estate Endowment**

**Donovan & Waunita Butler Scholarship**

CCC DACA Scholarship-Hastings

CCC Food & Hygiene Pantry Fund-Hastings-"Fueling Student Success"

Central for Student Success Fund - Hastings

Construction Technology Scholarship

Jim & Bobbie Cronin Memorial Scholarship

Culinary Arts Club

Dental Assisting Fund

Dental Hygiene Equipment Fund

**\*Dietz Family Scholarship**

Drafting & Design Technology Fund

**Elks Scholarship Fund**

Focus-Friendship of CCC - Hastings Campus

**Ganow Dental Hygiene Fund**

**Hartley Family Scholarship**

Hastings Alumni Heritage Scholarship

**Hastings Area Noon Rotary Scholarship**

Hastings Library Fund

**Hastings Veterans Scholarship**

Heavy Equipment Operator Technician Program

Joshua Michael Hedlund Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer A. Hoagland Memorial Scholarship

Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts

**Bernard & Oriel Kinley Scholarship**

**Haskell Kirkland Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship**

**Memorial Scholarship-Hastings**

**Bliss & Virginia North Scholarship**

**Open-wide Dental Scholarship**

Ram Run Scholarship

**Rhonda & Renee Pauley Scholarship**

Pawloski Memorial Scholarship

**Pepsi Cola Scholarship**

**Margaret & Homer Pierce Endowed Scholarship**

Pitcher Scholarship

Ram Run Scholarship

Retiree Scholarship-Hastings

Scholars Academy Scholarship

**Ron Sealey Scholarship**

**Dr. John R. Seberg Fund**

**Skilled & Technical Sciences Scholarship**

Charlotte Smith Construction Scholarship

Student Veterans Association Fund-Hastings

**Mike Swanson Welding Scholarship**

**Truck Driving Program**

**Tony Turner Scholarship**

Veterans Appreciation Scholarship - Hastings Campus

Welding Technology Fund



The Foundation paid **\$1,069,847** in scholarships in 2022-2023

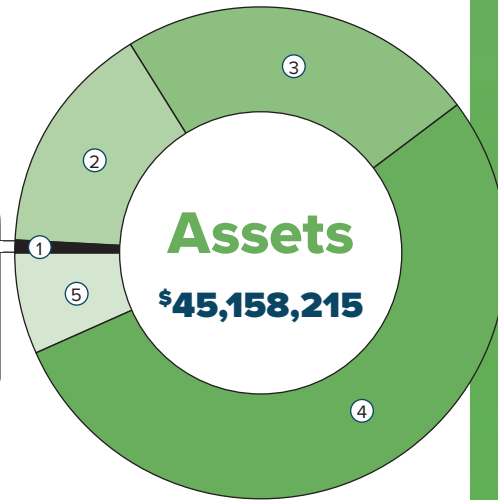
**\$265,000** for the Warren & Velda Wilson Foundation

**\$804,847** for CCC Students

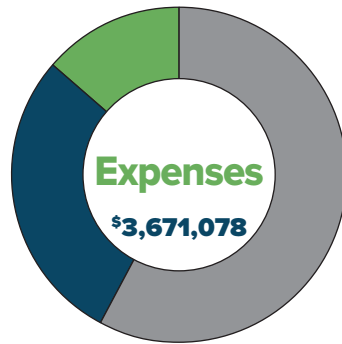
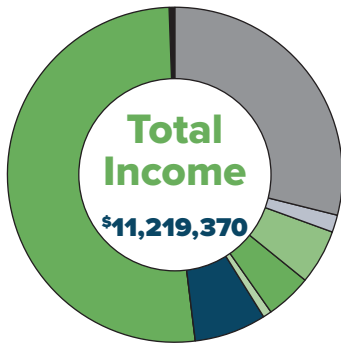
**896** total scholarship recipients



**Unrestricted assets** allow CCC Foundation to be more responsive to needs. To help grow these assets, the Generations of Impact campaign is underway.  
*(See page 19)*



① Unrestricted Net Assets	\$391,704
② Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$7,006,652
③ Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$10,598,926
④ Wilson Foundation	\$24,214,750
⑤ Liabilities	\$2,946,183
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$45,158,215</b>



Gifts	\$3,266,464
Fund Raising Proceeds	\$183,724
Interest and Dividends	\$600,653
Contractual Services	\$481,179
Other Income	\$83,413
Farm Income	\$774,156
Gifts Returned	\$3,125
Net Gains (Losses) and Change in Fair Market Value of Investments	\$5,793,124
Change in Cash Value of Life Insurance Contracts	\$33,532
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$11,219,370</b>
Program Services	\$2,130,281
Management and General	\$1,045,572
Fundraising	\$495,225
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,671,078</b>

## Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation

The Central Community College Foundation is the supporting 501(c)3 organization for the Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation. This allows the Wilson Foundation assets to grow into perpetuity. Scholarship awards are made annually to any Nebraska-based institution of higher education.

Warren and Velda Wilson devoted more than 60 years to farming in south central Nebraska. The couple had no children. As part of their estate plan, they established an educational foundation to provide scholarships to help deserving young people in the area where they had made their livelihood.

The Wilsons wrote, “It is our desire that these scholarships not be limited to graduating seniors with only the highest levels of academic achievement. Other factors are also important to us including good citizenship, involvement in school and community activities, and potential for future academic success.”

The Wilson Foundation board of directors includes John Farrell, President; Jennifer Fleischer, Vice President; Lu Loehr (niece of the Wilsons), Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Kummer, Jay Landell and Brian Shaw.

Since 2003, the CCC Foundation has been coordinating the scholarship process for the Wilson Foundation. The Nebraska counties included in the area eligible to apply for scholarships are Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Hall, Hamilton, Nuckolls, Phelps, Thayer, Webster and York. The scholarship is nonrenewable.

For the 2022-23 school terms, \$275,000 was awarded to 220 deserving students in the 10-county area. Collectively, almost \$7 million has been awarded.

# Warren and Velda Wilson Scholarship comes full circle for Jordan Harms

As a high school senior, you have many choices to make as you start a new chapter in your life journey. One of the most important is choosing a career path and eventually a job. While many don't know what career path to choose as a senior, I knew exactly what career and lifestyle were for me: a farmer.

Throughout my childhood, I wanted to return home someday and farm alongside my dad. I enjoyed tagging along as a kid, helping my dad with the daily tasks and fieldwork. However, our family farm wasn't large enough at the time to support another person. I knew what my life goals were. I just didn't know how to achieve them.

After graduation, I attended Southeast Community College in Beatrice for two years to study ag business and crop production. As part of the program, I completed a 12-week internship. My passion was still for farming, but the opportunity had not presented itself yet to make that happen. I chose a path with an internship for precision ag technology and worked for a local John Deere dealer. I was able to join the dealership full time after college.

After two years, I received the opportunity to rent some farm ground when two local farmers retired. The land was owned by the Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation. This was the same group that had awarded me a scholarship as a high school senior to help with my pursuit of higher education. Today, as a farmer of the Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation land, income from the crops I grow goes directly toward funding opportunities for this scholarship program. In addition to farming the land, I also have volunteered to be part of the group that reviews and selects recipients of the scholarships.

While everyone's life story may not unfold like mine, I want to encourage others to see that opportunity is everywhere. Sometimes, you just have to look for it.

I think the most beneficial class I was required to take in college was a careers and business class. While it was part of the ag courses, it had little to do with ag. It taught life and business skills that I continue to use to this day as I grow my farming operation. I also credit the Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation for helping me start my farming career and giving many young farmers in the community a chance to return to the family farm.

As they look to start the next chapter in their lives, I would encourage all students eligible to apply for any scholarship available to them. In rural Nebraska, we are very fortunate to have an abundance of scholarship opportunities that can make an impact on our education and career goals. While it may seem like a small part of the life path, think of a scholarship as an opportunity to unlock potential to something greater.

I never could have imagined what my adult life had in store for me and what opportunities are still to come. As I think about this journey, filling out a simple scholarship application turned out to play a significant part in reaching my goals. For me, it has come full circle.



# It all adds up to IMPACT

**W**e often think of November and December as the season of giving. Maybe well-crafted marketing campaigns have conditioned us to believe these norms. Or maybe we are thinking of our financial picture wholistically and remembering that tax season is coming.

Whatever the impetus, it is never a bad time to make a gift to the Central Community College Foundation.

Most people think of charitable giving based on what is currently in their bank accounts. But there are so many ways to give. For ease, we can call them the usuals and the creatives.

The easiest and most usual gift is cash. Everyone understands cash. It is so straightforward. However, there are other current and deferred assets that one might give that may create desirable tax savings and benefits for the donor. A few are illustrated below. They are broken into categories for current gifts and deferred gifts.

## Current Gifts

**Cash** — Cash is always king. Actually, cash is just the easiest. Donors can give in person, through the mail or online. If the donor itemizes, a gift of cash to a qualified charity will be deductible.



**Stocks or Mutual Funds** — A transfer of an appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is another relatively easy way to give to a charity. In this scenario, a donor or their broker calls the CCC Foundation for transfer instructions, and it's as easy as signing a piece of paper. The stocks or mutual fund shares transfer directly to the Foundation's account. The Foundation will then liquidate the asset.



The donor doesn't have to take a capital gains tax on the gifted stock/mutual funds, as well as being able to deduct the gift. It creates some additional tax savings. However, if the stock/mutual funds have lost money and the donor still wants to give them, they should liquidate the asset, thereby taking a capital loss, prior to sending the proceeds from the sale to the Foundation in cash form.

**IRA Charitable Rollover** — The tax savings is real here. If you are age 70.5 or better, you can give up to \$100,000 in a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to a qualifying charity. The gift counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Further tax benefits include the exclusion of these funds from income.



**Commodities** — We often don't think of commodities when making charitable gifts. But commodities can be a great way to make a gift. Gifts of grain are processed at the elevator. Those wanting to donate grain should reach out to the CCC Foundation for a short form to fill out prior to delivering the crop to the elevator. The form gives the Foundation ownership of a certain number of bushels of the grain. The Foundation then must instruct the elevator to sell the grain. This can result in more tax savings for the farmer.



**Matching Gift Programs** — Many companies have matching gift programs for their employees or members. After a gift is made by the employee/member to a qualified charity, there is usually a form to fill out regarding the gift that can be remitted to the employer. The employer then sends their own gift to that charity. Does your employer or insurance provider have a matching gift program that would maximize your gift to the CCC Foundation?



**RMD: Required Minimum Distribution** — Many donors have learned to use this instrument to make their charitable gifts. An RMD is a minimum amount that you are required to withdraw from your retirement accounts (such as IRAs) once you reach the age of 72 (or 70.5 prior to Jan. 1, 2020). Donors can have their RMDs sent to a qualifying charity and avoid taking them as income. This may lower the income level and tax bill.



## Deferred Gifts

**Bequest in Your Will** — It's easy to set up a simple will and bequeath a certain dollar amount or percentage of your estate to the Central Community College Foundation. The language is simple:



I give, devise, bequeath \_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount or item of property to be donated) to the Central Community College Foundation or its successor organization, a nonprofit corporation as described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Or ...

I give, devise, bequeath \_\_\_\_% (insert % amount) of all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate ...

**POD or TOD of Accounts** — Setting up a Payment on Death or Transfer on Death of bank accounts and other financial instruments is another easy way to give to the CCC Foundation in a deferred way. Generally, it involves a quick form from all signers of the account.



**CRT: Charitable Remainder Trust** —

A CRT is a planned giving vehicle that provides a benefit to you and the Central Community College Foundation. You can set it up to make income distributions for yourself and others you name for life or a period of up to 20 years. Upon death, the CRT then distributes to the charity.



**Life Insurance Policies** — Life insurance policies can be both current and deferred gifts. You can designate the CCC Foundation as the beneficiary of your paid-up life insurance policy. If you would like also to deduct premiums, you can set up the CCC Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of the policy based on your life. You can then make the premium payments to the CCC Foundation as an annual gift. This works just like cash, but in the end, the gift pays the full value of the policy to the CCC Foundation.



**Real Property and Life Estates** — Some of us don't always think about the other assets we own. You may have a quarter of land or a duplex you want to sell. There might be great reasons to consider gifting this property to the CCC Foundation. Real estate gifts are a bit more complicated to accept as they all go through a thorough vetting process. But they can sure add up to tax savings for the donor if it is advantageous for the charity to accept the gift. In some cases, there are times when you may retain the rights to live in the property until your death. This can be a wonderful way to create a significant gift without changing your lifestyle.



The mechanism you choose might be usual, or it might be creative. Regardless, it all adds up to impact for Central Community College students and the communities of central Nebraska, where we work and live.

At the CCC Foundation, we are happy to help you invest in this impact according to your passions and interests. Give us a call at 402-460-2151 or email us at [foundation@cccneb.edu](mailto:foundation@cccneb.edu). We specialize in creating impact with you. Please consult your tax and legal advisers for guidance specific to your situation.



# Pro-Am Golf Tournament

The 32nd annual CCC Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament was on Sept. 12, 2022, at the Elks Country Club in Columbus. The event raised \$30,000 for scholarships benefitting students on the Columbus Campus.

The CCC Foundation hosted 31 amateur teams (124 individuals). A pro format was used in which four pros were stationed at various tee boxes on the course. The teams could opt to take the pro's shot on those.

Pros who participated were Stuart Moore, Awarri Dunes, Axtell/Kearney; Caleb Malenke, Quarry Oaks, Ashland; Adam Bradfield, Country Drive Golf Course, Ashland; and Brent McGrew, Quail Run, Columbus.

Thank you to all the players, sponsors and supporters of the golf tournament. It would not have been possible without their support.

- **Title Sponsor:** Columbus Community Hospital
- **Eagle Sponsors:** Pinnacle Bank and Wilkins ADP
- **Green Sponsors:** Albireo Energy, BDB Walls and Waterproofing, Chartwells, Chief Construction and Development, Columbus Bank and Trust, Farris Engineering, First Nebraska Bank, Five Points Bank of Hastings, FNBO: First National Bank of Omaha, GIX Logistics, Kathy and Dean Fuchser, Midlands Contracting, Oakeson Steiner, Sirius, Wealth Advisors Network, Wells Fargo Advisors

- **Reception Sponsor:** Northwestern Mutual-Rob Randels
- **Lunch Sponsor:** Columbus Credit Services
- **Fairway Sponsors:** Hausmann Construction, Lutz, Matheson
- **Tee Box Sponsors:** Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, Bellevue University, Big Muddy Workshop, Brian Stock, Capital Business Systems, Clarus, Dana F. Cole and Company, Don Wasson, Gene Steffy Ford, General Collections, Hamilton Telephone, Intellicom, Jarecki Sharp and Petersen PC LLO, Midwest Connect, Sam's Club, Union Bank and Trust

## Congratulations to the following winners:

**Low Net** – Jeff Gokie, Mike Hansen, Scott Messersmith and Nate Fuerhoff made up team Columbus Community Hospital.

**Low Gross** – Rex Davies, Terry Millard, Mary Young and Marshall Obal made up team Mary's Marauders from Columbus.

## ALUMNI



# Alumni Weekend

Central Community College-Columbus hosted Alumni Weekend 2023 on Friday through Sunday, Feb. 24 through 26, with a wide range of events.

Campus tours were conducted on both Friday and Saturday, allowing visitors to explore the new building and updated facilities, guided by current students, faculty and staff. The Business After Hours was hosted at the Columbus Innovation Center on Friday, co-sponsored by CCC and the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. It was a great success with over 150 in attendance enjoying refreshments and networking.

On Saturday, visitors enjoyed a Family Fun Day and complimentary burger lunch. Interactive portions included the virtual reality lab, nursing demonstrations, fire safety, birthing cow, caricature artist, military and veterans' resources, welding simulation, mechatronics simulation, a variety of community education activities and more.

Both women's and men's Raider basketball games had free admission and popcorn. The Athletic Hall of Fame induction rounded out the evening on Saturday.

The weekend concluded with a band concert and fine arts showcase on Sunday, featuring musical performances by the CCC Concert Band, with student art from the Visual Art and Design Department. We couldn't have asked for a grander celebration as we greeted our CCC past and present and celebrated our Raider bond together.

# Community Appreciation Event

Central Community College and the CCC Foundation celebrated the Kearney Center's fifth anniversary in 2022.

Nearly 150 individuals attended a community appreciation celebration on Sept. 29, 2022, at the center. CCC programs offered through the Kearney location were highlighted. Individuals were able to speak with local faculty and staff, as well as participate in hands-on activities.

The Community Appreciation Event allowed the Foundation and the college to thank the community and partners for their support throughout the years. Attendees were treated to dessert from CCC's culinary arts students who showcased the Degrees food truck.



# Memorials/Honorariums

Over the years numerous memorial/honorarium gifts have been given to the CCC Foundation, with scholarships and/or programs supported from these donations.

The following is a list of donors who have contributed to a memorial or honorarium during the past fiscal year.

*\*Please accept our apologies for any inaccuracies or unintentional omissions.*

## In Memory of Monica "Moni" Albracht

Keith Albracht

## In Memory of Merle Anderson

Alan & Mary Kay Anderson  
Dorothy Anderson

Richard & Connie Anderson  
Scott & Kristy Anderson  
Lu Ann & Jim Fitzgerald

## In Memory of Roger Augspurger

Donna Augspurger

## In Memory of Dick & Barb Averett

Anonymous

Cris Averett  
Gigi Averett  
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George & Glenda Steinsberger

## In Honor of Dr. Lynn & Joan Black

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Steven Black  
Karen Cox  
Laura V. Emde

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## In Memory of Jerry Leetsch

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## In Memory of Vince Lempke

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Tamra Bengtson

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Dr. Matt & Michele Gotschall



# Outstanding Alumni

**Janelle Seim**  
*Grand Island*



“I challenge you, as you leave and go on to do your great things, that you remember the bits and pieces of what has made your journey a successful one and pass that along to someone along the way.”

**Brent and Andrea Winfield**  
*Hastings*



“As you go through these doors and onto your next step in your life, just remember that you can accomplish anything you put your mind to, and never forget where you came from and those who helped you along your way!”

**Marci Ostmeyer**  
*Columbus*



“Surround yourself with people who see greatness within you, even when you don’t see it within yourself.”

## Nominate an outstanding alumnus!

### Calling all CCC enthusiasts and proud alumni!

**G**et ready to unleash your excitement and nominate an extraordinary CCC graduate for the highly coveted Outstanding Alumni Award. We’re all about celebrating those outstanding individuals whose lives have been transformed by Central Community College and who have gone on to achieve remarkable feats in their personal, professional and community endeavors.

Let us celebrate remarkable alumni who personify the very essence of CCC’s mission

to “Maximize Student and Community Success.” This prestigious award recognizes the achievements of CCC graduates who have made a lasting impact in their fields, receiving recognition, overcoming challenges and making significant contributions to society.

Do you know someone who embodies the essence of an outstanding CCC alum? Don’t let this chance slip away! Nominate them for the 2024 Outstanding Alumni Award using our convenient online form. Remember, all fields must be completed to qualify, so be sure

to gather all the necessary information before submitting your nomination.

Mark your calendars, as the deadline for nominations is Feb. 25, 2024.

Let’s celebrate the shining stars of CCC and show the world the incredible impact our alumni make!

[cccneb.edu/outstandingalumniaward](http://cccneb.edu/outstandingalumniaward)

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## From classroom project to reality!

### CCC Foundation joins CCC occupational therapy assistant students to escort inclusive playground from dream to reality

On July 25, 2023, dirt flew as Tom and Sue Pirnie, along with several donors, co-chairs, children and CCC alumni, turned shovels at Ryder Park to break ground for the Pirnie Inclusive Playground.

This 27,000-square-foot playground was imagined in an occupational therapy assistant (OTA) classroom at Central Community College in the spring of 2021. The OTA students were challenged to design a community project that would increase the mobility and quality of life for individuals who are unable to fully participate in daily activities due to physical or psychological limitations.

Their class project soon took on a life of its own as they used occupational therapy concepts stimulating physical, cognitive, social, emotional and sensory skills in the design of the massive community playground.

Bryan Klinginsmith, one of the six CCC students who presented the project, spoke at the ceremony.

“We worked very hard on the project, and we didn’t know where it was going to go,” he said. “We always had big hopes and dreams that it would come to this one day, and here we are.”

Klinginsmith had high praise for CCC and the Central Community College Foundation.

“We’ve been very thankful that Central Community College has backed us 100% from the very beginning on this project,” he said. “They saw our passion for this, and they stood behind us and helped us out in every way they could.”

At the CCC Foundation’s urging, the class presented their idea to a group of community leaders in April 2021 and were encouraged to pursue this dream for Grand Island’s youngest residents, as well as all of those who are young at heart.

“That’s when the Central Community College Foundation took over the project and started doing the fundraising and all the legwork for it,” Klinginsmith said.

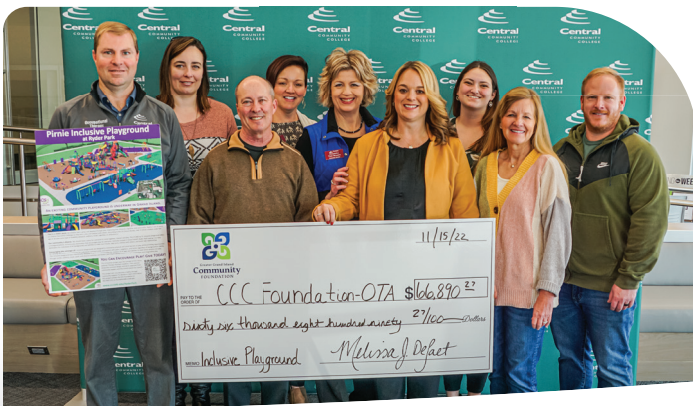
From this meeting, the team added project partners including the City of Grand Island and the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation.



In all, with the support of 237 donors, the team raised \$1,658,900 for the \$2.8 million project. The City of Grand Island added \$1.25 million in infrastructure upgrades to include paved parking and new accessible restrooms on site.

CCC Board of Governors member Tom Pirnie and his wife, Sue, led the way with a lead gift of \$200,000 to name the playground.

In her remarks to the crowd, CCC Foundation Executive Director Traci Skalberg said, “There were reasons to not pursue, to not persist, to say no. You said yes. A lot of people had to look fear or hassle in the face and say yes. It would have been easier to say no. It took all of us. You all could have said no. It would have been easier. But you said yes. And, just as soon as we break ground . . . the construction crews will begin with the goal to finish in the fall. And that will be a YES for Grand Island, a YES for children of all abilities. Congratulations!”



# Fighter Jett, Flying High

Dr. Joe and Julie Vavricek joined the campaign as co-chairs in 2023. Their 2-year-old son, nicknamed Jett, passed away on May 1, 2021. Jett had suffered a tragic accident just about the time that the inclusive playground project was gathering momentum.

“Once we found out the details of this project, it was something we knew we needed to be involved with,” Vavricek said. “Before he was injured, this is somewhere that we dreamed he would have played baseball. After he was injured, we worried if there’d be a place for him to play.”

In memory of Jett, the Vavriceks created a foundation.

“His foundation and all the generosity from people around the area have allowed us to be able to partner with all of you,” Vavricek said. “And now this will be a place where his sisters can come to meet new friends, where he can still impact the lives of so many, and we are just so thankful for the opportunity to be involved with this.”

With the completion of the playground this fall, many children will be able to fly high on swings and even zip lines. They can do so in memory of Vavricek’s sweet little boy, “Fighter Jett.”



# Legacy Society

The Legacy Society allows the donor to leave a gift in the form of a bequest naming Central Community College Foundation as a beneficiary in his or her will. This can be done by a percentage of/or a fixed amount of the estate. Other methods of donating to the Legacy Society include life insurance policies or other planned giving programs.

For more information as to how you can become a member of the Legacy Society, contact the Foundation at [foundation@cccneb.edu](mailto:foundation@cccneb.edu) or at 402-460-2151.

The following is a list of current members of the Legacy Society. The bolded names are new for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

*\*Indicates donor(s) are deceased. Year indicates CCC graduate status.*

**BOLD indicates new for fiscal year.**

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 Drs. Greg P. & Marilee Smith – Denver, CO  
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 Doris Van Dyke<sup>1993</sup> – Columbus  
**Marilyn Vrana (Lempke) – Columbus**  
 Diana Watson – Holdrege  
 Dallas\* & Carolyn Wegner – Kearney  
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 S.N. (Bud) & Gloria Wolbach\* – Grand Island  
 Dr. John & June Yost\* – Hastings

# Generations of Impact

In the spring of 2021, the Central Community College Foundation conducted a feasibility study to determine whether it should launch a \$25 million “Generations of Impact” (GOI) fundraising project. The focus was planned gifts, talking to donors about their passions and leaving a legacy. Nearly 95% of the participants believed the campaign was worthy of their support.

To further enhance and support Central Community College’s impact on our 25-county area, the Foundation has embarked on this planned giving campaign for the future. Thirty-two percent of the GOI goal, or \$8 million, will be directed toward an administrative endowment to cover 100% of net operating expenses of the Foundation. This will allow the Foundation to focus on serving donors and assisting students in fulfilling their educational dreams by funding scholarships, programs and initiatives.

We began our discussions with donors in January 2022 and have now reached the halfway milestone of over \$12.5 million in deferred and expectant committed gifts from donor estate plans, wills and trusts. We believe the impact upon the Foundation, Central Community College and, most importantly, our students will be long term and in perpetuity. We hope to reach our goal by July 2024.



## Philanthropy and the power of community

**D**iana Watson’s heartfelt dedication to Central Community College is nothing short of inspiring. Her journey with CCC began almost three decades ago, and since then, she has become an integral part of this vibrant educational community.

As the current regional director of the Holdrege Center and international studies coordinator, Diana’s influence extends beyond the boundaries of the learning center. She understands the transformative power of community colleges, both for individuals and the communities they serve.

From early college students to those who are apprehensive coming through the door to those who find challenges as they work toward their educational goals, Diana connects with these students to ensure they have a safe, welcoming environment and an opportunity to succeed.

Diana’s impact is felt in the stories of those who were once told they wouldn’t succeed but found the courage to walk through CCC’s doors and achieve success. Through her unwavering commitment, she creates a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. The Holdrege Center has allowed her to forge personal connections with students, enabling her to witness firsthand the profound influence CCC has on their lives.

“I’ve seen the difference we’ve (CCC) made, and this has inspired me to want to help others pursue their goals in the future,” she said.

Diana has seen the difference that Central has on a student’s personal growth and community strength. She has also witnessed the employment opportunities that students gain through their CCC education, solidifying her belief in the institution’s role in building brighter futures.

Reflecting on her own journey and the countless others she’s witnessed, Diana has chosen to leave a lasting legacy — a heartfelt gift to the CCC Foundation upon her passing. In her own words, Diana beautifully captures the essence of philanthropy:

**“When I was younger, I didn’t think I would ever be considered a philanthropist as I can’t give large amounts. But I have learned that small amounts of giving over time add up and that I can give something to make a large impact.”**

Diana Watson’s collegiate journey may not have started at CCC, but her journey is making a profound and lasting impact on Central’s students and communities alike. Her legacy gift is a testament to her unwavering belief in the transformative power of education, and it will ensure that her influence endures for generations to come.

Diana’s story is one of hope and inspiration for all who believe in the power of education to change lives and strengthen communities.

Together, growing and giving. We are so grateful to the thousands of individuals & organizations who have designated Central Community College Foundation & the College as recipients of their contributions. These contributions have come in a variety of ways--through capital campaigns, memorials, scholarships, grants, employee appeals, gifts-in-kind & other fundraising activities. Our Donor Honor Roll reflects gifts from patrons to the CCC Foundation. This year the Donor Honor Roll categories reflect the amounts received **July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

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### Do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti ...

“Let’s start at the very beginning. It’s a very good place to start. When you read, you begin with A, B, C. When you sing, you begin with do, re, mi.”

– Julie Andrews as Maria von Trapp  
in *“The Sound Music”*

The check wasn’t a singing telegram, but it will sure make music for years to come.

Columbus Campus faculty member and Director of Choirs Jeff Kitson has made a big impact on CCC students for the last 18 years. He has helped young musicians perfect their instrument while providing cultural experiences for the campus and community. He has even traveled all over Europe with CCC’s select choir, Spectrum.

In the fall of 2022, during the CCC Foundation’s annual Employee Appeal, Kitson sent a check to begin the Kitson Family Scholarship Fund. It turns out that he had been thinking about this for years.

“I started saving when Dean Moors talked about endowed scholarships at a meeting,” he said. “It seemed like such a great way to leave a legacy!”

Kitson’s development of young people seems to come naturally. He credits his parents, who supported his dreams.

“I decided to create this scholarship to help ensure music and fine arts always have a place in the CCC curriculum,” Kitson said. “My parents always encouraged my pursuit of music, and I wanted to honor them by helping to provide a lasting gift so our students have help pursuing their passion.”

The Kitson Family Scholarship, once fully endowed, will be available annually for any full-time student who is enrolled in music, theater or sociology programs, with preference to a student attending the Columbus Campus.

Kitson started at the beginning. He started the endowment. It is a great place to start. In doing so, while he lives the mission of maximizing student and community success, he is also giving the mission. This will be a legacy that creates music in perpetuity.

# Employee Donors

Support from employees of Central Community College and the Foundation is instrumental in the success of the CCC Foundation's fundraising efforts. While the dollars contributed by the employees are important, even more significant is the loyalty, commitment and dedication these donations represent. The following list represents 359 part-time, full-time and community education employees who have contributed to the CCC Foundation's 2022 Pacesetter Campaign, 2022 Employee Appeal, paid to participate in the 2022 Pro-Am Golf Tournament, donated their CCC Service or Retirement Awards, and/or participated in other fundraising opportunities sponsored by the CCC Foundation.

*\*Please accept our apologies for any inaccuracies or unintentional omissions.*

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## 2022 EMPLOYEE APPEAL STATISTICS

In 2022, CCC had

# 495

full-time faculty  
and staff  
(employees):

# 72%

participation  
by full-time  
employees

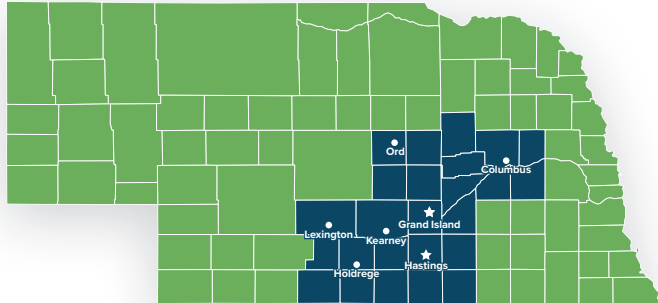
# 82%

response rate  
by full-time  
employees

TOTAL RAISED:  
**\$77,508**

# Quick Facts

## 25 County Area



## College Awards



## 2021-22 Headcount

<b>49%</b> CREDIT	<b>26%</b> NON-CREDIT
<b>16%</b> AVOCATIONAL/ RECREATIONAL	<b>9%</b> ABE/ESL/GED

## Credit Course Delivery

<b>54%</b> ON-SITE	<b>21%</b> ONLINE
<b>7%</b> HYBRID	<b>18%</b> HIGH SCHOOL

## 2020-21 Graduates

90% percent of CCC graduates employed full-time, stay within our 25-county service area.



## Graduate Count & Awards by Type

<b>698</b> ASSOCIATES	<b>594</b> DIPLOMAS
<b>1,309</b> CERTIFICATES	<b>1,493</b> UNDUPLICATED GRADUATES

## Area Headcount

<b>19,419</b> TOTAL STUDENTS	<b>16,848</b> FROM SERVICE AREA
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## 2021-22 Students by Attendance

<b>20%</b> FULL-TIME	<b>80%</b> PART-TIME
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# Program Options

- Academic Transfer
- Accounting
- Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology
- Agricultural Sciences
- Art and Design
- Auto Body Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Biological Science
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Construction Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Diesel Technology
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Education
- Electrical Technology
- Energy Technology
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Geography
- Health Information Management Services
- Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Heavy Equipment Operator Technician
- History
- Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts
- Human Services
- Information Technology and Systems
- Library and Information Services
- Logistics
- Mathematics
- Mechatronics
- Media Arts
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Music
- Nursing Education
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Paramedicine
- Pharmacy Technician
- Philosophy
- Physical Education and Recreation
- Physical Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Quality Technology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech
- Theatre
- Truck Driving
- Welding Technology



At Central Community College, we take our mission of maximizing student and community success seriously. We know that vibrant communities and economies rely on the ability to educate and train the workforce.

We are proud of the role we play in central Nebraska, but we could not do it without you! Our ability to offer career and technical education, business, health and academic transfer courses in multiple locations and formats is directly tied to the diverse people and communities that we serve. It's an engine fueled by donors and community stakeholders, like yourself, who invest in these opportunities.

We are grateful to our CCC Foundation and their talented staff and board of directors, who work with us to engage and navigate private partnership and investment. Thank you for investing in students, maximizing communities and partnering with us!

*Dr. Matt Gotschall*

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT



## We celebrated. We asked for guidance. We finished strong.

**A**nd that's a wrap! My year one at the Central Community College Foundation is already past tense, and it went fast. It was much like my last 24 years of connecting donors to community investment. The difference, of course, was the new environment and the multiple-community format of Central Community College. The team put a lot of miles on our cars this year. We celebrated. We asked for guidance. We finished strong.

We celebrated with the Columbus Campus in November as they opened their new Center for Science and Technology. We were back in Columbus in February, celebrating Alumni Weekend.

We celebrated the five-year anniversary of the Kearney Center with a Community Appreciation Night in September. All these celebrations were the result of communities and partners pulling together to invest in education and the workforce. It takes a village to pull this local economic investment wagon, and we celebrate that.

We like to celebrate, but part of our responsibility is to partner with donors, staff and the community to understand their desires, opinions and dreams. We ask for guidance. The CCC Foundation completed a branding study in the spring of 2023. We asked for feedback on the current brand and ideas on updating and defining the brand. More than 300 survey responses framed our work as we set out to build towards the future. We unveiled a new logo design in late June.

We also acted as a collaborating partner, asking for guidance from industry regarding proposed construction of a new Automotive Career Training Center at the

Hastings Campus. We held a visioning forum in April and followed that with a feasibility study that we are wrapping up during the fall of 2023.

We finished strong. Perhaps the largest accomplishment of year one for me was jumping into and finishing the Pirnie Inclusive Playground fundraising campaign in Grand Island. This campaign was right up my alley and a nice one for me to walk into. I am no stranger to putting community assets into Grand Island. It's been my life for the last 24 years, and who doesn't love to work on a playground for the cutest residents of a community? The Pirnie Inclusive Playground is set to open yet this fall. I plan to be one of the first Grand Island residents to fly through the air on the zip line. It seems to be an appropriate way to celebrate.

It was a fun year, but there is more fun ahead. At their June meeting, the CCC Foundation Board of Directors adopted goals for 2023-2024 that will keep us moving forward. This year, we have plans to roll out a new website for the CCC Foundation. We will continue our work towards the goals of the Generations of Impact Planned Giving Campaign. We will begin work to develop stronger bonds in our communities through leadership programs, campus liaisons and targeted communication. We have some big investments to announce when the time is right, and we will continue to work with our friends, family, businesses, staff and communities to help them invest in their community college.

It will still be a whirlwind, and I will still be new. But I plan to wear Central Community College green for a long time because investing in communities is my life's work. Creating opportunities for students to afford school and train for the workforce builds individuals and communities, and who wouldn't want to do that?

*Traci Skalberg*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## Who is a Central Community College alum?

At Central Community College, we believe that completing a class toward a degree, diploma or certificate is a huge accomplishment! Even if you took a class or two for professional or personal development, you are a CCC alum.

### Share Your Story

We want to hear all about how Central Community College has made a difference in your life and career!

We want to share your story with other CCC alumni, staff, faculty and community members. So grab a cup of coffee, sit back and scan the QR code to let us know what CCC means to you!



### Travel Discounts

Hi there, CCC alumni and friends! We think you're pretty great, which is why we've got some awesome travel discounts just for you! Scan the QR code to check them out and start planning your next adventure today!



“When I was younger,  
I didn’t think I would ever be  
considered a philanthropist  
as I can’t give large amounts.  
But I have learned that  
small amounts of giving over time  
add up and that I can give something  
to make a large impact.”

— Diana Watson

*Read Diana’s success story, page 19*



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