



2019-20 Annual Report

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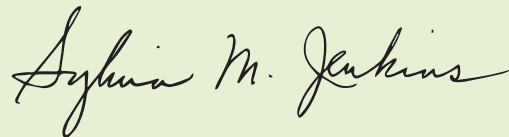
There is no doubt, 2020 has been one of the most challenging years Moraine Valley Community College and its Foundation have faced, but our faculty, staff and students did not let these challenges stop them, quickly pivoting to adapt to a new reality.

Our faculty demonstrated their strong student commitment by converting hundreds of classes to an online format in a matter of days. The college's Information Technology Department worked miracles – giving employees and students the technology needed to continue working and learning from home, and our staff adapted to provide exemplary service to students remotely.

We know how strong our students' commitments are to their education, and we were not going to let even a global pandemic stand in the way of their dreams. This strength made it possible for our students to continue to learn and grow. They attended classes online while juggling the changes around them. Many faced job loss and financial crisis, and wondered if they could afford to continue their education. In addition, while most of us stayed safely at home, many of our students worked the front lines as health care professionals, fire and rescue workers, and retail and supply chain employees, keeping our communities safe and viable.

While the pandemic is not yet over, and our society continues to examine issues of fairness and equality, we have hope. One reason for this hope is the committed group of donors who support our Foundation. Please enjoy reading this annual report that shows how the Foundation stayed strong in its commitment to assist students in crisis and provide scholarships and overall support to the college, especially during this difficult year. We thank our Foundation for assuring that learning continues, dreams are pursued and our Moraine Valley community remains strong.

Regards,



Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins
President, Moraine Valley Community College

Every day, the Moraine Valley Foundation strives to help students as they pursue their dreams for a better future. With the advent of the COVID-19 crisis, our commitment to providing hope to struggling students was stronger than ever.

*We had to alter the way we did many things. Events moved to virtual experiences or were cancelled, communication with students and donors moved to online formats and new opportunities arose. Our donors and supporters understood the increased needs our students faced and gave of themselves in innumerable ways. Each of these small and large acts were examples of their commitment to our students and showed them **the strength of hope**.*

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and financially support college programs and financial assistance to students, while exercising prudent management and investment of donor funds.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the charity of choice for educational charitable giving of private gifts from donors sympathetic to our cause.

This report covers July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.



College president, Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, and Foundation Board president, Thomas Kantas, award Matthew Ibrahim the Arab American Academic Excellence and Matrix scholarships at the annual Scholarship Reception.

While so much has changed this year, and much uncertainty still remains, the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation stands committed to providing hope to our students. Despite the challenges raised by the pandemic and national concerns for social justice, they continue to amaze me with their perseverance and drive.

Consider the single parent going back to college to provide a better life for his family while struggling to teach his children and work at home. Or think about the student who works full-time and takes a full-time class load, wondering if a job loss will derail her college dream. One student may have lost a family member to the virus, and another works on the front lines caring for COVID-19 patients. These are challenges like none we have experienced.

Yet, the Foundation remains steadfast in helping students like these and others achieve their goals. Hope may come through a scholarship that pays for tuition. Or it can come in the form of textbooks or supplies needed to be successful in class. Hope can be much-needed assistance to pay for essential living expenses like rent, utilities and food. It can even come in something as small as a bus pass to get a student to and from school or work. The Foundation provided hope in all of these ways this year as we saw an exponential increase in student needs of all kinds.

The Foundation faced its own challenges this year, too, with changes to its biggest fundraisers. We quickly converted our fundraising gala to an online event and moved our other activities to virtual or social-distanced formats. Yet, we have not lost hope that our generous, selfless donors will come through with acts of kindness at a difficult time for many.

Thanks to you, our donors and supporters, we also have hope our good work will continue. We deeply appreciate all you do for Moraine Valley and its students.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kantas, J.D.
President, Moraine Valley Community College Foundation

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gives students hope by

*providing financial support and letting
them know they're not alone.*

Jim Denton

"When I was six, my father died in an auto accident, which didn't matter because he had left us a couple of years earlier. We had absolutely no money, no car, and my father left behind debt," Jim Denton said. "The good news is our mother was a saint." Denton's family struggled financially, so when he got a good-paying job, he quit high school. "It was the worst decision I ever made," he said.

After marrying the love of his life, Theresa, and having two kids, Denton decided to earn his high school equivalency (HSE) degree. When he presented his diploma to his mom, she cried. "It was her dream to get her six kids through high school," Denton said. Having achieved this goal, he focused on his career. When offered a sales territory, despite his lack of a college degree, Denton made the most of the opportunity. "In 18 months, I took a \$350,000-a-year territory to \$1.7 million." He continued to move up, eventually becoming a senior vice president for a Fortune 500 company.

In 2011, Denton was in a terrible car accident that left him with several health issues, chronic pain and an inability to work. "I was 53 years old, at the top of my industry and never felt better about myself. In a heartbeat, my life changed," he said. He suffered a bout of depression, but he said, "When something like this happens, you start thinking about your life, your contributions, your future. I had a decision to make. Was I going to let this accident take my life away? I decided to make the best of what I can do."

One thing he and Theresa did was create a scholarship. "The idea was to help a student with a plight like my mother's – several kids and nobody to help – or like me, who grew up in that environment," Denton said. This year, the JTD Aspire Scholarship was awarded to Isabel Rios, a single mother, who earned her HSE and wanted to pursue a college degree. The Dentons met Isabel at the Foundation's Scholarship Reception. "We're very proud of her accomplishments and the great example she's setting for her three children. It wasn't about us. It was all about her," he said.

Denton shares his story with Moraine Valley's HSE classes to encourage them to continue their education and not let adversity stop them. He tells them, "I've been blessed. I mean that – even with my health today."

He and Theresa hope others will contribute to the Foundation and realize a small amount of money can change lives – both the scholarship recipient's and the donor's. "I know it helped Isabel, but the feeling we had when we met her was unbelievable," Denton said.

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Jim Denton



Isabel Rios

***The Moraine Valley
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*letting me know there are people
who care and are willing to give even
when they don't know you. I hope
one day I'll be in that position.*

Isabel Rios

"My shift starts at six, so I'm up at four. After work, I pick my kids up from my mom's house because she watches them. I make sure their homework is done. Then we cook dinner, and I get them ready for bed. They relax, and I do my studying. The next day, it starts over," Isabel Rios said, describing her typical day. As a single mom of three who works full-time and is back in school, life can be pretty hectic. But she knows it's worth it. "I tell my kids, 'I'm doing this so we can all live better.'"

"I didn't finish high school because I became a parent so young," said Rios, who had her first son, Mauricio Noel, at 17. Joel came along a few years later, followed by Bella. When her relationship with the children's father ended, she wanted to return to school, but she knew not having a high school diploma held her back. "I thought, 'I need to follow my dream.'" She ordered a test prep book. "I studied on my breaks and after work. I took the HSE test, and I was nervous, but I passed."

After working at an assisted living facility for several years, Rios knew she wanted to become a nurse. When she visited Moraine Valley, she knew it was the place for her. "Everyone was so welcoming," she said. Rios has continued to find support at the college. "All of my instructors are willing to help and there's tutoring." She also received financial help – in the form of the JTD Aspire Scholarship.

Rios submitted the scholarship application and thought, "What are the odds of me getting the scholarship? So when they called to congratulate me, at first, I thought it was a prank," she said. Once she realized it was true, she started crying. "I'm so used to working hard for everything. That to me was a gift. I'm so grateful. It's something I'll remember forever."

Rios met Jim and Theresa, the donors who made the scholarship possible, at the Foundation's Scholarship Reception. "They are some of the greatest people I've ever met. They are so kind, and I'm thankful they chose me." She added, "As a first-generation student, I always dreamed of going to college, and now, thanks to this scholarship, I can."

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*showing them they're not alone.
They're part of a larger community of people
who came before them who give scholarships
because they believe in them.*

Susan van Amerongen

"Sure, a cruise would've been nice," Susan van Amerongen joked, while discussing her decision to start a scholarship. "But I wanted to do something spectacular for my 60th birthday, so I decided to give back to Moraine Valley because nursing is at the heart of who I am, and that's where I got my start. What an awesome thing to leave a legacy."

After graduating from Moraine Valley in 1980, van Amerongen began her career as a labor and delivery nurse. Later, she provided community health education about cancer and now works in a family practice. "Nursing allowed me to do two things I love – care for and educate people," she said.

Van Amerongen cherishes Florence Nightingale's quote, "Nursing is getting people in the best state to heal themselves." "I think that's what nursing is – giving patients what they need to be the best they can be," she said. In this spirit, van Amerongen decided to support Moraine Valley students. "My wish is for the recipients to use this scholarship as a stepping stone."

Van Amerongen contacted the Foundation and came from her home in Cincinnati to tour the campus, which changed significantly in the 40 years since she left. She discovered one special thing remained. "My nursing graduation picture is still there," she said. "It teared me up to be reminded of those people in my classes. I was so touched, and I realized I was a part of an ongoing story."

She named the Steve and Alice Molo Nursing Scholarship in honor of her parents and wanted it to be awarded to a first-generation student studying to become a nurse. "The first year, the board matched any new scholarships. I gave \$5,000, and they matched it. I was really excited about that," she said. The Foundation awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 recipients. This year, she upped her donation to \$10,000 to again help 10 students. She hopes others choose to give. "You don't have to wait until your 60th birthday, and you don't have to give \$5,000. It doesn't have to be a huge amount. It all adds up. If you want to change lives, you can," she said.

As van Amerongen reflects on her nursing career, she said, "I never would've thought all these years ago that I'd be where I am. I did know I'd be somewhere helping someone, and it would be a worthwhile life. And it really has been."

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Susan van Amerongen



Trevon Velasco

"I wanted to get my nursing degree, so I decided to give Moraine Valley a shot, and it's worked out very well," Trevon Velasco said. He already had experience providing patient care after tending to the needs of his great-grandmother, who suffered from dementia. At the time, Trevon was 16 and had to give up his bedroom because they lived in a two-bedroom apartment. He said that experience will help him as a nurse. "I can understand how hard it is sometimes and the toll it can take on the family."

Velasco's mom works in a hospital, so when he expressed interest in the health care field, she suggested he become an emergency room nurse because the environment is fast-paced. "That's my personality. I don't like sitting around. I'm going into this profession to help people, and I want to come in every day and be excited about that," he said.

Velasco recently had to worry about his mother's health when the COVID-19 crisis struck. "When cases were soaring, I was definitely nervous and told her to use her personal protective equipment," he said. Luckily, she stayed healthy. However, the pandemic affected Velasco's education when all classes went online. "There were no clinical or lab meetings. And I prefer face-to-face classes," he said.

With the challenges Velasco faced, he was grateful his financial burden was lessened by receiving the Steve and Alice Molo Nursing Scholarship. "It was a huge help financially. That has been my biggest stress about school. It hasn't been the tests or the clinicals. It's always been, 'Do I have the money for this?' The scholarship took that load off, so I could

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allowing me to reach my whole potential
and commit myself to my studies.**

Trevon Velasco

fully commit to my studies. It helped get me in the position where I'm at, which is that I've gotten only As and Bs in the nursing program, and I'm in the honor society. Without the scholarship, it would have been much harder," Velasco said.

He met Susan van Amerongen, who created the scholarship, and her mother, Alice, who it is named in honor of, when the two came to Moraine Valley for a visit. Velasco said it was good getting to know van Amerongen and hearing about her experience in nursing. He's grateful for the wisdom she shared. And he's grateful she created this scholarship. "It's an amazing thing she did. The scholarship helps students get financial stress off their minds and brings out the best in them. I thank her and want her to know her contribution makes a huge difference."



Scholarships give students *Hope* to fulfill their dreams

As students of all ages and backgrounds pursue their dream of a college education at Moraine Valley, one of the many advantages they reap is getting a quality education at an affordable price. Yet, even with a low tuition cost, some of our students still struggle financially. Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation's donors, they can apply for one of more than 200 scholarships.

How are scholarships awarded?

Students may apply for scholarships at any time during the academic year by completing an in-depth online application, writing essays and, in some cases, providing references or personal interviews. Scholarships are awarded three times throughout the year.

What are the criteria for scholarships?

Scholarship criteria are determined by the donors who create the scholarship and can vary considerably. The Scholarship Review Committee, a large group of volunteer faculty, staff, alumni and community members, chooses the scholarship winners. Students are notified of their award, and funds are transferred directly to the Financial Aid Office for the recipients' tuition, fees and books. Students are recognized at the annual Scholarship Reception, along with their scholarship's donors. Recipients must meet the terms set forth in their scholarship, which typically includes a specific GPA and a required number of credit hours.

How can you donate to support scholarships?

Contact the Foundation at (708) 974-5740 or donate now.

morainevalley.edu/donate

Costumes, sandwiches, drawings – creative ways our donors raise funds

If you have a strong desire to start a scholarship – but think it's something you couldn't afford – think again! Many of the scholarships awarded come from people whose hearts are bigger than their bank accounts. With a commitment to helping students, they have come up with some truly creative ways to raise funds.

Dan Gogolew and his family hold a Halloween party each year to fund the Gogolew Family Scholarship. Instead of just handing out candy, the Gogolews award two scholarships to students in service industry trades. They invite their family, friends and coworkers to attend the party, dressed in full costume, and ask them to donate to this worthy cause.

Joe and Jean Monocchio make a personal donation that Joe's employer matches, doubling their scholarship gift. Perhaps your employer matches donations, too.

Faculty and staff members who saw a need to provide a scholarship for the LGBTQ+ community “passed the hat” to their colleagues and are planning to hold bake sales and drawings in the future to increase the award amount.

Community clubs, such as the Orland-Palos VFW, Kiwanis Club, Suburban Service League, Palos AAUW, Palos Heights Women's Club and Rotary Club of Moraine Valley, have dedicated members who run fundraising events to support scholarships. For example, the Rotary Club of Orland Park holds an annual community-wide drawing to provide scholarships for the Foundation and local high schools. “Our members work hard to raise money, because we know there is a need in our community for students to go to college,” said club president Keloryn Putnam.

The college's student-run **Arab Student Union** and **Muslim Student Association** hold several small fundraisers throughout the year, such as selling sandwiches and hosting bake sales. They also ask members of the Arab community to donate. The clubs offer several scholarships each year to high-achieving Arab students.

We hope you're inspired to create your own scholarship. Contact the Foundation at foundation@morainevalley.edu or (708) 974-5740 to learn how our staff can assist you in making your idea to fund a scholarship a reality.



Dan Gogolew and Diane Link, in costume, raise scholarship funds at their 2019 Halloween party.



Scholarship award winner Ziyad Abdelrahim receives a prize from a raffle that raised scholarship funds from Alumni Hall of Fame inductee and donor, Dave Shalabi.

New scholarships established in



AET Cohort Scholarship – This scholarship funds the tuition and course material expenses for underrepresented populations at the college in the Automation and Engineering Technology Program, which creates a pipeline of future technical workers to meet manufacturing industries' growing skills gap.

Anne Fuelling Memorial Culinary Scholarship – Created to honor the memory of a dear, departed friend and colleague by former Moraine Valley faculty members, Dr. Sharon Fritz and Lenette Staudinger, the award is for a culinary student.

Carpe Diem Woman's STEM Scholarship – Brittany Keith, an IT analyst at Tesla in California's Silicon Valley, wanted to encourage women to pursue a career in STEM. The award will go to a female student who is involved in volunteer and community activities and plans to major in a STEM program.



Edward Walter McCormack Memorial Veteran's Scholarship – This scholarship honors the memory of veteran Edward Walter McCormack, brother of Dr. Margaret Lehner and cousin of Nancy DesRault. The scholarship will go to a veteran student who maintains a specified GPA.

Kiwanis Club of Orland Park Scholarship – Realizing a need for health care workers, this scholarship was created to assist students with purchasing tools, uniforms and equipment needed to take Career Program courses. Students must be newly enrolled in the Nursing Program.

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Marsha P. Johnson Scholarship – Created by a group of faculty and staff members in honor of gay rights activist, Marsha P. Johnson, to help a student who identifies as LGBTQ+, maintains a specified GPA and demonstrates financial need.

Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Board Business Scholarship – Offered as a result of a successful fundraising effort by the Foundation Board of Directors, this scholarship goes to a student who is studying business, shows financial need and maintains a specified GPA.

Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Board Volunteer Scholarship – The Moraine Valley Foundation Board offers these two scholarships to honor students who are active as volunteers in their community.

Orland-Palos VFW Scholarship of Excellence – Donated as a result of fundraising efforts by the Orland-Palos VFW, these two awards recognize one male and one female student who were honorably discharged from the U.S. military and who actively volunteer in their community.

Rotary Club of Moraine Valley Scholarship – The Rotary Club of Moraine Valley continues its support of the college with these two scholarships that help students with financial need who maintain a specified GPA.

Usha and Swaran Scholarship – Donated by Kam and Netali Sanghvi in honor of their mothers, who were strong advocates of education, this award will go to a student of Asian-Indian descent who maintains a specific GPA and demonstrates financial need.



Ron Raimbault, VFW Post #2604 commander, (far left) presents a check to provide two scholarships for veteran students. Accepting the check are (left to right) Patti Friend, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Foundation; Marine Corps veteran Noah Imm, president of Moraine Valley's Student Veterans of America Chapter, Boots to College; and Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, college president.

2019-20 Foundation scholarships

**These scholarships, made possible by our generous donors,
supported Moraine Valley students during the 2019-20 fiscal year.**

Endowed and Perpetual Scholarships

Brian A. Andersen Memorial Scholarship
Dave and Karen Heide Volunteer Scholarship
Dr. James Koeller Scholarship
Dr. Patricia M. Bauhs Scholarship
FitRec Scholarship
Great Lakes Bank Scholarship
Joann Karen Basick Scholarship
Lieutenant Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship
Matthew P. Walsh Scholarship
Returning Women Diversity Scholarship
Richard and Sharon Fritz Scholarship
Sandra Broadbent Memorial Scholarship

Annual Student Scholarships

Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Career Programs Scholarships
American Association of University Women (AAUW) Palos/Orland
Area Branch Anita Ritzler Scholarship
Angelika Hadjimitsos Scholarship
Anne Reagan Scholarships
Arab American Academic Excellence Scholarships
Arab American Women Scholarships
Arlene Spiros Academic Scholarship
Astro-to-Cyclone Scholarship
Atassi Foundation Scholarship
Automotive Technology Academic Scholarship
Automotive Technology Scholarship
Beverly Keehn Scholarship
Carolina Vazquez Memorial Scholarship
ComEd Scholarship
Dennis Shannon Scholarships for Leadership
and Excellence in Accounting
Dolores "Dee" Fogarty Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins Women's Leadership Scholarship
Dr. Vernon O. Crawley Full-Time Student Scholarships
Dr. Vernon O. Crawley Part-Time Student Scholarships
Erich Spengler Career Pathway Memorial Scholarship
Fay Fischer Memorial Scholarship
First Midwest Bank Scholarships
Gogolew Family Scholarship
Hickey Foundation Scholarship Fund
ICCSF Health Trust Scholarship
ICCSF Healthcare Scholarship

IMEG Engineering Scholarship
International Student Scholarship
Jack DeLoss Taylor Charitable Trust Basic Nurse Assistant
Training Program Scholarships
Jesse J. Lopez "Give a Kid a Chance" Scholarships
John and Patricia Coleman Scholarships
John Wagner Memorial Art Scholarship
JTD Aspire Scholarship
Kevin Pressley Memorial Scholarship
Linda Metz Memorial Scholarship
Lor-Izzo Scholarship
Mathematics Scholarship
Matrix Fitness Scholarships
Medical Terminology Scholarships
Monocchio Family Scholarship
Moraine Valley Annuitant's Association Scholarship
Moraine Valley Executive Leadership Book Fund Scholarship
Moraine Valley Foundation Retention Scholarships
Moraine Valley High School Equivalency Scholarship
Moraine Valley Music Scholarship
Muslim Student Association (MSA) Scholarship
Palos Heights Woman's Club Arts Scholarship
Palos Heights Woman's Club Scholarships
Patricia M. Weldon Memorial Scholarship
Patricia McKeague Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual Students
in Nursing and Health Sciences
Pepsi Athletic Scholarships
Peter Garetto Culinary Scholarship
Powers-King Book Scholarship
Raymond and Margaret Lehner Scholarship
Riley Spreadbury Scholarships
Rotary Club of Oak Lawn Scholarship
Rotary Club of Orland Park Scholarships
Selamah Chik Scholarships
Steve and Alice Molo Nursing Scholarships
Student Involvement Scholarship
Suburban Service League Scholarships
"Thank You Veteran" Scholarship
Valerie Rucinski Memorial Scholarship
Viva La Design Scholarship
W.E.B. DuBois Scholarship
William Opelka Scholarship

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help students in crisis



Jean Starnes is going to college with hopes to eventually counsel kids in foster care. As a former youth-in-care, she understands what they are going through.

When COVID-19 hit, her family's income was greatly reduced and she wondered how she'd afford her tuition and books. With a Foundation book scholarship and student emergency funds, she is continuing her education.



*“The Foundation gave me hope by offering me support.
They helped me get back in school and made this all possible.”*

The Foundation provides emergency funds to students with a specific unexpected financial need. Due to the upsurge of student assistance needed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation increased the student emergency budget for its new fiscal year by 400%.

“We are proud we helped so many during this challenging time. With funds provided by our generous donors, we gave emergency support to students with needs that could have prevented them from completing their education,” said Kristy McGreal, executive director. The Foundation anticipates even more requests for assistance due to COVID-19 in the future.

“Emergency assistance funds are not released to the student. They go directly to pay bills or purchase a necessary supply for the student to continue his or her education,” McGreal said. “This year, we helped a single mom pay her rent when she lost her job. We paid the water bill for another student who was laid off, and we paid the car payment for an Uber driver who lost most of his business.”



*Nikki Payson
created a scholarship
for student-veterans
called the
"Thank You Veteran"
Scholarship.*

Employee involvement strengthens annual giving campaign

Moraine Valley employees get to know students through everyday interactions. Support staff help students with everything from checking out a library book to registering for classes, while faculty enjoy helping them gain knowledge in their classes. Of course, this year, many of these interactions have had to take place virtually. But wherever Moraine Valley employees are, you can be sure they are advocates for students who go above-and-beyond to ensure they succeed.

Every year, compared to other community colleges, Moraine Valley's Employee Giving Campaign is ranked among the most generous in the country, and 2019 was another exceptional year. Employees raised \$80,000 for student scholarships and campus projects. In addition, this money helped the Foundation increase its student emergency fund, which saw a 600% increase in applications during the start of the pandemic.

Many departments have 100% participation in the campaign. Some faculty and staff groups pool their funds to support a scholarship. And some employees even fully fund their own scholarship. Nikki Payson, an employee of the Information Technology Department, created a scholarship for student-veterans called the "Thank You Veteran" Scholarship. When her coworkers learned of her scholarship, many asked to have their donation applied to it. "Now five veterans will get scholarships," Payson said. "I just can't believe the overwhelming support I got from my colleagues."

Dr. Troy Swanson, Library department chair, volunteers to help with the Employee Giving Campaign each year. He said, "Employee giving is a way for me to give back to our students. This college is part of the strength of our community. We're not just about learning. We're also about the hope for a better tomorrow."

Pandemic can't stop the Foundation's Gala

A few weeks before the Foundation's annual fundraising Gala, the state issued its shelter-in-place order, which meant canceling the live event. The Foundation board and staff moved quickly to convert their biggest fundraiser to an online event, starting with a 20-day virtual auction that culminated with a Facebook Live event on April 24.

The virtual Gala was hosted by Foundation executive director Kristy McGreal and her husband Mike, in their Orland Park home. The McGreals, dressed in Roaring Twenties attire to reflect the Gala's theme, conducted drawings and even shared a '20s-themed cocktail recipe.

During the 20 days leading up to the Gala, supporters could bid on silent auction items online. To build enthusiasm, videos tied to the event's Roaring Twenties theme were shared on social media. These included Rose Deneen, associate professor of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management,

making Baked Alaska – a popular dessert from the period, and a mixologist creating beverages commonly served during the 1920s.

"The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we count on it to provide support for students and programs for the college," McGreal said. "We appreciate how many continued to support the Gala, despite the circumstances we were facing with COVID-19." The event raised more than \$60,000 that will go toward scholarships, student emergencies and other college projects.

Helping to make the Gala, and all Foundation events, possible were annual sponsors UPS, Platinum; DKA, PepsiCo and Legat Architects, Gold; Heide Wealth Management and KI, Bronze; and First Midwest Bank, Supporting Sponsor; Live Right Senior Care and Tori Construction, Gala sponsors.





Reception honors scholarship

In one of the most inspiring events of the year, on Aug. 27, 2019, more than 250 Moraine Valley scholarship recipients gathered for the annual Foundation Scholarship Reception. The event honored the students who were selected from over 1,000 qualified applicants to receive scholarships, which help fund their education, based on their accomplishments and academic achievements.

An audience of approximately 500 family members, donors and college employees attended the event held on the college's main campus in Building M. Before the ceremony began, a private reception was held to introduce students to their scholarship donors. It was a touching moment when the recipients expressed their appreciation for their donors' life-changing generosity.

At the presentation of awards, college president Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins welcomed the audience and introduced student speaker and Lor-Izzo Scholarship recipient, Kristopher Panozzo. Recipients individually walked across the stage to receive their scholarship certificate, which Jenkins and Foundation president, Thomas Kantas, presented to them.



recipients and donors

Scholarship recipients show their gratitude for their donors' generosity at the 2019 Scholarship Reception (above). Donors, alumni and Moraine Valley staff attended the reception to meet the scholarship winners and celebrate their success (right).



Supporters raise *hope*

Golfing for a good cause

The Foundation's 38th Annual Golf Outing was held in September 2019, at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont. The sold-out event raised more than \$32,000 to support Moraine Valley students. Participants enjoyed games on the course, contests for all skill levels, delicious food, a 50/50 Split the Pot, silent auction and more.

"Our annual golf outing is a great opportunity for the Foundation to raise money so we can provide numerous scholarships for Moraine Valley students," said Kristy McGreal, executive director. "We are extremely appreciative of our sponsors, the golfers and the community. Their generosity and support helps us provide much-needed financial assistance to students."

This year's outing was presented by Live Right Senior Care. Additional sponsors were UPS, Platinum; DKA and PepsiCo, Gold; Legat Architects, Silver; and First Midwest Bank, Heide Wealth Management Group, Rosenthal Murphey, Coblenz and Donahue, and Tori Construction, Supporting Sponsors.



Car Show raises funds for automotive students

Stock and modified cars from all decades cruised over to Moraine Valley Community College for its third annual Car Show held in August 2019. About 100 vehicles participated in the event with trophies awarded in more than 40 categories. Hundreds of spectators enjoyed music, visited food trucks and participated in drawings for prizes. Tesla of Chicago was on hand to offer demonstration drives in the company's all-electric vehicles. The day wrapped up with a drive-in movie that featured the classic "American Graffiti."

The Car Show was free to spectators, but competitors' entry fees, along with sales from the drawings, raised funds to provide two scholarships for automotive technology students.

and funds at fun events

No tricks – only treats during Halloween 5K

Ghosts, ghouls – and even Scooby Doo – put on their running shoes and costumes for the sixth annual Halloween 5K run/walk in October 2019. More than 300 supporters ran, walked and pushed baby strollers during the chip-timed, certified 5K (3.1 mile) loop around campus. There was also a 1K run for children ages 5 to 12. This year's event attracted the most teams since the event began and included teams from running clubs, area businesses and local families.

The Little Pumpkin's Patch family area, open during and after the race, featured a bounce house, mummy race, face painting and pumpkin decorating, and provided fun for all.

When the racers crossed the finish line, the true winners were Moraine Valley students, as proceeds from the race exceeded \$8,600 to support scholarships.



Alumni serve and celebrate



Nurses Krystle and Joe Cadayona met while at Moraine Valley. They both used their nursing skills to help patients during the pandemic.



Elizabeth Sechrist, 2008 graduate of Moraine Valley's Nursing Program, worked with COVID-19 patients at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Alumni are front-line heroes

When most of us were sheltered-in-place in our homes during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Moraine Valley alumni were working the front lines to keep us safe and comfortable. These dedicated professionals used their Moraine Valley training to protect their communities during this unprecedented time.

Retail and logistics alumni helped ensure food was available at grocery stores. Former culinary arts students worked as chefs and cooks to prepare take-out options that helped keep many restaurants afloat. Students who earned their commercial

driver's license at Moraine Valley carried much-needed food and medical supplies across the country. Fire science and EMT graduates worked fearlessly to get help to those stricken with the virus. Our health care graduates bravely continued working in hospitals, clinics and medical offices saving lives and comforting loved ones, despite the risk to themselves.

The Foundation is proud to know it provided financial assistance to many of these amazing former students who selflessly cared for their communities during the pandemic. Thank you to all of them for being true heroes.



New alumni group cheers on the Chicago Fire

The newly formed Moraine Valley Alumni Group attended a Chicago Fire soccer game at SeatGeek Stadium for its inaugural social event in July 2019.

More than 100 alumni and their families watched the match between the Chicago Fire and D.C. United soccer clubs in the stadium's Heineken Terrace. Attendees enjoyed a visit from the team's mascot, door prizes and food along with the chance to chat with old friends. Tickets to the event were given away to alumni who entered a contest on the Alumni Group's Facebook page.

Alumni provide strong examples of success



This year's inductees include Dr. Sandra Biedron, Michael Leonard, Suzanne Akhras Sahloul and Forest Reeder.

Moraine Valley recognizes that successful alumni have strengthened the institution by the exceptional examples they set for current students and by the extraordinary contributions they make in their professional and personal communities. The Alumni Hall of Fame was created to acknowledge alumni for their career success, commitment to education, leadership and volunteerism.

Suzanne Akhras Sahloul is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit Syrian Community Network that supports incoming refugees by providing social services and advocating for them as they transition to their new home. An avid volunteer, Akhras Sahloul has served as a board member on the Council on American Islamic Relations and worked with organizations such as the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, Universal School in Bridgeview, Syrian American Medical Society and the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview. She was named Moraine Valley's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and was the recipient of a UNICEF Humanitarian Award.

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Dr. Sandra Biedron is a research professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of New Mexico and a managing member of Element Aero in Chicago, a technological consulting company. She has made significant contributions in accelerator science and technology. She has worked with the U.S. Navy, and participated in research and development at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont as well as at facilities in Australia and Italy. Biedron holds a patent in the field and has several patents pending. She is a member of the administrative committee for the Nuclear Plasma and Sciences Society and has received numerous prestigious awards for her work.

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Michael Leonard serves as the executive director of the Channahon Park District. Prior to his current position, he was the director of Parks and Recreation for Palos Heights, recreation program and services administrator for the Lemont Park District, and superintendent of Recreation for the Channahon Park District. He served as a board member for the Illinois Parks and Recreation Certification Board and the South West Special Recreation Association. Leonard regularly shares his expertise with students planning to enter the recreation field as a guest lecturer in Moraine Valley's Recreation Management Program and has been an adjunct faculty member for eight years.

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Forest Reeder serves as the fire chief for the Tinley Park Fire Department and is on the senior staff team for the village. He has worked for the Palos Fire Protection District, Des Plaines Fire Department and Pleasantview Fire Protection District. Reeder has served on State Fire Marshal ad hoc committees and as a board member on the Illinois Fire Chiefs Education and Research Foundation. He has been an adjunct instructor in the college's Fire Science Program for nearly 30 years and serves as its curriculum coordinator. He received the George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award from the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and was named Instructor of the Year by the Illinois Society of Fire Science Instructors.

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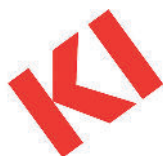


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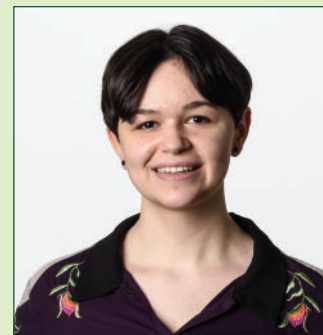
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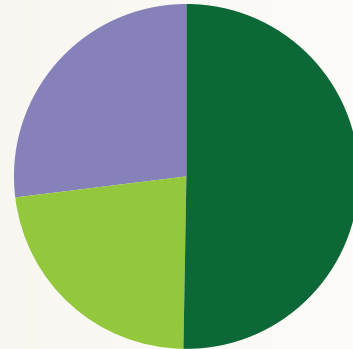
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July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

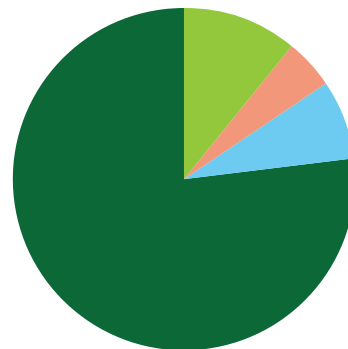
● Contributions	\$343,973
● Special Events	\$155,915
● Investment Income	\$183,116
Total	\$683,004



Foundation Schedule of Functional and Program Expenses

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

● Administration	\$78,765
● Fundraising	\$33,063
● Special Events	\$53,278
● Programs	\$546,750
Student Scholarships and Student Emergency Fund –	\$293,937
College Programs and Facilities –	\$252,813
Total	\$711,856



Financial Position as of June 30, 2020

Cash and Investments	\$4,833,589
Other Assets	<u>\$220,047</u>
Total Assets	\$5,053,636
Liabilities	<u>\$23,140</u>
Net Assets	\$5,030,496

2019-20 Revenue and Expenses

Foundation Revenue	\$683,004
Foundation Expenses	<u>\$711,856</u>
Net	(\$28,852)



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