

MORaine VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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2021-22
Annual Report

Dear Moraine Valley Foundation friends,

We are consistently in awe of Moraine Valley Community College students, faculty and staff who have refused to let the unprecedented circumstances over the last few years impede them. They truly are unstoppable!

We also are impressed by – and grateful for – your generosity. With an uncertain economy, you have continued to support our students. Your commitment to helping them has exceeded our expectations and assisted us in reaching new milestones such as our Employee Giving Campaign breaking yet another record, many new scholarships being created, and our Halloween 5K having the largest turnout in its history. You can read about these and many more accomplishments in this annual report.

In May, over 3,000 students graduated from Moraine Valley. They did not let finances, work schedules, parenting responsibilities or illness stop them from reaching for their dreams. They showed up, worked hard and achieved their goals. It is always rewarding to watch our students walk across the stage at commencement.

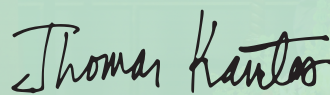
Seeing students back on campus, walking our halls, heading to class to learn and grow, fills us with joy and pride. We know they, too, will achieve their goals – and for many of our students that is because of you. On behalf of the entire Moraine Valley community, thank you for your unconditional kindness. We are truly grateful for all you did for the college this past year.

Enjoy reviewing this annual report, knowing you helped make our achievements possible.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins
College President



Thomas Kantas, JD
Foundation President

YOUR SUPPORT

helps students like these



“Due to my family circumstances, I am very limited with resources that many students have available. I didn’t let that stop me. I ranked in the top 5% of my high school graduating class. Since I didn’t qualify for financial assistance, I worked to pay for my tuition but still found time to volunteer more than 500 hours. I refuse to fail!”

Oswaldo Ocampo

Liberal arts transfer major

Recipient of the Carolina Vazquez Memorial Scholarship



“COVID-19 was a blessing for me because it made me realize I need to follow my dream. I was off on maternity leave due to a high-risk pregnancy, and I decided I was not going back to delivering mail. I enjoyed my job on nice, sunny days. But when we had a polar vortex and crazy amounts of snow, those were rough days. I did it for 12 years to get a house and provide for my children.

I dropped out of school after I lost my father to cancer and three months later lost my grandmother, too. I was so broken that it interfered with my dream of becoming a nurse. My grandmother was a licensed practical nurse, and she was my own personal superhero. As a child, I would go to her house when I was sick. As soon as I walked through her door, I felt better. As she got older, I ended up living at her house when her dementia got worse, and I enjoyed taking care of her.

My goal is to complete the Nursing Program at Moraine Valley and earn my BSN from a university, so I can provide for my children and do something I’m truly passionate about.”

Myia Murry

Nursing major

Recipient of the Riley Spreadbury Scholarship

“I am a mother of two children, returning to school after 10 years. My world came crashing down as COVID-19 began when my husband had a stroke. I work full time as a pharmacy technician, and I felt like I couldn’t go on with school, but I pushed myself to stay in school, work, care for my children and be at my husband’s side. With hard work and determination, I got into the Radiology Program, and I am starting a new chapter in my life.”

Amal Abuali

Radiologic technology major

Recipient of the Joanne Karen Basick Scholarship

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Faculty member's family supports students with scholarship



Dr. Paula DeAnda-Shah, associate professor of developmental mathematics at Moraine Valley, and her family started a scholarship to honor a beloved family member, Jesús De Anda, and his commitment to education. DeAnda-Shah explained her father was one of 10 children from a family that worked in agriculture, so he was not always able to attend school.

“My father did not have a lot of formal education, but he loved going to school as a young boy, and he viewed education as something precious,” she said. He encouraged his three daughters to pursue higher education, and he completed his GED at 63. “It was a milestone he wanted to reach for himself,” DeAnda-Shah added.

After her father’s death, DeAnda-Shah and her family contacted the Foundation to see what was involved in setting up a scholarship. “I was surprised how easy it was and how helpful everyone in the Foundation was,” she said. Once they decided to establish the Jesús DeAnda Memorial Scholarship, the Foundation created a link the family could share with donors, so they could easily contribute.

“We are grateful so many family members and friends gave,” DeAnda-Shah said, as enough donations came in to support four \$1,000 scholarships.

When student applications started arriving, the family selected the scholarship recipients. “The Foundation offered us the opportunity to reach out to them,” said DeAnda-Shah, who personally called each of the students chosen. “I explained we had created the scholarship to honor my father. They were all surprised and grateful. I can’t count how many times they said, ‘Thank you.’”

Donors who create scholarships can add specific criteria, so DeAnda’s family chose to award theirs to Latino students pursuing a STEM major since Jesús was a naturalized U.S. citizen from Mexico and a self-taught engineer.

DeAnda-Shah and her family believe starting a scholarship can be a wonderful way to honor someone, and they intend to continue supporting the scholarship to give students more opportunities. “For some, the scholarship could keep them in school. For others, it will allow them to focus more of their time on their studies. And long-term, we’re contributing to diversifying STEM fields,” DeAnda-Shah said.

“Five months ago, I had a brain aneurysm and was hospitalized for two weeks. It was the hardest time of my life. My neurologist saved my life. While in the hospital, I was surrounded by amazing health care providers. They are my role models when I transfer to the University of Illinois Chicago to finish an undergraduate degree in neuroscience. My heart’s desire is to continue my education!”

Daisy Mosqueda

Science transfer major

Recipient of the Jesús DeAnda Memorial Scholarship



CREATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Local groups transform lives with scholarships

Service clubs and organizations improve communities across the country through their efforts and financial support. Moraine Valley's community has experienced the transformative impact of local groups that have donated thousands of dollars to support Moraine Valley students as they seek to improve their lives through higher education.

Each of these local clubs and organizations have created scholarships to help students gain the skills and knowledge they need to begin careers they are passionate about. When students receive a scholarship from one of these groups, their lives are changed for the better.

The Foundation is grateful for the commitment and compassion the following groups have shown to Moraine Valley students:

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Palos/Orland Area Branch
- Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce
- Kiwanis Club of Orland Park
- Moraine Valley Annuitants Association
- Orland-Palos VFW
- Orland Park Veterans Commission
- Palos Heights Beautification Committee
- Palos Heights Woman's Club
- Rotary Club of Orland Park
- Suburban Service League

"The Orland Park Veterans Commission's charter is to support veterans in the community. We raise and donate funds to causes that help us achieve this mission. We created this scholarship through the Moraine Valley Foundation because it has the procedures and resources in place to ensure the scholarship will be awarded to the most deserving applicants.

For many years, the efforts of most veterans organizations have recognized the contributions of veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. This scholarship not only includes those veterans, but also veterans from the post-Vietnam era, up to the present day. We also wanted to support veterans' families and caregivers by making this scholarship available to them."

Dale A. Carver

Chairperson of the Orland Park Veterans Commission



"I had a great career after serving in the military. I married the right girl, and we adopted two special needs daughters from Vietnam. One has a skin disorder, and one was born without legs. Today, both are thriving college graduates. After my sister recently died from COVID-19, I realized life is so short. So, even though I am busy caring for my wife, who was recently diagnosed with a physically debilitating disease, and I lost my job, I felt 'now it's time for dad to go back to school.' I no longer feel I missed my window to complete my degree – my path is just different."

Brian McMillan

General studies major

Recipient of the Orland Park VFW Scholarship of Excellence

Donors demonstrate *Unstoppable* generosity

Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship

Every year, the Moraine Valley Foundation honors outstanding alumni who have made significant achievements in their professional career, given back through volunteerism and shown support of community colleges and higher education by inducting them into the Alumni Hall of Fame. This year, past and present inductees created a scholarship to “pay it forward” by recognizing an outstanding current student who has exhibited remarkable achievement during their first year at Moraine Valley. This will become an annual scholarship, funded by the generosity of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Lois Dion Memorial Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Palos/Orland Area Branch created this scholarship to honor a longtime member and friend who passed away last year. Dion was a retired Latin and English teacher at Carl Sandburg High School and Amos Alonzo Stagg High School. The memorial scholarship was created from donations from AAUW members and Dion’s friends and family. It supports a female student who is 40 or older and completing her education at Moraine Valley.

Annie Picard Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was created in honor of Annie V. Picard, who served as an adjunct instructor in Moraine Valley’s Fine Arts and Humanities Department. Picard was an accomplished vocalist, who performed with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Illinois Opera Theatre and others. She was a talented recitalist and chamber musician, specializing in French art song and singing extensively on national tours with John Wustman’s Schubert Lieder recital series. This scholarship will be awarded to students interested in a music career and studying to be a vocalist in Moraine Valley’s music program.

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce started this scholarship as a way to give back to residents in their community and help support the future of business and employment in the area. This new, annual scholarship will be awarded to a Moraine Valley student who lives in Bridgeview, maintains a 2.5 GPA and demonstrates financial need.

DKA Veteran Scholarship

Demonica Kemper Architects (DKA) started this scholarship for Moraine Valley student veterans and their dependents. The scholarship supports five currently enrolled students who either served in any branch of the military or is a dependent of a service member or veteran. Students also must maintain a 2.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Egon J. Menker Memorial Scholarship

The Moraine Valley Foundation created this memorial scholarship in honor of Egon J. Menker, who was a friend to the Foundation since its inception, serving as one of the original members of the Moraine Valley Foundation’s Board of Directors until 2016. This scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who is studying in the fine or performing arts.

Karen Franz Memorial Music Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was created in honor of Karen Franz, a retired Moraine Valley employee who worked in several offices during her 16 years at the college, ending her career as a departmental assistant in the Career Programs subdivision. Franz loved attending music performances in Moraine Valley’s Fine and Performing Arts Center. This scholarship was established by her friends and colleagues to support a student studying in the music program in honor of Franz’s love for music.

Maryanne Terpstra Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship

In honor of Maryanne Terpstra, her friends and family started this scholarship to memorialize her passion for the college, the Fine and Performing Arts Center and the arts. Terpstra served as an adjunct instructor in the Fine Arts and Humanities Department for many years. The scholarship supports a student who is interested in a career in fine arts and humanities and is pursuing an Associate in Fine Arts or Associate in Arts degree.

by creating new scholarships

Orland Park Veterans Commission Scholarship

The Orland Park Veterans Commission hosts several fundraising efforts each year to support local organizations that provide services and support to veterans. This year, the commission selected the Foundation as one of its recipients to create a scholarship for Moraine Valley student veterans who served in any branch of the military, demonstrate financial need and maintain a 2.5 GPA. The scholarship also is available to a dependent of a service member or veteran.

Randy Conner Memorial Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was created in honor of Randy Conner, a full-time fine arts and humanities faculty member at the college. Conner was an innovative instructor as well as an accomplished scholar, who published and edited many texts. His book series, “The Pagan Heart of the West,” challenged traditional views of Western spirituality and is known around the world. The new scholarship will support an LGBTQ student at Moraine Valley studying in the fine and performing arts program.

Sandra S. Wagner Career Programs Scholarship and Sandra S. Wagner Health Care Scholarship

Sandra Wagner, a longtime supporter of Moraine Valley and the Foundation, started these two scholarships to support students in a health care or career program. Learn more about this donor in the accompanying story.

UPS Commercial Driver’s License Certificate Program Scholarship

Thanks to a generous donation from United Parcel Service (UPS), this scholarship was created to improve access and affordability to Moraine Valley’s Commercial Driver’s License Certificate Program. Read about this unique scholarship on page 10.

DONOR FOCUS



Sandra Wagner’s association with Moraine Valley Community College goes back to the 1970s when she took classes in the Quonset huts, which were the temporary structures used before any classroom buildings were built on the campus. She was a member of the college’s Board of Trustees and has served on the Foundation’s Board of Directors for decades. This year, she extended her involvement by starting the Sandra S. Wagner Health Care Scholarship and the Sandra S. Wagner Career Program Scholarship.

“I was on the Board of Trustees for almost 20 years, so I got to know the instructors, students and administration. I have such respect for what everyone does there, and I am in awe of how it’s like a family – everyone supports each other. I knew the money would be well-spent,” Wagner said.

She wanted to start a scholarship to support students pursuing a health care career. “And the certificate programs have always been of great interest to me because they help students be immediately employable,” said Wagner. “Those were naturals when I decided to do the scholarships.”

Wagner said after reading the applications, it was difficult to choose the recipients. “Every applicant deserved a scholarship. The choice was so hard because of the myriad challenges students face. I hope it’s going to make life a bit easier for those who received the scholarships.”

Helping students achieve a fulfilling future brings Wagner great satisfaction. “I hope their career choice makes them unstoppable. Every one of them seems totally committed to the direction they’ve chosen. I want them to know they’re being encouraged. I want them to feel ‘You’re doing the right thing, and we appreciate what you’re doing,’” she said.

Join Wagner in making students’ futures **unstoppable.**

Wagner said setting up her scholarships was easy.

“The Foundation did an excellent job helping me through the process.” To learn how you can support students’ dreams by starting a scholarship like Wagner, contact Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation, at mcgrealc2@morainevalley.edu.

2021-22 Foundation scholarships

These scholarships, made possible by our generous donors,
supported Moraine Valley students during the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Endowed and Perpetual Scholarships

Brian A. Andersen Memorial Scholarship
Bedford Grow Lou Dineff Memorial Scholarships
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
Maribis Lou Dineff Memorial Scholarships
Matthew P. Walsh Scholarship
Moraine Valley Foundation High School Equivalency Scholarship
Returning Women Diversity Scholarship
Richard and Sharon Fritz Scholarship
Sandra Broadbent Memorial Scholarship

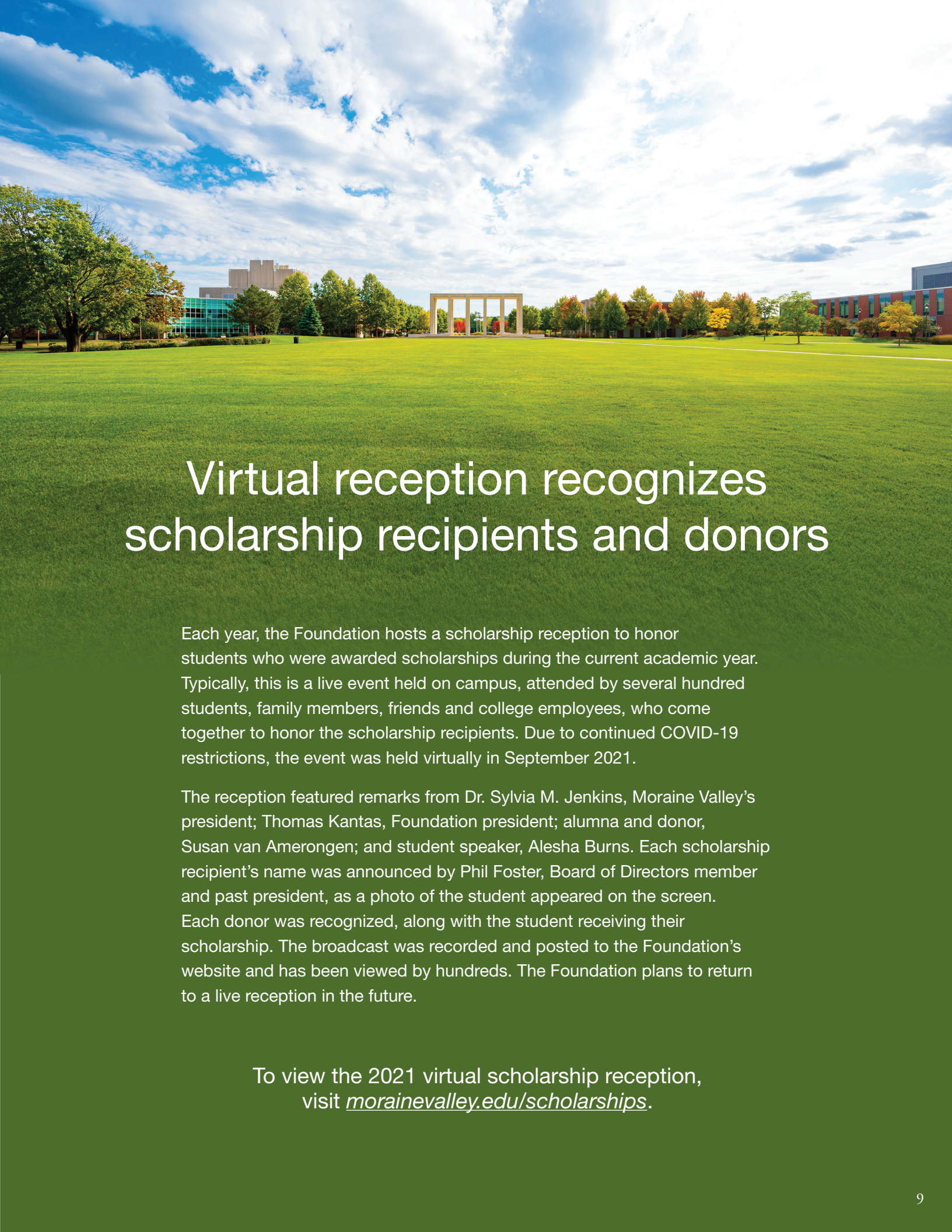
Annual Student Scholarships

AET Cohort Scholarship
Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Career Programs Scholarships
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Palos/Orland Area Branch Anita Ritzler Scholarship
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Palos/Orland Area Branch Eileen Stahulak Memorial Scholarship
Ann Koranda Memorial Scholarship for Fine Arts and Humanities
Anne Reagan Scholarships
Arab American Academic Excellence Scholarships
Arab American Women Scholarship
Arlene Spiros Academic Scholarships
Astro-to-Cyclone Scholarship
Atassi Foundation Scholarship
Automotive Technology Academic Scholarship
Automotive Technology Scholarship
Beverly Keehn Scholarships
Carolina Vazquez Memorial Scholarship
Carpe Diem Women's STEM Scholarship
ComEd Scholarship
Dennis Shannon Scholarships for Leadership and Excellence in Accounting
Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins Women's Leadership Scholarship
Dr. Vernon O. Crawley Full-Time Student Scholarship
Dr. Vernon O. Crawley Part-Time Student Scholarships
Edward Walter McCormack Memorial Veteran's Scholarship
Erich Spengler Career Pathway Memorial Scholarship
Family Dental Care Scholarships
Fay Fischer Memorial Scholarships
Gogolew Family Scholarships
ICCSF Health Trust Scholarship
ICCSF Healthcare Scholarship
International Student Scholarship
Jack DeLoss Taylor Charitable Trust Basic Nurse Assistant Training
Program Scholarships
Jeff Williams Tutor's Scholarship
Jesús DeAnda Memorial Scholarships
Jodi Marneris Communications Scholarship

John and Patricia Coleman Scholarship
John Michael Grotto Memorial Scholarships
JTD Aspire Scholarships
Kevin Pressley Memorial Scholarship
Kiwanis Club of Orland Park Scholarships
Marsha P. Johnson Scholarship
Mary P. Hickey Foundation Scholarship
Mathematics Scholarship
Matrix Fitness Scholarship
Medical Terminology Scholarships
Monocchio Family Scholarship
Moraine Valley Annuitants Association Scholarships
Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Board
Business Scholarships
Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Board
Volunteer Scholarships
Moraine Valley Executive Leadership Book Fund Scholarship
Moraine Valley Foundation Retention Scholarship
Moraine Valley Music Scholarships
Muslim Student Association (MSA) Scholarships
Orland-Palos VFW Scholarships of Excellence
Palos Heights Beautification Committee Automotive
Technology Scholarship
Palos Heights Woman's Club Arts Scholarship
Palos Heights Woman's Club Scholarship
Patricia McKeague Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual Students
in Nursing and Health Sciences
Peter Garetto Culinary Scholarship
Powers-King Book Scholarship
Raymond and Margaret Lehner Scholarship
Riley Spreadbury Scholarships
Rotary Club of Orland Park Scholarships
Selamah Chik Scholarships
Steve and Alice Molo Nursing Scholarships
Student Involvement Scholarship
Suburban Service League Scholarships
Terri Pacelli Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship
"Thank You Veteran" Scholarships
Umeed Scholarship for the Advancement of Asian-American Students
Usha and Swaran Scholarship
Valerie and Robert Rucinski Memorial Scholarship
W.E.B. DuBois Scholarship
William Opelka Scholarship

Thank you to the donors of these scholarships, who have increased their gift amounts, providing larger or additional scholarships this year.

Arlene Spiros Academic Scholarship – Luanne Spiros
Fay Fischer Memorial Scholarship – Adam and Lucy Fischer
JTD Aspire Scholarship – Jim and Theresa Denton
Riley Spreadbury Scholarships – Bruce and Deborah Pfaff
"Thank You Veteran" Scholarships – Nikki Payson and contributors



Virtual reception recognizes scholarship recipients and donors

Each year, the Foundation hosts a scholarship reception to honor students who were awarded scholarships during the current academic year. Typically, this is a live event held on campus, attended by several hundred students, family members, friends and college employees, who come together to honor the scholarship recipients. Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, the event was held virtually in September 2021.

The reception featured remarks from Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, Moraine Valley's president; Thomas Kantas, Foundation president; alumna and donor, Susan van Amerongen; and student speaker, Alesha Burns. Each scholarship recipient's name was announced by Phil Foster, Board of Directors member and past president, as a photo of the student appeared on the screen. Each donor was recognized, along with the student receiving their scholarship. The broadcast was recorded and posted to the Foundation's website and has been viewed by hundreds. The Foundation plans to return to a live reception in the future.

To view the 2021 virtual scholarship reception, visit [*morainevalley.edu/scholarships*](https://morainevalley.edu/scholarships).

Businesses fund scholarships to address

UPS helps students pay for CDL training

With a nationwide shortage of truck drivers, United Parcel Service (UPS) recognized the need for accessible commercial driver's license (CDL) training. To help students in Moraine Valley's CDL certificate program, the company donated \$10,000 to the Foundation to provide \$500 scholarships to 20 students for tuition and related expenses.

"We are impressed with UPS's commitment to our community, the college and our students," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation. "They not only understand the need for highly skilled drivers, but they also provided funding toward a practical solution to solve this serious workforce gap."

Steve Pappageorge, executive director of Community Education, Workforce Development and Government Relations at Moraine Valley, noted the growing need for CDL drivers.

"The shortage of drivers has gotten worse since the pandemic started. Logistics and transportation firms need drivers to deliver goods and services across the country, as well as locally. There is a huge opportunity for men and women to start a new career that pays well and has high employability," Pappageorge said.

Moraine Valley offers its truck driving program in partnership with 160 Driving Academy, which offers CDL training across the nation. Students take 40 hours of classroom work at the college and complete their behind-the-wheel experience off-site.

The UPS scholarship was awarded to students who completed an application and demonstrated a strong interest in CDL training.

"Some of our students are single parents trying to better their family's lives. Others have lost jobs or businesses and need to start over. We considered their need and what they want to do in the future. We also looked for women and underrepresented people when awarding the funds," Pappageorge said. "The scholarship helped them pursue their new career. Recipients are not required to work for UPS after completing the program. UPS has been very generous, and they want to help people enter the field because they know there's a great need for drivers."



employment shortages



YOUR PARTNER IN PRODUCTION

Steel company aids moms seeking to become nurses

Lapham-Hickey Steel has been a recognized leader in the steel processing business since 1926. This family-owned company has a commitment to providing high-quality products and excellent service to their customers. They also have a strong commitment to making a difference in the community.

To help single mothers enrolled in Moraine Valley's Nursing Program, the Mary P. Hickey Foundation established the Mary P. Hickey Foundation Scholarship, named in honor of this beloved mother and grandmother.

"She had a full life and left behind many family members and people who had the opportunity to know her, and we wanted to honor her," said Bill Hickey, Lapham-Hickey's former CEO. "My mom was born and raised in the Chicago area, and I think she would want to support something local."

The \$4,000 scholarship, which is awarded to a nursing student and single mother who demonstrates financial need, can be used toward tuition, fees and/or textbooks.

Kathleen Schaps, Hickey's sister, was instrumental in getting the original Foundation scholarship started.

"I think it's a very worthwhile cause. We've received letters from people who received the scholarship with a thank you. A lot of the stories are very touching, and the moms need it," Schaps said.

Hickey hopes the scholarship recipients will be able to raise their skills and education at Moraine Valley to provide higher value to society and to have a better life for themselves and their families.

Events help make students *Unstoppable*

Our supporters never stop helping students – especially when they're having fun!



‘Mask-erade Night’ brings supporters together for an elegant evening

Guests donned fancy masks. Confetti flew. Piano keys rang out. Shouts of joy filled the air. Lives were changed. These were a few of the wonderful aspects of the 2022 “Mask-erade Night” Fundraising Gala, held in April.

Approximately 180 people attended the event to enjoy a fun evening and raise funds for the Foundation. Thanks to their generosity, joined by bidders on the virtual silent auction, \$70,598 was raised.

Attendees enjoyed the talents of Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos, who took requests for songs from all musical eras. Julian Tillery, manager of theater operations and services at the college’s Fine and Performing Arts Center, served as emcee and kept the evening moving smoothly.

The highlight of the evening was the live auction, led by Raising Paddles, at which attendees bid on exciting prizes. One lucky winner of the paddle drop that capped off the evening won a trip to Las Vegas.

Country House Restaurant provided dinner, and a special dessert was created by students in Moraine Valley’s Culinary Arts Program.

“We were so glad to host our Gala at Moraine Valley after having it virtually for the past two years. It is always exciting to have everyone together and express our gratitude to our supporters in person,” said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation.

Sponsors of the Gala included Wind Creek Chicago Southland, Dessert Sponsor; Governors State University and KI, Table Sponsors; and Heide Wealth Management Group and HomeLight, Silent Auction Sponsors.

Golf outing goals: Raise \$40K and have fun

In honor of the Foundation's "Fore-tieth" Annual Golf Outing for Scholarships, a goal of raising \$40,000 was set – and exceeded! The sold-out event, held at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in September 2021, raised \$40,318.

In addition to a beautiful day on the links, golfers enjoyed delicious food, games, prizes and a performance by the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band. They also had the opportunity to download a photo of their foursome to preserve the memory of their fun day.

Supporters bid on exciting silent auction items, such as a Blackhawks hockey puck signed by Bobby Hull, foursomes at Cog Hill and Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club, a mini photo printer, original artwork and more.

"We are grateful so many in our community supported the golf outing and allowed us to meet our goal of raising \$40,000 to celebrate 40 years of this event helping students," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation.

This outing's title sponsor was Live Right Senior Care. Event sponsors included DKA, Legat Architects and UPS, Breakfast Sponsors; Wind Creek, All-in-Fore-Fun Sponsor; James J. Roche & Associates, Post-Golf Celebration Dinner and Award Sponsor; Beary Landscaping and Schwartz Construction Group, Inc., Beverage Cart Sponsors; Felt & Lukes, LLC, Nicor Gas, Modern Carriage Werks Inc. and Wasabi Technologies, Lunch Sponsors; IMEG Corp., Logo Ball Sponsor; PepsiCo, Course Refreshment Sponsor; Noral Jewelers, Golf Awards Sponsor; Stogie Life Cigar Lounge, Cigar Sponsor; Pollyanna Brewing & Distilling, Brewery Sponsor; and Dot's Homestyle Pretzels and Wholesale Nuts and Dried Fruit, Snack Sponsors.



Costumed racers raise thousands at Halloween 5K Run/Walk

Over 350 runners participated in the eighth annual Halloween 5K Run/Walk held the day before the spooky holiday in 2021 to raise money for the Foundation while racing for the finish line. Many runners and walkers donned costumes to get in the spirit of the event.

Moraine Valley's Health, Fitness & Recreation Center hosts this race and related activities each year in conjunction with the Moraine Valley Foundation.

Children ran in their own Kid's Dash and visited the Little Pumpkins Patch, where they decorated pumpkins, enjoyed family-friendly Halloween activities and heard songs by a Moraine Valley student, who performed as "Miss Daisy and her Ukulele."

Everyone had a "howling" good time while raising \$9,272 to support student scholarships and other college programs and initiatives.





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Testing
Services

FOUNDATION COVERS TEST FEES

that can stop students from starting college

Sometimes a small fee can be a deterrent for students to pursue their dream of a college education. With a little assistance, many can apply and begin their college career. A new Foundation test fees initiative showed how true this can be.

An internal group of stakeholders from across Moraine Valley met with the Foundation to discuss how it could help support students through the enrollment process. Placement test fees were identified as a barrier for many new students. To help overcome this, the Foundation agreed to cover the test fees for incoming students.

“The hope was that by eliminating this fee, we would see students enroll faster and be less likely to drop out during the enrollment process,” said Andy Sarata, director of Admissions and Recruitment.

The Foundation covered more than \$48,000 in test fees, and the Admissions Office tracked how waiving these fees impacted the number of students who completed their placement tests and registered for courses. Data showed a significant increase in the rates

of placement exam completion and course registration as compared to the prior year. Over 180 more students completed placement exams and more than 100 new students registered for courses than would have if 2020 rates had held steady in 2021. In addition, students completed key steps in the enrollment process faster after the implementation of test fee waivers. The average time between application to course registration decreased by 14 days.

Due to the success of this project, the Foundation’s Board of Directors has committed to continue covering test fees for incoming students and will now include returning students’ fees.

“We are thrilled to see how the Foundation covering test fees for many of our students has helped them more efficiently complete their onboarding process and led to increased course registrations,” said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation. “I am proud of our board for continuing this effort and covering test fees for returning students, so we can help more students in the future.”

DREAMS MADE POSSIBLE

IN AN IMPOSSIBLE YEAR

For the second consecutive year, Moraine Valley Community College's employees donated an unprecedented amount to the Foundation during the annual Employee Giving Campaign. This year, they raised a record-breaking \$90,000, surpassing the previous year's total of \$86,000, which had been the largest amount of money raised since the campaign began.

"Employee giving has increased dramatically over the past few years," said Executive Director Kristy McGreal. "We are thrilled so many employees supported students when it was most needed due to the challenges brought on by the pandemic. It clearly demonstrates their commitment to student success."

Approximately 80% of the college's full-time faculty and staff contributed to help support the Foundation, provide student emergency funds and support scholarships. The campaign's theme, Dreams Made Possible in an Impossible Year, truly reflected the commitment Moraine Valley employees have to helping students in difficult circumstances.

"We are grateful to all the employees who donated as a part of the annual Employee Giving Campaign. Their support makes an enormous difference as we provide needed assistance to deserving students," McGreal said.

Moraine Valley employee donations break another record



"I donate to the Employee Giving Campaign because I believe it will make a difference in our students' lives. I choose to donate by a payroll deduction because it's simple. With some other charities, I worry where the money really goes, but I trust that the Foundation is using donations wisely to benefit students in need. I am very proud to work at Moraine Valley, and giving is a small act of kindness I happily do each year."

Susan Yach, interlibrary loan and serials assistant, Library

"I am a supporter of the Employee Giving Campaign because raising funds for the Foundation helps support our students and the community we serve here at the college."

Christopher Riola, professor and program coordinator, Developmental Mathematics

"I believe it's the little things that can change lives. I walked in the same shoes as our students. Had I known someone was out there who could help me when I was a student, it would have made a difference in my life. I'm glad I now can help someone on their journey."

Larry Bernier, lead warehouse worker, Shipping and Receiving

Alumni show *Unstoppable* success



The 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, (left to right), Ronnie Malley, Debra Baker, Michael Duran and Terry Vorderer, show their awards at the induction ceremony held on Moraine Valley's campus.

Hall of Fame inductees recognized at in-person ceremony

Moraine Valley Community College has thousands of alumni who have made significant contributions in their professions and communities. The Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes many of these exceptional individuals, and this year's inductees are deserving of this honor.

The 2022 Hall of Fame inductees include Debra Baker, '84; Michael Duran, '86; Ronnie Malley, '97; and Terry Vorderer, '77.

Baker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign after graduating from Moraine Valley. She has worked in the financial industry for over 35 years and currently is a financial advisor, family wealth director and portfolio management director with Morgan Stanley. She volunteers much of her time to Rotary International and the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce.

Duran is the senior vice president and chief ethics and compliance officer at 3M Company, where he oversees the ethics and compliance program. In addition to his associate degree, Duran holds a bachelor's degree from DePaul University in finance, a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from Indiana University.

Malley, who also was named the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus, completed his general studies at Moraine Valley before earning a bachelor's degree in global music studies from DePaul University. He is the executive director of Intercultural Music Production. He has had a prolific career, culminating in his experience as an

actor, musician and Arabic dialect coach for the Broadway show "The Band's Visit," which won 10 Tony Awards and a Grammy. His film and theater credits are extensive, and he has traveled across the globe with numerous musical groups.

Vorderer serves as the mayor of Oak Lawn. He had a 34-year career with the Oak Lawn Police Department, retiring as the chief of patrol, before entering politics. He is a Vietnam War veteran, who continues his service by volunteering for the Northern Illinois Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, the Oak Lawn VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge.

The inductees were announced at the first in-person ceremony since 2019 at the Moraine Business and Conference Center in March. Their family members and Foundation staff joined them to celebrate this achievement. Each inductee was introduced by a Moraine Valley student who had received a Foundation scholarship.

"We were happy we could hold the induction ceremony again," said Patti Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Foundation. "Last year, we accepted nominations. However, since we could not hold an in-person event due to COVID-19, we decided to wait to properly recognize our distinguished inductees."

To learn more about the Alumni Hall of Fame and view the 2022 induction ceremony, go to morainevalley.edu/HOF. For information on nominating a Moraine Valley alumnus, email alumni@morainevalley.edu.

Caring for seniors with compassion



Barb O'Brien runs Live Right Senior Care, a company that provides expert home health care services for the aging population. She started it after working in China teaching business and English as a Second Language to undergraduate students.

"While I was in China, I saw how people treated the elderly, and I liked it," she said.

O'Brien believed she could further enhance services if she had additional education, so she went to Moraine Valley to earn an associate degree in nursing. She transferred to Western Governors University, where she completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Giving back is something O'Brien has been doing for many years. "When I was a student at Moraine Valley, there were things students needed, so I would reach out to the Nursing Department and say, 'Where's the financial need?'" Her generosity included purchasing calculators and other items students needed for their lab work.

O'Brien's spirit of giving back to Moraine Valley continues today. Her company is the Title Sponsor of the Foundation's annual golf outing and has served as a sponsor of the Halloween 5K.

Safeguarding data in a technology-driven world

Alumnus Billy McCormick spends his days on the lookout for fraud, threats, dishonesty and deception. And he wouldn't have it any other way. As a senior auditor on the Chicago IT Assurance team at Crowe, LLP, McCormick works in cybersecurity and data protection.

When he started at Moraine Valley, McCormick planned a career in investment banking. Armed with his associate degree in business, he transferred to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he graduated with honors. "I realized toward the end of my time in school what I really wanted was to work in information systems," he said.

He considers his decision to attend Moraine Valley a good one because he didn't want to be burdened with huge student loans.

McCormick says Moraine Valley professor Steve Mastej had a hand in his decision to change majors. "I took his Microsoft office products class, and he really got me excited about technology. He had a great quote about how 'many will just move on after this class, but it might just change one of your lives.' Turns out he was right, and it did change my life," McCormick said.



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provides valuable leadership

The Foundation changes lives each year by helping students to start or complete their education at Moraine Valley through the generosity of donors and financial sponsors. It also accomplishes valuable work because the members of the Board of Directors generously share their time to provide guidance and support in myriad ways.

The board is made up of professionals from numerous businesses and organizations, along with community volunteers, who tirelessly oversee the Foundation's finances, operations, governance and planning efforts. They also share their leadership and expertise to ensure special events and fundraising campaigns are successful in increasing funds that will directly impact students.

"It's so powerful to hear students share their stories and see how grateful they are for the services we help provide," said Cristy Gallegos, one of the newer members of the board, who joined in 2020.

Tom Kantas, the board's president since 2019, joined the Board of Directors nearly 10 years ago after a colleague who had previously served on the board suggested he should consider it.

"I grew up in the area and took summer classes at Moraine Valley, so I knew about the school, but I didn't know much about the Foundation. The more I learned, the more intrigued I became about the Foundation's mission. My parents were educators, so I certainly was supportive of education and what the college stands for. I also thought it would be a unique way to be involved in the community," he said.

Kantas explained the board meets regularly throughout the year, and members serve three-year terms. "The work on the board and committees is part of it. But there's also a real push to get involved with the events we put on throughout the year. A lot of our work gets done behind the scenes through networking and getting the word out about the Foundation and encouraging people to attend events and perhaps be a sponsor."

When one of her colleagues vacated a position, Gallegos joined the board. "I have several family members who attended Moraine Valley, and we all feel it's a well-respected community college with strong programs to help students advance their careers," she said.

Board members have backgrounds in industries such as business, law, finance, marketing, communications, event planning and public relations.

"I've had the opportunity to meet highly accomplished individuals on the board, who've distinguished themselves in their careers and lead busy lives with many obligations. They still come to meetings and contribute and attend the Foundation's events," Kantas said. "I've always had such respect for the people I've served with over the past 10 years."

He also expressed gratitude for the work of the Foundation's staff and its executive director, Kristy McGreal. "I can't say enough about her professionalism and work ethic and the truly fine job she has done."

Both Gallegos and Kantas find their work on the board fulfilling. Gallegos noted the best part of her board service is "knowing we're making an impact in the community with students and families in need."

Kantas concurred. "You have the ability to change the trajectory of someone's life who lives in the area. They're probably going to get jobs and raise families nearby. If you can help, then your community also is going to reap the benefits." He added, "What I think is nice about serving on the Board of Directors is that at the end of the year, we can point to actual accomplishments and tangible things we've done that changed lives."

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- Alumni Advisory Council
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Board member Chris Sioukas participates in the 5K in 2021.



Board President Tom Kantas (at front) shares ideas at a monthly board meeting as Kristy McGreal (at back), executive director of the Foundation, listens.



Attending the 2022 Gala are (left to right) Dennis Shannon, board member; his wife, Nancy Shannon; Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, president of Moraine Valley Community College and board member; and John Coleman, board member.

STUDENTS STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

despite challenges that would stop others



"My father, who was deep in the trenches of alcoholism, left our family, whisking away my dreams of college because I had to take up the role of financially supporting my family. At one point, we were homeless for a year. I finally returned to school after eight years. Thanks to Moraine Valley, I found my path again."

Omar Eloiza

Science transfer major

Recipient of the Anne Reagan Scholarship



"I was only 4 when I started sewing with my grandma. Upon entering high school, I recognized the need to help my community. My freshman year, I started sewing pillows for breast cancer patients going through chemotherapy. I chose fabrics in fun, bold and bright patterns to give the patients a bit of comfort during their difficult journey.

My sophomore year, I sewed over 50 memorial bunting that displayed the photos of the first responders who died on Sept. 11, 2001. When COVID-19 hit, I recognized the desperate need for face masks. I have sewed over 500 masks for hospitals, churches, doctor offices, nursing homes, schools, and many for friends and family.

Community service is something that shaped my high school years, and I plan on continuing while attending Moraine Valley. I hope to use my creativity in my future career. I am not exactly sure where my path will lead me, but I am confident my time at Moraine Valley will direct me to the career that will utilize my talents."

Carly Grant

Undecided major

Recipient of the Matthew P. Walsh Scholarship



"I have never had anything handed to me in life. I had to work for it, even when I was a child. Because my family is so dysfunctional, I didn't have anyone as a role model. My parents are separated due to marriage problems and financial insecurity. I'm the oldest in my family, and I take care of everyone in my apartment because I live with my mother and four siblings. I am a full-time employee, as well as a full-time student trying to better myself and my family."

Ridwan Atiq

Business major

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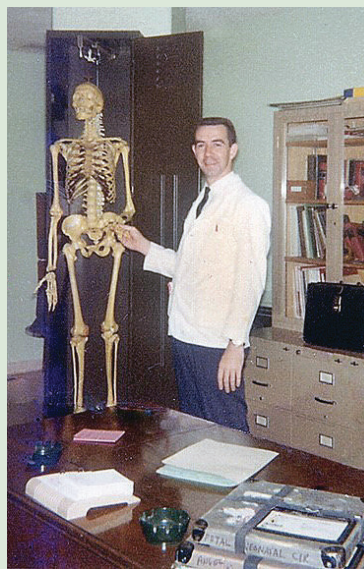


STORIES BEHIND THE BRICKS

One of the most tranquil spots on Moraine Valley's campus is the beautiful Shakespeare Garden. This unique garden is filled with flora and plants mentioned in William Shakespeare's plays and other works. Having a Shakespeare garden on a college campus is rare, and science, art and theater students benefit from its educational aspects. It offers everyone on campus a peaceful place to rest and contemplate.

The garden's pathway is filled with custom-engraved bricks. Many have messages of love and accomplishment, while others contain meanings only those closest to the donor would understand. Themes range from pizza, "Sam Novak Pizza is Life Cure Autism," to rock bands, "Analog Chain Rocked the Car Show," to retirees, "Kathy Stearns 34 Year Employee" and "Adventure Awaits Anita King." Most touching are memorials to loved ones, family members and even pets.

Donor Brittany Keith's brick says, "Girls Run The World," which has a two-part meaning to the ultra-marathon runner and Tesla executive. "I've been a runner all of my life, so I had to use the word 'run,'" she said. "And as an advocate for women in leadership, the meaning of the word 'run' also was to encourage female students to break the glass ceiling."



Mel Arthur

Pat Powers and her four siblings purchased bricks to honor their parents, Mel and Barbara Arthur, who were retired college employees. Barbara worked in the counseling department, and Mel was an associate professor of radiologic technology, who often recited "X-actly So" to his students. This phrase comes from a poem that was published after Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery of X-rays. Pat noted, "Their bricks also say, 'Press On,' a quote from Calvin Coolidge, which was a personal mantra of my dad's. We miss them very much, and knowing they are memorialized in this lovely garden on the campus where they both had such an impact is comforting."



Dr. Sharon Katterman commemorated her parents (pictured) with bricks in the Shakespeare Garden.

Retiree Dr. Sharon Katterman purchased two bricks for her parents who recently died. "It is only fitting they have side-by-side bricks since they were married for 70 years. They would be pleased to know the funds used to purchase the bricks go toward support of the Foundation and student scholarships since education meant so much to them," Katterman said.

Some donors chose to engrave a meaningful saying to impact all garden strollers, such as "For Humanity's Sake Dedicate Your Hearts!" and "Be Addicted To Bettering Yourself."

Bricks are engraved locally and installed by the college's Campus Operations Department.

Donors may purchase bricks online or by contacting the Foundation Office. Each brick has three lines, with 14 spaces for a message. "It can be challenging to express your feelings with such limited space," says Patti Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs. "But our donors get very creative in finding the perfect words."

Pizza is Life

Anthony Novak was seeking a place for his son, Sam, who has a high-functioning level of autism, to learn computer graphics. A friend referred them to Moraine Valley, and after visiting the campus, Sam was excited about attending.

"As a parent, I was a little worried about Sam being in a college setting, but Paul Stephenson, his first instructor, was great with him. Sam fell in love with Moraine Valley," Novak said. "When he went to get his student ID photo taken, we thought it was funny he was wearing a shirt with a graphic of an alien holding a slice of pizza with the saying, 'Pizza is Life' on it." Sam, who graduated from the college in 2021, also loves pizza.

"We were so happy with Sam's experience at Moraine Valley that we wanted to sponsor a brick in the Shakespeare Garden," Novak said. "It only seemed natural to include 'Pizza is Life' and 'autism' in the message."



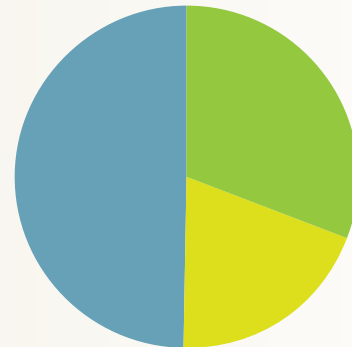
If you'd like to celebrate an event or remember a loved one with an engraved brick, contact the Foundation Office or order one online at morainevalley.edu/buyabrick.

2021-22 Financial Statistics

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July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

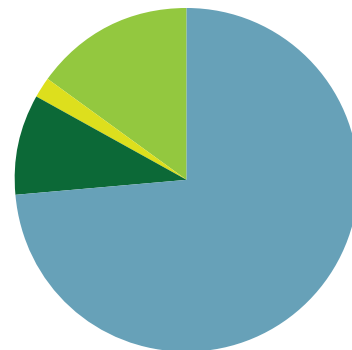
● Donor Contributions	\$365,277
● Special Events	\$231,635
● Endowment Investment Income.....	\$(583,878)
Total	\$13,034



Foundation Schedule of Functional and Program Expenses

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

● Disbursements to the College	\$546,839
Student Scholarships \$304,128	
Student Emergency \$54,813	
College Programs and Facilities \$187,898	
● Administration.....	\$70,830
● Fundraising	\$13,389
● Special Events	\$111,447
Total	\$742,505



Financial Position as of June 30, 2022

Cash and Investments	\$5,288,380
Other Assets	<u>\$203,125</u>
Total Assets	\$5,491,505
Liabilities.....	\$(39,587)
Net Assets	\$5,451,918



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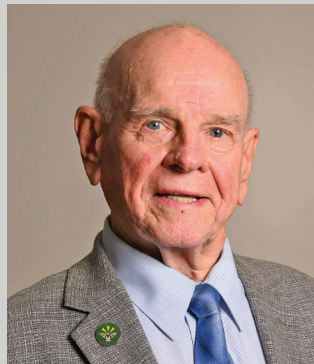
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“After a very rough childhood growing up in Puerto Rico, I was sent to live with relatives in one of the toughest neighborhoods in Chicago, surrounded by gangs and drug dealers. I was moved to foster care and then married at a very young age, quickly having four children. With only a GED, I always dreamed of getting a college education and continually encouraged my children to do so. After the sudden death of my son, I had promised him and myself to live life to its fullest and reach my dreams. Despite going through debilitating depression after his death, I realized I must fulfill my promise and registered for classes.”

Elizabeth Matos, culinary arts major
Recipient of Anne Reagan Scholarship

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