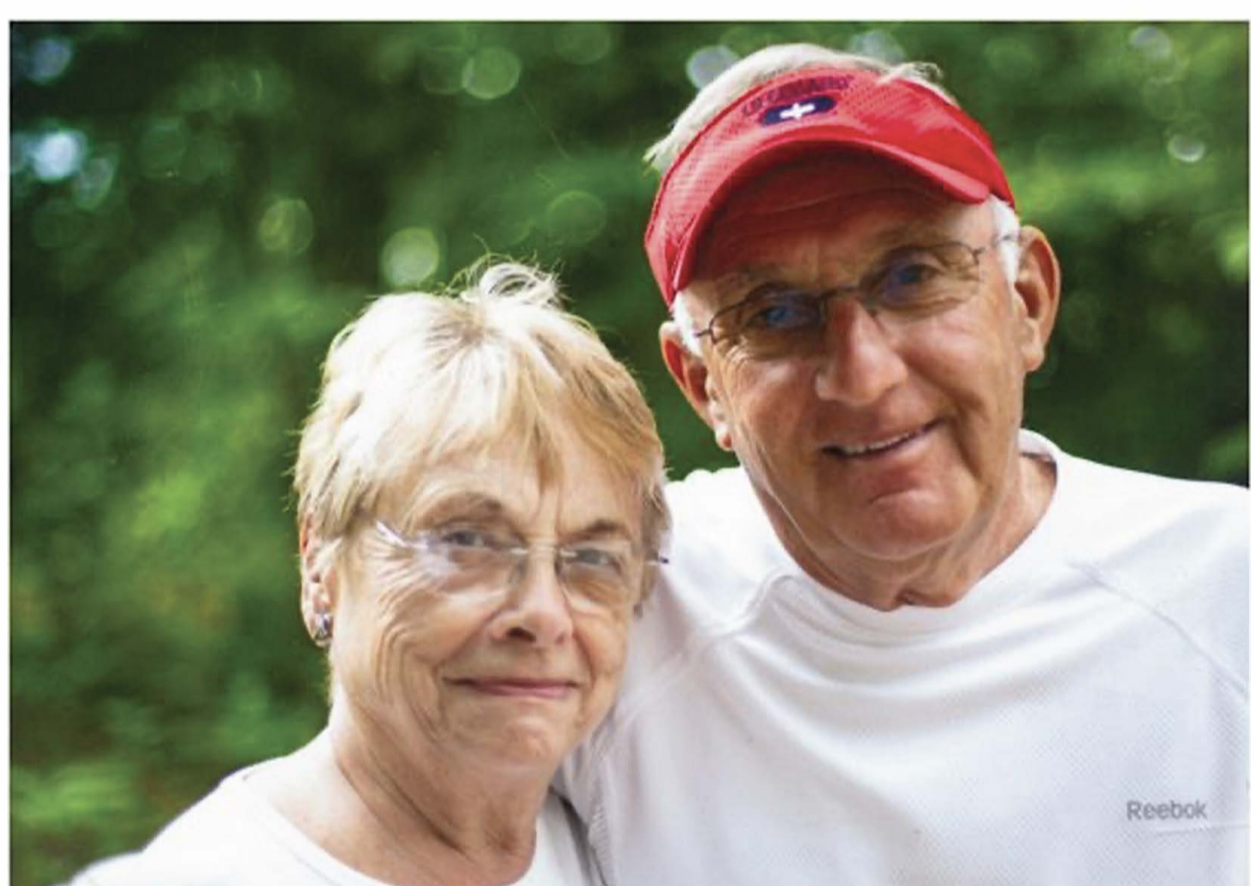




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On behalf of our Board of Directors, faculty, staff, and students, thank you for supporting New Hampshire's Community Colleges.



Eric and Donna Johnson Create Scholarship for WMCC Students

Eric Johnson, a proud 1961 graduate of Berlin High School, carries his hometown in his heart. His success story is rooted in the outdoor activities, independence, and core values that were part of his life while growing up in Coos County. In a heartfelt tribute to his roots, Eric and his wife, Donna, established a legacy scholarship fund through The Foundation to support White Mountains Community College students.

The Johnsons explored various philanthropic avenues, but their hearts were set on creating a [scholarship](#) that benefits local students and contributes to Coos County's growth. "We didn't want to provide scholarships to young people who leave for college and never return," Eric explains. "The average age of students at WMCC is 26, so these people have already established work and residency in Coos County. They are invested in the community and are here to stay."



A Grant from Metallica Supports Students Entering the Trades

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) is the first institution in the Granite State to receive grant funding for the [Metallica Scholars Initiative](#) through All Within My Hands, Metallica's foundation. The non-profit is a philanthropic organization created by the members and management of the legendary band Metallica. CCSNH received \$75,000 to support students developing trade skills at New Hampshire's seven community colleges. The Foundation awarded 224 students \$50,575 this fall to offset the cost of specialized equipment, materials, protective gear, or other degree-specific equipment. Students receiving assistance ranged in majors from health sciences and services, to hospitality and culinary, industry and transportation, and STEM/advanced manufacturing.



Maria Proulx Joins The Foundation Board

At its November annual meeting, The Foundation appointed Maria Proulx, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire, to its board of directors.

As a native Granite Stater, Proulx brings a deep commitment to the state and its people, as well as diverse experience in the healthcare and legal fields, to help further The Foundation's mission to increase access and reduce financial barriers to those seeking a community college education in New Hampshire.

Business and Civic Leader Tom Raffio Honored with Award for Education and Public Service

Tom Raffio, president and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental and highly respected civic leader, was presented with the [Walter R. Peterson Education and Public Service Award](#), recognizing his impactful leadership and support of public higher education in New Hampshire.

Under Raffio's leadership, Northeast Delta Dental, a not-for-profit dental insurance company serving New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, created the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation to support oral health programs in northern New England. The company has steadfastly supported New Hampshire's community colleges, with contributions exceeding \$1.5 million. Raffio has spearheaded significant investments in NHTI's Allied Dental Education program to address the demand for a shortage of dental hygienists and dental assistants.



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