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Dear Friends,

This past year's achievements are a testament to YOUR commitment and support! We are immensely grateful to have steadfast friends—like **Donna and Eric Johnson**—dedicated to our mission. Eric's formative years in Berlin inspired the Johnsons to establish a scholarship for Coos County students attending White Mountains Community College. This significant contribution will transform the lives of these students, and we are proud to play a role in their legacy.

At NHTI, we recognized a monumental investment made by one of our leading corporate partners, **Northeast Delta Dental**. Earlier this year, it made the largest gift in NHTI's history to expand

the Dental Hygiene Clinic, specifically to serve Medicaid patients. This advancement is a major victory for our community and a remarkable opportunity for Allied Dental Education students.

We are also proud to announce our partnership with **Granite Edvance** in launching the first-ever Student Emergency Aid Fund. This crucial initiative provides immediate financial support to students facing non-academic emergencies, including housing, transportation, and food. Our collaboration has inspired more than 40 other donors to contribute an additional \$105,000 to ensure students remain on their educational journey.

On behalf of The Foundation's Board of Directors and our community colleges, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous support. Your contributions are instrumental in opening doors of opportunity for our students, and we are eager to continue our impactful work together in 2025.



Kathleen D. Cook

Kathleen Cook
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SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS



Metallica Scholars Initiative Supports CCSNH Students Entering the Trades

CCSNH became the first institution in New Hampshire to receive grant funding from the All Within My Hands Foundation for the Metallica Scholars program. Established by the legendary band Metallica, this major workforce education initiative provided a \$75,000 grant as part of a six-year national effort to help students gain the skills and training necessary for meaningful and well-paying careers in the trades. The Foundation awarded financial assistance to 224 students to help cover the costs of specialized equipment, materials, protective gear, and other program-specific items.



"I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for being selected as a recipient

of the Metallica Scholars Initiative scholarship. This incredible opportunity means the world to me, and I am honored to be supported by an organization that empowers individuals through education and workforce training...

Thank you for investing in my future. Your support is making a profound difference."

—Brittany

Scholarships Empower an Adult Learner to Chart a New Path

Higher education was not an option for Chloe Puccia when she graduated from high school in Tilton over a decade ago. Her adoptive mother was disabled and required support. Chloe worked three jobs, but she and her mother barely made ends meet. There simply wasn't time or money to consider additional education or training.

By 2014, Chloe was tired of her uninspiring retail jobs and wanted something more. When a friend informed her about an opportunity to teach English in China, she worked diligently to secure a position.

Chloe taught for nearly seven years until a car accident, that almost cost her a leg, abruptly changed her course and sparked an interest in prosthetics.

Upon returning to New Hampshire, Chloe explored scholarship opportunities to help her pursue this newfound passion. She received support from several scholarship funds at NHTI and The Foundation for New Hampshire Community Colleges, which empowered her to enroll in a Mechanical Engineering program with a second major in General Studies.

Chloe is on track to receive her associate degree in Spring 2025 and at 35 years old, she feels her degree is opening doors to a new life. She hopes to continue her education in mechanical engineering at a four-year college.



"I would not have been able to pursue my studies without scholarship support.

The Foundation and the family of Chester W. French have my everlasting gratitude."

—Chloe



DONOR STORY

DAVID GREER'S LEGACY:

An Investment Today for Current and Future Generations in Manufacturing

Leading a fourth-generation family business has instilled in David Greer, the semi-retired CEO of Wire Belt Company of America, a deep appreciation for legacy and innovation. Each successive generation of Greers has built upon the foundation laid by their predecessors, evolving the company from its beginnings as the manufacturer of some of the world's first automated confectionery and bakery equipment in 1919 to its status as a multinational metal conveyor belt manufacturer.

Under Dave's leadership, the family business has grown and prospered, earning steady accolades, including Business NH's "Best Companies to Work for in NH" almost every year since 2008. He has received several distinguished honors, including the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the UNH CEO and Family Enterprise Center and the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire.

Dave expresses that two missions drive him: "Our company's mission is to grow manufacturing in New Hampshire by being a lean, green, value-driven company. My personal mission is to help people get where they want to be." He achieved both objectives by endowing a scholarship fund and establishing a bequest through The Foundation for New Hampshire Community Colleges.

The **David L. Greer Scholarship Fund** provides need-based financial assistance to students pursuing a career in Advanced Manufacturing at any of New Hampshire's seven community colleges, with preference given to Manchester Community College students. Through this fund, Dave and his wife are creating a career path for new generations of manufacturing students

while also developing the skilled workforce that manufacturers need to thrive today.

The manufacturing industry has become increasingly technical, and requires students who are starting this rewarding career path to develop specialized knowledge. The challenges in finding employees with the right skill sets have highlighted a lesson Dave learned from his father long ago: "My father established a scholarship fund for the children of employees, which planted the seed that education is key," he explained. In addition to the scholarship at The Foundation, the Greers have also contributed to the University of New Hampshire and the University of Maine, Dave's alma mater.

Dave and his wife approached The Foundation about charitable giving opportunities because of the community colleges' pivotal role in transforming lives. "I know many people who didn't think they were college material, but community college allowed them to dip a toe in the water and find that it was achievable," Dave remarked.

In collaboration with Tim Allison, Executive Director, the Greers will create a lasting impact on the community and a legacy for the family. Dave marvels at how straightforward the process has been. "I wanted to do something good with the wealth that I created, and I am very happy with where we landed," he said.

As he hands over the reins of Wire Belt Company of America to his nephew, the fifth generation of Greers, Dave is gratified to support countless generations of manufacturing students through his contributions. In addition to the David L. Greer Scholarship Fund, Dave and his wife have also established the **David L. Greer Emergency Aid Fund** to support community college students needing urgent assistance for non-tuition-related expenses, helping them to remain enrolled and continue their education.



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The Carolyn Andrews Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Carolyn's legacy and her contributions to the NHTI Nursing program. The Fund supports NHTI Nursing students.

Barn Door Gap Scholarship provides need-based financial assistance to students enrolled in electrical, gas, HVAC, plumbing, and welding programs. Scholarships are limited to tuition, books, and fees.

Dean Family Funds provide unrestricted program support to GBCC and NHTI, with a preference for initiatives related to enrollment management, curriculum development, student success, etc.

Fenton Family Scholarship offers financial support to RVCC students studying at the Keene campus.

Foundation for Seacoast Health Emergency Fund supports GBCC students from the Seacoast area pursuing a certificate or degree in health-related fields.

Gene Haas Foundation HTEC Teacher Training Fund supports faculty who teach machining skills for computer numerical control ("CNC") machines in a secondary or post-secondary program.

German Shepherd Dog Club Scholarship provides need-based scholarship assistance to students enrolled in Veterinary Technology at GBCC or the Veterinary Assistant program at WMCC.

Jay & Mary-Pat Gibson Scholarship provides need-based assistance to GBCC students.

Granite State PARTNERS Scholarship supports Elliot Health System's and Granite

State PARTNERS' nursing expansion project by providing scholarships to grant participants completing nursing program co-requisites at any New Hampshire community college. Scholarships support tuition, labs, and fees.

Eric & Donna Johnson Scholarship provides need-based financial assistance to WMCC students residing in Coos County.

Richard J. Lamerand Scholarship offers need-based financial support to NCC students enrolled in Industry & Transportation, STEM, or Advanced Manufacturing programs.

Macy Industries Scholarship provides need-based financial support to students enrolled in trade-related certificate or degree programs (e.g., Advanced Manufacturing, HVAC, Mechatronics, Robotics, and Welding) at MCC. Preference is given to Welding students.

Merrimack NH Lions Club Scholarship supports second-year Merrimack, NH students.

NH Teachers of Mathematics Scholarship provides need-based support to NHTI students enrolled in Mathematics.

Pike Industries Scholarship provides need-based financial support to students enrolled in the Diesel Heavy Equipment program at WMCC.

Joshua Stevens Memorial Fund provides program support to LRCC's electrical program.

TEK Time Bootcamp Fund supports non-credit training for high school students in NH's Upper Valley, focusing on IT and computer technology.

The National Board of Respiratory Care Scholarship is available to RVCC students pursuing an associate degree in Respiratory Therapy.



The Foundation and Granite Edvance partnered to create the **Student Emergency Aid Fund**, which provides short-term financial support for students facing non-academic emergencies. This initiative received an \$80,000 investment from Granite Edvance and additional contributions from the Foundation for

Seacoast Health, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and individual donors. Staff at each college can quickly access the Fund when unexpected expenses, such as a broken windshield or medical bills, threaten to disrupt a student's education. In 2024, over \$61,000 was distributed to nearly 100 students across New Hampshire.

WHO WE ARE

The Foundation for New Hampshire Community Colleges (The Foundation) is the charitable organization dedicated solely to New Hampshire's community colleges. As a 501(c)3, The Foundation provides greater access to educational opportunities through financial assistance for student scholarships, program development, and enhancements to facilities across our seven community colleges and local academic centers. We actively seek public and private support to make scholarships available statewide, advance key programmatic initiatives, and provide training and support for our faculty, staff, and students. We also encourage and support partnerships with community stakeholders to implement customized education and training programs designed to meet the workforce needs of the 21st century.

Board Member Transitions



Maria Proulx is a native Granite Stater who brings a diverse set of experiences in both the healthcare and legal fields to the Board of Directors. She is the president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire and is recognized as a leader in the NH business community. Maria is invested in building community, serving as the FC Exeter Soccer Club president and on the board of directors for the Business & Industry Association of NH and the Northern New England Soccer League. Maria, her husband, and three children reside in Exeter, N.H.



Andrew (Drew) Cunningham recently stepped down from The Foundation's Board of Directors after nearly 24 years of service. He was elected to the board in January 2001 and played a key role in laying the groundwork for The Foundation's growth and success, including working closely on governance issues, establishing the Investment Committee, and serving as Secretary. Drew served our country as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. He later founded Centurion Insurance Group, an insurance company specializing in large commercial lines. He has been involved with numerous business and nonprofit boards throughout his career. Drew and his wife divide their time between Etna, NH, and Key Largo, FL.

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873

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direct financial support

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets - Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2024	2023
Net assets, beginning of year	\$7,022,427	\$ 6,092,620
Revenue and other support		
Contributions	\$1,539,226	\$ 1,229,532
Contributed nonfinancial assets	\$ 520,364	\$ 548,792
Interest and dividend income	\$ 219,736	\$ 138,116
Realized and unrealized gains	\$ 672,544	\$ 525,765
	\$2,951,870	\$ 2,442,205
Expenses		
Direct support to students	\$1,164,961	\$ 1,088,823
General and administrative	\$ 282,284	\$ 298,423
Fundraising	\$ 138,295	\$ 125,152
	\$1,585,540	\$ 1,512,398
Increase in net assets	\$1,366,330	\$ 929,807
Net assets, end of year	\$8,388,757	\$ 7,022,427

Full audited financial statements are available at [GiveNHCC.org](https://www.givenhcc.org).

REMEMBERING LUCILLE JORDAN

The Foundation acknowledges the passing of Lucille Jordan, long-time president of Nashua Community College and founding board member of the New Hampshire Community Technical College Foundation (currently known as The Foundation for New Hampshire Community Colleges). Lucille was a fierce champion of students and her community, a pillar of the Community College System, and a force of nature to those who knew and worked with her. Her impact on former, current, and future students, higher education in New Hampshire, and The Foundation will be felt for generations.





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