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Dear WCC Foundation Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Happy Friday! Here is some news from SUNY WCC and the WCC Foundation.

- [The River Journal](#) covered our collaboration with the local nonprofit **Grad Bag**, which distributes to new college students **dorm room necessities** that would have otherwise been discarded.
- SUNY WCC's **TRIO Student Support Services** grant was funded for an additional five years for more than \$300K a year. TRIO improves college retention and graduation rates among low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities through a range of services including tutoring, counseling, mentoring and financial aid. Congratulations to the College's Institutional Advancement team that works on government grants and all of the SUNY WCC staff that contributed to securing this renewed support. TRIO is one of the programs has been proposed for elimination.
- Information on the **impact of the Federal H.R. 1** from the **National Scholarship Providers Association** is attached and from the **American Association of Community Colleges** is available [at this link.](#)
- Some sad news, our one-of-a-kind alumnus [Patsy Vallarelli](#), class of 1950, has passed away. Patsy was planning to join us to celebrate the 75th anniversary of his graduation from SUNY WCC at the Golden Alumni Luncheon in May when he became ill. Those of you who have attended past luncheons will remember his musical presence and engaging personality. A loyal WCC alumnus to the end, his family placed a WCC pin on his lapel for his funeral.



- WCCF Board President **Susan Wollin** shared information on a **training for nonprofits** organized by a consortium of Westchester-based nonprofits including United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Nonprofit Westchester, and Neighbors Link on the subject of [responding to ICE sweeps.](#)
- WCCF Board Member **Barbara Abeles** was profiled in her new role as a [Trustee of Pace University.](#)

- The publication [*Black Westchester*](#) covered the graduation of student participants of **Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC)** from its Student Environmental Ambassador Program, hosted at the **SUNY WCC Mount Vernon Extension Center**.

Have a nice weekend everyone!

Best,

Dolores

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