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Dear WCCF Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Happy September! I hope that your end of summer was lovely and that you are enjoying our beautiful mild early September weather. Here are some updates:

- The campus is once again bustling with students, a **sixth semester of growth in enrollment**. Dr. Miles writes: “This trend shows the continuing relevance of a community college education, and an increasing demand for our college to provide the skills and knowledge for individual growth and regional economic development.” The new **SUNY Reconnect** program, which covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies for adult learners without a college degree who are enrolled in an eligible associate degree program, is a factor in this positive momentum.
- The new **Health Sciences Simulation Center for Interprofessional Education** (the “Sim Lab”) is opening this fall, thanks to the support of many contributors through the Pathways Campaign! A tour of the new lab is planned following our November 20 board meeting.
- We have been asked to have a **repository of articles and information** on the national, state and local higher education landscape on the board portal. Carrie has created a separate section on the board portal called “Higher Ed Readings” and we have added relevant articles. Please send us articles as you run across them.
- Here are some **recent articles of interest**, which will also be placed on our board portal. Thanks to board and staff members and other friends who have shared links:
 - [The Typical American College Student Is Not Who You Think - The New York Times](#)
 - [SUNY Westchester Community College wants students to know their rights ahead of any ICE raids--NEWS 12](#)
 - [Trump Administration Targets Financial Relief for Undocumented Students - The New York Times](#)
 - [The Elite College Myth - WSJ](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Native Plant Weekend** workshops conducted by WCC Native Plant Center volunteers and staff and sale: Saturday and Sunday, September 6 & 7, 9:00-5:30, Rosedale Nurseries, 51 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne, NY. A percentage of sales is donated to the

Native Plant Center.

- WCC Alumni Association hosts [Drone Piloting & Licensing](#): Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm
- SUNY WCC Academic Convocation, to mark the beginning of the new academic year, Wednesday, September 17, 11:00am-1:00pm, Hankin Theater, Academic Arts Building, Valhalla Campus or [livestreamed at this link](#).
- WCC **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**: Thursday, September 18, 2025, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room)
- WCC's 2nd Annual **Viking Classic Car Show**: Sunday, September 21, 9:00am-3:00pm, Valhalla campus
- [Grow & Launch Your Business!](#) Hosted by WCC's Workforce Development and Community Education Division, Thursday, September 25, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm, Gateway Center, Valhalla Campus
- WCC's [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#): Sunday, October 5, 2025, 11:00am-2:00pm
- WCC **Workshop on "Paying for College & FAFSA Forms" in conjunction with LUCA** (Latino U College Access): Wednesday, October 8, 2025
- WCC **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**: Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room)

Thank you and enjoy the weekend!

Best,

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Dolores Swirin-Yao (she/her/hers) [What does this mean?](#)

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