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Dear WCCF Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Happy Friday!

- September was a very busy month on campus! Here is a [link to my September blog](#). One of the highlights was WCCF Chair **Cornelia Spring** presenting the **Faculty Excellence Awards**, which are sponsored by the Foundation, at **Academic Convocation**.
- Congratulations! **LUCA**—Latino University College Access—a nonprofit founded by WCCF Board Member **Shirley Acevedo Buontempo**, is honoring **PKF O'Connor Davies**, the firm of WCCF Board Members **Rob Cordero** and **Matt McCrosson** at its gala on Thursday, October 16. [Visiones 2025 Spark Bright Futures - Campaign](#).
- SUNY WCC President **Dr. Belinda Miles** responded to an [opinion piece in the Times](#) about the **escalating pressure on students** to seek out the most selective schools with this letter to the editor about the **value of the community college option**. [Dr Belinda Miles NY Times Op-Ed 10-1-25.docx](#)
- **Anne Janiak** and **Susan Wollin** each shared this link, [Opinion | Community Colleges Need Community - The New York Times](#), about the **disadvantages of students primarily attending community college classes virtually**. SUNY WCC has been intentional about encouraging more students to attend in person. 75% of students are attending classes in person this semester.
- **The Collegium for Lifelong Learning Program** is a volunteer-powered, self-governing organization dedicated to combining serious study and social exchange among its members. Collegium strives to provide curriculum offerings in a variety of topics and disciplines with intellectual content stimulating to advanced learners. Classes meet in person at the Knollwood Center (at SUNY Westchester Valhalla). Collegium has sold out most of its Wednesday class offerings but still has room in its Friday classes if you or someone you know would be interested. www.sunywcc.edu/academics/majors-programs/collegium

Upcoming Events:

- WCC Workshop on “**Paying for College & FAFSA Forms**” in conjunction with **LUCA**

(Latino U College Access): Wednesday, October 8.

- **Neighbors Link** fall event: Courtrooms, Communities, and Classrooms on Tuesday, November 11, 6-8 pm, at SUNY Westchester Community College.
- **Board Luncheon at SUNY WCC's Culinary Cafe**, date TBD. This is the second of the optional, purely social luncheons that we plan to hold once a semester. Those who attended last time enjoyed getting to know their board colleagues better while enjoying the yummy tasting menu, which is cooked and served by our culinary students.
- WCC Foundation **Board of Directors Meeting**: Thursday, November 20, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room) followed by tour of new **Health Sciences Simulation Center for Interprofessional Education** (the "Sim Lab").
- Third Annual ***Transforming Futures Together* Gala**
 - **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**
 - **Chris Williams**, emcee
 - Public Service Award: **Hon. Nita Lowey**, presented posthumously
 - Corporate Leadership Award: **DeCicco & Sons**
 - Community Leadership Award: to be announced

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Best,
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