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Dear WCC Foundation board members, staff and special friends,

Happy Friday! I hope that your November is off to a good start. Here are some clippings and updates from SUNY WCC and the WCC Foundation:

- Please click on this link to my [October blog](#) for photos of the opening of the **Health Sciences Simulation Center for Interprofessional Education** (the “Sim Lab” for short) and other October happenings. The Foundation Board of Directors is invited to tour the Sim Lab after our November 20 board meeting. Congratulations to **Ilene Lieberman**, **Chrissy Brennan** and all who worked on the Sim Lab opening from the Foundation side.
 - **Westchester Magazine’s 914INC.** ran a story about [the Sim Lab opening](#). Special thanks to **Rich Martinelli** for the coverage!
- Thanks to the efforts of **Tere Wisell** and **LaTasha Hamlett-Carver** of our Workforce Development and Community Education Division and **Ilene Lieberman** from the Foundation, the WCC Foundation has been awarded a **two-year grant of \$420,000** from the **JPMorgan Chase Foundation** to support a **Westchester Regional Workforce Collaborative**. In addition to expanding our employer partnerships and delivering short-term training, the award will allow us to refresh and update the “middle skills gap” report of 2015, which highlights career paths that require more than a high school diploma but do not require a four-year degree.
- SUNY WCC’s **respiratory care program** was celebrated during [National Respiratory Care Week](#).
- Sharing an interesting **New York Times** article about **current views on the value of college degrees**: [Colleges Face a Reckoning: Is a Degree Really Necessary? - The New York Times](#)
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- Our past board member **Dr. Jeremy Kohomban**, President & CEO of The Children’s Village, is being honored by **Nonprofit Westchester**: [2025 Keep Westchester Thriving Awards](#) on Wednesday December 3, 5:30 – 8:00pm, at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains.

Upcoming events:

- **Neighbors Link** Panel Discussion on Immigration: **“Courtrooms, Communities, and Classrooms”**: Tuesday, **November 11, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm**, on SUNY WCC’s Valhalla campus, Hankin Academic Arts Building Auditorium
- **SUNY WCC Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner**, Friday, **November 21, 6:30-8:30pm**, Juliano’s Caterers, 700 Main Street, New Rochelle
- **WCC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**: Thursday, **November 20, 2025, 9:00-10:45am**, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room); **Tour of Sim Lab**: **11:00-11:45am**, **Board Luncheon**: 12:00-1:15pm, Culinary Café, David Swope Student Center
- **Upcoming Holidays**:
 - **Thursday, November 27-Friday, November 28** for **Thanksgiving**.
 - **Wednesday, December 24– Thursday, January 1**, returning Friday, January 2 for the **Winter Break**. I will be available for any questions about year-end contributions or any time-sensitive matter by email ds38@sunywcc.edu or cell phone 917-723-2008 throughout the break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best,
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