

From: [Swirin-Yao, Dolores](#)
To: [Swirin-Yao, Dolores](#)
Subject: SUNY WCC and WCC Foundation News and Updates
Date: Friday, October 17, 2025 9:53:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear WCC Foundation board members, staff and special friends,

- Thanks to all of the board members who responded to my email about the **informal luncheon for board members at the Culinary Café**. The luncheon will be on **Thursday, November 20, at noon**, after the board meeting and the Sim Lab tour. If you have not yet responded, please let me know if you plan to join. 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.
 - There were a few board members who indicated that they could not make it on November 20; we are happy to have you for lunch at the Café on Thursday, December 4, at noon, if you can't make it on November 20. Please let me know so that we can reserve a table.
- This article describes the [impact of the cancellation of Title V grants](#). SUNY WCC's Title V grant cancelled last month.
- Our own **Michelle Schleibaum** was featured in the national **Currents** magazine (print and on-line), the publication of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), for an article on the subject of [Nurturing Connections with Community College Alumni | CASE](#).
- SUNY WCC is mentioned as one of the [SUNY campuses waiving application fees this month](#) in this **News 10** article.
- We have a limited number of comp tickets for board members for the **Neighbors Link** fall event on campus, **Courtrooms, Communities, and Classrooms**, on **Tuesday, November 11, 6-8 pm**, tickets for which are normally \$50. If you would like to attend, please let me know and your name will be placed on the guest list.
- We held a lovely members-only **Hartford Hall Society Tea** yesterday, chaired by **Joanne Landau**, where we heard a timely update on the College by **Dr. Miles** and the inspiring personal story of Honors College student (and recent Cambridge Study Abroad participant) **Bella DelDuco**. Members are those who have made a bequest or other

legacy gift or established an endowment to ensure that SUNY WCC's mission of providing high-quality, affordable education to our students will continue in perpetuity. There are many easy ways to join; please let me know if you or anyone you know would like more information or if you would like to see a video of the program.

Upcoming Event Calendar:

- **Neighbors Link** fall event: Courtrooms, Communities, and Classrooms on **Tuesday, November 11, 6-8 pm**, at SUNY Westchester Community College.
- 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") at approximately **11:00**, followed by the **Board Luncheon in the Culinary Café at 12:00** at the **David Swope Student Center**.
- 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: **American Women of African Heritage (AWAH)**

On a personal note, I will be out for a few days from Wednesday afternoon, October 29, through Monday, November 3, paying a quick visit to my son who is studying abroad in Amsterdam this semester. My next update email will go out on November 7.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Best,
Dolores

Dolores Swirin-Yao (she/her/hers) [What does this mean?](#)
Executive Director, Westchester Community College Foundation
Vice President, External Affairs, SUNY Westchester Community College
Hartford Hall
75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY 10595

ds38@sunywcc.edu

Office phone: 914-606-6562
Mobile phone: 917-723-2008

www.wccf-ny.org

Blog and news: <https://wccf-ny.org/news/>

