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April 29, 2026



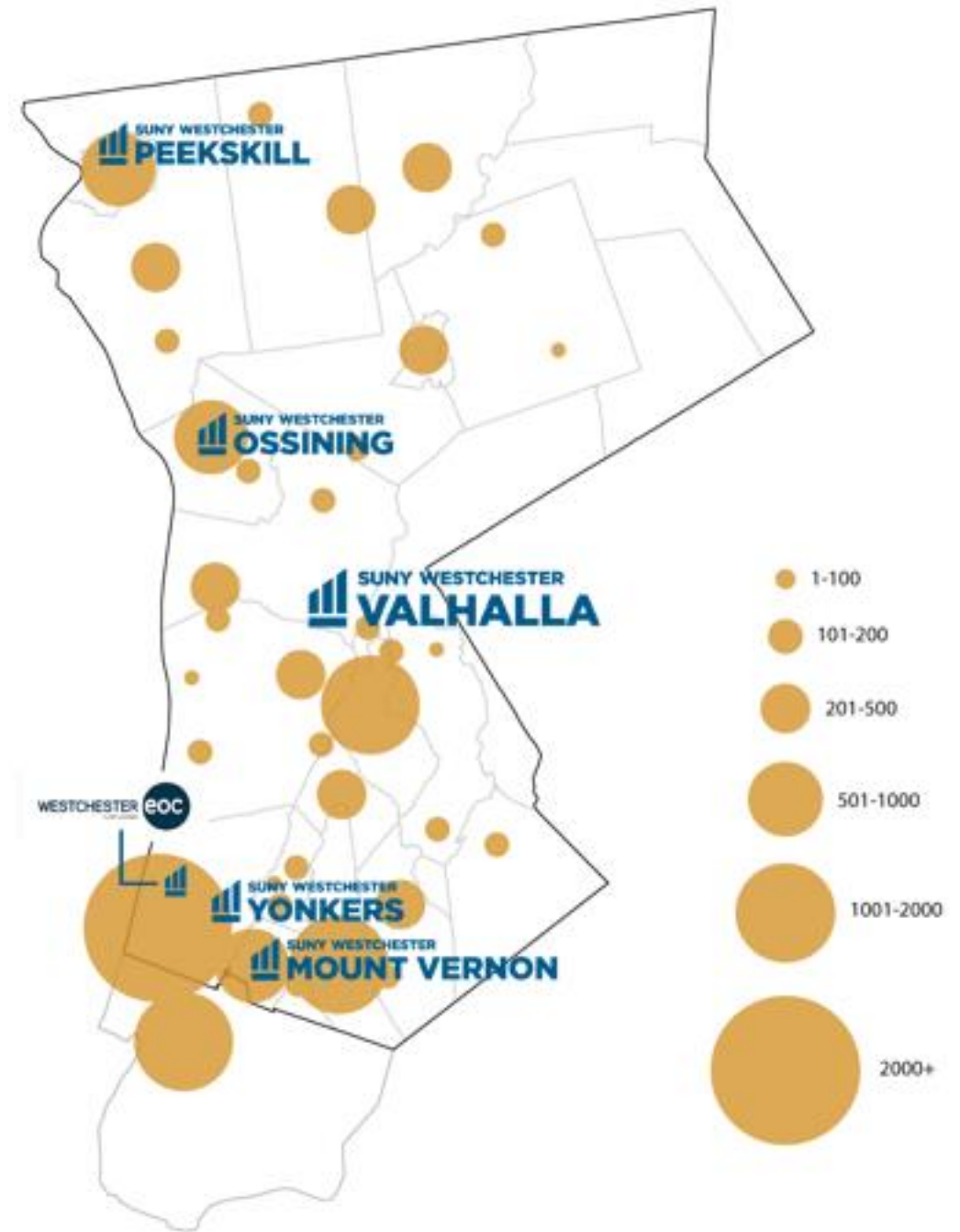
*“Westchester
Community College will
always be the beginning of
my future, and receiving a
scholarship is what has
made all of that possible.”*

Annie Pingry Appel

Recipient of the
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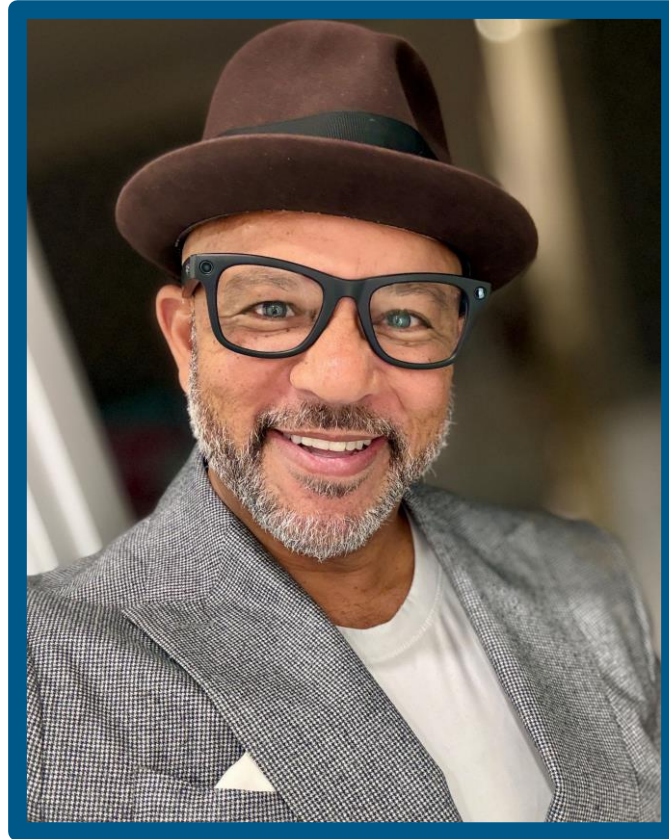
The Lowey Family
is proud to support
Westchester Community College
whose life-changing contributions to
the education of American youth
were long championed by
Nita M. Lowey

“Thank you for this financial relief for me to prioritize my academic endeavors. This award will improve my academic endeavors because it provides me with additional motivation.”

Tim Zaccheo

SUNY WCC
Viking ROADS Student





Chris Williams
Emcee

Nita Lowey was a perennial source of leadership and support to our community and families, on both a local and national level. We cannot quantify her impact.

We are so grateful to ***DeCicco & Sons*** for their commitment to our students in terms of providing sustenance and financial support.

The ***American Women of African Heritage*** are invaluable role models for our students and community. We thank them for their contributions to our lives.

Deborah and Gary Raizes

The Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management curriculum leads students to careers, not only in restaurants, but also in commercial, on-site, and institutional establishments.





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Corporate Citizenship Award

The Department of Student Involvement believes that every student has the right to community, connection, and self-development.

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American Women of African Heritage, Inc.
Community Leadership Award

“My time studying abroad at Cambridge University offered a profound change of my perspective on the world.”

Daniel Benalcazar

Participant in the
Cambridge Study Abroad
Programme



At DeCicco & Sons, community is at the heart of all we do. We are honored to join Westchester Community College Foundation in recognizing

The Late U.S. Representative Nita M. Lowey,
whose legacy of public service continues to inspire.

We proudly congratulate our fellow honoree,
American Women of African Heritage, Inc.,
for their exceptional commitment to community leadership and for inspiring generations to come.

We also extend our sincere thanks to WCC for the many students who have brought their talent, dedication, and passion to the DeCicco & Sons family.

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“Thank you and all donors like yourself who make scholarships such as this one possible for investing in the future of students like me.”

Charlie Seiler

Recipient of the
Nita & Stephen Lowey Scholarship



Jonathan Pollack

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Westchester Community College

great success!



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Dr. Christolyn A. Williams

Voyager Award 2026

“Students continue to enhance my knowledge, and to energize my scholarship and teaching. I am constantly learning from them as I teach, and they help me to see a future that is as bright as their possibilities.”

The PepsiCo
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program provides
financial and
mentoring support
for current students
from underserved
communities.



A BIG THANK-YOU

to this evening's honorees

AMERICAN WOMEN OF AFRICAN HERITAGE, INC.

and

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for their support and commitment in providing education opportunities for all.

Tonight, we also honor and recognize the late

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN NITA M. LOWEY

a tenacious fighter for women, children and families.

Connie Curran

Thank you to **DeCicco & Sons**, ShopRite, Feeding Westchester and all the generous supporters of SUNY WCC's annual Thanksgiving dinner give-away, serving more than 300 students.



The WCC Foundation is a catalyst.



**SUNY WCC students receiving a scholarship are
three times more likely
to graduate—and graduate on time**

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Rachel & Kenneth Rader



SUNY WCC was among the first community colleges in the nation to receive a grant from **All Within My Hands**, the band Metallica's foundation, to support our advanced manufacturing programs.

SUNY WCC
is a **career destination**
for faculty who **love to teach.**

159

full-time faculty

587

part-time adjunct faculty

There are
more than 40
student clubs and
organizations at
SUNY WCC,
along with many events
for students
to get involved in.



Congratulations

WCC Foundation Honorees

Thank you for all you have done.



**Joanne Landau
and
Fred Schwalb**

Honors College graduates



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Transforming Futures Together

Lila and Abbott Stillman

80%

of students had previously stopped out of college, or were considering stopping out of college due to basic needs insecurity

59%

of students experience at least one form of basic needs insecurity

48%

are dealing with housing insecurity

41%

face food insecurity

14%

are experiencing homelessness

Source:

The Hope Center on Basic Needs Insecurity

Empowering ambition

We celebrate the **Westchester Community College Foundation**
and its honorees for their commitment to student success.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Total Impact

\$585.6 million

Total income added
in the county

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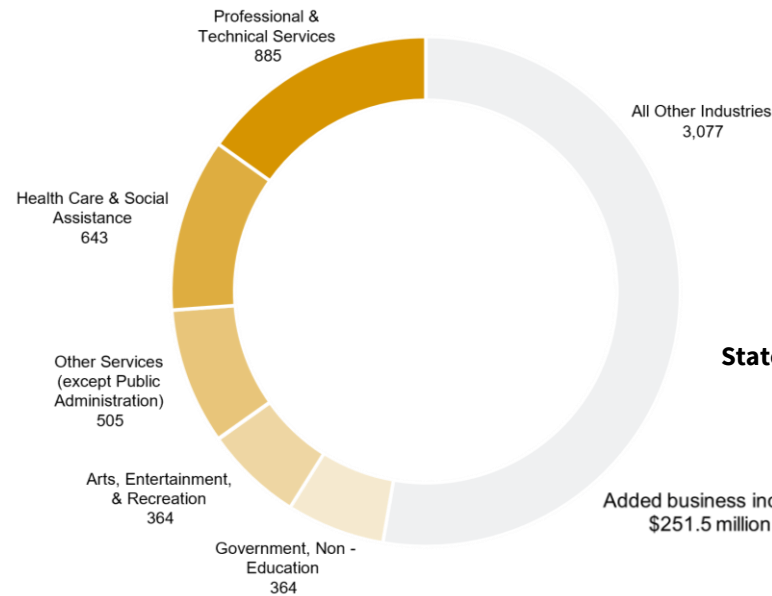
As large as nearly a third of the entire
Transportation & Warehousing industry

Portion of county's GRP

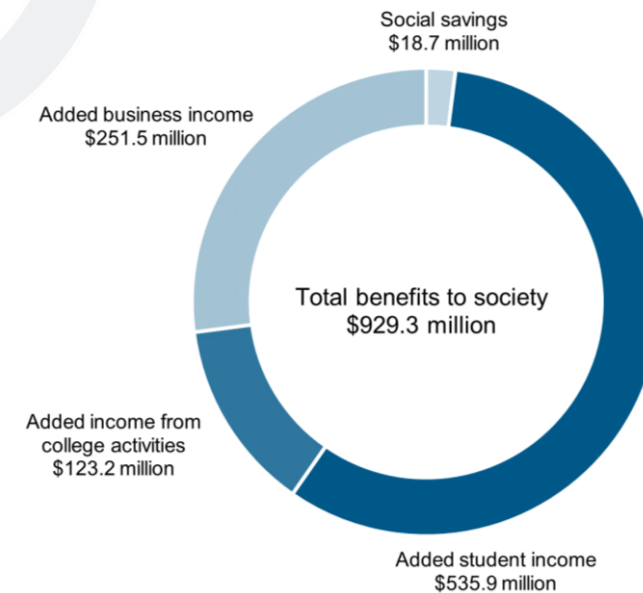
5,837

Total jobs supported
in the county

Impacts on Westchester County by industry
(jobs supported)



State social benefits from SUNY WCC



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SUNY WCC's newly minted nurses were celebrated at the Nurse Pinning Ceremony. Nurses are in great demand in today's workforce.



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Melone Brothers Bakery



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*“Education became a way
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existed.”*

Bridget Freeman

Recipient of
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The Radiologic Technology A.A.S. program at SUNY Westchester Community College offers comprehensive training for students aiming to join the fast-evolving field of medical imaging.

Robert and Irene McNamara

join the

WCC Foundation

in honoring

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60% of
SUNY WCC
students are the
first in their
families to aspire to
a college degree.



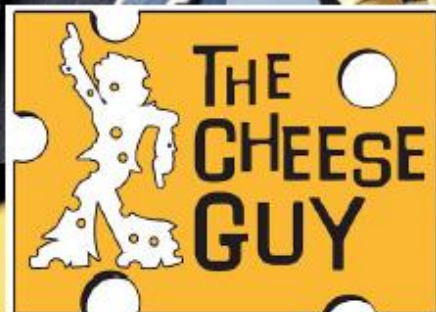
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Grace Higgins

WCC Honors College



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“I am deeply grateful to receive this scholarship that aligns with my view of helping people in need, and I will continue to work using the knowledge I gain to contribute to my community and beyond.”

Monica Sanchez Ponce

Recipient of the
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&

***Thank you to the
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Lois Kroll



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In memory of Nita Lowey,

a dear friend of the Dannenberg Family.

The Richard & Barbara Dannenberg Family

Increased enrollment at SUNY WCC is in its 6th consecutive year, with the Spring 2026 semester marking the most significant growth in more than a decade.





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*“I am grateful for this gift,
as it will help me reach my
goal of one day working at a
National Park to preserve
local wildlife populations.”*

Riley Murphy

Recipient of the
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**The SUNY Westchester Community College Student
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We welcomed the 9th cohort of students to SUNY WCC's Honors College for academic year 2025–2026.



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