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TUDOR FOUNDATION GRANTS \$60,000 IN SUPPORT OF NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Tudor Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Tudor Investment Corporation, has selected Norwalk Community College Foundation for a \$60,000 general operating grant. In the 2018-19 academic year, the NCC Foundation invested more than \$3 million in NCC, with \$1.6 million in student scholarships for both current NCC students and high-achieving graduates, and \$1.7 million in support for NCC programs.

NORWALK, CT, February 10, 2020— The Tudor Foundation awarded a generous grant in support of Norwalk Community College Foundation. The Tudor Foundation represents the charitable giving arm of Tudor Investment Corporation, a global investment firm with corporate headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut.

NCC Foundation Executive Director Carrie Bernier said, “We are extremely grateful that Tudor Foundation has chosen to partner with us in making a quality college education affordable and accessible for those in Fairfield County who thought the goal of attending college was out of their reach. By granting unrestricted dollars, Tudor Foundation has affirmed the NCC Foundation’s stewardship to direct the funds to the areas of greatest need. This gift will directly impact NCC students and pave a path for greater success for our scholarship coaching and academic support programs.”

The path to earning a community college degree is often hindered by personal and financial roadblocks. 46% of NCC students are the first in their families to attend college and 65% come from homes where neither parent has completed a bachelor’s degree. In addition to attending NCC, most students work and have significant family responsibilities (38% are parents). In the 2018-19 academic year, the NCC Foundation invested more than \$1.6 million in scholarships to current NCC students and high-achieving NCC graduates who transferred to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

The NCC Foundation also continued to support academic support programs at the College, with an additional \$1.7 million invested in funding for college advancement programs and faculty positions to maintain high-quality educational excellence at NCC. NCC Foundation sponsored programs include Summer Bridge Math, an innovative makerspace, a veterinary technician degree program, mentoring and coaching programs, campus enrichment events, single parent childcare assistance and a student emergency fund.

About the Norwalk Community College Foundation

The Norwalk Community College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports expanding access to affordable, quality higher education, the development of a productive workforce, and contributing to the knowledge and well-being of our community by raising funds for Norwalk Community College.

The Foundation works with individuals, major corporations and local organizations to develop new initiatives and educational partnerships to inspire and engage our community to share talents and resources. With assistance from generous donors, the NCC Foundation provides \$3 million annually in scholarships, faculty and program support, and student success initiatives.