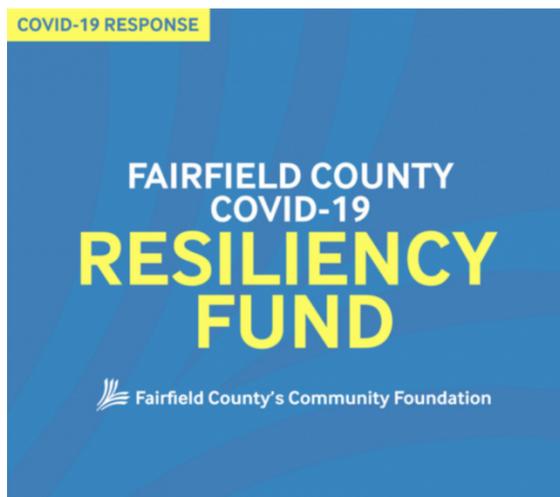


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## **Norwalk Community College Foundation receives \$15,000 grant from Fairfield County's Community Foundation COVID-19 Resiliency Fund**

*A generous grant from Fairfield County's Community Foundation (FCCF) will provide Norwalk Community College (NCC) students disparately impacted by COVID-19 with emergency financial assistance for technology, food and basic needs. The NCC Foundation's goal is to help students whose lives have been disrupted by the crisis stay in school and graduate.*

**NORWALK, CT, May 20, 2020**— When NCC's campus closed in March, vulnerable students were cut off from

vital services at NCC such as the computer lab, food pantry, counselors, coaches, advisors and tutors. Aid provided through the NCC Foundation's Student Emergency Fund is keeping students connected to NCC and continuing their studies while the campus remains closed and classes online. Plans to reopen NCC's campus are still in progress.

To date, the NCC Foundation has delivered laptops to 208 students who lacked adequate access to a computer in their home, and 343 grocery store gift cards to food insecure students (NCC was one of the first colleges in Connecticut to address food insecurity on campus by making an on-site food pantry). The Foundation is working closely with the NCC administration to assist students who responded to a survey indicating their areas of greatest need. In the coming weeks and months, our assistance may be food, payment of essential bills, or connection to mental health treatment.

FCCF is a longtime, dedicated supporter of the NCC Foundation. Their funding has allowed the NCC Foundation to offer exemplary programs including student success coaching and a remedial math summer bridge program. Their continued commitment to community college students in Fairfield County affirms the lasting impact of higher education and the vital role of NCC and its Foundation. FCCF's COVID-19 Resiliency Fund works to help alleviate the social and economic consequences of the global pandemic, and to prevent the widening of disparities in education, employment, housing and health.

For those who wish to help Norwalk Community College students achieve their academic and professional goals, a gift to the NCC Foundation can be made by visiting <https://ncc-foundation.org/donate>, calling (203) 497-3898, or e-mailing [nccfoundation@norwalk.edu](mailto:nccfoundation@norwalk.edu).

### **About the Fairfield County's Community Foundation**

Fairfield County's Community Foundation promotes philanthropy as a means to create change in Fairfield County, focusing on innovative and collaborative solutions to critical issues impacting the community. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds or contribute to existing funds. The Community Foundation is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards, and has awarded \$180 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit [www.fccfoundation.org](http://www.fccfoundation.org).

### **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.

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