



Dear NCC Foundation Friends and Supporters,

2025 is an exciting year for the NCC Foundation. We will celebrate six decades of commitment to creating educational access, supporting student success, and contributing to the development of a skilled regional workforce. All of you have an important place in that history of impact, and we are enormously grateful to you for what you have made possible.

During my first six months, it has been an honor to meet, speak to, or correspond with many of you. I have benefited from your ideas and insights and have been inspired by your commitment to creating educational access and opportunities. I look forward to connecting with even more of you in the year ahead. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to schedule a call or visit campus.

During this 60th anniversary year, we look forward to offering many opportunities for you to provide input, connect with students and faculty, and celebrate the life-changing opportunities you help create.

We will keep you updated through this bimonthly newsletter and encourage you to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for weekly updates and inspiring stories of success — made possible by your generosity.

Thank you, again, for being part of our history and helping us to shape our future!

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Nancy von Euler".

Nancy von Euler
President and CEO



Celebrating 60 Years of Impact: Looking Back and Moving Forward

Sixty years ago, a simple idea took root: the belief that education has the power to transform lives and shape futures. This vision gave birth to the Norwalk Community College (NCC) Foundation. For six decades, the NCC Foundation has provided hope, opportunity, and unwavering support to the students of CT State Norwalk, formerly Norwalk Community College. Its legacy has far exceeded expectations.

While some may view the Foundation primarily as a scholarship provider, its role — much like the College — has grown exponentially over the years. Throughout its history, the NCC Foundation has awarded thousands of scholarships, supported numerous campus programs, and helped fund transformative projects such as The Center for Science, Health, and Wellness. The Foundation’s influence extends further through critical initiatives like the food pantry and the student emergency fund. The full extent of the impact your donations make is immeasurable.

A Vision for the Future



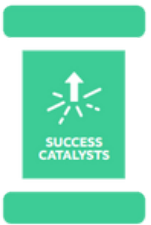
We believe celebrating our past is important, but we are firmly focused — and even more excited — about the future. This past year, **the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan** was approved, incorporating a four-pillar investment approach. These pillars reflect students' priority needs: Student Investment, Barrier Busters, Success Catalysts, and Sector Investments.

To learn more about these pillars : [click here for our latest Annual Report.](#)



Join Us on The Journey

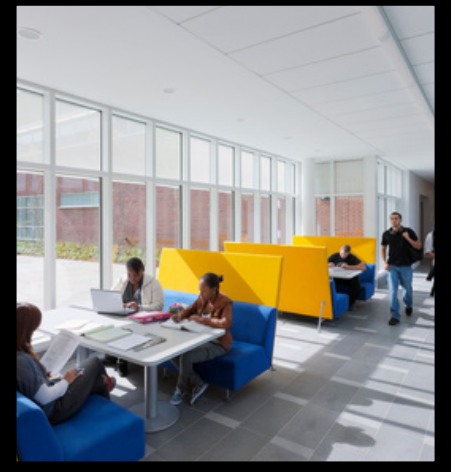
As we celebrate our 60th anniversary, we honor the hard work, dedication, and community support of the donors, alumni, and students who have shaped the NCC Foundation into a lasting, impactful organization.



Your support is essential to our mission. No matter your capacity, you can help us build on our legacy and invest in the future. Join us in celebrating by:

- **Contributing** – Your donation makes a real difference. [Click here to donate.](#)
- **Volunteering** – Share your time and expertise with us. [Click here to contact us](#) and find out new ways to get involved.
- **Attending Events** – Join us at upcoming events to celebrate and support the NCC Foundation’s work in empowering students.
- **Sharing This Message** – Spread the word by sharing this message with your network. Every share helps us reach our goals!
- **Following Us on Social Media** – Stay connected and informed by following us on social media. Your engagement helps us grow our community and impact.

Together, we can ensure the next 60 years bring even greater opportunities for our students and community.



BARRIER BUSTERS



The Impact of Giving

Over 4,000 visits were recorded at the food pantry during the Fall semester.

Turkey Bags for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is always a wonderful time to see gratitude and generosity in action, and 2024 was no exception. Thanks to your support and the Alliance for Community Empowerment the food pantry distributed Thanksgiving meal bags to over 50 students and their families.

The Holiday Giveaway

Following the Thanksgiving event, the Holiday Giveaway took place in December, with food pantry staff and Project Search students distributing Christmas dinners and sweets. Community outreach projects such as these demonstrate the NCC Foundation's commitment to the Barrier Busters pillar of the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. This investment directly supports students and strengthens the Norwalk community.



QUICK SURVEY

SHARE YOUR WHY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: WHY DO YOU GIVE?

At Norwalk Community College Foundation (NCCF), every gift has a story. Whether it's a passion for education, a connection to our mission, or a desire to give back, your reasons inspire us every day. We invite you to share what motivates your generosity.

TAKE A QUICK 2 MIN SURVEY TO TELL US YOUR STORY

Go to: <https://ncc-foundation.org/newsletter-survey>

From First-gen to Graduate with NCC Foundation Support

Interview: Kelly Ramirez-Lucero CT State Norwalk Alumna

We recently sat down with Kelly, an alumna of CT State Norwalk Community College, to hear about her journey and to get her thoughts and advice to share with our donors, students, and other alumni. This past December Kelly completed her undergraduate degree in Business Administration at the University of Bridgeport. The Norwalk Community College Foundation (NCCF) played a key role in making this achievement possible. "It made it possible to reach my education goals and has truly motivated me to continue moving forward," Kelly shared. Read on to see what Kelly had to say.

On NCC Foundation's Support

NCCF: How did the NCC Foundation Scholarship help you achieve your educational goals?

KR: The NCC Foundation Scholarship was pivotal in achieving my educational goals. As a first-generation college student, I faced significant financial challenges and the looming burden of student loans. The scholarship alleviated much of that financial pressure, allowing me to focus on my studies without the constant worry about tuition costs. With the Foundation's incredible support, I earned my bachelor's degree in business administration with a 3.9 GPA. This opportunity kept me motivated, helped me excel academically, and showed me I had a support system rooting for my success. It strengthened my determination to always strive for my best.

NCCF: What did it mean to you personally to receive support from the NCC Foundation during your studies?

KR: The support from the NCC Foundation was life changing. While completing my associate's degree at CT State Norwalk, I often wondered if continuing my education would be possible. The Foundation's support eased financial uncertainties and provided encouragement that extended far beyond monetary aid. Knowing I had a team that truly believed in my dreams and goals gave me the motivation to persevere. Their belief in me became a powerful reminder to believe in myself.

Reflections on CT State Norwalk and its Community

NCCF: How did your time at CT State Norwalk prepare you for your success up to this point?

KR: My experience at CT State Norwalk laid the foundation for my academic and personal success. I developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and time-management skills, which were invaluable as I pursued my bachelor's degree. The challenging coursework and high expectations prepared me to thrive at the University of Bridgeport. The professors' guidance and the supportive academic environment gave me the confidence to tackle future challenges and continue my education with a solid foundation.

To read the full interview with Kelly and hear more about her journey [Click Here](#)

STUDENT INVESTMENT



"As a first-generation college student, this scholarship represents more than financial aid—it is a testament to the belief in my potential."

DID YOU KNOW?

In the past 10 years, your support has transformed the lives of **at least 5,367 students and their families** through scholarships. While this number is impressive, the true impact of a single scholarship extends far beyond one student — it ripples through families, communities, and generations. Thank you for being a part of this incredible legacy of change!

Board Member Spotlight Vinay (Vin) Gandhi



Vinay (Vin) Gandhi is a valued member of the Norwalk Community College Foundation's Board of Directors and the chair of the audit committee and an active participant on the executive committee. In his role as Vice President & General Manager for Presort Services Eastern Region at Pitney Bowes, Vin leads strategic initiatives and oversees operations and financial growth across the region.

Since joining the NCC Foundation Board, Vin has brought his extensive experience in finance and leadership to help advance the Foundation's mission. His work reflects a deep commitment to creating opportunities for students and ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed. Vin lives in Wilton, Connecticut, with his wife and two daughters. He values his role with the NCC Foundation and is passionate about giving back to the community by supporting education and student success.

Calling All Alumni



The NCC Foundation is excited to celebrate our alumni's achievements. Over the past 60 years, CT State Norwalk (formerly NCC) alumni have made a lasting impact, and we want to hear your stories! We're gathering success stories to showcase how the NCC Foundation has shaped your journey and inspired current students. We're also looking for alumni to speak at future events or participate in activities that connect our community.

Know other alumni? Help us reconnect by encouraging them to share their stories and get involved. Together, we can strengthen our network and transform lives.

Follow us for updates and ways to get involved. Celebrate the impact of our alumni!

Update your information at
<https://ncc-foundation.org/nccf-alumni>



EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Join us in making a college education accessible to everyone in Fairfield County.

<https://ncc-foundation.org/make-a-donation>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 - Student Scholarship Celebration

May 21 - CT State Norwalk Community College Commencement

