



SIX MONTHS IN: A REFLECTION FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

By Danielle Marya

It's hard to believe it's already been six months since I joined the NCC Foundation. Coming from the corporate world, I knew I wanted to do something that felt more connected to community, and this role seemed like the right step. What I didn't realize was just how far the Foundation's impact really goes. I've met or heard from alumni and scholarship recipients from all over the country, and the common thread is this deep connection to CT State Norwalk. I went to a community college myself and had a good experience — but not the same strong emotional tie I've seen from so many of our alumni and students here. There is a real sense of pride in this place.

The students continue to amaze me. Their motivation, their drive — it's hard not to be inspired by them. And the stories I hear again and again make it clear: scholarships aren't just about money. They're about being seen and supported.

The Scholarship Celebration in April really brought that home for me.

Watching students connect with the people who believe in them was a moment I'll never forget.

If I had to sum up the past six months in one word, it would be “inspiring.”

This work, and these people, make me want to be better — every single day.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES

2 June	Transfer Scholarships	Monday
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	• DREAM	
	• RN TO BSN	
16 June	Academic Year Scholarship	Monday
16 June	Path2Success Scholarship	Monday
1 July	Royce & Bigelow Scholarships	Monday
14 July	Non-Credit Scholarships	Monday
14 July	ESOL Scholarships	Monday

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING!

Scholarship season at the NCC Foundation is in full swing but deadlines are fast approaching. The first deadline is for Transfer Scholarships, ending June 2. We continue to provide valuable application support for students pursuing their academic goals in the weeks during the application process. Don't miss out on these opportunities! For full details, eligibility requirements, and application deadlines, visit ncc-foundation.org/scholarships.



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COMMUNITY NOURISHMENT: WEGMANS JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY

Local support grows for the CT State Norwalk Food Pantry

Food insecurity shouldn't be part of the college experience — but for many students, it still is. That's why the CT State Norwalk Food Pantry remains one of the most critical initiatives supported by the NCC Foundation. Thanks to a generous community and new partners like Wegmans, that impact is growing.

Earlier this month, The Pantry received a special donation to help stock its shelves from Wegmans, whose grand opening is set for late July in the Norwalk community. The beloved grocery store chain is already proving to be more than just a great place to shop — they're stepping in as thoughtful neighbors.

Watch the partnership in action on [Instagram](#)

From canned goods and fresh produce to hygiene supplies and grab-and-go snacks, The Pantry provides essentials to students facing financial challenges.

"The Pantry helps students stay focused on their education instead of worrying about their next meal," said Nancy von Euler, President and CEO of the NCC Foundation. "Partnerships like this make that possible."

In a time when the cost of living continues to rise, this kind of support is more than generous — it's essential. As we welcome Wegmans to Norwalk, we also celebrate all who donate time, food, or funds to ensure every student has what they need to succeed.

"Wegmans isn't just opening a store — they're showing up as a neighbor. Their support helps us meet students' most basic needs."



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HONORING VALOR: THE DANIEL J. SHEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In solemn recognition of Memorial Day, the NCC Foundation proudly announced the creation of the **Daniel J. Shea Memorial Scholarship** at the City of Norwalk's annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony, held at Calf Pasture Beach on May 18.

PFC Daniel John Shea, a Norwalk native, served as a combat medic during the Vietnam War. His extraordinary heroism — saving multiple comrades under heavy fire — earned him the Medal of Honor, posthumously. His actions reflected the highest traditions of military service and enduring selflessness.

NCC Foundation CFO Kris Yeager delivered remarks during the ceremony and officially unveiled the new scholarship. "This scholarship will serve as a legacy of courage and selflessness," said Yeager. "It's about making sure the next generation remembers and is empowered by what Daniel stood for."

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving CT State Norwalk student who has demonstrated commitment to service or public impact, continuing PFC Shea's spirit through education.

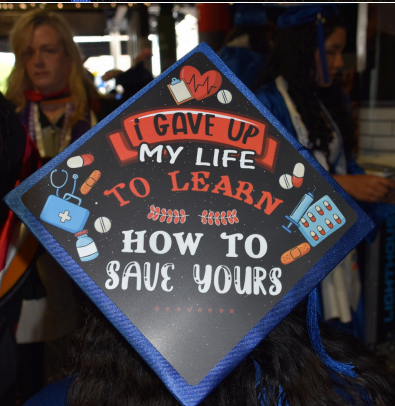
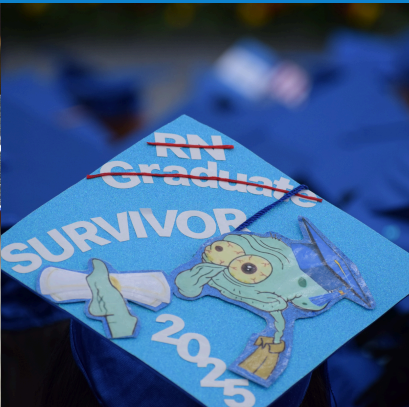
As we honor those who gave all, we also build a bridge to the future — where sacrifice inspires scholarship and memory becomes momentum. To learn more, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to the right.

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**NCC Foundation CFO
Kris Yeager**







CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025

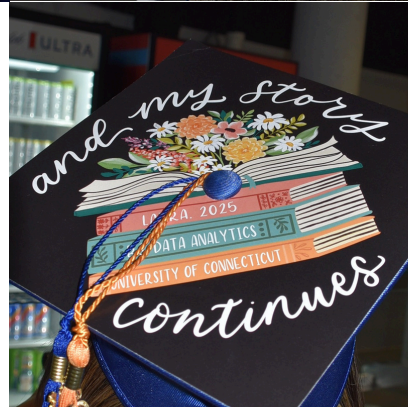
On May 21, CT State Norwalk proudly celebrated the Class of 2025 — graduates who have persevered, grown, and achieved something extraordinary. Whether beginning a new career, transferring to a four-year university, or stepping into a new chapter with confidence, these students represent the heart of our community and the promise of our mission.

This year's graduates have faced challenges with determination and embraced opportunities with hope. Many balanced jobs, family, and school, some as first-generation college students, others returning to education after years away. Their journeys are as diverse as they are inspiring.

The NCC Foundation is proud to stand behind these students through scholarships, emergency support, and programs that help them thrive. Each cap and gown on commencement day tells a story — and for many, that story includes you.

To our graduates: we are so proud of you.
To our donors: thank you for making success possible.

Congratulations, Class of 2025 — your future is bright.



Alumni Spotlight: Lance Winer

Class of 1971 | Veteran | Donor | Longtime Supporter

Lance Winer graduated from Norwalk Technical College in 1971 and has been a loyal supporter of the NCC Foundation for over 25 years. As a veteran, engineer, and proud alum, he believes deeply in the power of education and the impact of giving back. In this spotlight, Lance shares memories from his time on campus and reflects on why he continues to support today's students.

Q: What does it mean to you personally to reflect on the history of Norwalk Technical College and see how it has evolved into CT State Norwalk?

A: I'm very proud of the progress of the school, the students, and its graduates. The number of majors is amazing, and I've always admired how the college stays aware of the local needs of the surrounding communities. They continue to offer new curriculums to meet those needs.

Q: What was student life like during your time at Norwalk Technical College?

A: We had a tri-semester system, so you really couldn't afford to fall behind. Tuition was \$100 a year — paid in three parts: \$35, \$35, and \$30 — but the books were expensive. What stood out most was the faculty. We had a retired Navy Captain, a retired Army Colonel, and an oil executive. They weren't there for the paycheck — they taught because they wanted to pass on their knowledge. It made a lasting impression on me.

Q: How did your education influence your career?

A: The curriculum was very useful in my career as an Industrial Engineer in the aircraft industry. It gave me a strong technical foundation and a disciplined approach to learning that served me well.

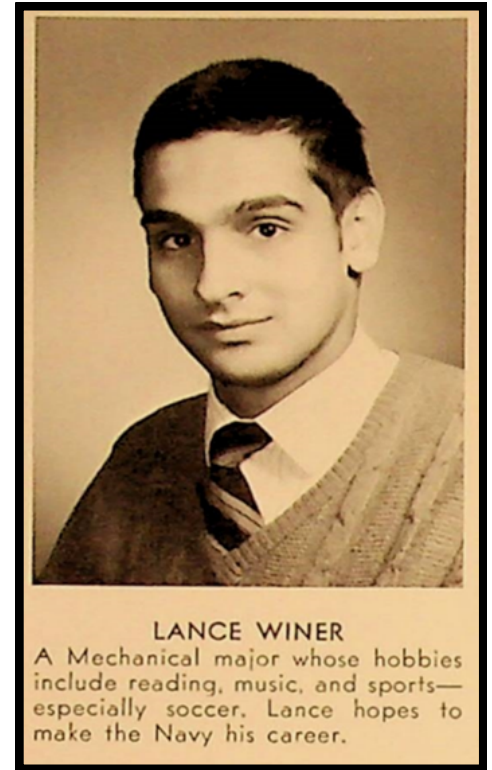
Q: How did your military service impact your educational journey?

A: While I was in the service, I knew I wanted to go back to school and get my bachelor's. I was fortunate — when I transferred to CCSU, most of my credits from Norwalk Tech were accepted. In my opinion, veterans need a little help readjusting to academics, and I'm glad to know the college now has staff in place to support them.

Q: What advice would you give today's CT State Norwalk students?

A: My advice is simple: "If you learn, you will earn." Education should be available to everyone. It gives people the opportunity to better themselves and their futures.

Lance was also featured in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune sharing stories from his time aboard the USS Intrepid during his military service. [Read the full article here.](#)



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— Lance Winer, Class of 1971

Calling All Alumni

We're gathering stories just like Lance's to inspire past, present, and future students.

Interested in speaking at events or reconnecting?

Help us strengthen our alumni network:

- Share your story
- Get involved!
- Follow us!

More info at:

<https://ncc-foundation.org/nccf-alumni>



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A LOOK BACK AT RECENT EVENTS — AND WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION HONORS STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS

Gratitude, inspiration, and community on full display

The NCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Celebration brought together scholarship recipients, donors, and members of the CT State Norwalk community for an evening of connection and gratitude.

Students had the chance to meet and thank the donors who made their education possible. Charles (Skip) and William Shaeffer shared thoughtful remarks about the impact of giving, and student speakers, Kevin Inga Sosa and Veronica Alvarenga, spoke about how scholarship support has shaped their lives.

The event was a reminder of what's possible when a community invests in its students. Whether pursuing nursing, business, or other career paths, these students are turning opportunity into momentum. Hundreds of scholarships were awarded this year — each one a step toward a brighter future.

See more from the evening on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

We're grateful to our donors for making this event — and these opportunities — possible. Every gift opens a door.



SAVE THE DATE

A Night of BRILLIANCE

60 Years of Building Bright Futures

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Thursday, October 23, 2025
6:00 – 10:00 PM
Shore & Country Club,
Norwalk, CT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Join us for an evening celebrating the power of education — with dinner, speakers, and auction moments, all in support of student success. Proceeds from A Night of Brilliance benefit the NCC Foundation and help create opportunities for students at CT State Norwalk. Sponsorship and program ads are available now and tickets go on sale August 1.

<http://www.ncc-foundation.org/nccf60>

Together, we're building brighter futures — one student at a time.



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