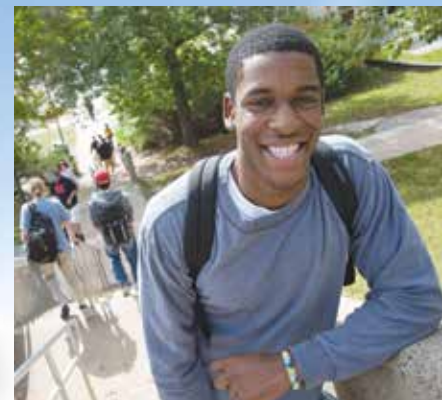




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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the RVCC Foundation Board and staff, I want to take this opportunity to thank you!

Thank you for believing in the power of education to transform lives. Thank you for choosing to invest in Raritan Valley Community College and helping to nurture a fertile environment that is growing the next generation of scientists, engineers, teachers, artists, philosophers, and nurses.

Thank you for supporting the outstanding work of our distinguished faculty, who are smart, caring, compassionate, and dedicated educators. Your support last year helped to advance the important work of innovative teaching and learning in the classroom and beyond.

Whether you gave to our scholarship fund, sponsored an academic program or community-wide enrichment program, participated in our 11th Annual Golf Classic, purchased a raffle ticket, or donated to the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership capital campaign, your donation has made a meaningful and enduring difference in the lives of thousands of students, faculty, and community members.

You are an integral part of Raritan Valley Community College's success story, as illustrated within these pages of the **RVCC Foundation 2014-2015 Report to the Community**, and we thank you!

Warmest regards,

Donna LoStocco  
Chair  
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# Transforming Lives

# Encouraging Social Responsibility and Leadership

*"I hope the information we gathered this summer can go towards improving the public's understanding of just how important it is that we create...respectful connections with our local wooded ecosystems."*  
Rebekah Buczynski '15

*"We can use what we discovered to assist local communities with various forest and wildlife management programs. Having first-hand experience doing ecological field work is crucial to a successful career."*  
Dylan Hardy '15

*"Without the generosity of the donors, this invaluable information would not be available, and our understanding of our forests' health would be greatly hampered."*  
Adam Kohler '15

With support from SENCER (Scientific Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities), the New Jersey Audubon, RVCC Environmental Club, RVCC Foundation and a private donor, Dr. Jay Kelly conducted a summer internship program for students from his field biology and environmental science classes to conduct field research and collect data on the health of forests in the Raritan-Piedmont region of New Jersey.



*Enactus-RVCC* is a chapter of the international nonprofit organization Enactus that brings together student, academic, and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. *Enactus-RVCC* helps manage a community garden, provides financial literacy workshops, and more.

In 2013, members of *Enactus-RVCC* joined forces with Middle Earth, a local nonprofit social service organization, and launched "Big Dan's Bike Shop," whose purpose is to provide affordable, refurbished bikes and low-cost repairs to the surrounding communities.

RVCC students mentor and teach local disadvantaged youth, who are responsible for all of the bike repairs, and together they learn how to operate a successful small business. *Enactus-RVCC* funding partners include Affinity Federal Credit Union Foundation, Campbell Foundation, Dancker Sellev Douglas, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart Foundation, the RVCC Foundation and RVCC.



# SUPPORTING PERSONAL GROWTH

- RV More than 65% of students enrolled at RVCC receive federal, state, and private sector financial support to pay for tuition, books, and fees.
- RV The RVCC Foundation has 50 named scholarships to benefit RVCC students.
- RV In FY '15, the RVCC Foundation awarded close to \$300,000 in scholarships.

"I'm the first in my family to graduate middle school, the first in my family to graduate high school, and the first in my extended family to attend college and pursue a degree. I wouldn't be a college student if it weren't for the donors and the staff, faculty and administration here at RVCC.

"When I started coming to RVCC, my advisers realized that I was having trouble financially. It was difficult for me to see myself pursuing my education. But they saw potential in me, even when I didn't see it in myself. And they saw leadership qualities that I never saw. I am majoring in social science and plan to graduate and pursue a degree in political science and pre-law. One day I hope to be a corporate lawyer.

"Scholarship has made all the difference. It amazes me that there were individuals out there who never met me, never heard my life story, but were willing to support me financially so I could stay in school. That is the beauty of RVCC and that is the beauty of our donors. One day I will give back to RVCC because RVCC once gave to me."

*Melanye Nunez '16, Recipient of the Robert Sydney Needham Scholarship, Roman Jewelers Scholarship, 3M-EOF Scholarship*

"I am a first-generation American and the first member of my family to go to college. I was raised by a single mother who worked very hard to support me, my brother, and my family in South America. I learned very early on that faith, determination, persistence and education would be the keys that would ensure a solid future for me and my family.

"After graduating from high school, I enlisted in the military. In the fall of 2014, I enrolled at RVCC, fully prepared to transition into college. The transition proved to be more challenging than I expected, and I had few options for housing and limited resources. The RVCC faculty and staff enabled me to succeed, despite personal circumstances. With the collective effort of the faculty and staff, along with scholarship support, I was able to successfully navigate the military-to-student transition, secure housing, which enabled me to focus on my studies, finish the semester, and even make the dean's list.

"Thanks to my professors and mentors at RVCC and the generous donors, RVCC is a place where no obstacle is without a solution and all goals can become a reality."

*Shameka Heber '16, Recipient of the Pepsi Scholarship*

*Shameka Heber (r) with her mother*



*(l to r) Ann and Dick Wellbrock and Melanye Nunez*

## Reflections from a Donor

"I came from a family of educators. There was never any doubt that my brother, sister and I would attend college, but there was great concern about paying for it. Just when I needed to make a decision about which college to attend, the University of Evansville, where my father was a professor of mathematics, made the announcement that children of the faculty could attend the college, tuition free. That was wonderful news. After my father retired, my parents started a scholarship for a mathematics student at the university. They were so pleased to help others receive the wonderful education that their children did, and they were proud that they were able to give back.

My husband also graduated from this same university with a degree in chemistry, and when he passed away, I set up a scholarship in his memory. For 28 years, I was a mathematics professor at RVCC, and I am pleased to have established a STEM scholarship at this outstanding institution to give back to the College and help relieve the financial burden of students, so they can continue to succeed in their studies and achieve their professional goals.

*Nancy K. Maulding, RVCC Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Donor, Nancy K. Maulding Scholarship*

*Nancy K. Maulding with her first scholarship recipient Kyle Robbins*



*(far right) Amy Dupuis, Sr. Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, with RVCC recipient of the Sanofi Scholarship for Galileo Scholars, and his parents*

## Sanofi and RVCC Forge Partnership to Benefit Students

For over a decade, the global pharmaceutical company Sanofi provided support to RVCC for its Galileo Scholars program for students majoring in science, technology, engineering, environmental science, and math. Galileo Scholars receive scholarship support and also work with advisors and engage in discussions, seminars, workshops, and other events designed specifically for them.

After a brief hiatus, Sanofi's Corporate and Social Responsibility office on the Bridgewater campus reestablished a relationship with the College in 2015 to support STEM projects. With a grant for \$15,000 from the Sanofi Foundation for North America, RVCC was able to award 10 students Galileo scholarships in 2015. The Sanofi Foundation also provided a grant of \$10,000 to fund RVCC's Science Education Institute's Preparing for the Next Generation Science Standards initiative for K-12 teachers in New Jersey.

In the spring 2015, Sanofi's Vice President and NA Chief Information Officer Cindy Conde participated on a panel for the TD Bank Student Leadership Series. "Visiting RVCC and speaking on a Women in Leadership panel was a great experience. I was impressed with the number of students who attended, as well as the richness of their questions. It's invigorating to see students with such ambition," she said. Sanofi experts also plan to give presentations at RVCC's weekly Science Seminar Series.

"Through these efforts, the Sanofi Foundation for North America has demonstrated its continued commitment to our local New Jersey community, to diversity and inclusion, and to skills-based volunteerism, further enhancing our mission," said John Spinnato, Vice President, North America Corporate Social Responsibility.

# Promoting Critical Thinking

# and Intellectual Curiosity

## Vibrant Hub for Student, Faculty, and Community Engagement

Since its doors first opened in February 2014, the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership has become a vibrant hub for student and faculty engagement. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and other clubs meet regularly in designated office space; students congregate in the open space on the second floor to collaborate on projects or study quietly; and the Atrium has been used for impressive student and faculty presentations that have engaged the entire College community.

"More than 700 individuals, corporations, and foundations have contributed over \$2.1 million dollars to what is the most ambitious capital campaign in the College's history," explained Capital Campaign Committee Chair Richard Schaub. "The campaign continues, and we welcome the participation of new donors to help us raise funds to repay the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Somerset and Hunterdon Counties and to finish the third floor."

"Our vision is to dedicate the third-floor to service learning activities," notes RVCC President Michael McDonough. "One of the very cornerstones of Raritan Valley Community College's purpose and mission is centered on service learning and community engagement activities. Through their service, research, and advocacy, RVCC's students gain a better understanding of the causes of social and economic issues and become agents of positive change to make a meaningful difference in their communities."

"When we finish the third floor, it will come alive with guest lecturers giving presentations, students working on joint service projects, nonprofits holding community-wide meetings, and much more."

The total projected cost of construction for the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership will be \$6,200,000. The Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Somerset and Hunterdon County have issued bonds, on behalf of RVCC, totaling \$5,900,000. The State is paying \$3,150,000 of the debt service on these bonds. The Boards of Chosen Freeholders have assumed the other portion of the debt service costs totaling \$2,750,000, with the understanding that the RVCC Foundation will repay the Boards of Chosen Freeholders by 2021.

Top photo: Senator Raymond H. Bateman in front of the Donor Wall of the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership

Center photo: RVCC student leaders gather for meeting



(l to r) RVCC student Laura Nicholson '16; RVCC President Michael J. McDonough; Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation; Michael Raimonde, EVP/Retail Banking, Provident Bank; and Dee Nicholson '15



## STEM Expansion

In 2002, Raritan Valley Community College built the Christine Todd Whitman Science Center to house biology, biotechnology, chemistry, physics, and engineering laboratories, as well as a lecture hall that provides interactive centers for teaching using technology. Between 2007 and 2014, enrollment in science and health-related majors has experienced a 51% increase, from 1,663 students to 2,506 students.

The environmental science program, alone, has experienced significant growth over the past five years, from 18 majors in the Fall of 2007 to 63 in the Fall of 2012 -- a rise of 250%.

To meet the demand for more lab and classroom space, the College is adding 23,500 square feet to the two-story, 26,000 square-foot building. The new facility, which will be completed in the summer 2016, will enable the College to serve an additional 1,200 students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

"The expansion of the Science Center will allow the College not only to offer more classes in high-demand areas of chemistry, anatomy and physiology, physics, environmental science, and biology," explains RVCC President Michael McDonough, "but also to offer new options in mechanical, materials, civil, and packaging engineering, and expand on the student and faculty research that will give students a competitive edge after they graduate from RVCC. These specialized options will attract more students and retain them through degree completion before they transfer to a four-year institution or enter the workforce with the appropriate technical skills to begin their careers."

The College received support of \$7 million from the State of New Jersey's "Building Our Future" Bond Act and \$2.4 million in matching funds provided by the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

# DRIVING the ECONOMY

## Innovative Partnership with the Business Community Prepares Highly Skilled Workforce

Construction is underway for a new Workforce Training Center at RVCC that will house programs to better serve the community's economic and employment needs. These programs include Automotive Technology, Advanced Manufacturing Technology (Metal-Works fabrication), Certified Nursing Assistant, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy, Environmental Control Technology (including residential and commercial HVAC), Phlebotomy, Exercise Science, and other Allied Health fields.

Most of the programs moving to the new 47,000-square-foot facility were developed under a \$4.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training initiative. The College partnered with local industry and business leaders to design and build training programs in accordance with local employer and expert worker specifications. The goal was to work with the business community and provide the educational resources that foster highly skilled and productive employees.

The results of this intentional effort have been promising, especially with Advanced Manufacturing classes, whose students were composed of long-term unemployed workers. All of the graduates in the 2014 class who sought employment found jobs. In the spring 2015 class, 13 of the 15 graduating students immediately found positions. Grants from the Gene Haas Foundation and a Second Career Scholarship Fund are providing scholarship support for advanced manufacturing students enrolled in the 2015-16 program.

"This could not have been possible without the guidance and involvement of our local industry and business partners, who helped develop our programs and then hired our graduates," said RVCC President Michael J. McDonough.

"The Workforce Training Center represents what can happen when leaders of business, government, education, and the workforce come together and map out a blueprint for economic growth and job stability," he continued. "The new center will enable us to expand our workforce programs and train students in state-of-the-art facilities designed to simulate a real work environment."

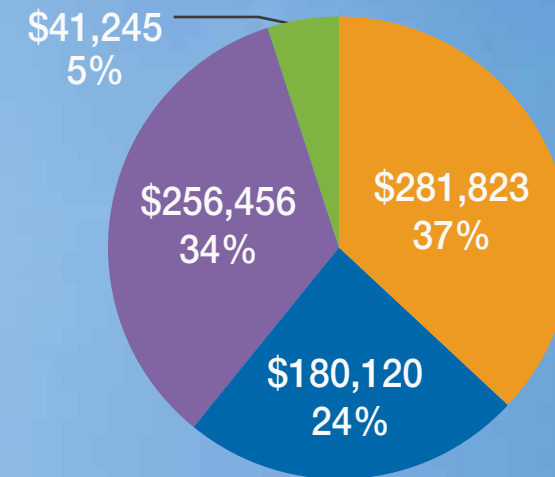
Financing for the \$10 million facility will include \$8 million from the state Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund—which requires no College or local match—and \$2 million from the State of New Jersey's Chapter 12 Community College Building Fund. Under the Chapter 12 program, counties issue bonds for the construction project. The state pays half of the cost of repaying the debt service and the counties of Somerset and Hunterdon pay the remaining 50 percent.



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# Upholding SOUND STEWARDSHIP

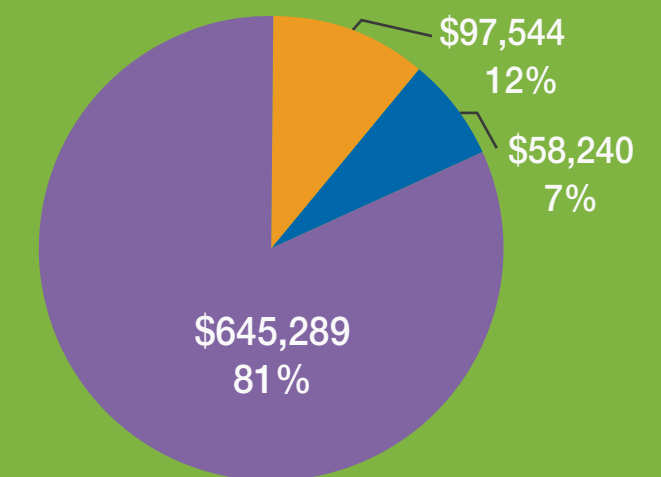
## FY 2015 Revenue: \$759,644



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NOTE: These are unaudited figures. The total revenue includes donations for scholarships and the Bateman Center capital campaign that are to be awarded over multiple years. Funds are transferred to the College as needed.

## FY 2015 Expenses: \$801,073



Administration Programs & Services Fundraising

NOTE: The College covers the salaries and benefits of two Foundation Employees, and the RVCC Foundation covers the salary and benefits for the third employee.

Funds for programs and services, totaling \$645,289, represent transfers made to the College for scholarships, the Honors College, the Theatre at RVCC, the Planetarium, and a multitude of other programs, as well as payments due for the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership. The variance between revenue and expenses (\$41,429) is drawn from reserves held in the Foundation's account for the capital campaign.



Golfers warm up at the RVCC Foundation's 11th Annual Golf Classic held at Raritan Valley Country Club on August 4, 2014.



Children's Theatre program at the Theatre at RVCC

# “Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom”

George Washington Carver, American Botanist, Inventor and Former Slave

In 2014-2015, more than 350 individual donors, foundations, corporate partners, and local businesses contributed \$718,400 to the RVCC Foundation, giving students that treasured key to unlock the door to new opportunities that will improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families and communities.

The RVCC Foundation gratefully acknowledges our loyal donors, who made the following gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign and the Ray Bateman Center for Student Life and Leadership Capital Campaign from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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Donor Karolee Glassman and her dog Jasmine with RVCC students (l to r) Nicole Friend, Joel Reyes-Guzman, Nichole Perez, and Melanye Nunez



RVCC nursing student



(l to r) Catharina Stassen; Mandi Stewart '15, recipient of the Fabienne Stassen Nursing Scholarship; and Frans Stassen

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We cannot accomplish any of these lofty and urgent goals without your support.

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I'm in awe of our students and of their remarkable achievements. Our future – their future – is filled with promise and limitless opportunity. Thank you for making real our inclusive and inspiring mission. Thank you for helping our students realize their dreams. Thank you for adding another chapter to the rich history of our college.

Join me and embrace our students and our college, as we rise to meet the challenges of our new century. At Raritan Valley Community College, there really is "an opportunity in every moment."



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