

# 2023-2024 Annual Report

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# WELCOME MIESSAGE

Being in the dark is usually not a good feeling. It often brings feelings of uncertainty, fear, and a feeling of panic. We feel a lack of control, fear of the unknown, and fear of what we can't see.

Darkness is defined as a lack of illumination or an absence of visible light. Without it, we can't see what direction we need to go or what's going on around us. But, when just a small amount of light is shined into that darkness, not only is our way illuminated, but that light is spread to those around us. We gravitate towards the sources of light in that darkness and our feelings of fear and panic begin to ease. The more light in the room, the easier it is to see, to navigate around the room and to find our way.

When light is present, the darkness doesn't feel so powerful anymore. More light, scattered in different areas around a room diffuses the effect of the darkness. When we help our students, whether we're a donor, volunteer, faculty or staff, we are like lights scattered around a room.

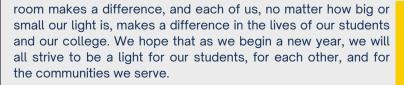
We are hope. We are encouragement. We are understanding. We are revelation – all synonyms of light.

Light creates rainbows after storms, beacons that guide lost ships, and sparks that ignite curiosity.

We have this same impact on our students in various ways – by showing kindness through an encouraging word or a smile, by

offering a helping hand when they don't know where to go or what kind of help is available, and by giving to those resources that are in place to assist our students with various needs.

That is why we chose to make our theme for this year: "Be the Light in a Student's Life". Each light in a dark



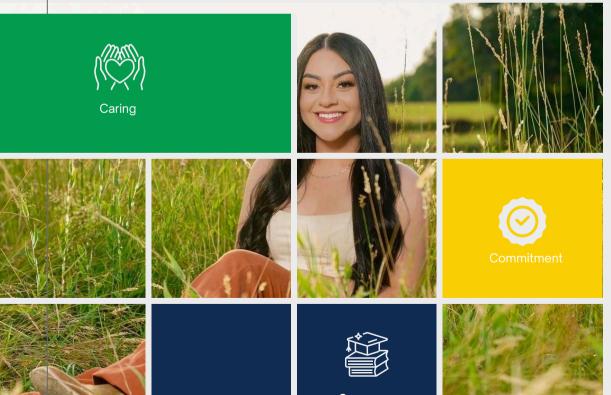






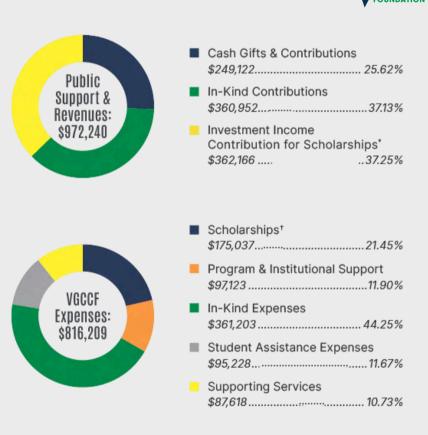


**Anabel Carrillo** is a 27 year old veteran and single mother. She graduated in May from our Radiography program. She explained that she decided to end her enlistment as a U.S. Soldier to pursue a career as an x-ray tech. As a mom and a first-generation college graduate in her family, it has been very important to her to make use of all available resources. During Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Academic Year, Ms. Carrillo received the **Sam Watkins, Jr. Presidential Excellence Scholarship**. Carrillo said, "This opportunity has allowed me to focus on completing my degree so that I can provide a better life for my family and me. It is my desire to give back to the veteran community as my career progresses and to work with veterans or other armed forces personnel. I am grateful for my time at VGCC, the generosity of the many scholarship donors, and the faculty and staff that show genuine care for students." Ms. Carrillo shared her touching story at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon held in September 2023.



Success

# VGCCF Financial Information



Total Net Assets: \$10,542,625 (Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/24)

\* According to the spending policy of the VGCC Foundation Investment Policy Statement, the spending limit for the award of scholarships should be equivalent to 5% times the average of the 12 previous quarters ending investment balances. Scholarships were awarded to students based on scholarship qualifications. \* This amount reflects the scholarships awarded from the total funds available for scholarship payouts per the spending policy. Any remaining available funds are reinvested per investment policy.

# STUDENT SUPPORT

Tameka Holden (sister) and Carrie Cheek (mother), both of Henderson, have established two annual scholarships at VGCC in memory of their loved one, David Lee Chavis Jr. The need-based scholarships awarded \$1,100 to two deserving students in the College's CDL (commercial driver's license) program.

Chavis, affectionately called "DJ" by those who knew him, built a successful career as a commercial truck driver in recent years. A Vance County native, Chavis had once lived a very different life—but hard work, renewed vision, and a commercial driver's license provided him with a fresh start and an honest means of supporting his family. Chavis tragically lost his life to gun violence in March 2023.

Holden witnessed firsthand how her brother's whole life transformed when he began his driving career and started his own business, TYM Trucking. From her perspective, creating a scholarship that can free others from a cycle of poverty and crime is the perfect way to honor his legacy and demonstrate her personal motto: Reach one, teach one.

If these scholarships prevent another family from experiencing the loss hers did, Holden considers the effort it took to establish them worthwhile. "The streets don't love you," she stressed. "They only take you away from the people that do."

#### THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

The VGCC Foundation awarded the two CDL scholarships in January 2024. The contribution represents grassroots fundraising efforts from family, friends, and neighbors. VGCCF has set up an ongoing fund for the David Lee Chavis Jr. Memorial CDL Annual Scholarship so donors can continue to support future CDL students.







#### MAKING AN **IMPACT** Maria Parham Guild Gift Gallery



Pictured L to R: Front Row: Claire Catherwood, Judy Campbell, Betty Abbott, Charlotte Ayscue. 2nd & 3rd Rows: Gail Malone, Sylvia Edwards, Hazel Ramsey, Jean Norwood, Cathy Dillard, Lou Renn, Stephanie Stringer, James Ayscue, Beverly Parrish, Donna Fowlkes, Shaaron Reynolds, Brenda Adams, Pat Ayscue, Jimmie Ayscue, Carolyn Bush. Not Pictured: Fern Ellington, Carol Pegram, Ralph Hutchins, John Norwood

**Maria Parham's Guild Gift Gallery** carries a rich tradition of generous support for VGCC and education. The volunteer-operated organization offers fresh flowers, fine gifts, greeting cards, snacks and much more as a service to both patients and visitors to the hospital. Each of the volunteers is passionate about their efforts and are always a pleasure to work with! Profits from store sales are used to provide scholarships to individuals preparing to enter various healthcare professions. The group has contributed over \$435,000 to VGCC through the years resulting in 15 endowed scholarships assisting deserving students in programs such as Nursing, Radiography, Medical Assisting, Medial Office Technology and Pharmacy Technology.

The Vance-Granville Community College Foundation is extremely grateful for the ongoing support of the Guild Gift Gallery as they make a significant difference in our community by supporting students in their pursuit of rewarding healthcare related careers.

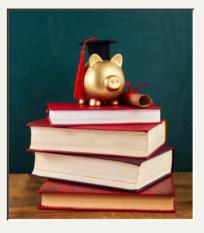


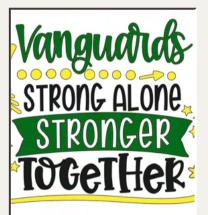
# SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

Scholarships awarded in FY 2020-21: \$179,317.25 Scholarships awarded in FY 2021-22: \$184,552.48 Scholarships awarded in FY 2022-2023: \$194,583.50 Scholarships awarded for FY 2023-2024: \$251,875.00



TOTAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS: 322







## JULY

The VGCC Scholarship Committee begins awarding scholarships to students based off gualifications and/or need. The VGCC Foundation awards over 300 endowments for scholarships to full-time students — awarding more endowed scholarships than any program of its kind in North Carolina. Scholarships have been endowed by numerous individuals, industries, businesses, civic groups, churches, and the College's faculty and staff.

## AUGUST

Each August, The Foundation Team kicks off the annual employee giving campaign. The campaign runs for 6 weeks and is promoted across all campuses. Local businesses and individuals donate prizes to be used as incentives. This year nearly half of all VGCC employees contributed. They pledged over \$16.100.00

## SEPTEMBER

The VGCC Foundation honored Dr. Priscilla Chavis-Lockley of Creedmoor with its 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award during its annual scholarship awards luncheon sponsored by CertainTeed. Chavis-Lockley is a VGCC alumna twice over, holding both an Early Childhood Education degree and an Associate in Arts. She ultimately went on to earn five additional college degrees, including a doctorate from NC State University. The annual scholarship awards luncheon is held the 4th Thursday in September.

#### OCTOBER

The VGCC Foundation hosted its first Fill the Pantry Craft Show Fundraiser on Saturday, October 14 at the College's Civic Center in Henderson. All proceeds from the event helped fill the shelves of the VGCC Food Pantry, which serves currently enrolled students. Cost of admission was three (3) canned goods, nonperishable food items, or paper goods at the door.



#### **NOVEMBER**

The VGCC Team brought home \$40,000 after winning in the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Pitch for the Skilled Trades competition, sponsored by the Philip E. & Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation. This team has a history of successes in NACCE's pitch contests. At the 2022 conference, teams from Vance-Granville won \$60,000 in funding across two competitions. That's a total of \$100,000 in the span of one year.

#### DECEMBER

The VGCC Foundation held its first ever Festival of Trees Online Auction. Five trees were decorated with a unique theme. The proceeds from this event benefited students in need, from scholarships to emergency assistance and more.











### JANUARY

CaptiveAire donated student supply kits that provide vital learning gear such as tool bags, manifold gauge sets, multimeters, safety glasses, and gloves. Students in VGCC's HVAC program are eligible to apply for one of the supply kits through a simple application process. This support was so timely as the semester begins in January. Many thanks to CaptiveAire!

### FEBRUARY

The VGCC Foundation held a SOUPER BOWL food drive encouraging friendly competition among VGCC's four campuses. The VGCC Foundation presented the "SOUPER BOWL" ring to South Campus for collecting the most items for the VGCC Food Pantry. The generous contributions will help us continue to tackle food insecurity.

## MARCH

The VGCC Foundation and Grants Team moved into their new space on VGCC's Henderson Campus. They are now located on the first floor of Building 9 (Civic Center), overlooking the beautiful VGCC lake.

#### APRIL

The VGCC Foundation hosted a Wine & Beer Tasting Gala and Silent Auction at beautiful HighRock Farms in Oxford, the first event of its kind for the organization. Titled "Be the Light In a Student's Life," the event served to benefit students facing unforeseen financial crises. Unexpected burdens can easily derail some of our students—but by having a stocked food pantry, emergency assistance options, and transportation vouchers, The VGCC Foundation stands ready to meet students' basic needs and steps in when the unexpected threatens their academic progress.

#### MAY

Vance-Granville Community College celebrated 40 years of golf in May. Bob Hubbard was recognized for his foresight in starting the tournament 40 years ago. This tournament provides crucial resources to fund student scholarships and support the greater mission of the college. Enhancing and expanding need-based aid promotes successful outcomes for all learners, setting them up for a brighter future. The tournament is held the first Monday and Tuesday in May.





#### JUNE

Something new sprung up at the VGCC Henderson campus during the summer. The VGCC Foundation introduced a new vegetable garden this year, which provided fresh produce to supplement the nonperishable items on our food pantry shelves. Under the diligent care of Food Pantry Assistant Angie Douglas, the garden saw a bountiful harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, greens, and more. The addition of pollinator flowers did a beautiful job of attracting butterflies and bees to the space. This endeavor was made possible with the support of Swipe Out Hunger.



The VGCC Foundation is grateful to all our donors, at every level, for their generous support. This list recognizes cumulative gifts received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy.

#### VANGUARD VISIONARY (\$10,000+)

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Total: \$38,160

#### Total: \$114,492

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SMALLEST GIFT ~\$1.00

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**TOTAL DONORS** ~320



# CHANGING THE **C<b>WCLE**



The VGCC Foundation is helping Change the Cycle...Period. In an effort to combat period poverty, The Foundation was awarded a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to install 31 feminine product dispensers offering free menstrual products within facilities throughout our four campuses. In addition, the Faculty Staff Council awarded The Foundation a grant to help purchase products to fill these dispensers. Inadequate access to these products can lead to decreased class attendance and even anxiety and depression. All students deserve to learn, thrive and feel supported during their tenure at VGCC. This endeavor could not have been made possible without the assistance of Angie Douglas branding the dispensers and to Plant Operations for installing them.



# FOOD PANTRY

The 2023-2024 fiscal year was exciting for the VGCC Food Pantry. We rose to the challenge of being able to produce, preserve, provide and maintain food for our students and staff who have experienced food insecurity. This was made possible with grants awarded from Swipe Out Hunger, Food Lion and an eager to help VGCC staff.

Those grants allowed us to grow a small container garden that produced fresh vegetables and herbs during the growing season. Those vegetables were offered fresh or preserved by dehydrating. The grants also provided the purchase of a dehydrator and vacuum sealer for the dehydrated foods. Recipes were provided and shared on how to utilize those ingredients.

The Grants allowed for Food Pantry growth in storage by adding an upright freezer and refrigerator for maintaining our food.

Roughly 32,300 pounds of food provided / 27,000 meals for 1,240 households and 4,100 individuals just on our VGCC campuses.

It has been an honor to help serve our VGCC students and staff and we look forward to an even better 2024-2025 fiscal year!

## WE SERVED:

27,000 MEALS
4,100 PATRONS
1,240 HOUSEHOLDS



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## GRANT ENDEAVORS

Throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year, significant strides were made in securing and managing grants that support workforce development and economic growth. Key efforts included work on several major grants:

NC BioBetter Grant: This initiative focused on strengthening North Carolina's life sciences manufacturing sector by expanding, connecting, and promoting training and career opportunities, especially for underserved and historically excluded communities. VGCC Plant, Thrive and Grow Grant: Aimed at enhancing agricultural training through professional development, this grant led to the establishment of an ED-AG working group and the development of immersive summer agricultural camps, helping to grow knowledge and skills in agriculture.

Duke Energy Apprenticeship Program Grant: This grant supported apprenticeship programs in mechatronics and industrial maintenance, providing valuable job training to prepare individuals for these high-demand fields. Duke Energy Powering Local Economies Grant: A major achievement for the year, this \$50,000 grant provided 20 small business grants for 5 VGCC candidates in Vance, Warren, Franklin, and Granville counties. Additionally, the VGCC Small Business Center offered \$9,600 in technical assistance for business plan development, supporting local entrepreneurs and fostering economic growth.

In addition to the grants awarded, VGCC applied for three significant grants, including the Swipe Out Hunger Grant and two High-Cost Healthcare Workforce Program Grants, further expanding the scope of opportunities available to the community.

#### Highlight of the Year:

A standout achievement this year was the recognition of Sontisha Jordan, a Warren County resident, at the Accelerate NC Career Celebration on May 7th, 2024. After completing the BioWork program at Vance-Granville Community College, Sontisha secured a position as a Bulk Formulation Technician at BioMérieux. Her work involves operating high-speed equipment for production and packaging and ensuring the compliance of liquid reagent formulation. Her success serves as a prime example of how the NC BioBetter grant has helped train individuals and prepare them for careers in the life sciences industry. Pathway Navigator Morris Dillard was present at the event to show his support for Sontisha, underscoring the vital role of mentoring and community support in career success."



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At the June 2024 Board Meeting, Donald C. Seifert, Sr. was recognized for his many years of Visionary Guidance, Exceptional Leadership and Unconditional Commitment Serving as a Member and Supporter of The Vance-Granville Community College Foundation Board of Directors.











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