

ANNUAL REPORT

THE VGCC FOUNDATION



2024/2025

UNLOCKING POSSIBILITIES -
YOU ARE KEY

WELCOME MESSAGE

Our theme of "Unlocking Possibilities...You are Key" is more than just a phrase. It's a reflection of what happens every time a student receives a scholarship, walks into a classroom, or dares to dream a little bigger — a door is opened because someone like you believed in their potential.

At Vance-Granville Community College, we know that education is the foundation of opportunity. But for many of our students, the path to that opportunity is filled with challenges - cost of tuition, food insecurity, transportation issues, and unexpected life emergencies. These are the "locks" our students face every day that could easily derail their progress.

Every scholarship you fund, support offered to our students, every gift you give — it's not just a number. It's a name, a face, a story. It's a key that unlocks not only education, but confidence, stability, and a future filled with promise.

Sheri and I see students walk through our doors full of potential, sometimes unsure of themselves, often facing significant challenges — and we watch them grow, achieve, and believe in their future because someone like you made the journey possible. Thank you for allowing us to turn those locks into open doors.

Remember you're not just helping students pay for college — you're helping them believe in what's possible. And that belief changes everything.

As we look toward a new year, our hope is that we'll each reflect on the doors that have been opened for us through the years and that we'll genuinely look for ways to open doors for those around us.

On behalf of our students, The VGCC Foundation Board of Directors, and the entire VGCC family - thank you. Thank you for investing in potential, for unlocking opportunities, and for standing with us as we shape the next generation of leaders, dreamers, and doers.

“ STUDENT TESTIMONIES

MATTHEW JAMES

“I am a senior in the Radiography program. I chose Radiography because I’ve always wanted to make a difference in patients’ lives. I have worked in healthcare since I was 18 and I have loved every minute of it. The scholarship I received is not only financial assistance, but also a significant step toward achieving my academic and professional goals. Thank you to all the donors for your support”

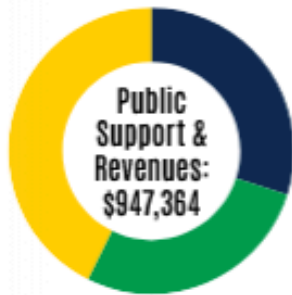


SUQUANA CHARLEY

“I am a single mother of one, a full-time community health worker level 3 for an area non-profit organization, and a full-time student working to attain my education in Supply Chain Management. This education will ensure that I have the skills necessary to continue to help my community and make a difference in the world. Your support is invaluable to my success!”



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



■ Cash Gifts & Contributions	
\$283,574	29.9%
■ In-Kind Contributions	
\$259,521	27.4%
■ Investment Income Contribution for Scholarships*	
\$404,269	42.7%



■ Scholarships*	
\$189,096	27.9%
■ Program & Institutional Support	
\$56,471	8.3%
■ In-Kind Expenses	
\$259,521	38.2%
■ Student Assistance Expenses	
\$76,598	11.3%
■ Supporting Services	
\$97,111	14.3%

Total Net Assets: \$11,639,787 (Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/25, Unaudited)

* According to the spending policy of the VGCCF 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.

DALLAS HERRING WINNER



The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) has named Vanguard Kyle Harris its 2025 Dallas Herring Student Achievement Award recipient. Harris is a current student in Vance-Granville Community College's [Automotive Systems Technology](#) program.

Harris served in the military when the US was attacked in September 2001 and was deployed to Iraq in 2003. After his honorable discharge, Harris faced significant challenges, including PTSD, addiction, homelessness, and incarceration. In the midst of these obstacles, he found support from the Veterans Life Center in Butner. That was where Harris met outreach staff from Vance-Granville. College staff regularly visit the center to offer veterans educational opportunities, and they played a crucial role in helping Harris apply and enroll at VGCC.

“Enrolling in the Automotive [Systems] Technology associates’ program is where my redemption story really began,” he noted. “I hope that my story reaches as many people as possible struggling in addiction, to not only choose sobriety but to enroll in a community college.”

While Harris started without much automotive experience, his determination combined with the mentorship of program head James Gibbs has allowed him to thrive. Now just a few credits away from graduating, Harris has already begun a fulfilling career at Southeastern Specialty Vehicles. He also actively supports fellow veterans by encouraging them to pursue education and employment. His resilience and commitment make him a role model and a testament to the transformative power of community colleges.

The NC Community College System honored Kyle Harris at an awards recognition dinner on April 3.

About the Dallas Herring Award

The [Dallas Herring Student Achievement Award](#) is named after the late Dr. W. Dallas Herring, whose transformative vision and tireless work culminated in what would become the NC Community College System. NCCCS bestows the award to current or former students who best embody Dr. Herring’s philosophy of “taking people where they are and carrying them as far as they can go.” Out of the 58 nominees submitted from NCCCS member colleges annually, only one receives the Dallas Herring Student Achievement Award.

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**

Scholarships awarded for FY 2024-205: **\$257,650**

CELEBRATING CONNECTION: AN AFTERNOON OF GRATITUDE AND PROMISE

There are moments when the impact of generosity becomes more than a number on a page—it becomes a handshake, a conversation, a shared story. The Annual Scholarship Luncheon is one of those moments. Each year, this gathering brings together two groups whose lives are deeply connected, though they may have never met: the donors who give and the students whose lives are forever changed because of that giving. What unfolds is not just a program or a meal—it is something far more personal.

Around the room, conversations begin quietly. A donor meets the student they are supporting. A handshake turns into a story. A story turns into understanding. Students speak about balancing coursework with jobs, about long nights and early mornings, about the determination it takes to keep going. Donors listen—not as sponsors, but as partners in a journey they helped make possible. In return, donors share why they chose to give: a belief in education, a desire to give back, a hope that someone else might have an opportunity they once received.

In these moments, the idea of a “scholarship” becomes something tangible. It is no longer simply financial assistance—it is encouragement, belief, and a reminder that someone cares. The room fills with gratitude, but it is not one-sided. Students express appreciation for the support that allows them to pursue their goals. Donors, in turn, often leave inspired—moved by the resilience, ambition, and promise sitting across the table from them. And, The VGCC Foundation gets to carry out this incredible journey with both our donors and students. The luncheon becomes a celebration of more than academic achievement. It is a celebration of possibility. Of community. Of what can happen when generosity meets determination.

For many, the most meaningful part of the day is not what is said at the podium, but what is shared across the table: laughter, encouragement, and a genuine connection that extends far beyond the event itself.

As the luncheon comes to a close, there is a shared understanding in the room—this is not the end of a transaction, but the beginning of something lasting. A relationship. A story still being written.

And at the heart of it all is a simple but powerful truth: when we invest in students, we invest in the future—and when we come together to celebrate that investment, we are reminded of just how much is possible.

A LEGACY THAT LASTS

At Vance-Granville Community College scholarships change lives—opening doors for students to pursue education and opportunity. But behind every student’s success is something equally essential: the spaces where learning happens.

Classrooms where ideas take shape. Labs where hands-on skills are built. Centers where futures are forged. In this new era of growth and progress, The VGCC Foundation is proud to offer a meaningful and highly visible way for individuals, families, organizations, and corporate partners to make a lasting impact—through naming opportunities.

Recently approved by the VGCC Board of Trustees, the College’s naming policy creates a powerful pathway for donors to support not only students, but the very environments that make their success possible. While scholarships provide access, naming gifts build the foundation.

These gifts are uniquely tangible. They can be seen, experienced, and remembered for generations. A named space stands as a daily reminder to every student who walks through its doors that someone believed in their potential.

Each naming gift tells a story—honoring a loved one, celebrating a family legacy, or demonstrating a company’s commitment to workforce development and community growth. More importantly, it ensures that VGCC continues to provide modern, high-quality, and accessible learning environments for years to come.

With discussion taking place for the construction of the new Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Applied Technology in Granville County and the Transportation Training & Technology Center in Warren County, the opportunity to leave a visible legacy has never been greater. From entire buildings to classrooms, labs, gardens, and gathering spaces, these naming opportunities offer a chance to be part of something transformational.

In addition to new facilities, naming opportunities are also available across existing campuses, programs, and learning environments—allowing donors at many levels to make a meaningful and lasting impression.

All named spaces will be recognized with thoughtfully designed plaques or inscriptions, creating a permanent and prominent tribute to the generosity behind them.

All amounts have been established and approved by The VGCC Foundation Board.

A naming gift is more than recognition—it is a legacy you can see, a commitment you can walk through, and an investment that shapes every student who learns within those walls.

For more information about naming opportunities, please contact The VGCC Foundation at foundation@vgcc.edu or 252-738-3264.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



JULY

The Naming Policy was formally approved to provide a clear, consistent framework for recognizing philanthropic contributions through naming opportunities. Establishing this policy ensures transparency, equity, and alignment with the institution’s mission and values when honoring donors and their legacy.



AUGUST

A special fund was established to honor and remember the sunshine that Sam Jefferson brought with him to work each day. Sam’s sudden passing on April 14, 2024 left a profound void within the VGCC community, as his presence, kindness, and spirit touched so many. The VGCCF will annually recognize one employee at Convocation with the “Live Like Sam Award.” This meaningful recognition will celebrate an individual who reflects Sam’s character and the joy he shared so freely.



SEPTEMBER

The Foundation honored Charlotte Harris of Oxford with the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award at its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon which is held each September. Harris is a VGCC alumna twice over, earning both a GED and an Associate in Nursing. She ultimately went on to earn two additional college degrees, including a master’s from Walden University.

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OCTOBER



The 2nd Annual Fill the Pantry Craft Show brought together approximately 40 vendors for a vibrant and community-centered event focused on giving back. The event not only showcased local talent but also highlighted the power of community support in addressing food insecurity. Proceeds from the event, along with donated items collected throughout the day, directly benefited the food pantry.

NOVEMBER



The Stuff the Turkey Food Drive brought campuses together in a spirited effort to combat hunger and support students in need. Turkeys were placed at each campus, creating a fun and friendly competition to see which location could collect the most donations. In total, 329 items were gathered to help stock the food pantry. South Campus emerged as the winner, collecting an impressive 124 items and earning the coveted Golden Gobbler Award.

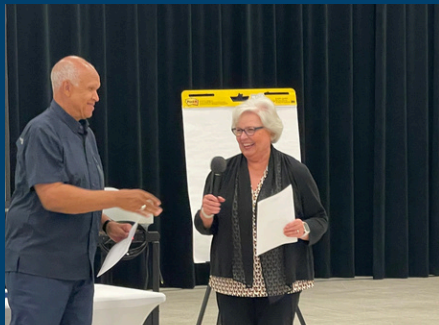
DECEMBER



The Triangle North Healthcare Foundation continued its partnership with Vance-Granville Community College by presenting a \$25,000 donation to create a “Presidential Scholar Award”-level scholarship for VGCC students. As a result of this donation to the VGCC Foundation, a \$1,250 scholarship will be awarded to a student each year, beginning with the Fall 2025 semester. This is the fifth scholarship that the Triangle North Healthcare Foundation has established at VGCC to support a well-educated healthcare workforce.

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JANUARY



The Foundation Board Retreat set the tone for a strong and focused new year, bringing members together for meaningful discussion, strategic alignment, and continued development. Through conversations on VGCC personas, the college's strategic plan, and enhanced resource and donor support efforts, the board deepened its understanding of the communities we serve and our shared mission. Energized and aligned, the Foundation Board is ready to move forward with purpose in the year ahead.

FEBRUARY



To further address food insecurity, freezers have been installed at all campuses, expanding access to nutritious, ready-to-eat options for students in need. The Feed VGCC Minds initiative is strengthened through a partnership with VGCC Culinary students, who prepare meals for distribution—providing both practical learning experiences and meaningful community support. Through this collaboration, students are able to apply their skills in a real-world setting while giving back to their peers.

MARCH



The VGCC Food Pantry was successfully relocated to Building 9, creating a more accessible and welcoming environment for students. The new space offers a “general store” shopping experience, allowing individuals to browse and select items in a way that preserves dignity and promotes choice. The expanded space enhances both accessibility and efficiency in serving students. Special thanks to Plant Operations for their vision and support in bringing this transformation to life.

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APRIL

The 2nd Annual “Be the Light in a Student’s Life” Wine Tasting Gala, held at High Rock Farms, was a memorable evening dedicated to supporting students when they need it most. Guests enjoyed a delightful night of wine, fellowship, and community while coming together in support of VGCC.

The event raised over \$13,000 to benefit student-focused initiatives, reflecting the generosity and commitment of attendees and supporters.



MAY

The 41st Annual Golf Tournament, held in partnership with Granville Health System, brought together supporters for a great cause—benefiting student scholarships and emergency assistance. Despite a monsoon-like start on the first day, golfers returned on Tuesday to much-improved weather and an enjoyable day on the course. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and participants, the tournament raised over \$40,000.



JUNE

The recent awning installation enhances both the appearance and functionality of the Foundation Office entrance. In addition to adding aesthetic appeal, the awning provides clear direction and visibility, making it easier for visitors to locate the office.

Special thanks to Glen Raven and qwac4us for their support and contribution to this improvement, helping create a more welcoming and accessible environment for all.

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Total: \$42,947

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Fredesvinda Colindres, Grants Administrator Assistant was recognized as a graduate of the Community College Leadership Program, a distinguished professional development initiative designed to strengthen leadership within the community college system.

This program is offered through a partnership with NC State University's College of Education and the Belk Center for Community College Leadership & Research. Through this experience, participants gain valuable insight, skills, and strategies to enhance their leadership capacity and better serve their institutions and communities.

This achievement reflects a strong commitment to professional growth and continued excellence in advancing the mission of VGCC.

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ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

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