

Holyoke Community celebrates donors, scholarship awardees

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Foundation has awarded close to \$400,000 in scholarships to students for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The scholarship awardees – and the donors who make those scholarships possible – were celebrated at a Nov. 9 reception in the HCC Campus Center.

This year, the HCC Foundation awarded 337 scholarships worth close to \$400,000 to 239 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Many students received multiple scholarship awards.

“The HCC Foundation was established over half a century ago in order to keep the dream of an affordable, accessible, high-quality education alive to create opportunities for students of all ages, from all backgrounds, and to inspire those students to achieve their dreams,” said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation.

Sbriscia noted that over the last two and a half years, as HCC and the world navigated a global pandemic, nearly 30 new scholarships were established through the HCC Foundation, enabling

the Foundation to award more money than ever before.

“I’m honored and humbled to have been a scholarship recipient this year,” said student speaker Meagan Rodriguez, a Springfield resident who is studying veterinary and animal science at HCC. “My time at HCC has been nothing short of transformative. I’m so grateful to have been able to competently navigate academia with the support of my fellow classmates, the phenomenal HCC staff, and the incredible support of the generous donors who see the value of investing in education for others.”

Holyoke recipients are: Kiara Alicea, Elijah Bermudez, Jessica Boulanger, Ileana Casillas, Luis Centeno, Michael Cranshaw, Nashia Douglas, Emily Flores, Brenna Fogarty, Paris Guerrero, Katelyn Rodriguez, Kafutshi Kayamba, Allison Kelly, Magdalena Mackowiak, Yalaxis Martinez, Jelytza Ramos, Lyssbenette Ramos, Francisco Ramos Colon, Zelia Rodriguez, James Ross, Paola Sanchez, Francheska Santana, Destini Santiago, Carolyn Sicbaldi, Collin Stasinis, Dustin Stasinis, Jasmarie Toledo, Kara Torres, Yanitza Torres, Zasha Valentin, Henry Zucco.