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SUMMER 2021

“Whatever we accomplish belongs  
to our *entire group*, a tribute to  
our *combined effort*.”

— Walt Disney

FROM THE DESK OF  
RICHARD HOHOL  
HARPER COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe that it has been over a year since we learned of the Coronavirus, and our lives changed forever. We know this has meant hardship and heartbreak for many in the community, and we recognize the tremendous loss so many have experienced. However, it is gratifying to see the demonstration of resilience and persistence that makes the American spirit unique.

The Educational Foundation navigated the challenges of working remotely, adapting our operations to ensure that we meet the changing needs of the Harper College students. We continue to support those with unexpected expenses to stay in school and provide scholarships to those who need a helping hand to achieve their dreams. We are proud

to support the hard work of our students who decide to invest in themselves at Harper College, and we are grateful for our donor's partnership in supporting them!

As I enter my final year as President of the Harper College Educational Foundation, it remains a great privilege to work with our foundation board, donors and staff to expand our philanthropic investments and establish new opportunities for current and future Harper College students.

Thank you.

Richard Hohol

**421:** Number of Promise scholars enrolled at Harper as freshmen in the Fall 2019

**140:** Students who completed all four semesters of the Promise program and graduated from Harper in May 2021

**87%** of Promise graduates earned an Associate in Arts or an Associates in Science degree

**14,000:** Community service hours completed by the 140 Promise graduates since 2015

**78.5%** of Promise graduates that are transferring to a four-year institution in Fall 2021

**61%** of the fall 2019 Promise class who earned a credential from Harper within two years (even if they no longer met Promise program requirements)

PROMISE PROGRAM  
by the **NUMBERS**  
(2019–2021)

# Fulfilling a Promise

This May, Harper College celebrated its first class of 140 graduating Promise students. These hardworking students enrolled in the Promise Program in December 2015. For the last six years, they have dedicated themselves to earning strong grades, demonstrating college readiness, maintaining good attendance and serving their communities. In return, they were guaranteed the opportunity to earn two years of tuition at Harper College. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Promise students demonstrated they are not only academically excellent, they are flexible and determined as well.

Despite the unique challenges these students faced, Class of 2021 Promise Scholar **Arij Ahmed** reports, "I know I made the right decision...The Promise Program is a reminder in my life that there's always something better than you were looking for. You just have to go out there and find it first." Arij is one of the 78.5% of the Class of

2021 Promise Scholars who plan on transferring to another institution to pursue their bachelor's degree. Another 5.4% reported that they will be seeking employment following graduation, whereas the remainder have a range of plans from seeking an internship to starting their own businesses.

**Gurveen Lally**, another Promise Scholar member of the Class of 2021, offers her gratitude saying, "Thank you to all the donors for giving other Promise students and me the opportunity to obtain a college education. Your generosity does not go unnoticed." She notes that her time in the Promise Program profoundly impacted her skills as a student and made her a more well-rounded person. She shares her advice to future Promise students: "This is an opportunity to experience college without having to worry about how you can afford it. Take advantage of it and shape the kind of student you want to become."

Congratulations to the Promise Class of 2021 and to the many donors who contributed to the Promise program. Donations were first accepted for the Promise program starting in 2014, long before a Promise student enrolled at Harper. We are grateful for our donors' belief in the program and their support of students in our community. Thanks to your generosity, 140 students are graduating from Harper debt-free with six years of experience in setting and attaining goals and a bright future ahead.



Arij Ahmed, Harper Promise graduate, class of 2021

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# From Excel Beyond 211 to Harper, a partnership to success

This August, **Danica Lopez** will earn her Associate in Applied Science for Diagnostic Sonography from Harper College. Danica's resilience has served her well while pursuing a college education during a pandemic. She also credits the generosity of scholarship donors to helping her achieve her goal. "I definitely would not be where I am now without the help of scholarship donors. I have worked since I was 17, and it hasn't always been easy. Unfortunately, my family was not able to cover school costs. For years I have been balancing going to school and working. 2020 was a hard time for me because I had my work hours cut due to the pandemic. My whole plan was to put away as much money as I could before I inevitably had to stop working while I started clinicals."

Danica, the first in her family to attend college, was encouraged by her parents to pursue higher education, but Danica found she needed more guidance as she navigated her path. As a Palatine High School graduate, Danica was a part of Excel Beyond 211 (EB211), an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization founded by Harper Trustee and retired District 211 Superintendent **Nancy Robb**. Excel Beyond 211 provides personalized mentoring and college success strategies to selected first-generation college students. Danica was a part of the first class of EB211 scholars. As a scholar, she was assigned a mentor — a guidance counselor at Barrington High School (and a first-generation college student) who was instrumental in helping Danica select Harper as the best choice for her education.

This past year, Nancy and her husband John created the **Nancy and John Robb Scholarship** through the Harper College Educational Foundation to support EB211 participants attending Harper who need support with tuition and fees. Danica is the scholarship's inaugural recipient. When Nancy learned who her first scholarship recipient was, she shared, "You made my day! Danica is very bright and is a great kid. I know what a struggle it has been for her to continue her education. I am thrilled that she is going to graduate this August."



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I am now without the help of  
scholarship donors."*

— Danica Lopez

In May, Danica shared her story at the Foundation's Realizing Dreams Virtual Event — an online gathering for Harper College Educational Foundation scholarship donors and their scholarship recipients. She closed her remarks with a message of gratitude to Nancy, John and all those who support scholarships: "Thank you to all the donors that make the Harper College Educational Foundation your philanthropic priority. I am inspired that you are helping students obtain education, skills and better living wages to build a stronger economy."



FROM THE DESK OF  
DR. AVIS PROCTOR  
PRESIDENT OF HARPER COLLEGE

Over the course of the last 15 months, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting global public health challenge have had a major impact on the world, our country, our state, our community and Harper College. With vaccination efforts well underway, the public health outlook is stabilizing. In April, under guidance from the IDPH, the college issued our plan for increasing on-campus operations, an important step for all of us as we begin to embrace our new normal.

We will continue to monitor local and regional health conditions, including health system capacity, cases in the broader community, and more. All in all, we are consistently committed to:

1. Safeguarding the health and safety of our college community.
2. Delivering an outstanding academic experience to each of our students.
3. Ensuring the fiscal stability of the college.

We have learned much over this past year and are continually reminded that our community has incredible fortitude, resolve and resilience. I want to personally thank the entire community for all you have done to support Harper College students. I certainly look forward to the moment when the pandemic



is behind us, and we can celebrate the vibrant connections between the college and the community as we enhance our accomplishments together.

Furthermore, I want to recognize the Educational Foundation Board's decision to launch a new major giving program — the INSPIRE Scholarship campaign. This campaign will expand access to higher education, ignite student engagement, strengthen connections to our communities and our robust alumni network, and yield greater student success. Through INSPIRE, the foundation will raise \$5.75 million to provide access to a college education by expanding scholarship opportunities for Harper College students. Look for more information regarding INSPIRE in late summer.

Finally, I would like to thank you for ensuring those who live, learn and work at Harper College flourish.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Avis Proctor".

Avis Proctor, Ph D.

## Let us know your communication preferences

While we still rely on postal mail to communicate with our donors, alumni and friends, the Foundation is increasing the number of electronic publications that we can share with our donors, friends and alumni. Select event invitations, the quarterly Alumni e-news and the Foundation e-newsletter, are shared via email. We now offer the opportunity to receive the Catalyst magazine, tax receipts and gift solicitations electronically via email.

If you would like to change your mail preferences, share or update your email to receive electronic communications from the Foundation, please visit **[harpercollege.edu/foundation](https://harpercollege.edu/foundation)** or use the QR code below.



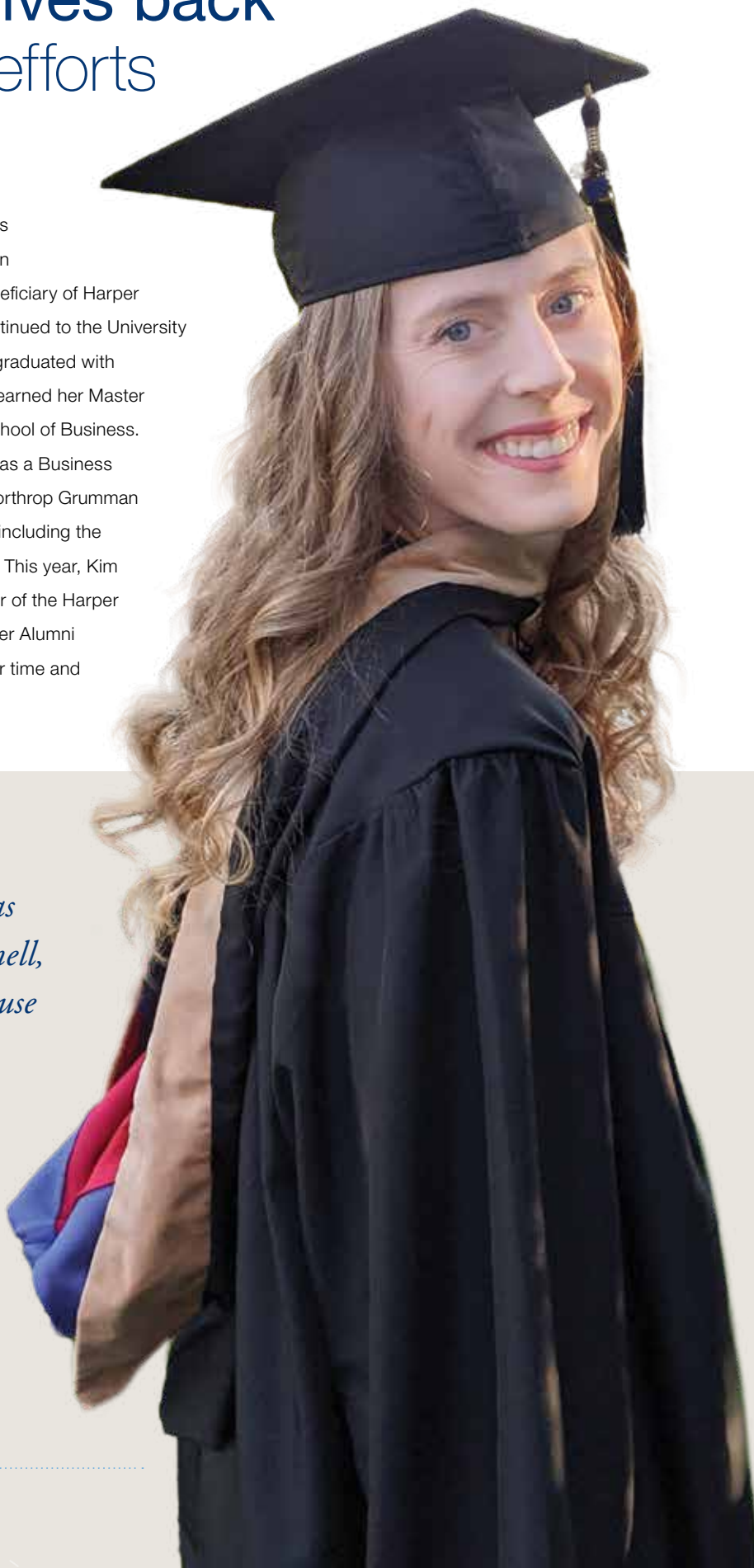
# Recent Alumna gives back through volunteer efforts

**Kim Butler (A.A., 2016)** has always loved being involved.

As a student at Harper, she was the founder and president of the Water Polo Club, co-president of the Student Activities Board, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and middle blocker on the Harper volleyball team. She also counts herself as a beneficiary of Harper Educational Foundation scholarships. After Harper, Kim continued to the University of Kentucky and then to Illinois State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's in organizational leadership. In May 2021, Kim earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of Kansas School of Business. She joined Northrop Grumman in 2018 and currently works as a Business Management Analyst. In addition, she has helped connect Northrop Grumman to Harper College through alumni efforts and giving efforts, including the recent Harper Heart Day, Harper's first annual day of giving. This year, Kim continues her Harper involvement by coming on as Co-Chair of the Harper Alumni Committee in the 2021–22 academic year. The Harper Alumni Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who lend their time and talents to help grow and build the Harper Alumni Program.

*“Harper opened doors for me. I was accepted to Georgetown and Cornell, opportunities that happened because I attended Harper. Being on the alumni committee allows me to pay it forward.”*

— Kim Butler



# Harper HEART Day Drive-in Event

On April 8 and 9, the Harper College Educational Foundation launched its inaugural Harper HEART (Helping Everyone Access Resources Together) Day. This 36 hour event celebrates the special relationship between the college and the community. The generous individuals and organizations investing in the college through their donations and partnership were instrumental in making Harper a nationwide leader in community college education.

Harper HEART Day also got a boost from current students. The International Students Club, the Student Government Association and the Harper Society of Engineers each launched efforts on Harper HEART Day to support their peers in need. The International Students Club took the lead in the first-ever Competition for Good by raising the most funds for Hawks Care Resource Center and the General Scholarship Fund. These student leaders are ambassadors of the culture of care at Harper College and represent the very best of our community.

Harper HEART Day culminated in a drive-in movie experience featuring *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, generously sponsored by AMITA and Northern Trust. This evening event was one of the first opportunities in 2021 to gather at the Harper College campus while

maintaining social distance. The Foundation welcomed Harper alumni, retirees and employees for this special night. In addition to our generous sponsors and Harper College Police and Facilities Departments, credit for the evening's success goes to the 6 Promise Scholar volunteers who staffed the event. Harper HEART Day was not only a fundraising success for our campus; it showcased the compassion at the heart of our community.

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Special thanks to our Harper HEART Day volunteers who shared their time and passion with their personal and professional networks to raise nearly \$7,000 for the Foundation funds that are near and dear to their hearts.

- **Kim Butler** - Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship
  - **Dan Klaras** - Assurance Agency Caring Together Scholarship
  - **Thom Lange** - Ruth M. Lange Memorial Scholarship
  - **Ella Liberman** - Harper College Student Emergency Fund
  - **Robin Turpin** - Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers
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**HARPER**  
**HEART DAY**  
Helping Everyone Access  
Resources Together

# Resource for Excellence Grants: Inspiring innovation

Through **Resource for Excellence (RFE) Grants**, the Harper College Educational Foundation encourages innovation and creativity among Harper faculty and staff. Funded by donations to the Harper College Educational Foundation, RFE grants are awarded through an annual competitive process and selected by the Educational Foundation Board of Directors. Since the inception of RFE grants in 1993, more than \$1.8 million has been awarded to more than 200 innovative projects at Harper College.

Since its inception of RFE grants, **\$1.8 million** has been awarded to **more than 200** innovative Harper College **projects**. This year, **five projects received \$66,000** in grants from the Harper College Educational Foundation.

One of the Resource for Excellence Grants program goals is to demonstrate successful outcomes of new programs so the college will identify permanent funding for the project. After RFE funding allowed the Alumni program to purchase the Harper Connect online networking platform two years ago, more than 300 alumni have signed up with 76% willing to help connect and mentor Harper students and fellow alumni. Philanthropic giving from alumni has increased since Harper Connect was implemented, and the platform is used for virtual mentoring. With these laudable outcomes, the college has now institutionalized the program.

## The FY22 awards include:

- **Service-Learning Initiative** — Research best practices to create a Service-Learning Program at Harper, with a coordinated strategy for developing, promoting and maintaining service-learning courses and the community partnerships necessary to sustain them.
- **Additive Manufacturing Camps** — Create a pathway for underserved high school students to Harper's Additive Manufacturing program and provide the students with a transformative experience to build their confidence and skills to pursue technical career paths.
- **Disability Cultural Programming** — Foster the campus community's understanding of disability cultural concepts. Encourage the recognition of the disability community as a valued element of diversity to create a more inclusive campus environment resulting in increased engagement and improved retention and completion rates of students with disabilities.
- **Teaching Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS)** — Complete the development of comprehensive sUAS course of study in the Drone Technology and Applications Certificate by adding the teaching of fixed wings sUAS, and providing professional development for Harper faculty developing fixed wings sUAS curriculum materials.
- **Saving Our Planet from Plastic Waste** — Create a 3D printer plastic recycling program to reduce waste entering the landfill and enhance student learning with purposeful project-based learning experiences and reduce material costs for students.



# HOPE Giving Circle

## Women at the Table event celebrated women breaking barriers

In April, HOPE Giving Circle donors, supporters and friends gathered virtually to hear from a panel of female leaders who have broken barriers in their respective fields at the fifth annual Women at the Table Panel Discussion.

The panel included: **Martha Bell**, Managing Principal, Tilton, Kelly + Bell, LLC; **Monica Mueller**, Vice President of Government Affairs, Motorola Solutions and **Nicole Wolter**, President and CEO, HM Manufacturing, all of whom have carved out careers in traditionally male-dominated fields. The discussion was moderated by

Harper College President **Dr. Avis Proctor** and covered topics such as developing a leadership style, the importance of mentoring relationships and being a female charting a career in male-dominated fields or industries.

Since the HOPE Giving Circle was formed in 2015, the women's affinity group has raised over \$200,000 in funds and awarded \$10,000 scholarships to 14 young women to pay for their education at Harper and their transfer school. The group hosts quarterly events to promote professional development, networking and social engagement.

### THE HOPE GIVING CIRCLE AT HARPER COLLEGE

The HOPE Giving Circle has continued its mission of providing scholarships, mentoring, and networking opportunities to females pursuing their degrees at Harper College and beyond. During the 2020-2021 academic year, HOPE marked \$140,000 in scholarships awarded to date and since the program launched in 2016. Recipients can utilize the \$10,000 scholarship while at Harper College or their four-year transfer institution. Learn more about the HOPE Giving Circle by visiting [harpercollege.edu/hope](http://harpercollege.edu/hope).

### HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

Since Inception

33

Members

90

Donors

\$207,000

Raised

\$140,000

in Scholarships Awarded

14

Hope Scholars

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# Connected Partnerships



## Advancing Harper's educational initiatives in public safety, technology and engineering

Since 1981, the **Motorola Solutions Foundation** has sponsored its Award for Excellence, which is the highest honor a Harper College student can earn. The Award honors a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in STEM, information technology or public safety academics, extracurricular activities and community service while attending Harper College. This year's recipients of the Motorola Solutions Foundation Award for Excellence given through the Harper College Educational Foundation are Stefanie Howard and Antonio Laverd. These students received scholarships for \$5,000 each.

**Stefanie Howard** is pursuing an Associate Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. She has already completed a certificate in emergency management and public dispatch. After finishing her associate degree, she plans on attending Southern Illinois University for a bachelor's degree with a major in public safety. Stefanie's career goal

is to find a position in the public sector helping the northern Illinois community. Stefanie is an adult, first-generation college student with a 4.0 GPA. She works 40 hours a week while attending classes at Harper.

**Antonio Laverd** is from Arlington Heights and attended Buffalo Grove High School. He is part of the Harper College Engineering Pathways Program, an opportunity for qualifying students to gain admission to The Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Antonio is studying

computer engineering, and he has a 4.0 GPA at Harper.

"I am taking on the burden of my college education alone. It's fair to say I feel quite a bit of pressure from the gravity of a financial investment like college. It has been the best decision of my life to choose Harper. Besides the \$60,000 I am saving, Harper has met and surpassed all my expectations. The coursework is super rigorous. The professors are energetic and care about what they do — making the toughest subjects fun to learn."

### THE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Motorola Solutions Foundation awards grants each year to organizations such as the Harper College Educational Foundation that support and advance education initiatives in public safety and technology and engineering. Additionally, the Foundation has a long-standing commitment to supporting programs that benefit underrepresented populations including females, people of color, people with disabilities, veterans and others. The Harper College Educational Foundation is grateful for the grants received from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to support the **Motorola Solutions Foundation Award for Excellence** and the **Motorola Solutions Foundation Engineering Pathways Scholarships**.

## Northrop Grumman and Harper College receive Business/Industry Partnership Award

In June, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) recognized William Rainey Harper College and **Northrop Grumman Corporation** as the recipients of the ICCTA's 2021 Business/Industry Partnership Award.

Northrop Grumman and Harper College have partnered together to lead the future of work and address the shortage of skilled workers while strengthening the workforce. When Harper reimaged its Advanced Manufacturing program, Northrop Grumman quickly became a vital collaborator in building curriculum, identifying skills competencies, and clarifying industry expectations. They also contributed in the classroom with employees serving as guest lecturers and adjunct faculty while also providing on-the-job internship opportunities for students.

Since the early 1980s, Northrop Grumman has been represented on the Harper Foundation board of directors. In addition, Northrop staff and retirees participate in the Foundation's Alumni, Scholarship, and Finance and Investment committees.

Additionally, Northrop Grumman has supported Harper College students for 40 years with a 2+1 transfer scholarship for engineering students. One of the past scholarship recipients is Harper alum

**Nate Rapp**, who went on to the University of Illinois and became an engineer at Northrop. That path is a bit of a family tradition. Rapp and his five siblings each went to Harper. Of them, two brothers also work at Northrop. "Harper has been pivotal for me, being able to set my career in motion without having to shoulder debt," Rapp said.

Northrop's internship program has provided Harper students with the opportunity to utilize the skills learned in the classroom to real-life experiences. Interns earn a competitive wage and can earn promotions to full-time positions with benefits, including tuition reimbursement. Of the 29 Harper students who have completed an internship with Northrop, 24 were hired full-time.

Harper student **Keith Brewer** received an offer for a full-time position with Northrop Grumman after completing his associate degree. Keith said, "The biggest surprise for me was getting a good job offer from the Northrop Grumman internship. Harper helped me find this internship, and it has been amazing."

Harper College is grateful for the decades-long partnership with Northrop Grumman that benefits our community, local economy and students.



Harper alumni working at Northrop Grumman were recognized at the Harper At Work corporate recognition celebration in November 2019.

## THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS CHAMPIONS

The Harper College Educational Foundation is grateful for the sponsorship support of our 2020-2021 Business Champions. To sponsor an event or to learn more about marketing and recognition opportunities with the Foundation, please contact at [kmeyer@harpercollege.edu](mailto:kmeyer@harpercollege.edu).

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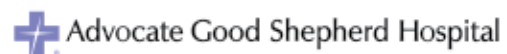


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\$5,000 +





# Golf Outing 2021 Recap

The Harper College Educational Foundation hosted its 32nd Annual Golf Outing on June 7 at the Inverness Golf Club. Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, the event raised more than \$163,000 to support Harper College students and emerging educational initiatives. New this year was the Sponsor a Student program, through which 23 donors directly contributed to a student's education and saw their name printed on one of our life-sized standees on the course.

Harper College President Dr. Avis Proctor joined each foursome on the 18th hole for "Putt with Proctor," and guests were invited to Score for Scholarships at the mini-golf game supporting the General Scholarship Fund. The Golf Outing is the Foundation's largest fundraising event of the year and hosted 90 golfers for a fun day to support a great cause. Sponsorship opportunities are available for our 2022 Golf Outing. For more information, contact Kristyn Meyer at **847.925.6468**.



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## Motorola Solutions Foundation Distinguished Faculty Award

**Jeff Przybylo** is the 2021 recipient of the Motorola Solutions Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest faculty honor at Harper. Professor Jeff Przybylo believes in empowering the student voice. As a full-time faculty member at Harper College for 25 years, Jeff has mentored students to find and develop their voice and use it to make a difference in the world around them. His drive for classroom innovation to support student learning earned him the Glenn A. Reich Memorial Faculty Award for Instructional Technology in 2007, honoring his creation of a technologically advanced suite of classrooms for student presentations.

In the classroom, Jeff creates a climate that welcomes and engages students and builds their confidence to speak. His latest development of an Intercultural Communication course provides students opportunities to explore a global mindset and learn how to communicate across cultural differences. His pursuit of the discipline includes creating a hybrid speech class more than 12 years ago, spearheading a fully online

speech class years before the pandemic, and expanding the Communication Arts department to include mass communications and journalism curriculum.

In addition to classroom teaching, Jeff has served as the Director of Forensics (Speech and Debate) for the past 25 years, producing a team that consistently places in the top 10 in the nation and boasts dozens of national champions. Over the decades, he has created a family of alumni who will testify to finding competitive and personal success after being a part of the team or the recipient of his direct coaching.

Jeff's energy, creativity and commitment has empowered countless students and colleagues and has contributed to making the Communication Arts department thrive. His dedication to the classroom, speech team, college and the greater community have enriched so many lives and is a testament to his power as a teacher, coach and leader.

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Shown above: Jeff Przybylo with Speech and Debate Team students and alumni.

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# Kathy Gilmer Honored as James McGrath Award Recipient

Former Harper College President James McGrath created the James McGrath Award in 1986 to honor special people who have unselfishly given time, effort and funds to uphold the excellence of the institution. The 2021 recipient of the James McGrath Award is **Kathy Gilmer**.

Kathy has served on the Harper College Educational Foundation Board for 11 years. Kathy has served as Board President, Annual Fund Chair and has participated on the Resource for Excellence, Annual Giving and HOPE Committees and on the Committee on Directors.

In 2011, Kathy and her husband John endowed the Kathleen and John Gilmer Student Success Scholarship and have included Harper College in their estate plans.

Kathy retired in 2005 as Director of Outreach Centers for Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Prior to joining NIU, Kathy was Acting Director of Corporate Services for Harper College.



Kathy has extensive board experience, having served with Friendship Senior Options of Schaumburg, Northwest Housing Partnership Board and on the AMITA Health Board of Directors – Alexian Hospitals. Congratulations to Kathy for receiving this honor that recognizes her commitment to our community and Harper College students!

## The Professor Powell and Larry Moats Extra Five Minutes Faculty Award



The Professor Powell and Larry Moats Extra Five Minutes Faculty Award was created in 2012 by Larry Moats, a former member of the Harper College Board of Trustees and a Harper Distinguished Alumni Honoree, in memory of his

Harper College mentor, Professor Robert Powell. Professor Powell was a founding faculty member of Harper College and a beloved English teacher and Dean of Liberal Arts. Harper students are asked to submit nominations to recognize teachers that have inspired them, given them extra time, and made a difference in their lives.

**Chris Athanassopoulos**, Assistant Professor, Engineering, is the 2021 Professor Powell and Larry Moats Extra Five Minutes Faculty Award recipient. The Student Government Association chose Chris for his willingness to take extra time both in the classroom and outside of class to ensure his students succeeded. The student who nominated Chris shared that he always listened and communicated information in a concise, real and helpful way. Chris' efforts to make a lasting impact on his students is demonstrated by his nominee sharing that they planned to leave Harper College with an associate degree and return to the workforce with no plan to utilize their degree. Due to Chris' dedication to see his student succeed, he encouraged the student to complete their Associates in Engineering and create a meaningful plan for their future. As the student wrote, "I have had other instructors who have wanted me to succeed but not to the extent of Mr. A. He is truly the best of the best."

# Ways to give: Planned Gifts

The Harper College Educational Foundation is committed to ensuring that financial uncertainty is not a deterrent to Harper students. There are unique ways to support students that may not affect your current financial situation.

## Include Harper College in your will or trust

- Include a gift (restricted or unrestricted) to the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation in your will or trust.
- Indicate a specific amount or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.
- Please tell us about your gift so we may recognize you for your generosity now.

## Donor-Advised Funds

- If you have a donor-advised fund, consider using it to make a grant to the Harper College Educational Foundation.

## Gifts of Stock or Appreciated Assets

- Transfer appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares you have owned for more than one year to Harper College Educational Foundation. We sell your securities and use the proceeds to support Harper students.
- You receive an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities and pay no capital gains tax on the transfer when the stock is sold.

- We can work with you to customize your gift and interests. Please contact Heather Zoldak, CFRE, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts at [hzoldak@harpercollege.edu](mailto:hzoldak@harpercollege.edu) for more information.

The Harper Heritage Society recognizes donors who have included the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation in their estate plans. To date, nearly 50 individuals or couples are members of the Harper Heritage Society. This year, we welcome five new members:

**Brenda and Eric Knox**

**Clara Basch Stone and Michael Stone**

**Mary Gretchen Vancura**

# Use AmazonSmile to support students

You can support Harper students by doing your regular Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or through the AmazonSmile option in the Amazon app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible purchases (both through the website and the mobile app) to the Harper College Educational Foundation.

To set up your account, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and sign in with Amazon.com credentials. There, you can choose the charity you are supporting to the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation.

If you are using the app, simply follow the instructions to select "William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app.





# Donor generosity inspires new scholarships

The Harper College Educational Foundation thanks the donors of these new scholarships for their generosity and support and for inspiring Harper students to realize their dreams.

**C.H. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** — Created by Harper College Trustee, Herb Johnson, in memory of his father. Supports Harper students enrolled in 12 credit hours, studying accounting or business, who have financial need.

**Educational Foundation Board Designated Endowed Scholarship** — Established by the Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors to support students who are enrolled at least nine hours and have financial need.

**The Lambert Family Endowed Scholarship**

— Created by community members, Dave and Judy Lambert. Open to any Harper student with financial need.

**Honorable Timothy C. Evans Scholarship for Paralegal Studies, Sponsored by NWSBA and Newland & Newland, LLP** — Supports two paralegal students with financial need, with one student being a single parent or child of a single parent.

The Harper Educational Foundation manages more than 225 scholarship funds that support Harper students. To learn more about creating a scholarship and inspiring students to achieve their educational and career goals, please contact Heather Zoldak at [hzoldak@harpercollege.edu](mailto:hzoldak@harpercollege.edu) or **847.925.6319**.



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NEW EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

# Welcome

We welcome Brian Battle, John Chapman and Raju Datla to our Board of Directors.

**Brian Battle** is Chief Operating Officer of Beacon Power LLC, a manufacturer of energy storage systems. Previously, he was the CEO of five companies and started his career working for General Motors. Brian was a Barrington 220 Board Member from 2003–2019, serving as Board President for 12 years. He has served on the Barrington Youth Baseball and Softball Board of Directors and was the Board President of ED-RED. He received the Barrington Area Development Council Citizen of the Year Award in 2020.

**John Chapman** is the Chief Executive Officer of Clearwater Capital Partners and serves as the firm's Managing Partner. With 38 years of Wall Street experience, John directs all wealth management and advisory services for the firm, is the firm's Chief Investment Strategist, and chairman of the firm's Investment Policy Committee. He is a member of the Advocate Sherman Hospital Board of Directors and has served as a board member of the Advocate Charitable Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin.

**Raju Datla** is the President of Vistex, Inc. He is a foundational member of Vistex, having been with the company since 2000, and has helped to build a Global IT Enterprise Software company serving over 500+ marquee customers. Raju brings an extraordinary amount of focus, energy, and discipline to ensure that Vistex customers get the most value out of their technology investment. Raju has served with the Rotary Club of Long Grove, has been a volunteer with Night Ministry and Feed My Starving Children.

RETIRING EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

# Thank you

This June, seven talented volunteers stepped down from their service on the Harper College Educational Foundation Board. We thank them for their inspired support of Harper College students. From the leadership of the Promise program and fundraising campaign, growth of the Foundation's scholarship endowment and expansion of Harper's alumni program, these leaders have made a lasting mark on Harper for past, current and present Harper College students. Thank you for your vision and partnerships.

**Nancy Castle**

2013–2021

**Randy Green**

2013 –2021

**Bill Kesler**

2013–2021

**Eric Pan**

2018–2021

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