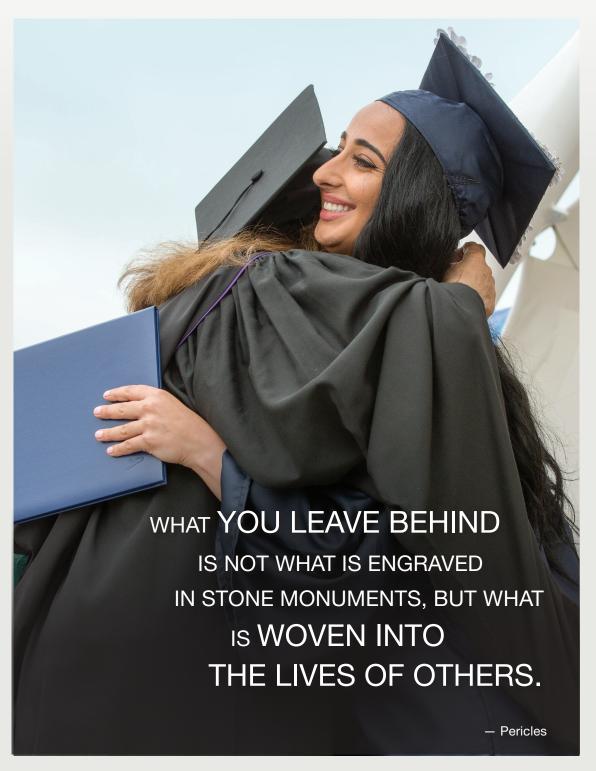
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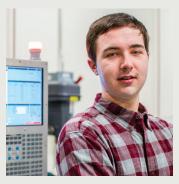
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**SPRING 2019** 











# FROM THE DESK OF BILL KESLER HARPER COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

The Harper College Educational Foundation is entrusted with the important task of supporting Harper College and its students. The Foundation was created in 1973 to establish endowments that would grow and provide continuing scholarships for current and future students.

Over the years, generous donors have established more than 190 funds to be used as an ongoing source of support for Harper College. During the 2018 academic year, we were able to award scholarships to 545 students. The financial support provided from these scholarships in combination with grants awarded by the Foundation totaled over \$1,000,000. While the Foundation is extremely proud of this achievement, the need for continued support of Harper College and its students has never been more apparent.

In 2014 the Foundation and Harper College embarked on an ambitious project to raise funds to support the Harper College Promise Scholarship. To date, the Foundation and College have generated over \$18,600,000 to support this project.

Recently, the Foundation launched an extension of the Promise fundraising initiative – Promise 10.0 to honor Dr. Kenneth Ender



as he completes his tenure with Harper College in June 2019. His vision and service have had a profound impact on both the College and the broader community it serves. The Promise Scholarship is an important part of Dr. Ender's vision and represents an innovative solution for both educational funding and student preparedness.

Our goal is to raise \$1 million before June 30, 2019, which will be matched by the Board of Trustees for a total of \$2 million. This additional funding will ensure Promise Scholarship students are supported for many years to come. Promise 10.0 honors Dr. Ender's legacy by supporting an initiative that is important to him – the Harper College Promise Program.

Please join us as in honoring Ken's 10 years of outstanding leadership and accomplishments with a donation to Promise 10.0. The Foundation Board will miss Ken's inspiration and friendship as he moves on to a new chapter of his life.

With most sincere gratitude and kindest regards,

Bill Kesler

25: Average Age of Harper student

13,530: Number of students taking credit classes (fall 2018)

73% of students who work full or part time (about 30% work more than 30 hours a week)

50% of Harper students who self-identified as first generation

\$4,005: average annual cost of tuition for a full-time student

2,400+: students applying for a Foundation Scholarship

99% of Foundation scholarships awarded

\$1,003,875: Total awarded in 2017–2018 by the Foundation in scholarships, grants and awards

by the **NUMBERS** 

# **DONORS AND STUDENTS** HONORED AT **REALIZING DREAMS** BRUNCH

More than 200 donors and scholarship recipients were honored on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Realizing Dreams Brunch at Arlington Park. At the event, donors met with scholarship recipients, learned their stories and saw their philanthropy in action. Scholarship recipients, in turn, heard from donors about why they chose to invest in Harper students. This connection often sparks the idea in current Harper students that one day, they will invest in Harper students, just like donors invested in them.

All donors who have created a scholarship and donors who give over \$1,000 annually are invited to the event.









When you give to scholarships, a legacy is created and endures. A legacy of paying tribute to a loved one by helping others. A legacy of students' lives being changed and improved for generations to come. A legacy of fueling Harper College's mission to our community.



# HARPER'S FIRST PROMISE SCHOLARS JUMP START THEIR EDUCATION



Not having to worry

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Jade Dioguardi

The first cohort of Harper College Promise Scholars won't arrive on campus until fall 2019, but that hasn't stopped a few extremely motivated students from getting a head start.

Jade Dioguardi and Elissa Schimmel are among the Promise Scholarship recipients already at Harper after graduating from high school early. Both alumnae of Barrington High School, Jade and Elissa met each Promise criteria for attendance, rigor, quality, persistence and community service to earn their first semester of tuition at Harper. They'll earn up to two years total provided they continue meeting similar benchmarks.

"I was pretty motivated to get past high school, to be honest, and the Promise requirements seemed pretty reasonable," Jade, 17, says. "Not having to worry about financial aid these first two years of college is a huge relief."

In addition to English, math, psychology and speech courses, Jade is taking a First Year Seminar to get a better sense of a career path to pursue. The course focuses on developing critical thinking and information literacy skills to make more informed decisions regarding college and career planning. Physical therapy and investigative work are particularly appealing to her. Jade also enjoys volunteering at the On Angels' Wings pet rescue and resale store in Crystal Lake and works at her dad's pizza parlor. "After graduating from Harper, my plan is to transfer to a four-year school in Colorado or Oregon, and the money I'm saving now will help tremendously," Jade said.

Elissa is in her second semester at Harper after graduating from Barrington an entire year early. She's carrying quite a full load this spring with accounting, economics, English, math and management courses. She's also volunteering on campus as a tour guide for elementary school students visiting as part of Harper's Ambassador School program, which aims to spark an early interest in higher education. She plans to pursue business and has her sights on transferring to the University of Tennessee or Ball State University. "I don't want to put additional financial stress on my parents since they're paying for my brother, too," Elissa, 17, says. "We're all very grateful for this scholarship."

Dr. Ken Ender, President of Harper College, said the Promise Program is something he wanted to start before he ever got in the car to move to the Chicago area. Although his 10-year tenure at Harper ends June 30, he's confident — thanks largely to the outpouring of community support — that the Promise will be a game-changer for many years to come. "A lot of people think that if your parents have the money, they should pay for college, "Dr. Ender said. "But it's not just about money. It's about earning your scholarship, developing a strong work ethic and learning the excellence that will be expected of you. We're trying to produce talented, sought after employees. And when employers see a Promise Scholar coming out of Harper, boy are they going to want that person working for them."

## **PROMISE**

# by the **NUMBERS**

Promise Application Comparison: Counts for initial signups for incoming freshmen (As of 1/23/19)

	D211	D214	D220	D155	Total	Total class population
Class of 2022 apps	3,000 (99%)	2,732 (91%)	630 (87%)	12 (60%)	6,374 (95%)	6,737
Class of 2021 apps	2,312 (80%)	2,653 (92%)	610 (85%)	20 (87%)	5,595 (86%)	6,497
Class of 2020 apps	2,202 (74%)	2,695 (92%)	653 (83%)	8 (32%)	5,558 (83%)	6,703
Class of 2019 apps	2,019 (64%)	2,165 (68%)	416 (57%)	7 (29%)	4,607(65%)	7,088

Prepared by S. Warren-Crouch

#### **CLASS OF 2019**

Freshman sign up 4,607 (65%) of total freshman class (enrolled/total class)

Sophomores continuing 2,576 (36%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class)

Juniors continuing 2,000 (28%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class)

1380 (20%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class) Seniors continuing

Seniors maintaining Harper requirements 810 (11%)

7th Semester Graduates continuing

6th Semester Graduates continuing

#### **CLASS OF 2020**

Freshman class sign up 5,558 (83%) of total freshman class (enrolled/total class)

Sophomore continuing 2,852 (43%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class)

2,094 (31%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class) Juniors continuing

#### **CLASS OF 2021**

Freshman class sign up 5,595 (86%) of total freshman class (enrolled/total class)

Sophomore continuing 2,781 (43%) of total class continuing on (continuing/total class)

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Freshman class sign up 6,374 (95%) of total freshman class (enrolled/total class)

# FROM THE DESK OF LAURA J. BROWN

Let Your Legacy Speak

During the many years I have been with the Foundation, I have been witness to amazing acts of generosity, foresight and true philanthropy. Giving from the heart, often to those you will never know, and expecting nothing in return except the gratification that you have touched the life of another, is the true meaning of unselfishness.

All of these gifts regardless of size or purpose have one thing in common, they speak volumes about the life of the donor. That voice continues to speak and be heard long after they no longer have a voice of their own. Each gift becomes a living thing, growing and reaching far beyond anything the donor could have imagined.

I could not be more proud to have this opportunity to continue the work of the Foundation; to build on existing relationships and cultivate new ones. I truly believe everyone is born with a desire to help others and to make a difference in any way



they can. It is the mission of the Foundation to assist them in making the choices they need to leave a legacy for future generations so they may always find a way to leave a stamp on someone else's life.

Over the past five years I have watched our amazing alumni step forward to "pay it back". In this edition of the Catalyst you will hear how our Alumni have paid it back by starting new scholarships, mentoring new alumni, advocating for the good work of the college in the community, and have stepped forward to volunteer on committees. These alumni understand first-hand the value and impact Harper College has had in the community and their own lives. They have stepped up to pay it forward for our current and future students. Thank you!

Laura J. Brown

Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director
Harper College Educational Foundation



# Membership Drive WHCM ALMUNI & FRIENDS

WHCM Alumni and friends came together to raise more than \$2,600 in 12 days during the first-ever WHCM Membership Drive. Alumni and friends of the station were invited to donate \$88.30, in honor of WHCM's home on the dial 88.3, and become a station "member". Members received a WHCM limited edition tote bag. The funds support current radio students in their educational

development opportunities. Harper Radio WHCM 88.3 FM is a student-run college radio station, broadcasting across northern Chicagoland and streaming live worldwide.

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

During Harper College's 50th Anniversary, the College's Distinguished Alumni, led by Shannon Plate (2010 Distinguished Alumna), launched a new scholarship to support students.

The Distinguished Alumni Scholarship Fund provides students with support, recognition and encouragement to stay through completion. After graduation, the recipient of this scholarship will become the next generation of Distinguished Alumni, change makers, innovators and global citizens. In one year, over \$20,000 was raised to endow the scholarship and in the fall of 2018, the inaugural scholarship was awarded to Susana Reza.

Susana has completed the CNA program, received an AA in Applied Science in Dietetics and is now currently enrolled at Harper, pursuing a nursing degree. She is a single mother who balances working, attending classes, studying, volunteering in her community, and raising her 4-year-old son. She is hard-working both on campus and off, and is dedicated to fulfilling her desire of becoming a pediatric nurse.

Harper's Distinguished Alumni were able to make a definitive change to Susi's life with their new scholarship, and her reaction was one of grateful surprise and sincere thanks. We thank our Distinguished



Alumni for carrying their legacy forward and helping future generations of Harper students as they pursue their dreams and work toward becoming Harper's next Distinguished Alumnus.



# ATHLETIC PAVERS

Honor a Memory, Coach or Loved One

Through the Hawks Pavers Program, former student athletes and friends of Hawks Athletics can commemorate their time at Harper or celebrate a loved one and leave a prominent mark on campus all the while supporting future generations of Harper student athletes. Pavers will be displayed near the entrance to the home for Harper Hawks Athletes: The Foglia Foundation Health and Recreation Center (Building M).

There are a variety of ways that you can add your personal touch on a wall paver:

- Honor a student athlete, coach or influential person in your life.
- Commemorate your involvement in collegiate sports at Harper.
- · Create a meaningful reminder of your affectionfor Harper College athletics.
- Share an inspirational quote or message for the Harper College community.



Harper alumni working at Advocate Good Shepherd came together to celebrate the partnership between Harper and Good Shepherd at the Stand Up and Be Counted event in December.

Harper College's longtime partnership with Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has been a fruitful one. Many of Harper's health careers students gain invaluable experience doing their clinical coursework at the Barrington hospital. Good Shepherd also was instrumental in outfitting the college's new, state-of-the-art surgical suite lab last year, donating patient surgical tables, a fluid and blanket warmer, scrub sink, instrument washing sink, sterilizer and other equipment. And for years, Harper alumni have gone on to work at Good Shepherd, one of the region's leaders in delivering the most advanced medical technologies and comprehensive health services available.

The Harper College Educational Foundation recently recognized many of those alumni through its Stand Up and Be Counted program, an initiative that celebrates area employers that hire Harper alumni. "Harper College works to ensure the educational needs of the community, while Advocate Health Care works to meet the health care

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital continues its support of Harper College students with the creation of a new endowed scholarship that will support health career students with a preference for students who are bilingual. The first scholarship will be awarded during the 2019-2020 academic year.

needs of the community," Harper Provost Judy Marwick said. "Together, we partner so that our wonderful alumni can go forward and do impactful work."

One such alumnus is Wendy Roach, who credited Harper with providing the educational foundation and clinical learning opportunities necessary to launch a career in ultrasound care at Good Shepherd. Roach now works in hospital administration as Director of Patient Access. "Harper and Good Shepherd do an excellent job putting together the kinds of clinical rotations and hands-on modalities that are essential for students," Roach said. "What they do there, they will put into practice in their careers." Rafael Malpica, Director of Community and Guest Relations, said the Stand Up and Be Counted event demonstrated the importance and success of Good Shepherd Hospital's longtime partnership with Harper. "It's beneficial for both of us," Malpica said. "We couldn't find a better partner than Harper."

# EXTEND YOUR REACH AS A HARPER BUSINESS CHAMPION

Join local business, community and philanthropic leaders driving the local economy and strengthening the workforce by partnering with the Harper College Educational Foundation.

Sponsorships and underwriting opportunities are available for 2019 and 2020 for a variety of events. Annually, the Harper College Educational Foundation connects with over 25,000 community members, alumni, donors and businesses in a variety of media. By sponsoring a Harper College Educational Foundation event, your company can extend its reach in the Harper community, while supporting Harper College students and program.

## Marketing Opportunities for Business Champions may include recognition in media assets including:

- Alumni e-newsletters (distributed quarterly to over 14,000 Harper College alumni)
- The Catalyst, a printed philanthropic magazine (mailed to 4,000 donors, community leaders and elected officials twice a year)
- The Harper College Educational Foundation website (receives 28,000+ page views annually)
- Social media posts on cross-market channels to include LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube
- · Donor recognition walls located in the Performing Arts Center lobby (visited by over 18,000 guests annually)
- Naming opportunities on campus, based on sponsorship levels

Sponsorship opportunities are available throughout the year. To learn more about how your organization can participate call Kristyn Meyer at 847.925.6468 or visit harpercollege.edu/foundation and click on sponsorships opportunities.

## MANY THANKS to our 2018 Business Champions

Advocate Good
Shepherd Hospital

**AMITA** 

Armanetti Wine & Liquor Assurance Agency, Ltd.

Baird & Warner Real Estate

Barney & Karamanis LLP

**BMO Harris Bank** 

**Bradford Systems** 

Clearwater Capital Advisors LLC

Colliers International

Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company

Eriksson Engineering Associates, Ltd

Financial Elements, Inc.

First Bank of Highland Park

First Point Mechanical Services, LLC

Hoffman Estates Community Bank

Holabird & Root, LLC

**IBC** Engineering Services, Inc.

IMEG Corp

K.R. Miller Contractors, Inc

Larson Engineering, Inc.

Legat Architects

Leopardo Charitable Foundation

Leopardo Companies Inc.

MB Financial Bank, NA

MeritCorp Group, LLC

Mortenson Construction

Nation Pizza and Foods

Northern Trust

Northwest Community Healthcare

Pepper Construction Group

Pepsi Beverages Company

Peters & Associates

Power Construction Company, LLC

Rabine Paving

ReStore

Robbins Schwartz

RTM Engineering Consultants

Sikich LLP

Spyder BRP US Inc.

University of Phoenix

Weber-Stephen Products LLC

Wickstrom Auto Group

Wintrust Financial Corporation

Witt Law, P.C.



















"A college credential has never been more crucial to success than in today's 21st century economy."

-Dr. Kenneth Ender

Harper's achievements are a product of a 10-year extraordinary leadership under Harper College's President Kenneth Ender, who will be ending his tenure in June 2019. We are committed to honoring the legacy of a truly outstanding leader.

# Dr. Ender LEGACY

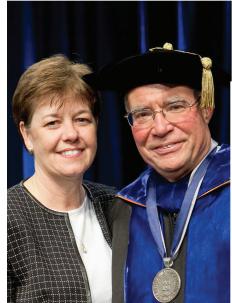
Over the past 10 years Harper has:

- Established a new trajectory that maintains a commitment to future generations with the Promise Program;
- Launched a student centered approach to advising that will keep students on track with meeting their educational goals and increase our graduation and completion rates:
- · Focused on economic growth of the area through curriculum for career preparation of our future workforce; and
- Completed the campus master plan established 10 years ago. These are the true metrics for Harper College's success.



















During the last decade, Harper College and the Educational Foundation have connected with more donors and volunteers who believe in the College's student-centered commitment. Gifts and pledges to Harper's Promise Scholarship Program enabled us to surpass \$17,000,000 in donations over the past five years, and the Foundation's Endowment value increased 323% from \$5,449,749 to \$27,400,000 over the past 10 years. Last year the Foundation awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships, awards and grants in support of student success.







## DRS. KENNETH AND **CATHERINE ENDER PAVILION**

With Ken and Cathy Ender's leadership and support to the Harper College Educational Foundation, the Promise Campaign was launched in 2015 and has resulted in more than \$18,600,000 in support for the Promise Scholarship. Their own commitment of more than \$100,000 established the first leadership gift for the campaign. It is in recognition of their generosity that the Harper College pavilion will be dedicated as the Drs. Kenneth and Catherine Ender Pavilion.

A dedication celebration was held on April 17, 2019, where the Ender family was recognized with this honor.

# SIX DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HELP LAUNCH INAUGURAL VIRTUAL MENTORING

Mentoring can transform an individual's life. Across all fields and industries, it has been proven that mentoring can help a person with the trajectory of their career. In March, the Harper College Alumni Program provided a unique virtual mentoring opportunity for alumni and students with the launch of Alumni Virtual Mentoring.

Six Distinguished Alumni agreed to make an impact as virtual mentors. The mentoring program provided alumni and current students with a unique opportunity to register for a chance to connect with these industry leaders by phone, email or video chat in a one-time mentoring experience. Mentees virtually connected with mentors to ask questions, seek career guidance and tap into expertise from leaders and experts.

If you are interested in learning more about future alumni Virtual Mentoring programs, please contact Shannon Hynes, Director, Alumni Relations and Affinity Groups, at **847.925.6701** or **shynes@harpercollege.edu.** 

## MEET THE MENTORS



Paolo Cascio Owner, Paolo Cascio Photography



Rodney Craig Village President, Village of Hanover Park



Jim Meier Principal, Senior Project Manager, MeritCorp Group, LLC



Shannon Plate Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor



Jordan Sadoff President, RESTORE Hair



Tom Schnecke
Vice President, Director of Operations &
Engineering, CBS2 Chicago

# FORMER EMPLOYEE CREATES SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS



Ann Kimberly created the WorldView Scholarship in 2016 to support Harper College students enrolled in a Harper study abroad program to a developing country. Since the creation of the scholarship, eight students have received support for their study abroad experience and Ann has recently joined the Harper Heritage Society. Ann, a seasoned traveler, and former Harper College employee, shared why she created the scholarship.

"There's no question that we grow through travel. It broadens us by taking us beyond the classroom — and beyond our communities into the real world. It gives us a chance to better understand other cultures and connect with people whose lifestyles and life challenges

may be different from ours - while also showing us how we're alike. When working with Harper College Educational Foundation to establish this fund, I decided to name it the WorldView Scholarship. This seemed like a perfect name, as it's designed to offer students a glimpse of cultures in developing countries...by actually going to them to see firsthand what life is like. It's been such an honor to sponsor this. I'm incredibly impressed by the caliber of students who have been awarded the scholarship. They're bright, articulate and destined to become leaders in their communities and careers. It's rewarding to think that the experiences this scholarship provides may help shape their futures."

When asked why she decided to become a Harper Heritage Society member, Ann shared: "Oh, that's simple: I value education — and I value Harper. I was fortunate to work as a writer/editor for the college for nearly seven years earlier in my career. Every day I saw the good work being done there — and the caliber of education the students were getting. And, lucky me, I got to write about it! Harper is an exceptional place. In fact, I often call myself its biggest cheerleader. So, as I reviewed my will and other legal documents recently, I decided to formalize this appreciation and support the school — to "put my money where my mouth is" as they say. I'm honored to be able to do this."

## DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN CREATING A LEGACY AT HARPER COLLEGE?

Your gift can help future students by thoughtful planning through these donation opportunities:

- Giving through your will, trust, life-insurance or by making the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation the beneficiary of your IRA. Donors who have included Harper College in their estate plan are members of the Harper Heritage Society.
- Campus recognition is available with gifts valued at \$25,000 or more. Classrooms, student gathering spaces and laboratories can all be named in honor, memory or recognition of donors.
- Endowed scholarship last in perpetuity and can be named by the donor. Criteria can be determined by the donor and donors are offered the opportunity to meet with their scholarship recipients.
- The Pavers for Promise Wall faces the pavilion used for graduation. By purchasing a paver, donors are participating in a meaning tribute and supporting students.

# DR. AVIS PROCTOR NAMED SIXTH PRESIDENT OF HARPER COLLEGE



I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community to achieve academic, social and economic progress through higher education.

- Dr. Avis Proctor

The Harper College Board of Trustees approved the selection of Dr. Avis Proctor as its next College President by unanimous vote on Wednesday, February. 13, at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dr. Proctor will become the sixth President of Harper College on July 1, 2019, succeeding Dr. Ken Ender, who is ending his 10-year tenure at the institution on June 30. Proctor currently serves as Broward College's North Campus President in Coconut Creek, Florida.

"I am honored to serve as Harper College's next President, and I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve our community to achieve academic, social, and economic progress through higher education," Dr. Proctor said. "I look forward to collaborating with our faculty and staff to help our students succeed."

Dr. Proctor has 25 years of experience working in multicultural environments as an innovative mathematics educator and academic administrator with a focus on teaching, service, and research.

As a higher education scholar and an Aspen Presidential Fellow,

Dr. Proctor contributes to the professional discourse from local

to global levels on progressive leadership in higher education, research-based instructional strategies, strategic community engagement, economic development, and the STEM pipeline for underrepresented groups.

Dr. Proctor believes in working closely with local school districts, the business community, and higher education institutions. She has provided collaborative leadership for early childhood education, dual enrollment, and college readiness/completion initiatives which have gained national attention. Her work at previous institutions has included expanding articulation, internship, and employment opportunities to enhance student-employer connections for current students as well as alumni.

Dr. Proctor earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics
Education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University,
a Master of Science in Teaching Mathematics at Florida Atlantic
University, and her Doctorate in Higher Education at Florida
International University. Dr. Proctor and her husband, Cosey
Proctor, Jr., are the proud parents of one son.

# A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Wintrust Learning and Career Center Scholarship was created to support Harper College students pursuing career certificates at the Learning and Career Center (LCC) in Prospect Heights. Since its inception in 2014, 20 individuals have received \$11,000 in needs-based scholarships from Wintrust's Northbrook Charter. Students pursue credentials in programs such as Phlebotomy, Hotel Management, Certified Nursing Assistant, Office Assistant, and more.

Suzi Zecca, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking, is an enduring champion of this partnership, even as she retires this year. "Suzi saw how we jump start careers and change lives in a community where many families struggle. Wintrust brought strengths to the table with scholarships, our Advisory Board, and free financial literacy programs," says Jennifer Brennan, Supervisor of the LCC.

Harper College's Learning and Career supports working adults with classes that fit their schedules, and provides a support system together with social services partners to help students meet their goals and move from survival jobs to a more promising career.

One of this year's Wintrust Learning and Career Center Scholarship recipients, Hiral Gosai, earned her Office Assistant certificate at LCC. Nervous about moving out of LCC's English Literacy Acquisition program and into college courses, Hiral found that Wintrust's contribution not only helped financially, but showed her that others had faith in her abilities. "I got more confidence to talk to people."



Hiral excelled in the program and is now in the Bookkeeper/Clerk certificate. She writes, "I am so happy to get this scholarship [...] I can learn PowerPoint, Word, Office, and so many things that can help me to get a great job."

Wintrust Community Banks has four charters that serve the Harper community. From scholarship support, event sponsorship, volunteer engagement and alumni involvement, the Harper College Educational Foundation is grateful for Wintrust Community Banks' continued support of Harper College students and alumni.



The Harper College Educational Foundation 31st Annual Golf Open will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at Inverness Golf Club. This year's Golf Open celebrates Dr. Kenneth Ender's legacy and 10 years of leadership as president of Harper College.

Sponsorships, foursomes, individual golf spots and tickets to the evening cocktail reception and dinner are available.

Please contact Kristyn Meyer at 847.925.6468 or kmeyer@harpercollege.edu to learn more.

# HOPE GIVING CIRCLE RECIPIENT PROFILES



#### Emma Rutherford | 2018-2019 Recipient

My fall semester at Harper was amazing, I got to experience new things, meet new people, and take classes that challenged me intellectually. I was able to volunteer on Friday mornings with Amie Granger, working with elementary and middle school children and showing them that college is a possibility! My spring semester

marks my last couple months with Harper, and I'm sad to say goodbye but I'm excited for the opportunities that lay ahead for me. I was recently

accepted into Roosevelt University in Chicago, and will be getting my bachelor's degree in English with a minor in communication. It is because of the HOPE community that I am able to attend Roosevelt University in the fall, and I am forever grateful. Because of the HOPE scholarship and the women of HOPE, I'll be able to make my dream come true. Thank you all so much for the opportunity you have given my fellow recipients and me. I look forward to working with the HOPE Giving Circle in the future and eventually becoming a member myself!



#### Sabrina Martinez | 2018-2019 Recipient

Hello! I am in the process of completing my last semester at Harper. I am planning on transferring to Loyola University in Chicago or the University of Illinois. I am deciding whether or not to double major in business and communication. My mentor, Bonnie, has helped me so much in terms of having someone to give me guidance in my career

and with schooling. It is so assuring knowing that I will have a mentor for all of my education. I also am planning on attending law school to specialize in social issues.

I would like to take part in internship programs to dip my toes into the business and legal field. I'm looking forward to competing in my last season of speech and debate.

I am also looking forward to becoming more involved in the community over the summer.



#### Arianna Mormino | 2018 -2019 Recipient

I have entered my last semester at Harper and I cannot be more excited for the future. Reflecting on my fall semester, I would say it was a challenging but rewarding semester that helped prepare me for the journey I will have as a veterinary student in the future. A highlight of my semester was getting the Animal Rights Club up and running and

becoming the President of the club. I will graduate in May from Harper College with my associates in Science. I recently was accepted to Loyola University in Chicago, and I will be starting in the fall as a Biology major. I am eager to begin my journey there, but I will never forget the amazing experience I have had at Harper. I would like to thank you all again for helping me take the steps necessary in achieving my dreams and for being so supportive. I am grateful for the HOPE Giving Circle and for all the incredible opportunities this scholarship has given me thus far. Thank you!

## The HOPE Giving Circle MISSION STATEMENT

The HOPE Giving Circle brings together influential women of diverse backgrounds with a common goal of supporting women pursuing higher education and empowering them to reach their full potential. HOPE Giving Circle members combine their resources to make a greater impact on the lives of women pursuing higher education at Harper College. Through scholarship support, mentoring, professional development opportunities and other means, the HOPE Giving Circle is committed to creating and enhancing educational and leadership opportunities for women.



## SAVE THE DATE

## 2019 Scholarship Reception

July 16, 2019

Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club

## **HOPE AT A GLANCE**

\$4,005

Average cost of Harper annual tuition

\$10,000

HOPE Scholarship: (can be used at Harper and/or for the first year at a transfer school)

Number of scholarships awarded

Number of scholarships to be awarded in 2019-2020

31

Total number of HOPE members

\$120,000

Total amount raised since HOPE inception in 2016

\$1,000

Annual membership cost

100%

Percent of membership that supports scholarships

To learn more about the HOPE Giving Circle or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Shannon Hynes at 847.925.6701 or shynes@harpercollege.edu

#### NEWEST FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

# WELCOME

The Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to welcome **Eric Pan** to the Board.

Eric Pan is an Area President at Arthur J. Gallagher. He leads a team of Chicago based commercial brokers with niche expertise in Higher Education, Public Entity, K-12 Schools, Religious, Non-Profit, and



Insurance Pools. Arthur J. Gallagher is located in Rolling Meadows.

Eric is a graduate of Illinois State University and received the Business Insurance Power Broker Top 40 under 40 Award. He is involved with ISU's Katie School, and emceed the Hall of Fame event which raised over \$1M for scholarships. Eric lives in Itasca with his wife, Christina and three children.

# RETIRING

#### FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

The Harper College Educational Foundation thanks the following board members who will be ending their terms at Board members on June 30, 2019. These five volunteers have collectively given almost 50 years of leadership service to the Foundation. As Foundation Presidents, Vice Presidents, Committee chairs and members, these individuals have helped the Foundation to grow in its ability to serve Harper College students as they pursue their goals and dreams. We graciously thank them for their service!

Joe Delaney
Jim Hagelow
Georgeanna Mehr

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Sam Oliver
Greg Werner

# **CAMPUS NAMING OPPORTUNITIES**



## JUDY MARWICK EXPERIMENTAL CLASSROOM

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