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# DACC FOUNDATION FOOD PANTRY FOR STUDENTS

Food insecurity is defined as the lack of The DACC Foundation has been solely purchase fresh food items like meat, reliable access to sufficient quantities of responsible for the operation of the affordable, nutritious food.

According to the survey, "Hunger on Campus: The Challenge of Food Insecurity for College Students," conducted by the College and University Food Bank Alliance, the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, the Student Government Resource Center. and the Student Public Interest Research Groups, 48 percent of respondents reported food insecurity in the previous 30 days, including 22 percent with very low levels of food security that qualify them as hungry.

Due to these alarming statistics, and anecdotal evidence from our own faculty and staff. DACC established a food pantry on campus in 2012.

Food Pantry since January 2016.

Since that time, the Pantry has served 50 students – or 164 people including family members – and those students have made 143 visits to the Pantry. As the need is so great, the Foundation has begun holding Food Drive Friday events on the first Friday of each month, but they will accept donations of non-perishable food items and personal care items – including diapers – at any time.

Tax deductible monetary donations are also accepted and can be used to purchase food items through the Eastern Illinois Foodbank at a greatly reduced cost. Donations also fund grocery-only gift cards so students may milk, and eggs. Contributions may be made online at www.dacc.edu/give



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# MEET THE NEW DACC PRESIDENT, DR. STEPHEN NACCO



Dr. Stephen Nacco officially took the reins as the seventh president in Danville Area Community College's 70-year history Monday, August 15, 2016.

Dr. Nacco comes to DACC after six years as vice president of administrative services and executive assistant to the president at Union County College in Cranford, N.J. He and his wife Cindy officially moved to the Danville community in early August.

"This is a beautiful community college, a bedrock for Danville and the region, and a leader in student success and workforce development," Dr. Nacco said after accepting the president's position in July. "For my wife Cindy and me, we're privileged to be invited

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Pictured: Dr. Stephen Nacco, President of DACC; Foundation Board members Thomas "Tuck" Meyer, Dean Grimes, and Tom Chamberlain; Madelle Hegeler; Tracy Wahlfeldt, Foundation Director: and Julius W. Hegeler II

# Hegeler Memorial Bench Unveiled

It was unusually warm and sunny on November 1, 2016, when officials from Danville Area Community College and the DACC Foundation unveiled and dedicated a bench to memorialize Bobette Steely Hegeler, late wife of Julius W. Hegeler II. Mrs. Hegeler, who passed in 1976, was a civicminded community leader who felt strongly about supporting education, the arts, and libraries.

"She was a beautiful person inside and out," her daughter, Madelle Hegeler, reminisced. The sentiment is carved into the bench for all to see.

The bench was appropriately placed outside the Clock Tower Center - home of the Liberal Arts division and the College Library at DACC. It was set to complement a matching bench placed by Mr. Hegeler several years ago in memory of late DACC Professor Mary Coffman. The bench is the latest in a string of

gifts from Mr. Hegeler and the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation that beautify the DACC campus. Those former contributions include the Garden Gateway, the College greenhouse, the Julius W. Hegeler II addition to the Technology Center, and renovations to the Ornamental Horticulture building.

The intimate ceremony was attended by members of the DACC Foundation board, DACC Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, and a few close personal friends of the Hegeler family.

"We cannot begin to express our gratitude for the many contributions Mr. Hegeler has made to our campus," said Foundation Director Tracy Wahlfeldt. "We are beyond pleased to add this tribute to a beloved wife, mother, and community activist."

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# Why We Give

Dr. George & Mrs. Joan Richards
Explain their decades-long
commitment to the DACC
Foundation





Dr. George and Mrs. Joan Richards are as iconic at DACC as the fabled clock tower. Their contributions as College and Foundation Board members and as donors are an enduring testament to their longstanding commitment of giving their "time, talent, and treasure" to DACC's students and the community.

A doctor of veterinary medicine, George served for nearly 24 years as a trustee on the DACC Board of Trustees, 17 of those years as the chair. He also continues to contribute as an emeritus member of the Foundation Board, where he served for nine years, three as president.

With careers in education and finance along with a master's in business from Northwestern, Joan first learned about DACC after marrying George in 1988 and has served for nine years on the Foundation Board, two as president.

George recalls, "I was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1974 and the community-college movement was in its infancy. I could see that I could really make a difference in our community by supporting DACC's role in revitalizing

business and employment opportunities for residents."

Joan recognized DACC's value on an interpersonal level. "While I was working for Carle Clinic, I came to know a number of working mothers—many of them single—who were raising a family and trying to give themselves a chance for a better life through education. I saw that these people needed a boost, the kind provided by the scholarship assistance offered by the Foundation."

The Richards' scholarships focus on students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields. Being in the medical profession, George sees his support of STEM education globally. "Math and the sciences are important fields of study, so we typically earmark our donations to help students in STEM."

When Joan first began reading scholarship applications as a Foundation Board member, she and George became aware of the magnitude of need. As Joan says, "There are myriad stories, touching stories, of people who need any assistance whatsoever you can provide. Their stories touch you in the heart. And when you meet the students during the Honors Program—it's truly a transformational experience."

George and Joan have one other important reason for choosing to be DACC donors. George calls it "trust." Joan says, "We have confidence in

the people of the Foundation and the College administrators. They make sure that our donations support the needlest students and that the funds are managed well."

"Our scholarships are all about helping people," George says, "and we do it because we trust that the students receiving these scholarships are getting a great education from the people at DACC. I can say, without exception, that throughout my 40-or-so years of being involved with DACC, I continue to be impressed with the quality of the faculty and staff at the College."

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# The Impact of Scholarships



My name is Demetrius Tyler Sr. I am the father of 8 beautiful sons with my wife of 13 years.

I first came to DACC in the Fall of 2013 after losing a job because of an accident at work in which I lost the tips of my three middle fingers on my left

My recovery time was to take a year to 18 months to get my hand back to functioning properly. So my job decided to let me go. I had given that job my all for 7 years and I found out I was replaceable.

I was dealing with an injury, loss of employment, unable to find employment, financial problems and still trying to hold it together for my family. One night as it all started to overwhelm me I prayed for an answer and God told me to go back to school.

I didn't understand it at the time but because I obeyed and went back to school, I received the proper education I needed and befriended the DACC staff and teachers that have helped me realize dreams I thought would never come true.

I received my Associate degree in Agribusiness in the fall of 2016 and I will receive my Associate degree in Accounting in the spring of 2017.

The scholarships I received were a big part in making my education virtually free. With my education comes the prospect of finding better employment and opportunities. My goal is to receive my Bachelor degree and find a job that will support my family.

Scholarships make it possible for a person like me to better themselves through education and cut down on some of the burdens that stop a lot of people from realizing their dreams. For this I say thank you to all the donors past, present and future.

# New President (Cont'd)

into this wonderful community."

Dr. Nacco holds a doctorate in educational leadership focused on community colleges from Rowan University, a Ph.D. in English and American literature from Fordham University, a master's in English and American literature from St. John's University and a bachelor's degree in English literature from State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Prior to joining Union, Dr. Nacco was executive director of college relations at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. (2001-2010) and senior director of customer relations for MTA New York City Transit (1988-2001).

He began his career as a full-time instructor in English at St. John's University.

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# NEW FORMAT SHORTENS HONORS PROGRAM

Danville Area Community College Foundation's annual Honors Program celebrates the achievements of scholarship recipients at DACC and the generosity of the donors who support them. Without the support of scholarship dollars, many students' potential might remain untapped.

On Friday, September 23, 2016, the DACC Foundation celebrated awarding a recordbreaking 534 scholarships valued at over \$643,000 during the annual Honors program. More than 80 percent of applicants received some award.

More than 500 people gathered in Mary Miller Gym to honor the motivation and dedication of scholarship recipients while thanking the generous donors who made the scholarships possible. Scholarship dollars often make the difference between students achieving their dreams or putting them on hold indefinitely. These valuable scholarships assist students in reaching their education goals. Awards are given to both traditional and non-traditional students.

After years of programs lasting more than three hours, Foundation Director Tracy



Wahlfeldt and her staff chose to shorten the program and maximize the time donors and recipients got to meet and talk amongst themselves. The program consisted of brief comments from new DACC President Stephen Nacco and Director Wahlfeldt, and brief testimonials from scholarship recipients Demetrius Tyler, Sr. and Siscily Shelby.

The entire event, including recipient photos was completed in less than 90 minutes. Many donors commented that they loved the new format because it allowed them more time to visit with their recipients, yet didn't consume an entire afternoon. Students and faculty were fond of the new format because it didn't take them out of the classroom for long.



# Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs Retires After 17 Years

More than 200 well-wishers gathered at Turtle Run Banquet the first time for the 2016-2017 Center on the evening of July 23, 2016, to celebrate the presidential tenure of Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs at Danville Area Community College. Generous sponsors underwrote the cost of President Thomas "Tuck" Meyer, the event allowing every dollar collected in ticket fees to fund the Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs Scholarship. By the end of the evening, \$40,277 had been raised to endow this new

scholarship. It was awarded for Senate. academic year to Angela Smith.

In addition to tributes from **DACC Board of Trustees Chair** Dave Harby, DACC Foundation and retiree Rebecca Schlecht. Dr. Jacobs received proclamations from the City of Danville, Vermilion County, the Illinois House of

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