

# DACC Foundation Friends Fall Newsletter

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## WHY I GIVE: PATRICIA BROWN

Patricia Brown says that she wanted to endow a scholarship at DACC "long before I did." Her DACC experience would afford her with two distinctly different vantage points: first as a nursing faculty member and then as a student.

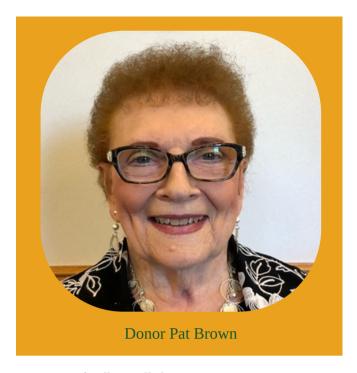
From an early age, Patricia Brown knew she had a calling to become a nurse. She says, "Back in the 1950s, there weren't a lot of career opportunities for women. Women would go to secretary school or into teaching. A third option was nursing, and that's where my passion was for as long as I could remember."

After high school, Ms. Brown earned a three-year registered-nursing diploma at the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. With husband Jerry Brown a sergeant in the Danville Police Department, Ms. Brown settled into Danville. She and her husband raised three sons, and she worked for 11 years at what was then Lakeview Hospital on Logan Avenue.

While serving as head nurse at Lakeview, the teaching bug bit her. "The ironic thing is, I never wanted to be a teacher," Ms. Brown says. "But I realized that a big part of my role as a head nurse was to teach other nurses—one-on-one. Not only would I find myself teaching staff, I also devoted a great deal of time to helping patients learn about their medical conditions so that they could make informed decisions about their lives."

A call from a former nursing colleague opened Ms. Brown's mind to a full-time position as a teacher of nursing. Joyce Atchison was on the Danville Junior College nursing faculty and encouraged her friend Patricia to apply.

In 1974, Ms. Brown would join the DJC staff and devote more than 28 years to teaching full-time and another 11 years part-time at DACC. She proved to be so successful in this new profession that in 1998, Ms. Brown became DACC's first-ever nursing teacher to receive "Faculty of the Year" honors.



Ms. Brown fondly recalls her experiences at DACC. "We always had faculty that were close, compassionate, and cooperative. We helped each other a lot. And in working with student nurses, I loved the combination of classroom instruction and clinicals."

Patricia Brown had been a nurse who never thought she'd teach—but then proved to be an award-winning professor.

But life had another irony in store for her. During her first few years as a DACC faculty member, Illinois was going to require all nursing programs' faculty to have a degree higher than an RN Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing was unaccredited.

All at once, Ms. Brown would not only be preparing lesson plans for the classes she was teaching, she'd also be cracking the books at DACC as a student herself. As she says, "I could empathize with DACC students. I got to see, first-hand, the time and expense involved in being a student—particularly nursing students."

Ms. Brown worked hard to achieve her educational goals while balancing her career and family life. After completing her general-education classes at DACC, Ms. Brown transferred to Governor's State University to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1981 and then her master's degree in nursing education in 1984.

After retiring from her full-time position at DACC in 2003 and then from part-time teaching in 2014, Ms. Brown would keep the promise she made to herself.

#### Why I Give (cont'd)

In 2018, she created an annual Patricia A. Brown Nursing scholarship that would become fully endowed in 2020. "The scholarship," she says, "helps pay for uniforms, shoes, stethoscopes, computers, and books—all of which are very expensive for nursing students."

Ms. Brown is impressed with the generosity of everyone who supports scholarships through the DACC Foundation. "Education is not only important for people pursing a specific vocation or profession. Education is the key to a quality life. DACC can provide that for anyone who chooses."

Ultimately for Ms. Brown, scholarships at DACC are a family affair. She and her sons Scott, Eric, and Doug created an annual scholarship at DACC in honor of her husband, Jerry Brown, who passed away in 1998. The scholarship was established in 2001 and became fully endowed in 2020.

The Jerome D. "Jerry" Brown Memorial Scholarship supports students studying criminal justice. Ms. Brown says, "Education was always important to Jerry. He was the original 'Officer Friendly' and is responsible for 'Friendly Town' in Lincoln Park. He believed strongly in the value of a well-educated police force. We are very proud of his legacy."

Thank you, Brown family.



First Year Presidential Scholars



Second Year Presidential Scholars

# DACC Foundation Hosts More than 600 at Honors Program

### 2022-2023 By the Numbers

- 658 scholarships awarded = \$945,450
- 379 different students received a scholarship (100%)
- 293 students received \$1,000 or more (77.3%)
- 191 students received more than one scholarship (50.39%)

2023-2024 Goal: \$1 Million

On September 16th, more than 600 people gathered with the DACC Foundation to celebrate scholarship donors and recipients at the Annual Honors Program in Mary Miller Gym. The brief program featured remarks by Dr. Carl Bridges, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and a testimonial by Haley Hill, a nursing student who received one of 11 Lowell and Florence Crawford scholarships. The Crawford Scholarship provides full tuition, fees, and books for up to three full academic years. It is the largest financial scholarship awarded by the DACC Foundation.

The Foundation awarded 658 scholarships valued at more than \$945,000, with 100 percent of the students who applied and chose to attend the College receiving a scholarship.

"\$945,450! My goal is to make it to \$1 million next year," says Tonya Hill, Executive Director of the DACC Foundation. "This is a generous community and we have loyal donors. I know we can do it!"

#### Honors Program (cont'd)

Scholarship awards at DACC have grown each year for more than a decade. In addition to individual annual scholarships, this year there were 38 Presidential Scholars receiving two years of tuition; 11 Crawford Scholars receiving up to three years of tuition, as well as fees and books; 20 Auter Scholars receiving one year of paid tuition plus fees and books; and 14 Switzer Scholars receiving \$5,000 each. Additionally, the Foundation awarded \$4,000 in Follett Bookstore vouchers to students needing help with books. While these were called scholarships, they were not included in the "academic year" scholarship total.

Ms. Hill states, "This year, most applicants received at least \$500. Our future goal is to be able to award at least \$1,000 to each qualified scholarship applicant. I have faith we will get there."

The Foundation's annual Honors Program celebrates the achievements of scholarship recipients at DACC and the generosity of the donors who support them. The Honors Program is an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet and thank their donors in person.



# New Funds Established 2021-2022

We are grateful for these new scholarships and new initiative funds established in the past year. We offer heartfelt thanks to our new donors.

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# Magic Number: 100%

Percentage of DACC-attending students who applied for and were awarded a Foundation scholarship for 2022-23. This is the second year in a row for this phenomenal accomplishment!

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Tonya Hill receives a "big check" from Meijer #249 representatives Cyndi Starwalt and Store Director Mark Cuprinski.

Meijer Store #249, located locally in the Danville community, has donated again to DACC's Foundation Food Pantry. Contributing since 2016, the Danville Meijer gifted \$5,000 toward acquiring a refrigerator for DACC's Foundation Food Pantry on March 10th, 2022. The donation will enable the Food Pantry to store perishable items and thus improve student life on campus through a greater variety of food options like produce and dairy products. Meijer is dedicated to ensuring a healthy lifestyle for students by highlighting the importance of eating healthy to maintain a bright mind.

Cyndi Starwalt, Meijer's Retail Administrative Assistant, affirmed that the "two critically important areas to the Meijer family are education and hunger," and Meijer wishes to help the DACC community by actively supporting local education endeavors as many of their employees are also DACC students. Tonya Hill, Executive Director of the DACC Foundation, said of Meijer, "They are great partners in our community who understand the essentials that contribute to thriving students." The DACC community is forever grateful for Meijer's renewed efforts to assist in improving the Food Pantry and, consequently, the lives and success of students and the community.



## RETIREES' LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, October 4th, the DACC Retiree Luncheon was held at the Bremer Center to rekindle the retirees' connection with Danville Area Community College. Originally the Fall Cookout from years gone by, the event honoring DACC's retirees has officially been revived. The meal, including Smoked Beef Brisket and Lemon Glazed Salmon, was artfully prepared by DACC's Culinary Professor, Dana Wheeler, and her students.

Kerri Thurman, Vice President of Operations/Secretary to the Board, stated, "This year seemed like the right time to host the luncheon. After two years of COVID closures, we were thrilled to be able to hold this event and encourage people to come together in a much-needed time of camaraderie." She affirmed that the luncheon afforded a "way to bring retirees back and to keep their connection with DACC and their fellow retirees flourishing." Ms. Thurman declared that it was a beautiful sight to see so many familiar faces gathered together and mingling with one another.

When Dave Kietzmann, retired Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, was asked about the event's importance, he replied, "The retirees did great work for the college, and it is critical to honor them for their service and commitment to DACC." With close to 60 retirees in attendance, Mr. Kietzmann said that the luncheon was successful enough to warrant an annual event, so the Retiree Luncheon will be held on the first Tuesday of every October.

Mr. Kietzmann emphasized the positive reception from the retirees. "My fellow retirees greatly appreciated the honor and we are eagerly awaiting the next year's event."

According to Mr. Kietzmann, DACC President Stephen Nacco and Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill touchingly and personally thanked the retirees for their service and for building the College through their work and commitment to students.

Furthermore, Mr. Kietzmann wished to extend a special thank you to the DACC staff who planned and organized this year's event: President Nacco, Ms. Hill, Ms. Thurman, Jill Cranmore, Vice President of Human Resources; and Damie Cramer, Administrative Assistant to the President and Operations. "This fantastic team made the event possible and honored DACC's retirees in such a special manner."

On this note, the entire DACC community is thankful to all the retirees for their dedication to education and the quality of the college. Danville Area Community College cannot wait to continue to express that gratitude through many Retiree Luncheons to come.

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The DACC Foundation Scholarship Application for the 2022-2023 academic year will be available online beginning **January 3, 2023.** 

All applications must be submitted electronically no later than **May 1, 2023**.

The Scholarship application may be found at: www.dacc.edu/foundation. Click on the DACC Scholarships button to be taken to the online application.



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