

NYCCT 2021 Awards

ANNE BUSHNELL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Scope and importance of award:

This is the highest accolade that NYCCT awards to a trustee. It recognizes extraordinary leadership and achievement as demonstrated by the incomparable Trustee Bushnell, throughout or in part of the term of his/her service as a trustee, to the trustee's local college or the community college system.

Only one award in this category is presented in any year. The NYCCT Awards Committee can nominate an individual to receive this award.

Sister Margaret "Peggy" Murphy

TRUSTEE

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a longtime educator and professor at Mount Saint Mary College, Sister Peggy Murphy has always understood how higher education can shape lives and foster success. Throughout her 15-years as a SUNY Orange Trustee, she was a student-centered leader and a compassionate advocate for both the College and its students. She believes in the community college mission, and shared stories with local leaders how SUNY Orange deeply and positively impacted it's students' lives. True to her training as a Dominican Sister, she speaks softly,



but her words carry great weight. Active in NYCCT and ACCT, she continued her advocacy at the national level. In her tenure as a trustee, she held membership on every committee, and was the longtime chair of the Academic and Student Services committee. It was with this committee that her greatest influence was felt. She guided the Trustees in their support of College leadership as it coalesced the efforts of the Academic Affairs and Student Services units into a strong partnership that exists today. She also offered her rich insight, from a

Trustee perspective, as the College embarked upon its implementation of Guided Pathways (branded as the SUNY Orange Experience). Both of these endeavors, while highly visible, received the caring and thoughtful Trustee counsel that only Sister Peggy could provide.

An important component of the recent capital improvements at Orange Included the development of a SUNY-approved branch campus in the City of Newburgh. Sister Peggy's rapport with the County Executive and legislators, and her longtime acquaintance with a major donor, were valuable during the conception and development of the campus. The new campus gave the college the opportunity to double its capacity to serve students in Newburgh. SUNY Orange now offers seven full degree programs in Newburgh.

In addition to her work as a professor and trustee, Sister Peggy has been a volunteer with the Parents Apart Program of the Orange County Mediation Project, and has served as a Member of the Board of Trustees of Molloy College, Rockville Centre, N.Y. She is a founding member of the Orange County Irish Heritage Festival Foundation and was a long-standing member of that organization's Board of Directors. She has been co-director of the Orange County Chapter of Contemplative Outreach, and served on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Childcare Council. She has received the Orange County Woman of Achievement Award, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Award and the New York State Senate Woman of Distinction.

FRIEND OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AWARD

Scope and importance of award:

This is a major award of NYCCT . It is the highest distinction that NYCCT can bestow on an individual who — though not a community college trustee — has significantly advanced the cause of community colleges.

Only one award in this category is presented in any year. The NYCCT Awards Committee can nominate an individual to receive this award.



The Sands Family Foundation

The Sands Family has been a special partner to Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) since 1972, when Marvin Sands, the founder of the Canandaigua Wine Company first partnered with the college and Ontario County to develop what is now the Constellation Brands Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center (CMAC), developing a strong bond initially through mutual interests in the power of music that greatly enhanced

FLCC's musical and music production programs. Since then, Marvin's sons Richard and Rob, have grown and changed their family company's name to Constellation Brands, which has become the largest alcohol distributor in the world, while also donating millions of dollars to support FLCC through numerous scholarships and support of several academic programs. Most specifically, a \$1 million donation in 2011 to establish a modern and inviting Student Center, and in 2019 with the largest gift in FLCC's history – a \$3 million donation for the development of the Sands Family Center for Allied Health to modernize the Nursing Program facilities, increase the size of the Nursing Program, and create a Licensed Practical Nurse Program (LPN). FLCC is truly grateful for the Sands Family's generous support of the college and community.

Richard Sands is executive vice chair of Constellation Brands, having served in numerous capacities since 1979. He was elected as chairman of the board in 1999, serving for 19 years. Previously, he served as chief executive officer, president, COO, and executive vice president. Richard serves as chairman for the Education Success Foundation, Education Success Network, and Friends of CMAC. He is currently an emeritus board member of both Rochester Institute of Technology and University of Rochester after having served many years on both Boards of Trustees.

Rob Sands is executive chair of Constellation Brands where he joined the company in 1986, serving in a number of roles with increasing responsibility including executive vice president and general counsel, CEO of Constellation International, and president and COO. Rob is board chairman of Pace University, New York Kitchen, ROC2025, and the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He serves as a trustee on the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation and is a member of the boards at the Rochester Regional Health System and Thompson Health.

MARVIN A. RAPP AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TRUSTEE SERVICE

Scope and importance of award:

The Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service honors individuals with outstanding records of dedicated and effective service as community college trustees over an extended period of time. This year NYCCT honors five trustees with this award.



Carla M. Palumbo

TRUSTEE
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Carla Palumbo is a gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College. Ms. Palumbo has a rich experience of commitment to community, particularly to the most vulnerable. With more than three decades of experience as an attorney, she is the president and CEO of the Legal Aid Society of Rochester. In public service, she was a member of the Monroe County Legislature, serving two years as minority leader. She has also been a member of the Rochester City Council.



Jacalyn F. Whiting

TRUSTEE
GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jacalyn Whiting is not only a gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Trustees at Genesee Community College but also represents her town of Leroy, NY, as a leading light. In 2011, she was honored as Leroyan of the Year. The awardee embodies true Americanism, good citizenship and service to the community. She brings to her Board a natural collegiality joined with thoughtful and decisive decision-making. She has served as both secretary and vice chair. She is keen to support new programs and supportive of two new buildings which had added to the campus. She is the liaison from the Board of Trustees to the Foundation.



Alan Lomita

TRUSTEE
SUNY Ulster

Alan Lomita has served on the board of SUNY Ulster as a gubernatorial appointee since 2016. He completed a 33-year career as an educator and student of history. He has also been involved in many civic endeavors. A former seven-term county legislator, he has shared his positive relationships with both the Ulster County Legislature and the County Executive with the College. Mr. Lomita has been Chair of the board of Trustees and an active member of multiple board committees.

John Sindoni, Esq.

TRUSTEE
ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

John Sindoni is a distinguished real estate attorney and shares his expertise in his work on the Board of Trustees of Onondaga Community College (OCC). John has served as Board Secretary and is currently the Chair, active on the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee. He is also a member of the Board of the Housing Development Authority, working to house OCC's students. Mr. Sindoni joins President Craybill to visit elected officials and shares his passion for OCC and its students. A quiet champion for many organizations in his area, he is also on the boards of Christian Brothers Academy, Woodlawn Cemetery and Christopher Community.



Martin Wortendyke

TRUSTEE
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Martin C. Wortendyke, a gubernatorial appointee, serves the board of Rockland Community College (RCC). A leader on the board, Mr. Wortendyke was Vice Chair for four years and was elected to three two-year terms as Chair. In addition to his work at RCC, he honors his home county as a member of the Board of Visitors for the Helen Hays Hospital and a member of the Architectural Review Board for his town. Martin founded Cal Mart Enterprises, Inc. with his brothers, a successful Rockland based construction company.

ALICE HOLLOWAY YOUNG AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY A RETIRED TRUSTEE

Scope and importance of award:

The award is given for outstanding continued service to a community college after the Trustee's retirement from the Board.



Laura J. Bohm

RETIRED TRUSTEE
GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Laura J. Bohm was appointed as a member of the Genesee Community College Board of Trustees from 1986-2001 and again from 2008-2018. Ms. Bohm served in each board office as Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair. She was on every board committee and she was the GCC liaison to ACCT and NYCCT. Her leadership in NYCCT included leading the organization as Chair from 2016- 2018.

An advocate for students, Ms. Bohm is steadfast in her commitment to the community college mission for access. To her Board at GCC, she provided both sound judgment and distinguished leadership.



Benjamin J. Bonarigo, Sr.

RETIRED TRUSTEE
GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Benjamin J. Bonarigo, Sr., was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Genesee Community College in 2011 and served until 2020. Mr. Bonarigo chaired a multi-year Board Policy Review, allowing the Board to evaluate their framework of values and perspectives for future organizational decision-making. He advocated for the growth and development of programs and facilities. Committed to community life, Mr. Bonarigo has

served in public office, civic organizations, community initiatives and volunteer services.

DONALD M. MAWHINNEY JR., TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Scope and importance of award:

This award celebrates trustees who demonstrate a significant commitment to the community college mission through exceptional leadership, inspired vision, and outstanding professional contributions to the goals and accomplishments of their local campus, following in the tradition of Trustee Mawhinney, one of the longest continuously serving community college trustees in North America.



Linda P. Van Buskirk

TRUSTEE

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Linda Van Buskirk has been a passionate and steadfast advocate for Cayuga Community College. Past chair of Cayuga's Board of Trustees, Dr. Van Buskirk has also chaired the Governance and Planning Subcommittee. She encourages board members to advocate for funding and support from local and state representatives. Dr. Van Buskirk has also chaired the NYCCT Government Relations Committee, educating trustees from the 30 community colleges in their key role as advocates for community college education on the state and national stages. She has written compellingly to legislators on behalf of NYCCT. Dr. Van Buskirk is retired from Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Communication Department 2016 as Senior Lecturer.



John L. Bartolotta

TRUSTEE

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

John L. Bartolotta has been a staunch advocate for Monroe Community College (MCC), SUNY and its students for more than 37 years. He has chaired both the MCC Board of Trustees from 2013-2017 and is active on the MCC Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Bartolotta's leadership contributed to the appointment of past and current MCC presidents, the opening of MCC's Damon City Campus in 1992 and its Downtown Campus in 2017. He led the Foundation's first capital campaign in 1992-1996 and set the stage for Rochesterians to invest in MCC, including establishing endowed chairs in Community Service and Holocaust and Genocide Studies. A veteran of the US Marine Corps Reserve, Mr. Bartolotta retired as Group Manager/Administrative Vice President of M&T Bank.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD FOR CIVIC CONTRIBUTION

Scope and importance of award:

The civic award is presented to an individual whose contributions have improved their community and made the world a better place through volunteerism and community service.



Robert J. Bennett

**TRUSTEE
GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Robert J. Bennett completed his Associate Degree in Accounting from Genesee Community College in 1974 and headed out to a career as a local entrepreneur and business leader. He has recently retired after 26 years at Tompkins Bank of Castile. A member of the Genesee Community College Foundation Board of Directors for nearly 20 years, he has chaired or served on every committee, working tirelessly to raise money for the College. He has received the Foundation's Alpha Medal of Service, Geneseean of the Year Award, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, Leroyan of the Year and two-time Paul Harris Fellow Award.



Nicholas Illobre

**TRUSTEE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Nicholas Illobre has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Educational Foundation of Orange County Community College since 1998, two years as the Chair. Mr. Illobre serves on the Executive Committee, the Board Development Committee and the Human Resources Committee. He grew up in Middletown, graduated from Middletown High School and came to Orange County Community College to continue his studies. His Associates degree in Business led him to an interest in Industrial Labor Relations which he went on to study at Le Moyne College. He enjoyed a long and successful career at Orange and Rockland Utilities, rising to become Director of Human Resources at parent company ConEdison. Mr. Illobre credits Orange County Community College for his career success. He was the first Orange County Community College alumnus to be honored with SUNY Orange's Distinguished Alumni Award. He sets an amazing example for other board members and, above all else, he always puts the needs of the students and the College first.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Scope and importance of award:

The professional award is presented to someone who has reached the pinnacle of one's professional career or has achieved great success in one's field of study.



Dr. Kimberly McKinsey-Mabry

**TRUSTEE
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Dr. Kimberly McKinsey-Mabry has been serving as the Acting Vice President of Student Services at Monroe Community College (MCC), since July 2020. Her clear commitment to student success and her professional, calm approach to problem solving has won the respect of her colleagues and has been a benefit to our students. Prior to her current role, Dr. McKinsey-Mabry worked in a variety of roles at the College, including Dean of the Schools of Business and Community Engagement, Interim Dean of Academic Services at the Damon City Campus, and Assistant to the Provost. She is a collaborative administrator with twenty years of experience in developing, implementing, and leading innovative programs that promote student engagement and success.

Dr. McKinsey-Mabry is particularly passionate about supporting women and encouraging their pursuit of educational and career goals. She attended MCC as a single mother and on welfare. Today, she shares her story to inspire others, so much so, that she was MCC's Commencement speaker this past May.

Dr. McKinsey-Mabry holds an Ed.D. from St. John Fisher College, a M.B.A. from Metropolitan College of New York, a B.S. in Community and Human Services Management and an A.S. in Liberal Arts with a certificate in Human Services from Monroe Community College.



Karin Franklin-King

TRUSTEE

ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Karen Franklin-King, a Brooklyn native, came to Syracuse to attend Onondaga Community College (OCC), where as a drama major, she found the spark to continue her studies at SUNY Oswego. She went on to receive a Master of Fine Arts degree from Cornell University. Ms. Franklin-King hosted the daily live talk show "Open Line," popular in the 1970's and early 1980's on Channel 9 in Syracuse. Her performance credits include lead and supporting roles in A Little Night Music, The Wiz, Tapestry/Music of Carole King, Company and many more. In the 1980's and 1990's, she was lead singer with "Golden Gate," a local band. Ms. Franklin-King also taught broadcast journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and produced "Teen Talk," a program for Contact Community Service, Inc. She owns her own public relation firm. Her passion for OCC is unwavering as a graduate and an emerita member of the Board of Directors.

EDWARD J. PAWENSKI BUSINESS/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Scope and importance of award:

This is the highest award that NYCCT can bestow on an individual from a business/industry/corporation, or a business/ industry/corporation for their partnership and commitment with the local community college.

ROCHESTER REGIONAL HEALTH

United Memorial Medical Center

United Memorial Medical Center

Genesee Community College (GCC) has a longstanding, collaborative relationship with United Memorial Medical Center that supports students, employees, training, employment and healthy living. United Memorial Medical Center staff share their values and expertise with prospective and current GCC students through an array of collaborative events and clinical experiences that often far exceed students' expectations. United Memorial Medical Center is committed to the community, and their strong relationship with the College helps to address the need for qualified health care workers and encourages an affinity for rural health care. This partnerships has resulted in increased economic, educational and employment opportunities for the citizens of the region.



Dr. Mary Leahy

Dr. Mary Leahy has served as CEO of Bon Secours Charity Health System (which includes Good Samaritan Hospital and two other local community hospitals) since 2013. A lifelong resident of Rockland County, she is a board-certified internist who has practiced medicine in the community for more than 25 years.

As one of just two major hospitals located within Rockland County, Good Samaritan Hospital has worked with Rockland Community College (RCC) to educate the students in our School of Nursing, Health, and Wellness. Each of RCC's nursing students is required to complete clinical hours and Good Samaritan has graciously opened its doors to them. As part of their clinical hours, RCC nursing students go into the hospital and interact with patients, learning the skills required to be a strong nurse.

The partnership is mutually beneficial. RCC students get to experience day-to-day rotations inside a real hospital and Good Samaritan knows that when these students graduate, there will be skilled nurses in Rockland they can hire. Indeed, each year, Good Samaritan hires numerous RCC nursing graduates. In addition to nursing, RCC built its non-credit Medical Call Center Representative program and is looking to create additional pipelines in the culinary areas within the Hospital setting.

BENEFACTOR VISION FOR TOMORROW AWARD

Scope and importance of award:

The Benefactor Vision for Tomorrow Award is a relatively new award of the NYCCT organization and is the highest award that NYCCT can make to a local benefactor for their commitment to their local community college.



Avangrid Foundation, Inc.

In Rochester, NY, Avangrid, an energy company offering electric, natural gas and renewable energy, operates as Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. For Monroe Community College (MCC), Avangrid Foundation supports Foundation supports underrepresented students, anti-poverty initiatives and provides direct support and assistance to deserving students. Avangrid's financial support has been directed toward two critical student focused programs—Single Stop and Dreamkeepers. The Avangrid Foundation's five-year pledge of \$250,000 in 2016 launched Single Stop at MCC and began the partnership. Single Stop provided support services to 817 MCC students and 875 additional household members to date. Single Stop has provided help in the areas of transportation, housing assistance, childcare, workforce training, emergency cash grants and food insecurities (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to our students and their families over the past four years. The program has increased retention and completion rates. More recently, Avangrid has become the lead sponsor of Dreamkeepers, the student emergency fund with a \$50,000 grant. Avangrid continues to support the students and their dreams of a college degree.