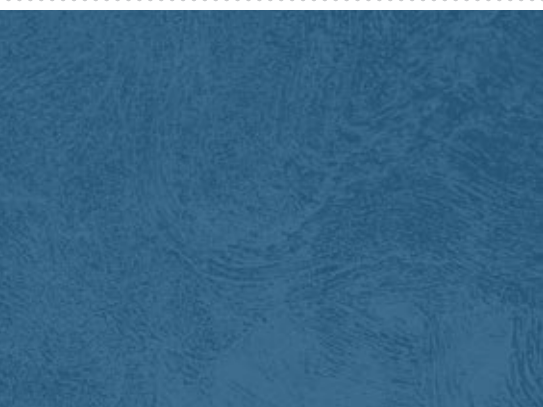
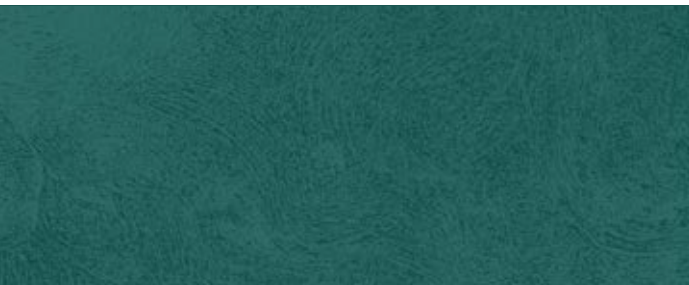


2022/2023



Farmingdale College Foundation ANNUAL REPORT



2022/23 Annual Report

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A MESSAGE
FROM THE
LEADERSHIP



John S. Nader, PhD
President
Farmingdale State College



Robert Van Nostrand '77
Chair
Farmingdale College Foundation

Dear Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends,

With the beginning of a new academic year, I'm always grateful for the opportunity to reflect on our successes and recognize the partners that play such an important role in the growth and vibrancy of our campus community. At FSC, we've enjoyed an incredible trajectory over the course of the last decade. We are the fastest growing school in the SUNY system, propelled by our highly ranked student-centric programs and expanding enrollment and capital improvements. Our dynamic programs are synonymous with the industrious nature of our students and speak volumes about those things that make FSC such a special place.

We're immensely proud of our commitment to supporting students throughout their college experience. Thanks to your support, we are able to provide more students than ever with a high-quality college education. In fact, as a direct result of your generosity, we have successfully increased our scholarship fundraising efforts and this year awarded nearly \$1 million in additional scholarship aid, after need-based federal and state financial aid and the Foundation's investment portfolio surpassed a ten million dollar endowment milestone.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to accessibility, affordability, and student support, backed by the strong vote of confidence from SUNY and new funding that enable many of our most important initiatives.

We understand that this success would not be possible without your ongoing support. I am immensely grateful for the countless ways you support Farmingdale State College, and the Farmingdale College Foundation.

Thank you for being a part of our distinct, vibrant and continuously growing community and helping us reimagine what's possible here at FSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John S. Nader".

John S. Nader, PhD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Van Nostrand '77".

Robert Van Nostrand '77

*Farmingdale
College
Foundation*
**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Robert Van Nostrand '77
Foundation Chairman
OSI Pharmaceuticals (retired)

John Witterschein
Foundation First Vice President
Bethpage Federal Credit Union

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Foundation Second Vice President
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Northwell Health Systems

Kara Cannon
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Matthew Colson
*Vice President of Development
& Alumni Engagement
Farmingdale State College*

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TD Bank

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The Ferro Family Foundation

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*Farmingdale State College
(retired)*

Vincent Naab '78
Naab Hortco, LLC

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*President
Farmingdale State College*

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Construction Group*

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Liz Uzzo
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The Farmingdale College Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1969 to support the mission of Farmingdale State College. The Foundation partners with alumni, parents, friends, and members of the College community to match strategic priorities with their charitable intentions. The Foundation provides careful and transparent stewardship of all assets held in trust for the benefit of Farmingdale State College.

Dedicated to changing lives and building futures, the Farmingdale College Foundation provides funds each year to meet a variety of critical needs including financial assistance to deserving students and funding for faculty development, academic programs, alumni programs, and special projects.

The Foundation's Board of Directors consists of alumni, friends, and elected officers. For more information about Farmingdale State College and the Farmingdale College Foundation, please call the Office for Development and Alumni Engagement at 934-420-2142.

About the **FARMINGDALE COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

**Platinum
Transparency
2023**

Candid.

<https://www.guidestar.org>

1,686

total donors.
An increase
of **12%**



\$769,574 raised for the Farmingdale Fund.

*Greater Opportunities,
Fewer Obstacles,*

THANKS TO YOU!



Collectively, we raised
***\$5,511,526** for FSC
ensuring we continue
to be an engine of
opportunity for
Long Island and beyond.

**Gifts received, pledged and promised*

Over
\$1,000,000
in estate-planned
gift promises to
Farmingdale.



\$725,539

awarded in merit
and need-based
scholarship funding.



Student Emergency Fund Graduates over 100 Students.

Assists students nearing graduation who, for unforeseen circumstances, are unable to continue their studies due to financial hardship.

\$300,000+

Dollars
Raised

115

Students
Assisted

\$155,000

Total
Dispersed

\$1,300

Average Amt.
Per Student



142 students representing 11% from the graduating class of 2023 participated in the Inaugural Senior Class Giving Campaign, paving the way for students who follow them.



18% of our donors gift more than once in a fiscal year.



3,966 gifts were made to support FSC.



54% of gifts are from first-time donors.

300+ students received merit and need-based scholarship funding.



The Farmingdale College Foundation manages

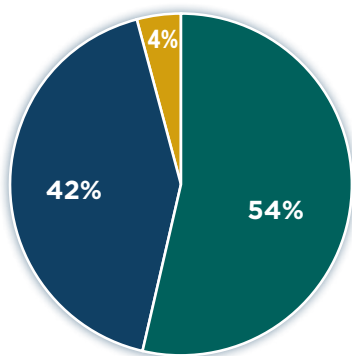
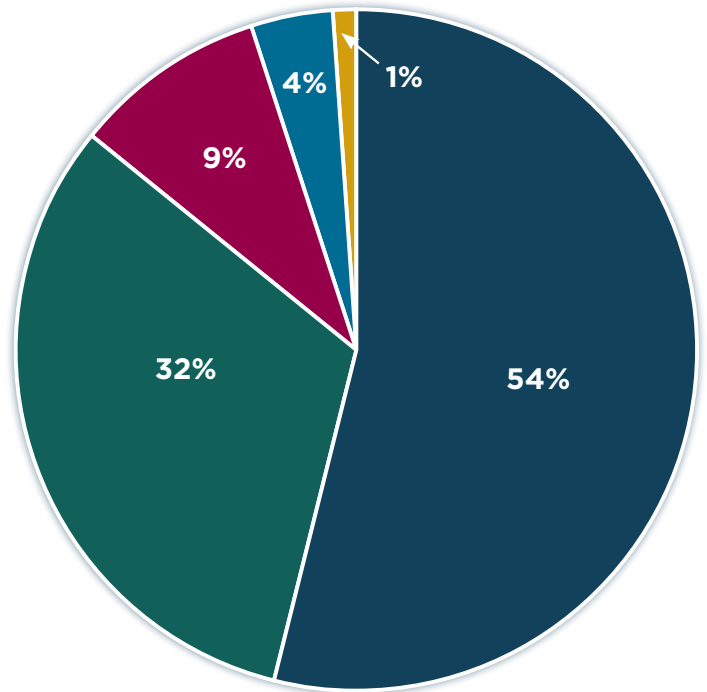
\$14,098,292

in total net assets.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 FUNDRAISING RESULTS

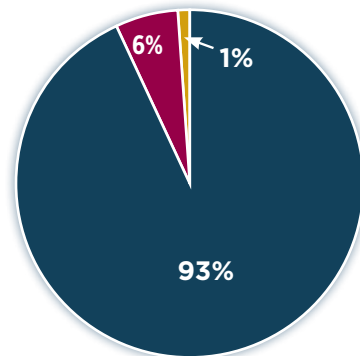
TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED \$5,511,526

Corporations	54%	(\$2,956,839)
Alumni	32%	(\$1,777,525)
Foundation	9%	(\$517,507)
Friends	4%	(\$210,858)
Faculty/Staff	1%	(\$48,797)



DONOR RETENTION

1st Time Donors	906	(54%)
Loyal Donors*	712	(42%)
Returning Donors**	68	(4%)



1686 DONORS

Individuals	1571	(93%)
Corporations	100	(6%)
Foundations	15	(1%)

*Loyal donors: Gifted more than once in the past 3 years

**Returning donors: Gifted after a 3 year absence

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 2,350,873
Promise to give	1,628,867
Accounts receivable	16,140
Prepaid expenses	69,526
Endowments	6,241,373
Other restricted investments	3,781,791
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,213,359 and \$1,209,691; respectively	9,722

TOTAL ASSETS \$14,098,292

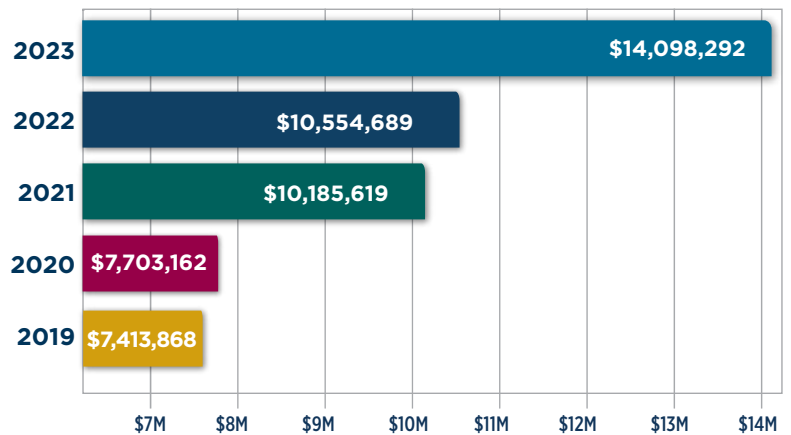
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$26,749
Net assets without donor restrictions	1,304,243
Net assets with donor restrictions	12,767,300

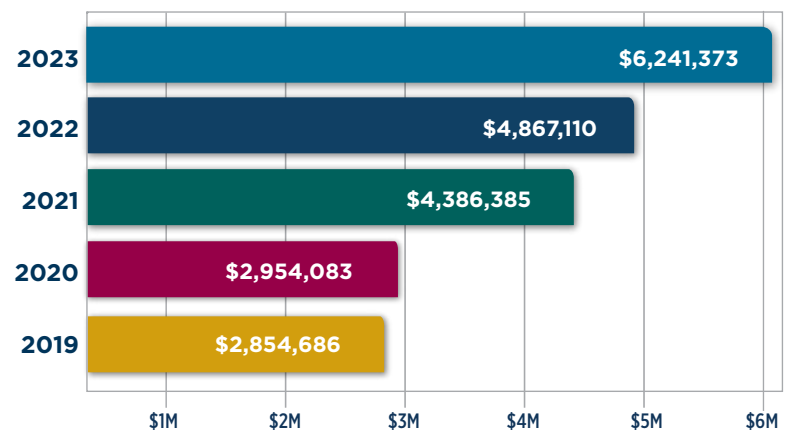
TOTAL NET ASSETS 14,071,543

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$14,098,292

TOTAL NET ASSETS GROWTH (FYE June 30)



ENDOWMENT GROWTH (FYE June 30)

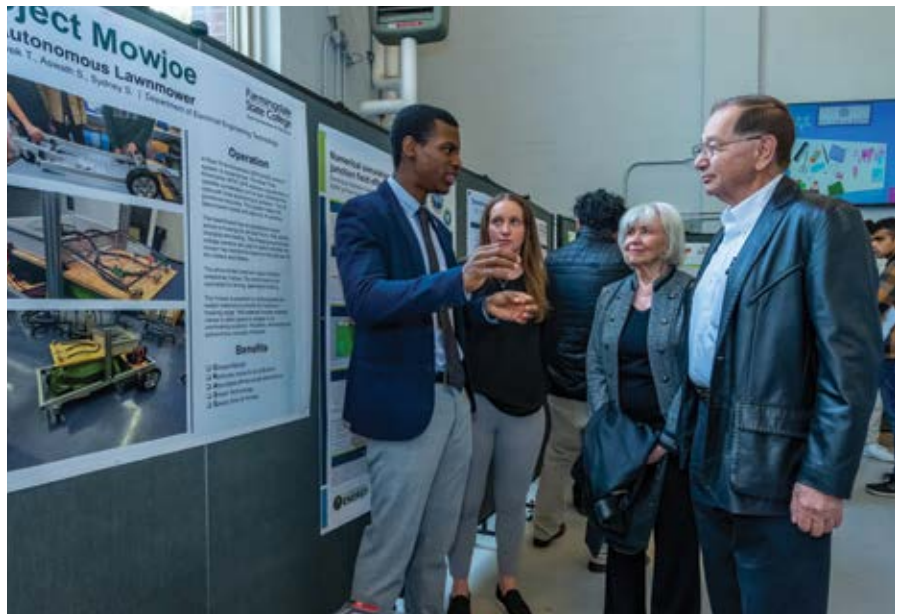


For a copy of audited financial reports, visit farmingdale.edu/foundation



“It was important to me that we build a lab where we can train the next generation in this technology”

MURRAY PASTERNAK '60



FSC DEDICATES NEW TECHNOLOGY LAB

Murray Pasternack '60 Funds Radio Frequency and Microwave Technology Lab for Student Learning and Innovation

Farmingdale State College (FSC) recently dedicated the Murray Pasternack '60 Lab for Radio Frequency and Microwave Technology, unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to also celebrate his \$1.4 million gift to FSC, the largest gift made by an individual in the College's history. Previously he provided two, \$500,000 gifts to support the launch of an honors program at the College.

The lab will enable students to train using industry-leading equipment including vector network analyzers, spectrum analyzers, RF signal generators, noise sources, mixed domain oscilloscopes, and more. RF components are the active and passive parts that are used to assemble wireless receivers and transmitters. These components are used in many diverse applications including radio, TV, radar, GPS, cell towers, and medical electronics.

"It was important to me that we build a lab where we can train the next generation in this technology," said Pasternack, who is the founder and CEO of Pasternack Enterprises, a world-class supplier of radio frequency and microwave components. "The need for wireless is growing at a time when the number of engineers is decreasing. I aim to reverse the trend."

The lab now provides students with upgraded radio frequency and microwave technology equipment and will support new course offerings for the Electrical Engineering Technology Department in the School of Engineering Technology making it a leader in educating the RF engineers.

"Murray's gift has modernized and expanded a program that addresses the needs of today's high technology firms, on Long Island and beyond," said FSC President John S. Nader. "His commitment to creating opportunities for our students is inspiring, and we are grateful for his generosity."

Pasternack's interests include building a pipeline of engineers needed to meet the rapidly growing workforce demands of a dynamic and growing industry, including in-demand jobs on Long Island.

"One of the companies I've invested in is just down the street from Farmingdale, and we need excellent engineers to succeed, so this is a good arrangement for everyone. Farmingdale educates them in my lab, then we can hire them on after graduation."

"Like every great engineer and philanthropist, Murray identifies opportunities to 'fix things' or make them better and sees giving as a tool to propel the College forward," said Matthew Colson, vice president of development & alumni engagement at FSC. "We are so grateful to have him set an example of how extraordinary philanthropy can improve outcomes for students."



(L-R) Matthew Colson, vice president of development and alumni engagement; Laura Joseph, EdD, provost and senior vice president; Murray Pasternack '60; President John Nader, PhD; and Patricia Hill Williams, PhD, chair of the Farmingdale State College Council.

REMEMBERING A RUNNING LEGACY

Alumnus Frank Geremia '62 leaves gift of \$1M to FSC

Frank Geremia '62 had a few passions. One was running, which he did regularly on the Nold Athletic Complex track. A second was the stock market, which he followed vigilantly. Another, for which he harbored a deep devotion, was his alma mater, Farmingdale State College (FSC).

The depth of that devotion became clear in September 2021 when Geremia passed away a month short of his 94th birthday, and it was revealed that he had left \$1 million in his estate to the Farmingdale College Foundation.

"He had a strong feeling of gratitude and loyalty to the college that enabled him to get an education and have a rewarding career at Grumman," said his attorney and long-time friend Willis B. Carman, Jr.

"Frank's long-time relationship with Farmingdale is a reminder that alumni engagement and pride can take many forms. It isn't always driven by the institution, but rather by the individual's fond memories and personal passions," said Matthew Colson, vice president of development and alumni engagement at FSC. "Frank found a way to demonstrate his love for Farmingdale in a very personal way, that will continue to live on in his memory."

The gift will endow the Frank Geremia '62 Honors Scholarship for Business, in recognition of his interest in the stock market. It will support 20 students in the Honors Program majoring in business. Funds also will help the Alumni Association develop programming to inspire alumni like Geremia to stay connected, informed, and

engaged to their alma mater. Finally, upgrades to fitness facilities in Nold Athletic Complex will bear his name, house additional equipment, and meet the growing demands of fitness-minded students.

"Frank felt a real connection to Farmingdale and sports were a big part of that. He loved the athletes and the coaches. This is where he felt at home," said Thomas Azzara, director of athletics at FSC. Geremia's devotion to running, often when the FSC track team was practicing, prompted the student athletes to cheer him on.

"Uncle Frank loved telling us how he continued running track into his 90s — very often at Farmingdale," according to his niece Barbara Trilling. "The younger runners would say to him, 'Well done, Grandpa!'"

Geremia served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947 in Germany, according to Trilling. "He loved wearing his World War II veteran cap," she said. After earning his associate degree in mechanical engineering technology at FSC, he went on to a successful career at Grumman. Friends said he also did some work for NASA and travelled internationally as a consultant.

"We are all so very proud of our Uncle Frank and his legacy to Farmingdale," said Trilling. "I do know that the time he spent there, both as a student and as an athlete, were the most important moments of his long life."

Azzara said, "I didn't realize what we meant to him. He really did love Farmingdale."

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WILLIS B. CARMAN, JR.



YARDI SYSTEMS GIFTS FSC \$320,000

Farmingdale State College (FSC) announced it has been awarded a \$320,000 gift from Yardi Systems to provide eight students with an annual scholarship, beginning in fall 2023.

“This is an incredibly generous gift that we are enormously grateful to receive on behalf of our students,” said Matthew Colson, vice president of development & alumni engagement. “Yardi is taking a leadership role in improving the futures of our distinctive and diverse community here at FSC. This investment will redefine the scope of opportunity for our students, and is sure to pay dividends far into the future.”

Yardi is a leading provider of software solutions for the real estate industry, providing solutions that increase efficiency and reduce costs for a global client base of public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

“Supporting education is a core pillar of Yardi’s corporate philanthropy. We believe in the life-changing impact of a college degree, especially for first-generation scholars, and we are thrilled to partner with Farmingdale State

College to help these students achieve their goals,” said Senior Vice President, Jay Shobe.

There will be two incoming Yardi Scholars awarded each year for the next four years. The funding is to be applied directly to tuition, fees, room and board. Students who are eligible to receive the scholarship must intend to major in, or a discipline related to, business or computer science broadly defined; have a minimum cumulative high school average of 85; and demonstrate additional financial need as reflected by their tuition balance after federal and state financial aid awards as determined by filling out the HESC and/or FAFSA application(s). Additionally, Yardi Scholars are likely to be the first to attend college in their immediate family and to have backgrounds that will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their chosen program.

As the first institution of public higher education on Long Island and one of the largest institutions in the SUNY system, FSC is committed to preparing graduates to be exemplary citizens equipped to excel in a competitive, diverse, and technically dynamic society.



“This investment will redefine the scope of opportunity for our students, and is sure to pay dividends far into the future.”

MATTHEW J. COLSON



"It is a genuine reflection of the selfless spirit shared by two exceptional Long Islanders: Sal Ferro, an exemplary alum and remarkable citizen, and Clark Gillies, a charismatic force of greatness in the NHL, in our community and among his family and friends."

PRESIDENT JOHN S. NADER, PHD

FERRO FOUNDATION POWERS FORWARD, ENDOWS CLARK GILLIES SCHOLARSHIP AT FSC

Farmingdale State College (FSC) has been awarded a \$25,000 gift from the Ferro Foundation, which will support FSC students as well as increased recruitment and retention efforts for the College, beginning in Fall 2023.

The scholarship was established with funding secured by the Ferro Foundation through the Clark Gillies Foundation, in honor and memory of the many contributions National Hockey League (NHL) legend Clark Gillies made to Long Island, both on and off the ice.

“We are enormously grateful to receive this wonderful, student-focused gift,” said John S. Nader, PhD, president of Farmingdale State College. “It is a genuine reflection of the selfless spirit shared by two exceptional Long Islanders: Sal Ferro, an exemplary alum and remarkable citizen, and Clark Gillies, a charismatic force of greatness in the NHL, in our community and among his family and friends.”

Founded by FSC Alumnus Sal Ferro '84, former Alure Home Improvements' President and CEO and now Town of Huntington Councilman, the Ferro Foundation is a non-profit corporation established in 2017 to help Long Islanders in need, with a focus on students, seniors, and veterans. Its mission is to make a lasting and positive difference in the lives of deserving Long Islanders in need, while inspiring others to do the same.

Known as “The Power Forward,” Clark Gillies was a Hockey Hall of Famer and four-time Stanley Cup champion with the New York Islanders. In early 2022, he passed away suddenly at age 67. He is remembered by many as a friend to everyone, a tower of strength on the ice, and a pillar of the Long Island community.

Gillies was committed to the region both during his playing career and after. He began The Clark Gillies Foundation, a non-profit organization developed to help children who are physically, developmentally, or financially challenged. Its goal is to improve their quality of life; and 100 percent of its proceeds go directly to people in need.

“Over the years, Clark has helped so many. He has been a role model and inspiration for me. He taught me so much about the giving spirit and social responsibility,” said Ferro, who is also a member of the Farmingdale College

Foundation Board of Directors. “It means so much to me to set up a scholarship in Clark’s name for Farmingdale State College.”

Looking ahead, the Ferro Foundation plans to grow the Clark Gillies Scholarship into a \$50,000 endowment in the coming years. This is the second endowed scholarship and third gift funded by the Ferro Foundation with the Farmingdale College Foundation. In May 2021, the Ferro Foundation made a \$50,000 contribution to create The Ferro Family Scholarship supporting Farmingdale Business students. In 2019, Ferro established a fund to help FSC students purchase textbooks.

To show your support for FSC and the Clark Gillies Foundation, like Sal and the Ferro Foundation, visit the Farmingdale Fund giving page. Gifts to the Farmingdale Fund are immediately put to work to sustain the critical needs of FSC students.

“It means so much to me to set up a scholarship in Clark’s name for Farmingdale State College.”

SAL FERRO '84

FARMINGDALE FOUNDATION FUNDS BIOSCIENCE AQUARIUM LAB

On September 26, 2023, Farmingdale State College (FSC) proudly unveiled its state-of-the-art new Bioscience Aquarium Laboratory after an intensive two-year construction process. Located in Gleeson Hall's lower level in room L104, the newly renovated space boasts an array of advanced equipment provided by some of the region's top vendors.

The \$45,000 lab renovation was funded by the Farmingdale College Foundation with the generous support of the Broadhollow Bioscience Park.

"This investment will enhance the FSC student experience and advance faculty research capabilities" said Matthew Colson, vice president of development and alumni engagement. "We are thrilled to make this wonderful asset available to the campus community."

"The Aquarium facility is an outstanding new resource for the Biology Department and the greater Farmingdale campus community, and will serve as a phenomenal research, teaching, and learning tool for our faculty and students," said Sarah Gross, chair of biology. "I am so excited to see it up and running after all of the months of planning and hard work."

The new lab includes photosynthetic lighting, a unique textured floor for extra traction, new cabinetry, mobile lab benches, an industrial sink, state-of-the-art electronics including auto-top offs, water alarms, and in-lab cameras and specialized equipment "windows."

"Often, all the mechanisms in any type of aquarium are hidden from view in models sold for fish markets and supermarkets for aesthetic reasons," said Biology Professor Peter Park. "However, because teaching was the central focus of this tank, it was custom-built-top-to-bottom so that every working component, such as the protein skimmer, filtration unit, pump, chiller, and UV sterilizer, has its own window or

access space such that each part can be viewed by students separately for teaching purposes. Now, students will be able to see this process in real-time."

Several local vendors played a huge part in the new lab as well, including Chris Downs and his team at Island Fish & Reef in Bohemia, who installed the freshwater flow-through system, saltwater aquarium system, and frog tank; Tom Olsen and his team at Lobster Life Systems, Inc. in Lodi, NJ, who service the lobster tanks at many Long Island supermarkets and who installed the customized teaching marine touch tank; and Captain Gregory Peter Lauda, "Captain Pete," of Target Rock Charters, who provided two live lobsters he had just caught in the Long Island Sound near Huntington Bay.

The lab will be available to various research interns and undergraduate students enrolled in Bio131 (Biological Principles II), Bio135 (Marine Science), and Bio310 (Ichthyology).

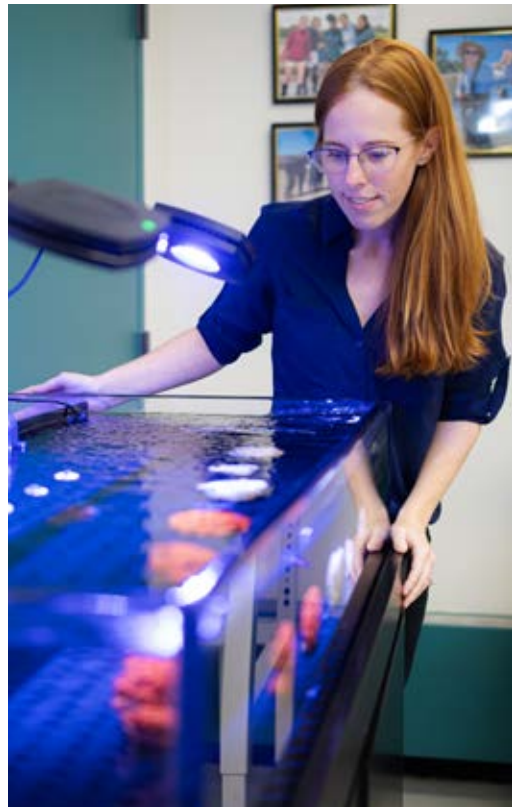
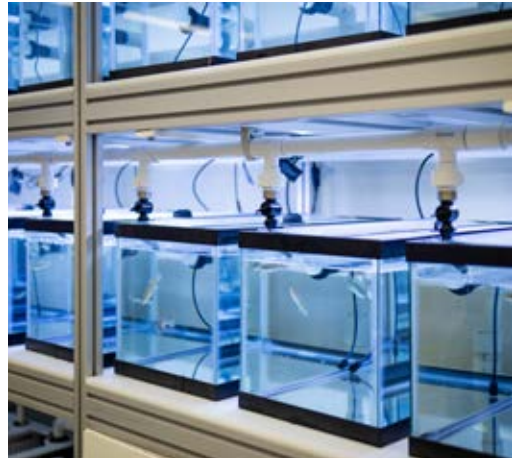
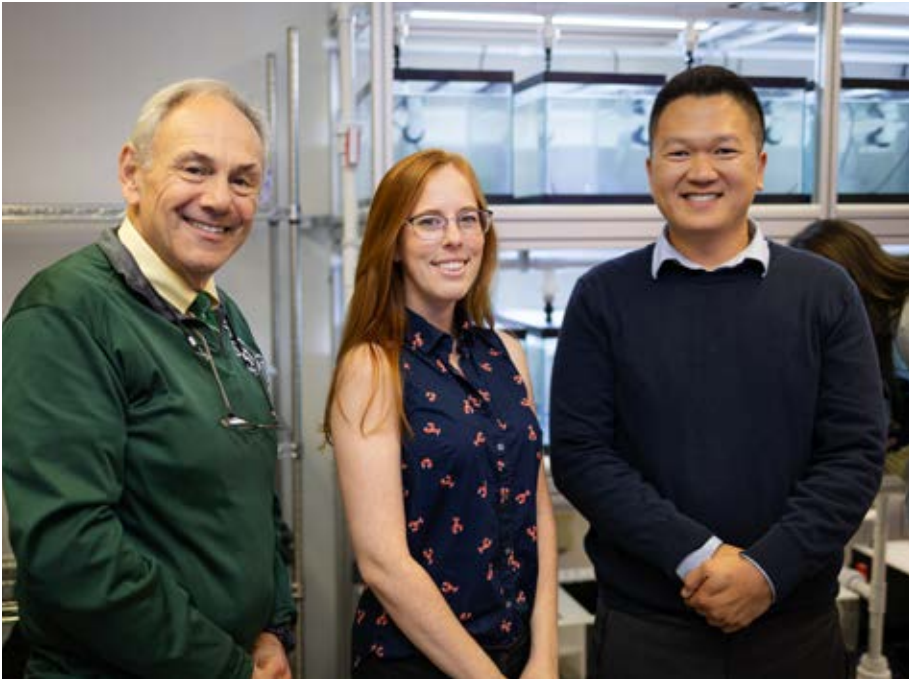
"We think that the aquarium will bring to light just how lucky we are to live on Long Island," said Biology Professor Amanda Shore. "We firmly believe that there is no better place in the world to teach marine biology, freshwater biology, and fish biology. We are surrounded by water--estuaries, rivers and streams, lakes and ponds, and the Atlantic Ocean. This room will allow us to bring some of that nature back to the FSC campus."

"This room sets the stage for various research projects that will involve marine and freshwater animals," agreed Park. "It will be at the center of studies that aim to answer questions and solve real problems that face us here in Long Island. It will open doors to conversations about local wildlife and it will allow students to empathize with the nature that already and immensely surrounds Long Island."

THE NEARLY 500 SQUARE-FOOT LAB OFFERS:

- **32 five-gallon Shelving Unit tanks**
- **Eighteen 15-gallon Freshwater tanks**
- **One 45-gallon Saltwater Frag (for handling sponge and coral specimens)**
- **One 200-gallon Saltwater Vat (for mixing saltwater)**
- **One 75-gallon Teaching Touch Tank (Lobster Tank)**





BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PLEDGES \$100,000 GIFT TO THE FSC STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

Fund Used to Help Struggling Students Overcome Financial Hardship and Continue to Complete Their Degrees



Bethpage Federal Credit Union is proud to announce a gift of \$100,000 to the Farmingdale State College Nader-Wolverton Student Emergency Fund to help students experiencing financial hardship. The Fund can be used for tuition as well as necessities such as food, transportation, and emergency campus housing. Bethpage's pledge was announced at the 2022 Farmingdale State College President's Gala at the Crest Hollow Country Club, held November 3rd.

The Nader-Wolverton Student Emergency Fund provides support to students nearing graduation who face pressures

to withdraw for financial reasons. Through the emergency fund, these students are positioned to complete their degrees. Recipients can then obtain full-time employment and realize their earning potential on the path to long-term success.

"This gift is a wonderful example of the truly transformative impact that Bethpage Federal Credit Union has on our region," said John S. Nader, president of Farmingdale State College. "The gift will permit deserving students to overcome acute financial hardships and remain at Farmingdale to complete their degrees. Bethpage's

generosity will change lives. Recipients of the emergency fund will soon become Farmingdale graduates who will pursue successful careers here on Long Island and throughout the greater NY region.”

Letters written by two Fund recipients were read at the President’s Gala offering thanks for the support they received, which will allow them to graduate instead of taking time off from their education.

Trinity Jackson was a senior at Farmingdale State College, majoring in Science, Technology and Society who plans on joining an accelerated nursing program in pursuit of one day becoming a PA. With a current GPA of 3.79, Jackson has been an active student, working in the Academic Advisement and Information Center as well as in the tutoring center as a peer mentor. Last spring, she received the Student Service Award for her outstanding efforts in helping other students.

“I come from a single parent household where my mother worked tirelessly to get me through college. She taught me that education was the most important thing that you can get out of life, because it will create opportunities. Due to medical issues, the financial burden of college became very difficult, and I worried about how we would be able to afford it. I have been truly blessed with assistance that will allow me to graduate in Fall 2022. When I walk across the stage, I will be the first-generation college graduate in my family, thanks to the emergency fund”, said Jackson.

Angelica Britez was a junior at Farmingdale State College who aspires to be an accountant. She started as a Criminal Justice Major but switched to Business Management after taking an accounting course during her freshman year. She plans to further her education at SUNY Old Westbury in their Accounting Master’s program after graduation.

“My life at home led me to move out for my own safety and mental health. Doing so created many obstacles, including having to pay for college on my own. With the help of the emergency fund, I will graduate in December 2023 and earn a degree that I’ve been working towards for the last three years. Thank you for helping me finish. I am extremely grateful. I cannot thank all who supported the emergency fund enough,” said Britez.

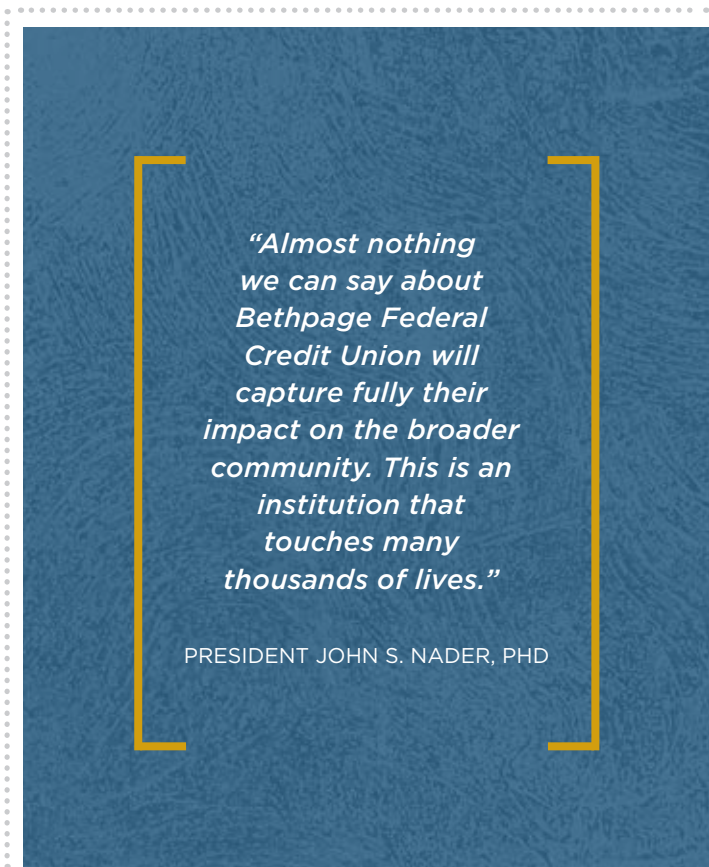
“These sentiments speak for themselves, and truly capture the impact corporate giving can make in people’s lives,” said Linda Armyn, chief strategy & marketing officer, Bethpage. “Bethpage is a longtime supporter of Farmingdale State College as an institution committed to catapulting students to a bright future. We are honored to have a role in helping these deserving students get the

support they need to finish their college education and start their professional journey.”

The Nader-Wolverton Student Emergency Fund is a philanthropic commitment President Nader and his wife Kathy Wolverton have made personally, which has received many generous pledges over the past three years. Donations are accepted online to assist students in need.

It was also announced at the Farmingdale State College President’s Gala that the 2022 Ram’s Horn Award for Corporate Leadership was presented to John Witterschein, Bethpage Federal Credit Union’s vice president, consumer credit. Witterschein currently serves as vice president on the board for the Farmingdale College Foundation.

“Almost nothing we can say about Bethpage Federal Credit Union will capture fully their impact on the broader community. This is an institution that touches many thousands of lives,” said President Nader. “Their engagement with the broader community extends well beyond philanthropy. The volunteer work of their leadership and staff are unmatched, and we cannot thank them enough for their ongoing support.”





THE 2023 FSC GOLF CLASSIC: AN UN-FORE-GETTABLE EVENT



*"I decided to use my name and
my God-given talent to make
a difference in the lives of
terminally ill children."*

MARTY LYONS

Hosted by the Farmingdale College Foundation and Department of Athletics at Hempstead Golf and Country Club in Hempstead, the 2023 Farmingdale State College (FSC) Golf Classic was a swinging success. A sold-out outing of more than 130 golfers teed off at this year's event, which raised almost \$120,000 for the College.

This year's Golf Classic honored Marty Lyons and The Marty Lyons Foundation (MLF). Based in Bay Shore, NY, the foundation was founded in 1982 by Lyons, who at the time was an NFL player with the New York Jets. From its first day, MLF's mission has been to grant special wishes for children ages 3-17 years old diagnosed with a terminal or life-threatening illness.

"It is our distinct honor to highlight Marty Lyons, the Marty Lyons Foundation and the noble work they do making wishes a reality for children, at a time when they are experiencing profoundly challenging medical issues," said FSC President John S. Nader, PhD. "The Marty Lyons Foundation's inspiring work is transformational for them and their families.

"I decided to use my name and my God-given talent to make a difference in the lives of terminally ill children," said Lyons of his drive to found MLF in March 1982, when he was a Big Brother to a little boy who passed away from leukemia at only 3 years old.

Today, MLF has 11 chapters covering 14 states, hundreds of volunteers, granted over 8,300 wishes and raised over \$43,000,000. Nearly 75 cents from every dollar donated goes directly to granting a wish, which on average costs \$6,500 and can range from Disney vacations, cruises, concert tickets or Broadway shows, to meeting sports heroes, the fun of a shopping spree, to room makeovers or the critical gift of special medical beds or other medical equipment.

On Long Island, MLF has 16 outstanding wishes to be granted but is on course to grant one more. The Farmingdale College Foundation has announced its pledge to support sending a 7-year-old boy from Lindenhurst to Walt Disney World with his family through MLF.

"It is very rewarding to support the Marty Lyons Foundation, and to celebrate our shared commitment to serving the greater Long Island region and beyond," said Matthew Colson, vice president of development and alumni engagement for FSC. "They truly grant wishes today for a better tomorrow and we could not be more pleased to have them as this year's FSC Golf Classic honoree."

The event's title sponsor was The LandTek Group, with additional sponsorships from: Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Northwell Health, 110 Sand Company, H2M architects + engineers, Louise and Bob Ench '60, Sourcepass, Inc., The Ferro Foundation, The Schwarz Institute (TSI), Henry Schein, Inc., Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group, Lizardos Engineering Associates, D.P.C., and Farrell Fritz.

Open to all members of the campus community and supporters of FSC, the FSC Golf Classic annually supports The Farmingdale Fund, which provides funds for academic and extracurricular programs, student financial aid, faculty development and campus beautification.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Student scholarship recipients thank the donors for their generosity



STEVEN BERG

**Major: Architectural
Engineering Technology
Class of 2026
MURRAY PASTERNAK
HONORS SCHOLARSHIP
IN ENGINEERING**

Receiving this scholarship is very special to me. It is very rewarding to know that I was one of the select few to receive this scholarship and I am very grateful for such an opportunity.

For my future career I would like to pursue architecture at a professional level. I want to slowly make my way up the chain of command and would love to own my own architectural firm one day.

To Murray Pasternack, I would like to say thank you so much for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Words cannot express how I felt when I heard I was chosen for this program and I am more than thankful for your generosity.

JOANNE JOHNSON

**Major: Architectural
Engineering Technology
Class of 2024
NEW YORK 811 SCHOLARSHIP**



I feel honored and grateful to receive this scholarship. This scholarship will help me to meet some of my expenses for my education.

Upon my graduation, I plan to be part of a team that has the vision to build the best infrastructure in society with a major focus on safety, aesthetics, and service. I would also like to continue my education and get a Master's Degree in Architecture.

I am thankful to New York 811 for reaching out to students in the engineering field to create awareness regarding the importance of safety in excavation. As a student of Architectural Engineering Technology, I am amazed and humbled to learn and understand the extensive work that goes into reinforcing and maintaining the safety of workers, the public, and their public services.



KENIA GOMEZ

**Major: Bioscience
Class of 2026
VIOLET LOY ADAIR
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Receiving this scholarship means so much to me. It gives me motivation knowing that there is someone that believes in me, having someone behind me during this process and is supporting me through it. It makes me want to work harder and achieve nothing but greatness.

I would like to thank Dr. Adair for his kindhearted gesture. Dr. Adair will serve as motivation for the years to come. I am glad I got the chance to meet and converse with him at the President's Circle Donor Reception event and hope to keep in touch. I will forever be grateful for his scholarship and advice.



MARISSA ANDERSON

Major: Nursing • Class of 2025

THERESA PATNODE SANTMANN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

FSC always impressed me with its caliber of nursing students. My future career plans are to work as a nurse in the cardiac intensive care unit. I want to take care of patients who desperately need my help.

I would like to share that I am a new mother and life has been really hard for me and my husband. I want Mrs. Santmann to know that she is a light at the end of a dark tunnel. I also want to give her my deepest gratitude for her donation.

JONIBEK ISLOMJOV

Major: Aeronautical Science:
Professional Pilot • Class of 2023

JAMES DURANT '68 SCHOLARSHIP IN AVIATION



As a kid, my dream was to become an airline pilot, and I promised myself to follow my dream. FSC has an amazing Aviation Program that helps students like me to achieve their dreams. My family and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your very generous donation. This has helped us cover the burden of paying for tuition, fees and flight training costs. I look forward to paying forward this donation when I become a professional aviator.



KEHILA JEAN

Major: Nursing • Class of 2025

SIMON & IRENE COHEN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

I chose FSC because I have family members who attended and because I value diversity. The campus embodies diversity in its programs, and most importantly in its people. As an immigrant, it means a lot to be able to receive this scholarship. Education is everything for me. It will open so many doors.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your help. You not only helped a student working while at school; you helped a whole family. I will forever be grateful for that.

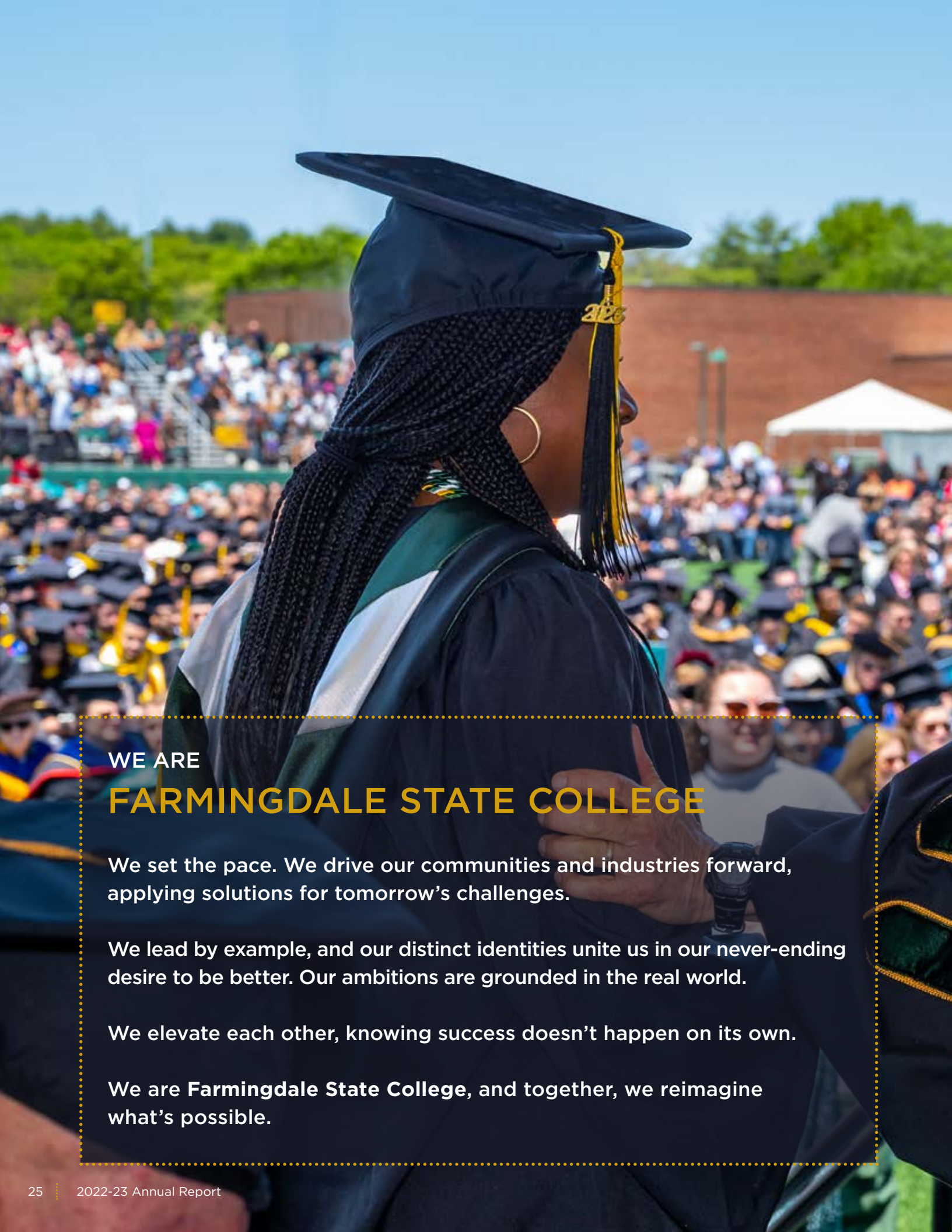
JUSTIN MATOS

Major: Construction Management Engineering Technology
Class of 2023

UNILOCK PAVING THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Receiving this scholarship means a lot to me because it shows that I am being recognized for all of the hard work I have invested in my studies and that I am viewed as having the potential to succeed in this industry. I would like to thank the generous donors for their contribution and for the investment they have made in my future. This scholarship motivates me to fulfill my career goals and be the best representation of myself in the industry.





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