

FARMINGDALE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP



**John S. Nader, PhD**  
President  
*Farmingdale State College*



**Robert L. Van Nostrand '77**  
Chair  
*Farmingdale College Foundation*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

If one were to choose an institution that captures the true spirit and mission of public higher education, it could well be Farmingdale State College. Our unwavering commitment to student success is surely a key reason that we remain one of the fastest growing four-year public institutions.

Although this year is unlike any other in Farmingdale's history, one fact remains the same: our most remarkable stories revolve around our students. More than 70% of them work while they study and, on average, work twice as many hours as students attending other SUNY four-year colleges. Nearly one-third of our students continue to be first generation to college, and 45% identify as members of minority groups.

With your generosity, a remarkable 55% of 2019-20 graduates incurred no student loan debt while attending Farmingdale. And over 90% of our graduates are employed or in graduate programs within six months. Three-quarters of those grads continue to work or study right here on Long Island. The earnings of our graduates' rank among the very highest tier of SUNY institutions.

As the College embraces the future with great enthusiasm, we look forward to working with even more alumni, corporate partners, and friends to create new pathways to success. That same commitment extends to meeting our fundamental mission — our dedication to student success.

You are among the College's most important advocates and supporters. On behalf of everyone at Farmingdale, thank you for your partnership and your financial support.

Sincerely,

*John S. Nader*  
John S. Nader, PhD

*Robert L. Van Nostrand '77*  
Robert L. Van Nostrand '77

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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



# YOUR IMPACT



Collectively, we raised over **\$800,000** for Farmingdale assuring we continue to be an engine of opportunity to Long Island and beyond.

**\$341,685.**

**205** individually funded scholarships were given out for a total of **\$341,685.**



Over **200** donors combined to raise over **\$136,000** for the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund assuring **100+** students in need continued college

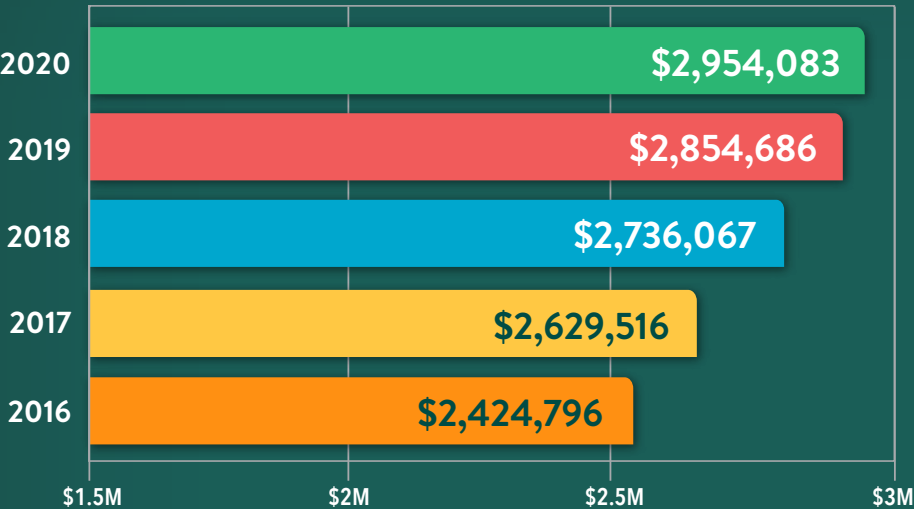


More than **\$200,000** in College Foundation Scholarships were awarded to students with high need

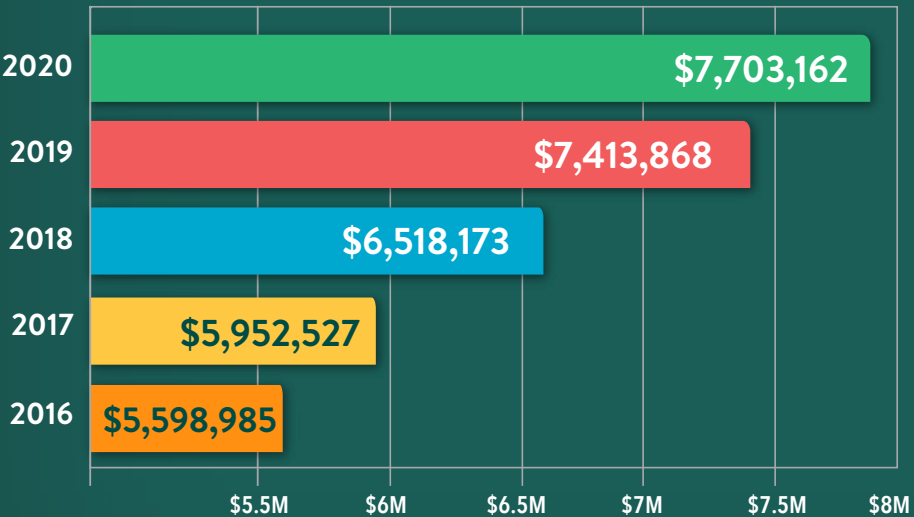


**304** made their first gift to support Farmingdale.

ENDOWMENT GROWTH (FYE June 30)



TOTAL NET ASSETS GROWTH (FYE June 30)



For a copy of audited financial reports, visit [farmingdale.edu/foundation](http://farmingdale.edu/foundation)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2020

## ASSETS

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Current Assets:           |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 741,280 |
| Accounts receivable       | 50,160     |
| Prepaid expenses          | 73,269     |
| Total current assets      | 864,709    |

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Investments:                 |           |
| Endowments                   | 2,954,083 |
| Other restricted investments | 3,875,397 |

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Equipment on loan to college, net of accumulated depreciation | 8,973 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 7,703,162 |
|--------------|--------------|

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$24,967  |
| Net assets Without donor restrictions | 49,713    |
| Net assets With donor restrictions    | 6,928,482 |

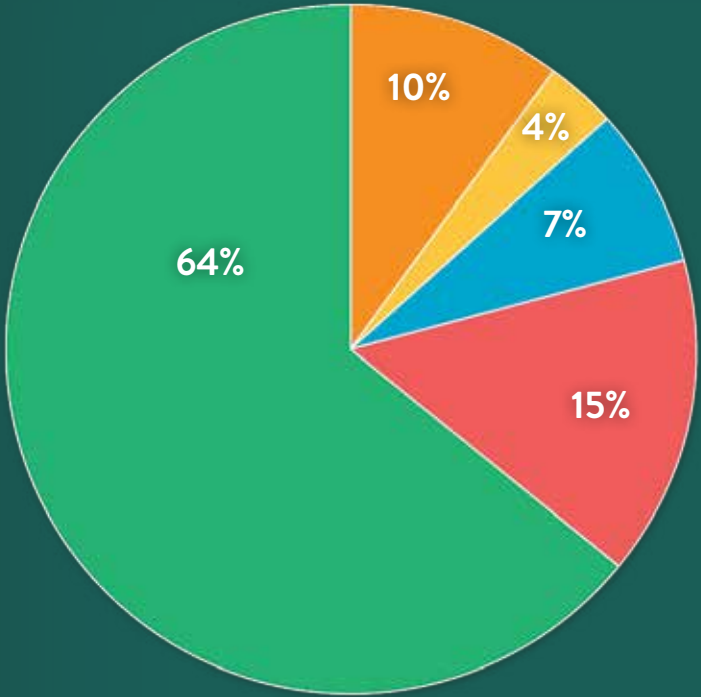
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | \$ 7,703,162 |
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# YOUR PHILANTHROPY HELPS US REACH HIGHER

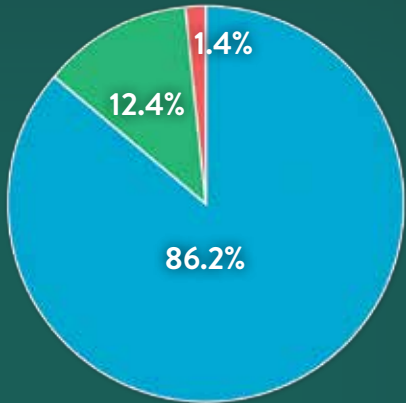
## FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FUNDRAISING RESULTS



Where did  
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**SUPPORT**  
come from?

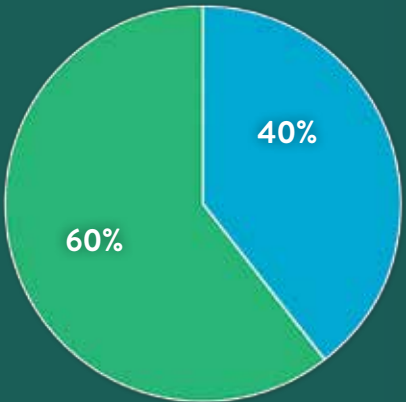
### TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED - \$807,696

|               |     |             |
|---------------|-----|-------------|
| Corporations  | 64% | (\$515,815) |
| Alumni        | 10% | (\$83,846)  |
| Faculty/Staff | 4%  | (\$28,964)  |
| Friends       | 7%  | (\$58,801)  |
| Foundations   | 15% | (\$120,270) |



### 769 DONORS

|              |     |         |
|--------------|-----|---------|
| Individuals  | 663 | (86.2%) |
| Corporations | 95  | (12.4%) |
| Foundations  | 11  | (1.4%)  |



### NEW VS. REPEAT

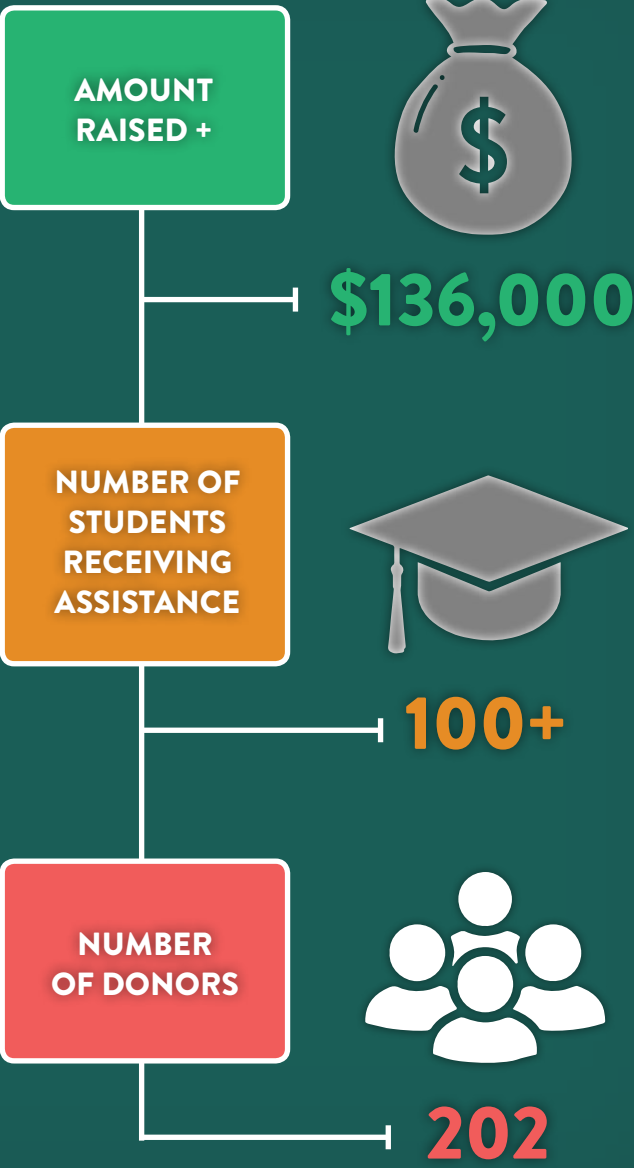
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|---------------|-----|-------|
| New Donors    | 304 | (40%) |
| Repeat Donors | 465 | (60%) |



# COVID-19 STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND RESPONSE

With the economic disruption caused by the Coronavirus, it became difficult for many students to navigate their academic journey. In response, the Farmingdale Foundation established the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund. This Fund provided financial assistance for the College's students who, due to the impact of COVID-19, were experiencing difficulty continuing their studies in the fall 2020 semester. The Fund accumulated over \$136,000 from 202 individuals, foundations and corporations including a matching gift from the SUNY Impact Foundation. Over 100 students were able to receive assistance from this fund.

To be eligible to apply for the fund, students had to be matriculated, in good academic standing and had experienced an unanticipated emergency or temporary hardship due to COVID-19. Assistance received was applied directly to the recipient's student account.



FATIMA DAR

## Sciences - Health Professions - Class of '21

I was laid off from my consulting job in the first week of August as our client is refusing to extend my engagement with the project due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. I have applied for other part time jobs in technology to supplement my rental and utilities costs over the fall semester but to no avail. Over the summer, I had sublet my New York home and stayed with my aunt in upstate New York to save rental costs. However, since fall semester will be partially in person, I can no longer stay upstate. I will be moving back and it will be extremely difficult to manage without a part-time job. This assistance is pivotal in allowing me to continue my academic journey during the fall semester.

Thank you so much for your immense generosity. We are Farmingdale strong!



JAYLIN MILLER

## Sport Management - Class of '22

I want to give a big thank you to everyone who donated to the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund. My family has been affected by this virus and I want to give a huge thank you to everybody who donated.

I lost my dad and my grandmother to COVID-19. Both of them played a major role in my education. This funding helps me to continue my education at Farmingdale State College. It is much appreciated by me and my colleagues at Farmingdale State College.



## FRANCESCA FRASCO

### Professional Communications - Class of '21

To afford my tuition I usually work two jobs in the summer and also babysit. I also run for the Farmingdale State College Cross Country and Track Teams, therefore, I am also running and training throughout the entire summer. It is very hard to juggle all these responsibilities at once, but I do it because I love learning at Farmingdale and I love being a Farmingdale State College athlete. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the number of hours I am able to work. Both of my parents are furloughed, meaning they cannot work as much as they did prior to the pandemic. Their hours have also been cut back significantly. I have taken out multiple loans for each semester. I am one of three children in my family, and we are all currently in college at the same time, each paying our own tuitions ourselves. Unfortunately, this is a difficult financial situation, and has been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, my financial situation will stay this way until I finish college in 2021. My parents cannot choose to assist one child and not the others. Saying I would love to return to Farmingdale in the fall is an understatement.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund. Thank you for keeping us on track, keeping us in college and keeping us strong. I could not appreciate you any more than I already do.

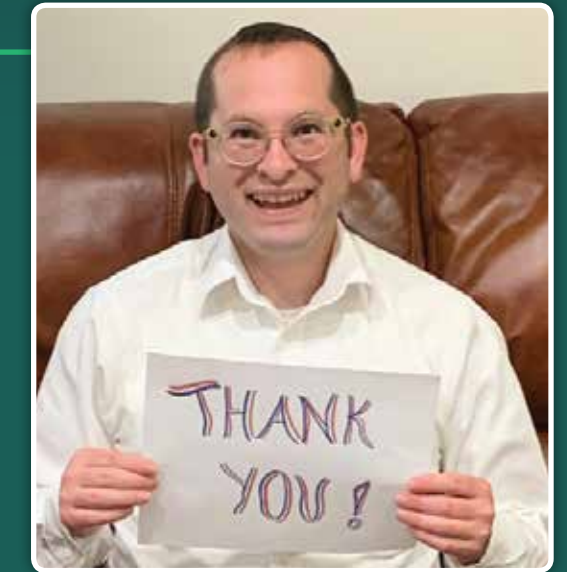


## ELIEZER ROZWASKI

### Business Management - Class of '20

I am married with three kids and it was extremely difficult for me during COVID-19 to have my wife and kids home, as we live in a small apartment. Helping me to graduate at the end of this semester, will allow me to pursue my dreams as well as hopefully make a better salary for my wife and family. It is truly unbelievable that during these very difficult times, we saw a bright light at the end of the tunnel.

I want to thank all of the donors and the College for putting all of this together. Thank you so much. I really hope to make everybody proud by graduating this semester, as well as doing good in the world.



## JADE HARTCORN

### Aviation Administration - Class of '21

Thank you, donors, for your generosity and contributions. This fund has truly helped me to continue studying here at Farmingdale this fall semester. Through these tough times, money is tight, especially when there are loans, bills, and car insurance to be paid. Besides that, there are personal hardships. Being granted some of the fund has made me so incredibly grateful. Thank you again!





# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

*“This scholarship will definitely help me move forward with my education goals.”*



**REBECCA PEPEY '20**

This year, the Dental Hygiene Department selected Rebecca Pepey as the recipient for the Betsy Smith Cronin Memorial Scholarship. Rebecca has done a little bit of everything! She went to college straight from high school, but never really knew exactly what she wanted to major in. She left college and became a deli owner at age 24. After selling her business, she was a retail manager for many years. She became a mother and police officer at age 30. She left the police department to be a stay-at-home mom at age 35. At age 38, she became a mother again with identical twin boys. She continued to stay home with the kids until the twins started pre-school.

As her children got a bit older, Rebecca started thinking about a “career” instead of a “job”. She applied to the Dental Hygiene Program at Farmingdale State College, while already taking prerequisites so that she might get into the program a year earlier than expected.

Rebecca stated, “Receiving this scholarship has confirmed for me that I made the right decision to go back to school later in life. I had my doubts whether I could keep up with such a rigorous dental hygiene workload, but this scholarship has affirmed for me that I am moving in the right direction. It is simply an honor to be recognized. I am most proud of accomplishing admirable grades while juggling family time as well, with my three young boys. It is not easy to spend quality time with them and also find the time required to study.”

Rebecca had this to say to the scholarship donor, Mr. George Cronin, “I would love to simply say thank you. I want to express my appreciation for your generosity. This scholarship will definitely help me move forward with my education goals. I sincerely appreciate your kindness. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

**The Corwin Family Foundation Scholarship recipients meet the donor at a luncheon hosted by President Nader in the fall of 2019**

The Corwin Family Foundation Scholarship was established in 2017 to honor the legacy of alumnus Arthur Corwin, a 1976 graduate of the Farmingdale State College Construction Management Engineering Technology program. It is supported by donations received from The Corwin Family Foundation, Inc. This scholarship is designated for students in the FSC School of Engineering Technology to assist them in covering their college expenses.

## A CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU!



*Pictured (L-R): Patricia Christiansen '64, Carol Budinoff '71, Beshram Persaud '20 (Corwin Family Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Electrical Engineering Technology), Alex Ragone '20 (Corwin Family Foundation Scholarship Recipients: Professional Pilot), Art Corwin '76, Ann Corwin '78, President Nader.*



# THE 2019 PRESIDENT'S GALA

*“Farmingdale is a success story, what has happened to the campus, the institution it has become, is amazing.”*

- Sen. John Brooks '74

New York State Senator John Brooks isn't just a legislator whose district happens to include the campus. In fact, he is a staunch advocate for the College, a frequent visitor, a champion of FSC causes and, it so happens, a proud alumnus—Class of '74.

For those reasons, and more, Brooks was honored at the annual President's Gala in November - the Foundation's signature fundraising event which raised \$191,000. He received the President's Award for Alumni Leadership, appropriate recognition for someone who has witnessed and praised Farmingdale's transition from agriculture to technology. His vivid memories of his time at the College (then known as SUNY Farmingdale) include a dairy, barns, and a menagerie of farm animals.

“I always talk about the pigs and the cows,” Brooks says. “That's what I remember about the old days.”

Of course, there was no Campus Center at the time. No gleaming School of Business building. No first-rate athletic facilities with artificial turf and lights. In fact, the campus bears little resemblance to the one he knew when starting his coursework in Business Administration. But Brooks doesn't cling to FSC's past. Instead, he continues to help the College continue its push as the leading College of Technology in SUNY in terms of enrollment, academic programs, and student outcomes. And he has led the drumbeat along with Assembly members Steve Stern and Kimberly Jean-

Pierre for state support for a new academic building that would allow FSC to expand its capacity.

“Farmingdale is a success story,” he says. “What has happened to the campus, the institution it has become, is amazing.”

Of course, much of FSC's progress can be attributed to the dedication of its faculty and staff. So Dr. Charles Adair received the President's Award for Faculty Leadership for his long-standing contributions to the College beginning as a professor and chair of the Biology Department in 1988. He is currently Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and a member of the board of the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park. He was honored with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and a campus CARES Award in 2010.

The President's Award for Student Leadership was presented to Sonia Y. Chemerisov (Bioscience '21), a native of the Dominican Republic who is an orientation leader, resident assistant, a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, and a volunteer in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The Ram's Horn Award for Corporate Leadership was given to Barnes & Noble College (accepted by Raymond McGale, Regional Manager), FSC's bookstore partner for over 25 years, for its service to the campus and its philanthropic support. B&N has also demonstrated its commitment to FSC by implementing changes and introducing new technologies to support faculty and students.

## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



SEN. JOHN BROOKS '74



AWARD FOR ALUMNI LEADERSHIP



BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE



RAM'S HORN AWARD FOR CORPORATE LEADERSHIP



DR. CHARLES ADAIR



AWARD FOR FACULTY LEADERSHIP



SONIA Y. CHERMERISOV '21



AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP



IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

NATALIA RILEY

Interaction Design - Class of '23  
Recipient of the 100 Black Women of Long Island Scholarship

As a woman of color, receiving this scholarship has uplifted me and made me feel more confident. This scholarship was really a surprise and honor. When I told my family and friends about this scholarship, they were all shocked. They congratulated me and, of course, encouraged and motivated me to aim higher. I am super happy to receive this scholarship and I feel like I have accomplished a goal! Thank you so much.



CHRISTOPHER PRIOR

Nursing - Class of '22  
Recipient of the Simon & Irene Cohen Nursing Scholarship

I am proud to be recognized for my academic achievements and very grateful for the financial support. This scholarship is making a substantial difference for me financially. Words cannot describe my gratitude for this scholarship. The excitement ran through my body when I learned about this generous gift. My parents were so proud and thankful for this opportunity. You are truly making a difference in students' lives and I hope to one day be in the position to offer my own scholarship to students one day.



BRANDEN LALL

Business Management - Class of '24  
Recipient of the 110 Sand Company Scholarship

This gracious deed you are performing is something that you cannot be thanked enough for. Working while learning is one of the hardest things a person can do. Juggling all of these responsibilities at once is definitely something that could easily hinder my college experience. I want to be able to walk out of college with a smile on my face, not a sigh of relief. I am the first one in my family to attend college. This scholarship will allow me to hold my head up high and set a great example for my little brother. If I can show him that attending college is not as unrealistic and stressful as originally perceived, that would mean the world to me. Once again, thank you so very much.



CAROL SUNG

Interaction Design - Class of '23  
Recipient of the Sal Ferro Scholarship

Thank you for this amazing opportunity of receiving this scholarship. It is an honor to be a recipient of receiving assistance in my education. Thanks to you and this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on my education. Your generosity has inspired me to continue working hard and to help the community. I hope one day I can continue helping and inspiring students just like you have.



DELMY SANTOS VIGIL

Bioscience - Class of '22  
Recipient of the Christopher Keen Memorial Scholarship

Thank you for recognizing the effort that I have put in and thank you for your generous donation that will go towards tuition. This scholarship shows me that if I keep striving forward, good things will come. I come from a big family and am mostly independent from my parents financially. This scholarship helps me out with being able to pay for college. Thank you very much.





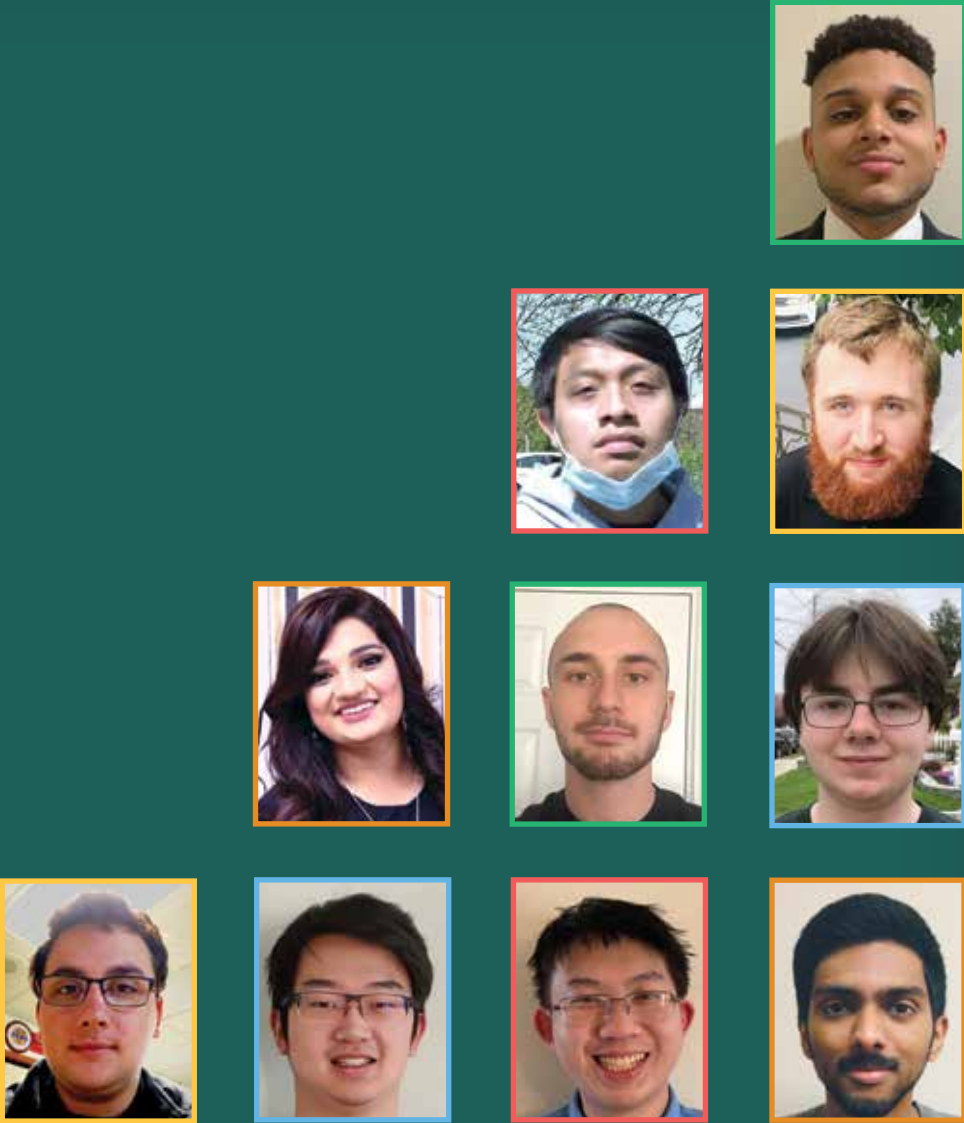
# IEEE VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

*Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers*

This year the IEEE Long Island Section and the Farmingdale College Foundation have again cosponsored a tuition scholarship award. The IEEE Long Island Section’s LISAT 2020 Conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, President John Nader and Erica Chase, Director of the Small Business Development Center, hosted a virtual ceremony which was held on May 27th honoring the outstanding students who were chosen by their departments to receive this scholarship.

The criteria for this scholarship are a minimum GPA of 3.2, a commitment to academic excellence, leadership in extra-curricular activities and community service. Seven students were required to be from Electrical Engineering, one student was required to be from Security Systems, one student was required to be from the Social Science Research Institute, and one student was required to be from Computer Systems.

This event was attended by the scholarship recipients, faculty, staff and administrators. It was a wonderful way to congratulate the students on their accomplishments.



Top Row: Kevin Beckford  
Second Row: Jhair Alzamora Scott Simko  
Third Row: Urfa Ajmal Jacob Liese Michael Stojanowski  
Bottom Row: Evan Rolla Alan Tsui David Wan Jino Tomichen



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