

**QUINEBAUG VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION**



**32ND ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT**



May 1, 2024
Richard C. Berry Amphitheater

Killingly Intermediate School - Rain Site



The mission of the QVCC Foundation is to raise funds so that all residents of northeastern Connecticut are provided the opportunity to attend QVCC regardless of income, to support educational excellence, technological advancement, and professional development at the College and to serve as the regional advisory council. Each year, the QVCC Foundation provides \$300,000 in funds to support QVCC students & programs.

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QVCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Frank Aleman Scholarship - \$600

For his entire 35-year teaching career at QVCC, Dr. Frank Aleman, professor emeritus, inspired his students to pursue their educational goals. Frank personally experienced the life changing opportunities scholarships can make in a student's life. He received a Ford Motor Company scholarship, which allowed him to emigrate from South Africa to study for a master's of business administration degree at New York University. He then earned a scholarship from Columbia University to complete his doctorate. This scholarship will allow QVCC students to receive a quality community college education to achieve their dreams.

Todd Jeremiah Allen Memorial Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship is given in loving memory of Todd Jeremiah Allen. Todd was a lifetime artist and avid reader who graduated from Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School in 2016. He enjoyed working with his hands and created many masterpieces in his short time on earth. This scholarship is awarded to a recent graduate of Ellis Tech who is enrolled in the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program. The hope for this scholarship is to support others in achieving their goals and becoming successful in their lives.

ALTRUSA International of Northeastern Connecticut Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,500

Altrusa International of Northeastern Connecticut is a not-for-profit volunteer service organization contributing to human well-being through the development and implementation of effective local community service programs. This scholarship is awarded to a female student from northeastern Connecticut who has demonstrated financial need and a strong record of community service.

Archambault-Beauchamp Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,800

Leon and Denise (Beauchamp) Archambault and their children have been strong supporters of QVCC for many years. Their son, Marc, is a member of the QVCC Foundation and has served as its president. This family scholarship was established in 2006 with preference given to students enrolled in business or medical-related fields.

bankHOMETOWN Scholarship - 14 @ \$2,000

QVCC is fortunate that bankHOMETOWN continues to provide much-needed financial support to local students that was started by its predecessor, The Citizens National Bank. As a result of this commitment, hundreds of QVCC students pursue their dreams of higher education.

Returning Students – 8 @ \$2,000

Transferring Students – 6 @ \$2,000

Richard C. & Louise S. Berry Scholarship - \$2,000

Although Rogers Corporation established this scholarship in memory of Richard C. Berry, director of research and development, friends of Louise Berry have continued to support it. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have demonstrated a great commitment to education. He was an original member of the committee to form a community college in northeastern Connecticut and a member of the QVCC Regional Advisory Council. She was superintendent of schools in Brooklyn, former chair of the Board of Trustees of Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges, and a member of the QVCC Foundation. This award is given to a student seeking a degree in engineering or math with preference given to a student enrolled in the College of Technology or Early Childhood Education program.

David T. Britland Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Members of the Britland family established this scholarship in memory of David T. Britland, a former member of the QVCC maintenance staff and a home-care worker who treasured his opportunity to care for individuals with disabilities. He was also a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Coast Guard. The recipient must have demonstrated financial need and be either a special needs student working to overcome obstacles to attend college or a student worker in the maintenance department.

Louise Brown '04 Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Louise S. (Jolly) Brown maintained a sweet and simple demeanor throughout her life. She won the trust and hearts of many by her witness of constant nurturing, love and faith. Throughout her valiant twenty-year struggle with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Louise always reached out to help others and put their needs before her own. At the time of her passing, Louise served as an associate director of student support and disability services at QVCC. Her friends, family and colleagues chose to create this scholarship as a tribute to her legacy of love.

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David & Nancy Bull Scholarship - \$600

Dr. Nancy and Mr. David Bull endowed this scholarship in recognition of their commitment to higher education and interest in the field of science. Nancy is the vice provost for academic administration at the University of Connecticut. David was formerly dean of administration at QVCC with responsibilities for oversight of all non-academic departments of the college. The recipient must be studying towards an associate in science degree.

Burke Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

The Burke family established this scholarship as a tribute to Liz Burke who served the community for 33 years as a nurse. She was committed to improving health and well-being and also spent many hours doing volunteer work. The award is designated for a student studying in either the health care or criminal justice field

Rhoda L. & David T. Chase Scholarships – 2 @ \$2,250

The Rhoda L. and David T. Chase Scholarships were established as a tribute to Mrs. Chase, who successfully balanced the skills of parenting and marriage while engaged in a demanding career. The scholarships will be presented to students who will continue their education while balancing the importance of family and school.

Academic Achievement – \$2,250

Motivation – \$2,250

Elizabeth Czepiel Memorial Scholarship - \$1,350

Elizabeth Czepiel completed a graduate school internship at QVCC while attending the University of Connecticut. She embraced the opportunity to work with at-risk youth who wished to attend college. A scholarship was established in her memory by co-workers, friends, and family to provide an opportunity for a student to better him or herself through education.

Joan Dash Scholarship - \$1,600

Joan Dash, a former member of the QVCC Foundation, endowed this scholarship because she knew the difference the opportunity to go to college made in her own life. She decided to support generations of QV students because as a resident of northeastern Connecticut, she has seen first-hand and been impressed by the impact the college plays in the lives of so many people. Joan's hope is to provide QVCC students with the same opportunities she had.

Michael F. Davis Memorial Scholarship - \$1,250

This scholarship was established by Michael's wife and children in his memory. After graduating from high school in 1976, he opened BGR Radiator Shop as an extension of his father's business, Brooklyn General Repair. While his expertise was further expanded and refined through many years of industry related training seminars, Michael had the mind of an engineer but lacked formal training. His family and friends hope to make someone else's life a bit better by contributing to their education in his memory. The recipient must be working towards a degree in the College of Technology.

Day Kimball Healthcare Scholarship - \$1,100

This scholarship is awarded to a resident of northeastern Connecticut interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. It may be applied to tuition, books or other expenses related to attending QV.

Demers Family Scholarship - \$1,000

The daughters of Celeste Demers created this scholarship in memory of their mother, who struggled to raise her five daughters as a single parent when her husband passed away prematurely. As a result of seeing the challenges their mother faced, all were inspired to achieve greater independence in their own lives. We are proud to call three of Celeste's daughters members of our alumni family.

Ryan S. Doyle Memorial Scholarship - 4@ \$1,500

The Ryan S. Doyle Memorial Scholarship was created by Ryan's family to keep his memory alive while supporting students of northeastern Connecticut. With the support of many of Ryan's friends, this scholarship is a way to not only honor but memorialize the impact he made in his brief 27 years. Ryan graduated from Killingly High School in 2000 and went on to a career in management. At the time of his death, he was the night manager at Zip's Diner in Danielson. Although Ryan wasn't a student at QVCC, he believed in the mission of the college and knew first-hand the important role the college plays in this region. His older brother Sean graduated from QVCC, served as president of the QVCC Foundation, and received emeritus status in 2024 for his outstanding dedication to the Foundation.

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Dr. Carlee R. & Michael J. Drummer President's Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,500

Because of their profound belief in the transforming power of higher education, Dr. Carlee and Michael Drummer endowed this scholarship to underscore their commitment and dedication to Quinebaug Valley Community College. The scholarship assists a full time second-year student with demonstrated financial need who seeks to earn an associate's degree and transfer to a four-year college or university.

Mary Espinola Memorial Scholarship - \$300

Mary Espinola gave a great deal of her time to the establishment of QVCC. She, along with other area citizens, made it possible for people of this region to have access to high quality, low cost education. This scholarship in her memory is awarded to a Connecticut resident with financial need who is planning to pursue studies in business.

The Elizabeth Espitia-Perez and Walter J. Hines Scholarship - \$1,500

This scholarship supports students and graduates of QVCC's ESL program. Elizabeth and Walter never met, but both valued America as a nation of immigrants. Elizabeth immigrated from Colombia, completed her master's degree, and worked at Windham Middle School. She assisted students struggling to attend school and helped them reach their goals of accessing a college education. She was passionate about providing opportunities for all children regardless of background. Walter's ancestors immigrated from Europe. Never having the opportunity to attend college, he valued life-long learning. Walter kept a dictionary and a set of encyclopedias nearby; family meals typically include a trip to the bookshelf to resolve a question, define a word, or understand a scientific principle. He and Elizabeth would be proud to know that this scholarship benefits students striving for success.

The QVCC Faculty and Staff Student Support Fund - 3 @ \$500

This fund was created in 2009 as a way to provide QV students with opportunities to participate in college activities that they may not be able to afford due to financial constraints.

Joan F. Golrick Memorial Scholarship - \$800

The Joan F. Golrick Memorial Scholarship was established by her children as a tribute to their mother, who graduated with a degree in biology from Brown University in 1947 and then pursued a career in biomedical research. This trail-blazing wife and mother of eight cared deeply about her family and community. Passionate and committed to many people and causes, Joan was an active member of the QVCC Foundation's Scholarship Committee, Brown University Admissions Team, Inland Wetlands Commission, Girl Scouts of America and St. James Church. This scholarship is given to a single parent with demonstrated financial need studying early childhood education, as Joan believed in the power of education to positively impact lives.

Dr. Ellis A. & Shirley L. Hagstrom Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Dr. Ellis A. Hagstrom served as an administrator at QVCC for nearly 20 years and was the first academic dean. He and his wife Shirley were committed to education and their daughter established this scholarship in their memory. This scholarship is awarded to a full or part-time student with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better and demonstrated financial need.

The Haines Family Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship was established by the Haines Family in honor of Nick Haines, a local business owner who cared deeply about his community. Nick and his wife Judy demonstrated their shared belief in service to others by the active roles they played in numerous local organizations including Rotary and the QVCC Foundation. Their children Tracy and Rusty continue to carry on Nick's legacy. Rusty is an active QVCC Foundation Member and local business owner.

Betty & Newell Hale Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,950

This scholarship was established because of Betty and Newell Hale's deep commitment to education and dedication to the local community. Their son, Laurence, served as a member of the QVCC Foundation for several years, including as the Foundation's president. He was recognized for his extraordinary service to the Foundation with emeritus designation in 2014. These scholarships are awarded to students attending QV with demonstrated financial need.

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Robert and Mary Heneault Memorial Fund - \$650

The Robert and Mary Heneault Memorial Fund will support a deserving QVCC student that demonstrates high academic achievement while contributing to the overall good of their community. Robert and Mary Heneault (nee Keenan) were born and raised in Danielson, CT, and while their lives took them away from Danielson, it remained home in their hearts. With their children they made a life in Canada; first in Montreal, then in Toronto, where Robert's career culminated in his appointment as President and CEO of Stelco Enterprises. Robert and Mary recognized the transformative value of education and passed on a passion for learning that their children wish to extend to a QV student.

W.H.G. Herklots Family Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,500

This scholarship was established by Susan D. Lillie in honor of her family. A 1929 Killingly High School graduate and highly honored teacher for over 50 years, Mrs. Lillie believed in the value of education offered by QVCC and cared deeply about helping students overcome difficulties in their pursuit of academic degrees. Her brother, Dr. Adriaan R.J. Herklots created the original committee formed to establish a community college in northeastern Connecticut and also served as a financial aid director at QVCC for many years.

Jewett City Savings Bank Scholarship - \$550

Jewett City Savings Bank, founded in 1873, has a longtime history of serving and supporting the local community. Dr. Robert E. Miller, president emeritus of QVCC, proudly served on the bank's board of directors for over 20 years. Jewett City Savings Bank employees have also maintained an active presence on the QVCC Foundation board, including current directors, Executive Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer Diana Rose and Senior Vice President and Chief Banking Officer Mark Light '02. This scholarship is presented in appreciation of the support and leadership of past and future business leaders in our community.

John J. "Bud" Keenan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

John Keenan, known to friends and family as Bud, was the epitome of hard work, humility and service to others. Bud's 12 nieces and nephews, who funded the scholarship in his name, want to ensure that his bedrock values continue to live on. The family hopes the recipient will have the same enduring and positive impact on others that Uncle Bud had on his family, friends and community.

The Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Scholarship - \$400

The Killingly Brooklyn Rotary was founded in 1926, by a group of community leaders dedicated to promoting the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self." This scholarship is awarded to a student residing in Killingly or Brooklyn who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to community service.

Keith John Kipper Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Keith Kipper was a 1986 graduate of QVCC with an associate's degree in human services. After receiving a bachelor's degree he became a drug and alcohol counselor. This scholarship was established in his memory to be awarded to a non-traditional student in the Human Services degree program. Eligibility is based on scholastic merit and demonstrated financial need.

Hans Langhammer Scholarship - \$850

This scholarship was established by Eris Green Langhammer in memory of her husband, Hans, a German immigrant who left Europe after World War II, during which time he was a Russian prisoner. Dr. Langhammer graduated from Heidelberg University with a degree in medicine, later becoming a renowned forensic psychiatrist. His wife believed greatly in education and was the second licensed x-ray technician in the state of Connecticut. She was also a sculptor and painter. The intent of this scholarship is to help students better their own lives while marrying the interests of both Dr. and Mrs. Langhammer. The recipient must be a student with disabilities pursuing a degree in fine arts.

George & Demeter Lakatzis Scholarship - \$700

This scholarship was established by George Lakatzis in memory of his first wife, Demi, who studied fine arts at QVCC. Demi taught biology and gym at Killingly High School and was a long term member of the town's Planning and Zoning Committee—even voting to build the West wing of the college. George has served his fellow townspeople as chairman of the Killingly Housing Authority, president of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, and former member of the QVCC Foundation. For all their service, Demi and George are still most recognized by their legions of satisfied customers from their Danielson restaurant George's Galley!

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Maria Angelos & George Lakatzis Scholarship - \$650

This scholarship was established by George Lakatzis in memory of his dear friend Maria Angelos '95, director of admissions at QVCC. Her many friends and colleagues continue to support this scholarship as a tribute to Maria, who embodied a love of learning and of helping others in both her personal and professional life. After graduating from QVCC, she earned her B.A. from ECSU and her M.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She was an active member of the QVCC community as well as the local community, including Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Maria's legacy will not be forgotten by all fortunate to receive this scholarship named in her loving memory.

Rose Bove La Rose & Normand O. La Rose Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship is given in honor of the late Rose Bove and Normand O. La Rose. They played a significant role in business development in northeastern Connecticut. Rose and Normand also shared a life-long interest in education, supporting educational initiatives in whatever way possible. This scholarship is awarded in memory of these two dedicated and hard-working people to a full or part time student with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

LiR Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,400

LiR is a thriving independent program based at QV for adults who enjoy learning in a stimulating and social environment. Over 400 residents of northeastern Connecticut take advantage of this incredible opportunity on an annual basis. A member of LiR is a voting member of the QVCC Foundation.

May & Frank Messinger Memorial Scholarship - \$750

May Messinger dedicated over ten years of service to QVCC as the financial aid assistant. She and her husband valued education, and their children established this award in their memory. This scholarship is presented to a single parent who has completed at least 12 credits at QV.

Emil & Alice Miller Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 The Miller family established this scholarship to honor Emil and Alice Miller, parents of QVCC's first president, Dr. Robert E. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were children of immigrants who had struggled through the Great Depression and understood the importance of education. They were both enormously proud of their son's professional responsibilities with the Connecticut Community College System. This award is presented to an area high school graduate with demonstrated financial need who is entering QV.

Dr. Robert E. & Sylvia M. Miller Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship was established in March of 1992 on the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Robert E. Miller, who served as president of QVCC for over 20 years. With deep commitment to education, QVCC, and The QVCC Foundation, this award is offered to a QV student who has shown outstanding involvement in service to the community.

Barbara Morowski Memorial Scholarship - \$550

This scholarship was created by Barbara's four children in honor of their artistically gifted mother. At the age of 62, Barbara decided to pursue her degree in fine arts at QVCC. She was just a few credits short of reaching that goal when she passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. Barbara loved to travel the world and enjoyed painting the faces of the native people of the many countries she visited. She also loved to share her knowledge and opened her arms (and her studio) to many friends and family. The recipient must be a full or part time student enrolled in the Fine Arts program.

Moumouris Dykstra Family Scholarship - \$650

Dr. Toni T. Moumouris, director of admissions emeritus, established this scholarship in honor of her retirement in May 2010. Toni worked in higher education for over 30 years and remains deeply committed to helping students pursue their education and career goals.

Virginia A. '78 & Thomas E. Moumouris Scholarship - \$600

Virginia's husband and daughters have established this memorial scholarship to provide college funds to a QVCC student while honoring her legacy. Virginia was a part-time adult student while working full time in the business office at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School. In the 1970s, her children completed their bachelor's degrees at various universities while she completed her associate's degree (in 1978) from QVCC in the Executive Secretary program.

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Northeast Connecticut Arts Council Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship was established to promote the development and recognition of artistic talent. It is presented to a student enrolled in the Fine Arts program who has completed at least one semester at QV. The student must be recommended by a faculty member who has firsthand knowledge of his or her artistic talent and promise.

The Elizabeth "Betti" Kuszaj Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Scholarship - \$1,750

The Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce serves the area as a not-for-profit professional organization whose mission is to promote the success of area businesses through networking, education, and the sharing of vital information to its membership. One of the ways that the Chamber supports the greater community is through this scholarship fund, named in honor of Elizabeth "Betti" Kuszaj. Betti was the NE CT Chamber's inaugural executive director who grew the service area from 2 to 23 towns during her 41 years of leadership. She was a trailblazer who championed commerce and savored building connections and made friendships while doing so. May her entrepreneurial spirit live on through the generations of students who will receive this award.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness Norman Corriveau Scholarship - \$1,000

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) is a non-profit human service organization dedicated to the promotion of youth wellness. NOW provides education in nutrition and instruction in fitness and sports, regardless of access to financial resources. In addition, NOW focuses on issues of wellness related to the prevention of child abuse, fostering healthy communities through education of youth mentors and coaches. NOW awards this scholarship in memory of Norman Corriveau, who was passionate in his support of community and youth wellness programs. The recipient of the scholarship must be a resident of northeastern Connecticut.

Dr. Lynn Pasquerella '78 & John Kuchle Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship supports students who have demonstrated academic excellence in pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences, and shows the lasting commitment Lynn and John have for QV. Lynn is a proud QVCC alumna who went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and her Ph.D. from Brown University. In July 2016, Lynn became the 14th president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Prior to this position, she served as the 18th president of Mount Holyoke College. In his 30 year career, John taught biology and photography to generations of QVCC students. He is a professor emeritus of biology as well as an avid photographer.

Alice & Lionel Romney Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Alice and Lionel Romney shared a Caribbean heritage. Although Alice was born and raised in Quincy, MA., she was the daughter of immigrants from St. Maarten in the Caribbean. Lionel was from St. Maarten, where he learned four of the six languages he spoke. Both Alice and Lionel understood the value of multiculturalism and were fascinated by many different cultures all over the world. Because of the role of migration in their own backgrounds, they were sensitive to the needs of immigrants in this country. This scholarship is named in their honor because of their passion for education, their concern for immigrants, and their belief that education was the key to tolerance, inclusion, equality, understanding and peace in the world.

Rooke-Norman Women's Opportunity Scholarship - \$1,000

Attorney Gail Rooke-Norman is an active QVCC Foundation member whose passion and commitment to community organizations benefits many. She chose to endow this scholarship in 2012 after serving on the QVCC Foundation Scholarship Committee, where she recognized the challenges many women face in their quest for higher education. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in a certificate or degree program, have persevered despite hardships/setbacks and be continuing their education at QV.

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Putnam Rotary Gerry Cotnoir Scholarship - \$700

The Putnam Rotary Club established this scholarship in honor of Gerry Cotnoir's 50 years of membership in the club and his 32 years of service to the community as the principal of Putnam Middle School. Gerry is a past president of the Putnam Rotary, a two-time Paul Harris Fellow, and the long-time chairman of the club's Scholarship Committee. The Putnam Rotary Club was founded in 1923 by a group of community leaders dedicated to promoting the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self." The Scholarship is awarded to a student residing in the Putnam Rotary service area who shows outstanding involvement in community service.

Kathleen A. Russell Memorial Scholarship - \$400 Kathleen Russell embodied the spirit of the non-traditional student at QVCC where she studied medical assisting. At the time of her death, she held a position in that field at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her family and friends established this memorial scholarship in her honor. It is presented to a female student who is enrolled in a medical degree or certificate program at QV.

William & Dorothy St. Onge Memorial Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,200

William and Dorothy St. Onge were community leaders who believed in the mission of QVCC and worked diligently to support the citizens of northeastern Connecticut. Dorothy served on the QVCC Regional Advisory Council in the early years of the college, and Bill served as congressman from the 2nd District.

John J. Sarnowski Memorial Scholarship - \$550

John Joseph Sarnowski, a graduate of New Britain Trade School, worked as a machinist at the Wallace Barnes Division of Associated Spring in Bristol. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and served as a machinist mate on the USS Shadwell. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to Wallace Barnes, from which he retired in 1983 after 38 years with the company. John's children chose to endow this scholarship on Veterans' Day so that all recipients would pause to remember this excellent family man who took great pride in his job, in his military service and in his country.

Savings Institute Bank & Trust Scholarship - \$1,350

Prior to being acquired by Berkshire Bank in 2019, Savings Institute Bank & Trust was a dedicated supporter of the QVCC Foundation. Former Savings Institute President and Chief Executive Officer Rheo Brouillard served several years as a Foundation member, including president, and was awarded Foundation member emeritus in 2013. Berkshire Bank continues this legacy of commitment to local students, providing generous educational support for future generations. Preference will be given to a student in a business program.

Norma & David Senger Family Scholarship - \$1,500

Dianne E. Williams, president emeritus of QVCC and Foundation member emeritus, endowed a scholarship as a tribute to her parents, Norma and David Senger. Although Mrs. Senger was an excellent high school student, she did not have the option to attend college. While David didn't see the need for higher education for women, Norma ensured that their four daughters had the chance to attend college and be given the opportunities in life that education provides.

A.L. Simonds Memorial Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

A.L. Simonds, the founder of Linemaster Switch, designed the first foot switch in 1937 to support his lens machinery. In 1952, he founded and incorporated Linemaster in Woodstock, CT. It has since become the world's largest manufacturer of foot controls. The Carlone family has generously supported the QVCC Foundation for many years. Preference will be given to employees of Linemaster Switch Corporation or their family members.

Sommer Family Scholarship - \$700

The Sommer Family Fund was established in 2017 in recognition of their commitment to community, higher education, and the advancement of science. This scholarship is awarded to a local student studying in the allied health field.

SPIROL International Corporation Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

SPIROL International Corporation has been a supporter of QV for many years. They have made a continued commitment to education and the local community. The scholarships are presented to students enrolled in the associate in science degree program in the College of Technology in Technology Studies or Engineering.

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Thompson Lions Club Scholarship – \$600

The Thompson Lions Club, incorporated over 55 years ago, is part of a network of over 20,000 clubs worldwide whose primary interest is service to the blind and visually impaired. As part of its mission, the 50 men and women of the Thompson Lion's Club work all year to raise funds in support of local projects. This scholarship represents the members' dedication to education in northeastern Connecticut.

Tracy Thompson Memorial Scholarship - \$550

Tracy Thompson was a beloved special education teacher at Woodstock Elementary School from 1994-2007. When Tracy's colleagues learned of her illness, they worked together to raise over \$10,000 to help the family with associated costs. It is this money that her children, Greg and Danielle, used to endow this fund as a tribute to their mother and her lifelong devotion to education.

Steven '23 & Marjolaine '87, '88 Townsend Scholarships - 18 @ \$2,500 & 2 @ \$4,000

The Townsends care deeply about residents of Northeast Connecticut, as shown by their generous support of numerous local organizations. Steve is a nationally recognized business leader who co-founded United Natural Foods (UNFI) in Danielson, CT. A long-time member of the QVCC Foundation, in 2012 Steve was honored with emeritus status for his "extraordinary contribution to the Foundation's mission." Marge is an active community volunteer whose hard work and dedication has helped many. Steve and Marge are proud Putnam High School graduates, both starting their collegiate studies at QVCC. They hope that in providing these scholarships, students will pursue their dreams and one day be in a position to help others do the same.

Business Scholarship - 5 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to business or accounting students.

Fine Arts Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to fine art students.

Killingly High School Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to a graduating Killingly High School student attending QV.

Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholarship - 5 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to liberal arts and sciences students.

Putnam High School Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to a graduating Putnam High School student attending QV.

Transfer Scholarship - 2 @ \$2,500

Preference is given to a graduating QV student transferring to a 4-year university.

Townsend Scholarship for International Studies - 2 @ \$4,000

This scholarship was awarded to two QV students who attended the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights (OCHR) at Oxford University in England.

J&D UMATTER Scholarship - \$500

David and Judy Rzucidlo believe that an education is one of the pathways to accessing one's dreams. Their intention in creating this fund is to help students deal with life's daily challenges or everyday essential needs. UMATTER is that rainy day fund. Their hope is for students to know that there is an umbrella.

United Natural Foods Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,500

United Natural Foods supports access to education for its employees, their family members, and citizens in the local community through these annual scholarships for entering or continuing students at QV. Each recipient must have a strong scholastic record with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Preference is given to United Natural Foods, Inc. employees and members of their immediate families.

The Helena B. Witkowski Memorial Scholarship - 7 @ \$2,000

Helena B. Witkowski was born in 1927 and grew up on a dairy farm in North Grosvenordale, CT. An honors graduate of Tourtellotte High School, she went on to the Connecticut Institute of Hairdressing and Cosmetology in Hartford, CT. She owned and operated her own beauty salon in Putnam, CT. While working full-time and caring for her parents, Helena continued her education earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University and a certificate in education from the University of Krakow in Poland. Ms. Witkowski then joined the faculty at H. Ellis Regional Vocational and Technical School. She spent many happy, memorable years teaching, mentoring and caring deeply for her students. She retired in 1986 as Department Head of Beauty and Culture.

Jeanne L. Zesut Northeastern Connecticut Human Resources Association Scholarship - \$1,000

The Northeastern Connecticut Human Resources Association provides a scholarship to a beginning or continuing student in the field of management or other business program. The student must live in northeastern Connecticut.

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