We are ESC: Loyalty & Longevity

The IMPACT of PHILANTHROPY 2018

SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE
SUNY Empire alumni span years, continents, ages and professions, but the common thread is their appreciation for their college experience. Whether they returned to finish a degree begun decades before, pursued certification in a new field, or completed studies while raising a family, SUNY Empire met their needs. Our alumni remain grateful long after graduation.

Each alumnus’ gift has a direct impact on a student today, whose enduring loyalty, in turn, strengthens the legacy of each generation of graduates.
The stories in this year’s Impact of Philanthropy report from Empire State College are just a bit different than a traditional institution of higher learning’s would be. The traditional will have stories of young people starting out, maybe attending college against the odds. Empire seems to have as many stories as we have alumni: working adults with families realizing that they are capable of so much more; individuals who have been working for years and now want to move up or out to a challenging position; people who could not attend college fresh out of high school, but now realize it is never too late; and even active military who can sign on to class from wherever they are stationed.

Please read their stories and you will know why our friends and alumni support the school.

All my college degrees were attained while I was working full time and raising a family. I have lived through the same challenges that many of our students face. The generous donors to the Empire State College Foundation are here to help make some of those challenges a bit softer, to help make the mountains students must climb less steep, the road a bit more level. Through scholarships and program support, the Foundation endeavors to honor the courage it takes to go back to college later in life, when jobs and family need as much attention as the paper that is due tomorrow.

I was notified that I had attained my Ph.D. by email the same exact minute my brand new granddaughter was placed in my arms in the delivery room, a moment in time that for me exemplifies how our education here at Empire State College works for us, for our families and for the future.

Marian Conway, Ph.D. ’96, ’01, ’04
Chairwoman, Empire State College Foundation Board of Directors
Since its founding nearly half a century ago, Empire State College has graduated tens of thousands of passionate alumni who remain devoted to the institution long after completing their degree. Though their many priorities include work, family, volunteer commitments and other institutions, SUNY Empire alumni give back to their alma mater year after year because of their loyalty to the experience.

For some alumni, SUNY Empire provided the personalized learning environment that traditional institutions could not. Others enroll later in life to finish a long-deferred degree. For many, ESC accommodated multiple demands on their time — work, family life and civic commitments — making possible a meaningful experience and a valuable education that would not have been possible elsewhere.

These four featured alumni represent a combined 154 years of consecutive support — a remarkable display of loyalty that has stood the test of time. These are their stories.
RUTH DECKER ’74

At 90, alumna Ruth Decker’s life experience is wide and deep. So, when the 1974 graduate says that attending Empire State College was the turning point that instilled “a love of learning and reading,” it explains a lot about her ongoing generosity toward students today.

“I felt a lack in my life that I hadn’t gone to college and Empire State College mentors changed me, they made me a stronger woman, not just with knowledge, but with friendship. Now, I hope I make positive change possible for others,” she said.

When Ruth and her husband, Edwin, first established the Edwin and Ruth Decker ’74 Scholarship, she wanted to help women from Long Island.

“After I graduated, I worked for the college on Long Island, recruiting and advising students,” Ruth recalled. “I saw what a struggle it was for some women to go to college without support.”

When the Deckers moved to Minnesota for Edwin’s job, Ruth wanted to leave something “permanent” behind “to express my commitment and gratitude,” she said. “I have been deeply touched by the letters I have received from scholarship recipients and feel the scholarship really does make a difference.”

Ruth, who graduated with a bachelor’s in History, was a founding member of the Alumni Student Federation Board of Governors, serving from 1978-80.

FLORENCE DUNN ’78

Florence Dunn ’78 was born in 1923 “in a house along the road” in Nissequoque, Suffolk County, Long Island, and never moved far. Now, at age 96, she lives independently in the home she built with her first husband more than 60 years ago.

Florence was raised on a large estate, where her father was a caretaker. “My parents, who were uneducated, had come from Poland and my first language was Polish. Caretakers like my father get room and board, but not much money; they saved for me to go to college to get ahead.”

Her first foray into the academic world was SUNY Oneonta. “My parents sent me $5 each month for spending money,” she remembered. Florence thought she’d be a teacher, but in her fourth year, her father left his caretaker post, so Florence joined the workforce.

“I loved working with figures,” she said. “I went to work for Suffolk County and they offered a program to attend Empire State College. I studied accounting and turned out to be very good at it. The teachers made me feel that I was making something of myself, going someplace in the world. I give to the college now as a thank you, because it changed my life for the better.”

Florence married twice and had two children, but she suffered great tragedy and outlived them both. “People say I don’t look or act my age and I hope I don’t,” she says. “I believe in wearing smiles, not tears.”

These days, Florence spends time with family, is an avid reader and participates in The Women’s Health Initiative’s long-term national health study that focuses on postmenopausal women. She found out about it through SUNY Empire and has been involved ever since. “I like contributing to society if I can,” she said, noting, “Empire State College was good for me and I hope by being a good donor now, I am doing some good for someone else.”
Philip Struizzeri ’80 doesn’t like to sit still — and never did.

In March of 1958, as a 17-year-old high school senior, Philip joined the U.S. Air Force “obligating myself to serve my country,” he recalled, “and I was proud and happy to do it.” He stayed in for four years, at one point stationed at a now-decommissioned Air Force station deep in an evergreen forest “which I wasn’t allowed to divulge at the time. We maintained nuclear weapons for B52 bombers and kept equipment underground. People didn’t even know it existed.” His next assignment was overseas to Europe in the security service.

When Philip left the Air Force in 1962, he briefly joined the Department of State in Washington, D.C., but ultimately decided to work in banking.

A relative invited him to explore Endicott, N.Y., and he did, settling on a job “at the bottom” at the Endicott Trust Company, near Binghamton, N.Y. Determined and ambitious, he worked his way up. At age 35, yearning to learn more, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill and enrolled at Broome Community College, earning an associate degree in Business Administration. After a six-month hiatus, he decided, “If I’ve gone this far, I need to seek a way to go back to college and get a bachelor’s.”

Philip chose ESC because the college granted him academic credit for his military experience and for various courses he took along the way; he needed the flexibility of when and where to study; he valued guidance from mentors and administrators; and the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree would support his career in banking.

Meanwhile Endicott Trust — where Philip had attained the title of senior vice president — underwent five takeovers by bigger institutions.

“If I hadn’t had a bachelor’s, I wouldn’t have been able to stay,” Philip said. “My four-year degree made the difference of having a career there or not.”

Philip has chosen to be a stalwart donor to the college for 39 years. “Empire State College provides individuals the means to earn a degree, wherever they are in their lives. I was married and raising a family, but it didn't stop me. Enabling people to get degrees allows them to branch out,” he said. “The most precious gift we can give an individual is an education.”

Philip retired after 40 years at the bank. Today, he raises money for cancer hospitals, is a board member of the Endicott Lion’s Club and is a vice president of the Riverhurst Memorial Association. “I'm always going to be busy,” he concluded. “And I'm always going to be grateful for the influence of Empire State College.”

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Patricia Polak ’87, a proud Metropolitan location alumna and donor of three decades who remembered herself as “a very difficult candidate.”

Patricia’s husband was an acclaimed scholar “and here I was, without a college degree,” she recalled. “It was a psychological and emotional stumbling block for me.”

The Polaks had lived for two years in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. when Patricia decided to go to college. Her adventures had included archaeology digs in Syria, Iraq and Iran.

The experiential learning might have propelled her to advance toward her degree more quickly, but, she insisted, “I wanted academic credits, not credits for life experience.”

Her mentor helped Patricia create and execute an individualized educational degree plan that fascinated and gratified her. Patricia has since earned an M.A. in Writing and a Master’s in Fine Arts. She also published a book of lyric poems about New York City titled “Manhattan Melody.” Above all, she said, “I am an ESC alumna and never have to attempt an hour-long explanation on how I changed schools, failed out, traveled too much to complete, was 6 credits short at what place, or wanted my degree from where. I am Empire, a school of dedicated, diligent and lovely people. I contribute to ESC so others may have a life-affirming and changing experience through the mentored degree.”

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Through the Boyer Legacy Society, we recognize the foresight of individuals who have named SUNY Empire State College in their will or made another gift arrangement that may be realized beyond their lifetimes. This society is named after Ernest L. Boyer Sr. and his wife Kathryn G. Boyer ’78.

Dr. Ernest Boyer, who served as chancellor of the State University of New York from 1970 to 1977, envisioned university study available at times and places convenient to students of different ages and backgrounds. He saw the possibilities of awarding a degree for what a student knew, rather than for time served in a classroom. Kay Boyer was an adult student whose needs mirrored her husband’s vision and who successfully completed her degree at Empire State College, subsequently serving on the board of directors of the Empire State College Foundation.

We honor the commitment of those individuals whose gifts have already been realized, and are grateful to the following members of the Boyer Legacy Society who have made a future commitment to the college through their own estate plans.

Anonymous
Keith D. Amparado ’88
David M. Asch ’83
*Pasquale J. Beldotti, Jr. ’75
Anne R. Bertholf
Susanna Bezold
Deborah Botch ’86
Kathryn (Kay) Boyer ’78
*James Aloysius Gibson and Patricia Brozinsky
Susan K. Butler ’06
*Patricia M. Callahan ’94
*Hortence S. and Warren R. Cochrane
*Maxwell Cohen ’76
*Gordon Darrow ’87
Jeanie H. Davis
*George Glenn Dawson
*Basil Merle DeBuskey
Philip J. de Carolis ’92, ’97
Dennis R. De Long
Sandra Bauhan DuBois ’78
*John L. Dunne
Joan A. Englehart ’84
Astrid Ewing
Mark ’78 and Marjorie Fuhrmann
Bailey M. and Elaine Geeslin
Sidney Gluck ’79
Doris Goldberg
Emma Gomez ’79
James William and Mary Elizabeth Hall
Hugh B. Hammett
Merodie A. Hancock
*jayne Regan Harris
Susan T. Hollis
Michael C. Hubbard ’75
Joanne R. Hvisdas ’92, ’93
Robert ’96 and *Carolyn Johnson
*Stephen C. Kasper
Judith (Suzy) Kline ’86
Susan A. Koch ’01
*Pamela Kone ’90
Deborah and Don Lansing
*David F. Madden ’78
*Keith Martin
James A. Matte ’76
David ’10 and Joy Mazzetti
Margaret McAloon
Terrence McCafferty ’80, ’03
Nancy A. McLachlin ’81
Marjorie Meinhardt ’77
*Maureen Meloy ’92
Stephen Keep Mills ’89
*Harold P. Morrill
Marion C. Morse ’81
Roberta Jean Moyet ’08
Mitchell S. Nesler
Deborah L. Oberhofer ’05
Barbara A. O’Connell ’76
William H. Parker ’86
Kathleen Pepin ’94
Patricia Polak ’87
Anthony Riccardi
Deanna L. Riddick ’03, ’05
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Pearl Sommer ’88
Anne and John Sonne
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Bernadette T. Stengel ’88
*Bernard Stern
*Henry J. Themal ’82
Rachel S. Thibodeaux ’96
*Dorothea Threatt
Monte I. Trammer
Charles P. Trudel ’79, ’95
Susan H. Turben ’72, H’05 and
John F. Turben
Ann Turner ’86
Sharon Villines
Karim C. VonKay ’79 and
David C. Duggan
Mabel B. ’79 and T. Uriling Walker
*Virginia Weiss ’88
Karen West ’84, ’95
Gareth Williams ’07
Eldon R. Williamson ’94
Judith ’02, ’04 and Jack Willis
Maureen Winney
Gloria Jean Wright ’79
John Wright ’98
David Yamada ’99
Cynthia Zaentz ’89
*Deceased
When $1,000 can be the difference between paying your rent and taking your final class, too often the pressures of home life take precedence over the dream of an education. The college’s scholarship program aims to support the most promising students who need that extra help to pursue their dreams. To many students, that $1,000 scholarship is life-changing. Thanks to donors and friends, the Foundation distributes more than $740,000 in scholarships to more than 600 students throughout the year, in awards averaging $1,200 per student.

The awards may be modest, but the impact is great.

Runn Shayo
Joseph Goldberg Memorial Scholarship and Yip Harburg Foundation Scholarship
B.A., The Arts
Brooklyn, N.Y.

“I am thrilled and honored to have been chosen for a scholarship. For the past 20 years, I’ve worked as an actor, dancer and performing artist. After receiving American citizenship, my next goal was obtaining a degree. I’ve always wanted to prove I can do it. In my program at Empire, I can combine online and on-site studies, and my life and professional experience are valuable and taken into account toward my academic degree. I’ve been with SUNY Empire for two years and couldn’t be more appreciative of all I’ve learned and experienced.”

Irene Dombeck
Alumni/Student Federation Scholarship
B.A., Human Development
Rochester, N.Y.

“After many years of marriage, I divorced and became the primary caretaker for two sons. I took the first job I could, as an administrative assistant, to support my children and myself. As my kids became older, I started my new career path. At ESC, I’m studying health psychology, motivational psychology and positive psychology. I’m close to completing certification to work in a medical practice as a health coach. I haven’t regretted choosing ESC for a moment. The Educational Planning course was instrumental in getting me out into the community to see what was needed. I am excited about finishing school this spring and working in health care.”

Virginia Woodruff
Richard Porter Leach Fellowship and Yip Harburg Foundation Scholarship
B.A., The Arts
New York, N.Y.

“I appreciate this award and what you’ve given me more than you may ever know. I now feel like my opportunities are endless, when previously I felt as though I had nothing more to share. Being introduced to SUNY Empire has assisted me in completing my degree program and made my life richer than ever. After falling into theater 30 years ago and learning through the school of hard knocks, I finally feel like a well-rounded performer. I owe a debt of gratitude to what this award has offered me. Attending SUNY Empire has allowed me to fill in the gaps, as I continue working in the arts.”

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-Virginia Woodruff
Shante Pierson
Corrou Family Scholarship
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies
Schenectady, N.Y.

“Though I come from humble beginnings, I remember my mother always promoting the importance of education. I transferred to Empire State College with the goal of designing a degree program that worked for me. I wanted a college that would allow me to create a degree program unique to my varied interests. My mentor has been a consistent source of guidance and support, my professors have been extremely encouraging and my classmates have helped shape my experience along my educational journey. I am thankful for this scholarship and the ability to pursue my degree, because it is a life-changing opportunity that many people don’t have.”

Brittany Keyes
Susan and Bill Dake Graduate Scholarship
MBA in Business Management
Latham, N.Y.

“I am currently attending ESC to attain my MBA in Business Management. I plan to leverage my education to pursue a higher position within my current corporation. Thanks to your generous assistance, I am now much closer to attaining my future success. Through your scholarship, you have alleviated my financial concern, which will allow me to focus more intently on my schoolwork. It is wonderful to know I have your support and belief in my academic successes. In the future, I hope to assist the next generation of students, just as you have helped me.”

Taylor Yerrick
Michael Lamanna Memorial Scholarship
Master of Arts in Teaching
Rome, N.Y.

“I am incredibly grateful to receive this scholarship. I am completing coursework to become a science teacher through the Master of Arts in Teaching program, and these funds will help me graduate without accumulating any more debt. When I graduate, I plan to teach full time, doing what I love. I hope to one day conduct science education research, pursue a doctoral degree and become a professor. Your generosity will help me toward my goals and my family and I are extremely appreciative.”

Jade Purdy
Jane Shipton Scholarship
A.S., Community & Human Services
Brooklyn, N.Y.

“I am pursuing a degree in Community and Human Services with a concentration in alcohol and substance abuse services. Serving others adds a greater purpose to my life, both personally and professionally. ESC courses have helped to shape me into a more polished, knowledgeable and competent professional and nurtured my growth as an individual and a professional, with the opportunity to obtain a degree in a nontraditional setting. Attending a great college has been an enriching and rewarding tour.”

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Victoria Graham
Stewart’s Shops Community College Scholarship
B.S., Business Management and Economics
Accord, N.Y.

“Thank you for this amazing opportunity. I am almost finished with my studies here at SUNY Empire and your scholarship is making this possible. I take pride in my work and that is why it is so important for me to finish my education. I currently work in higher education, so I understand how important scholarships are for students who cannot afford to attend college. People like you are changing the world, one day at a time. I plan to continue my education for my master’s in Higher Education Administration. This scholarship has helped me get one step closer to that goal.”

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“I am grateful for being recognized for my hard work and academic efforts, and I plan to one day give back to students in the way that you are giving back to me.”

-Shante Pierson
The most popular way that people support the college is through The Fund for Empire State College. Our donor base is anchored by a strong foundation of alumni — representing three-quarters of all contributors — joined by dedicated employees, friends and regional and national corporations and foundations. The Fund broadly supports students, programs and employees across the college each and every year. Among the highlights of the 2018 year was awarding The Fund for Empire State College Scholarships to 40 deserving and hardworking students.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS TO THE FOUNDATION BY SOURCE
1,901 donors contributed a total of $636,570 in 2018

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- **Alumni**
- **Employees**
- **Corporations**
- **Foundations**
- **Friends**
Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, employees and friends, the Empire State College Foundation provides invaluable support to students, faculty and the development of new academic programs. We are grateful for the loyalty of those who support the Foundation, and their faith in our mission and students.

### TOTAL ENDOWMENT VALUE 2009-2018
Endowment value as of June 30, 2018 - $20,675,633

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### SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT ACTIVITY SUPPORT
Students received $778,942 in Foundation support in 2018-19

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For the 2018-19 year, the foundation allocated a total of $1,660,960 to distribute directly to students, on faculty programs, and to other initiatives to ensure our students’ academic success.

- The largest percentage of funding goes directly to students via scholarship awards.
- 47 percent to student scholarships and activities — including donor-established scholarship funds, institutionally funded financial aid and other student-centered initiatives
- 16 percent on academic programs — faculty-driven activities including residencies and new program development
- 14 percent on outreach and partnerships — to develop partnership programs with employers and community colleges, and engage with community members in every region of the state
- 15 percent on personnel support and professional development activities — staff training, faculty conferences and other scholarly or professional engagement
- 9 percent on fundraising expenses — to administer The Fund for Empire State College and promote the message and mission of SUNY Empire State College
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

ESC Foundation Endowment 2018

- Ten-year: 7.4%
- Five-year: 8.79%
- Three-year: 7.54%
- One-year: 8.52%

NACUBO-Commonfund Study 2018

- Ten-year: 5.8%
- Five-year: 7.2%
- Three-year: 6.1%
- One-year: 7.8%

Average annual rate of return for fiscal year ending June 30. Reflects Empire State College Foundation Endowment in 2018 as compared to the average U.S. college and university endowments, according to the NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments.

INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

Percentage of total assets at market value 2018

- Equity Investments: 70.00%
- Fixed-income Investments: 23.81%
- Alternative Investments: 4.68%
- Cash and Equivalents: 1.51%
The President's Club recognizes our most generous alumni and friends who make gifts totaling $500 or more throughout the year. Some members may make a single gift for a specific purpose — such as a scholarship — while others may make monthly contributions to The Fund for Empire State College, which are used to address our areas of greatest need. However they participate, members of the President’s Club share the college's vision and demonstrate their dedication and commitment through their leadership support.

### Founders Society

**$5,000+**
- Anonymous
- A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation
- Guy L. Bassini ’11
- Richard Bonnabeau
- Cynthia Callahan
- Estate of Patricia M. Callahan ’94 and her children
- Phillip B. Catchings
- John ’94 and Jane Corrou
- William P. and Susan Law Dake
- Gordon ’87 and Elaine Darrow
- Kristen Delaney ’12
- Dyson Foundation
- Tina ’97 and Wayne Evans
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Fraydun Foundation Inc.
- David Fullard
- Emma A. Gomez ’79, ’81
- Deena Rosenberg Harburg
- Stewart W. and Willma C. Hoyt Foundation
- James ’79 and Christine Karcher ’93
- Robert ’98 and Kathryn Lento
- Long Island Community Foundation
- Joseph ’80, ’06 and Laurel Anne Mancino
- Jennifer R. Manocherian ’74
- David ’10 and Joy Mazzetti
- Margaret McAloon
- Mitchell S. Nesler
- New York Community Bank Foundation
- Toni R. Schwartz
- Stat Staff Professionals
- Stewart’s Shops/Dake Family
- SUNY Impact Foundation Inc.
- David Theobald ’13, ’17
- Gal Tirosh ’92
- Susan ’72, H’05 and John Turben
- Vanguard Charitable
- Yip Harburg Foundation

### Builders Society

**$2,500-$4,999**
- Anonymous
- Frederick W. Baum
- Meg Benke
- Robert B. Carey
- Fred & Floy Willmott Foundation
- Joseph L. Garcia
- Scott T. Johnson
- Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation
- Marlene ’91 and Alan Kaufman
- James W. Lytle
- Jay R. Marshall ’06, ’08
- Mark and Maria Rodgers
- Catherine M. Szenczy ’87
- Walter Williams
- New York Community Bank Foundation
- Toni R. Schwartz
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### Partners Society

**$1,000-$2,499**
- Keith Amparado ’88
- Holly L. Balmer ’11
- Constance M. Barker ’84
- John M. Beckem
- BNY Mellon Pershing
- Osmond Brown ’80
- VanRil A. Brown ’00
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Rotary
- Robert Congemi
- Marian Conway ’96, ’01, ’04
- Brian F. Curran ’80
- Lisa D’Adamo-Weinstein
- Ruth M. Decker ’74
- Patrice M. DeCoste ’03
- Christopher ’86 and Diane Feeley
- Barbara ’91 and Andrew Ferrari
- Anita P. Fiorillo ’76
- Merodie A. Hancock
- Heritage Fund
- Susan McDaniel Hohenhaus ’03, ’05
- Insidetrack, Inc.
- Lydia ’13 and Roy Landesberg
- Katherine J. Lewis ’93
- Althea E. Luehrsen ’02, ’10
- Donna Mahar
- Alan D. Mandell
- Michela Manocherian
- William T. McAlpin ’95
- Mary B. Nettleton
Ann Nicholson Wright
Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc.
Jeffrey B. Pascal ’90, ’92
Philene Foundation
Mary Ann Policastro ’10
Michael V. Polito ’97
Mary Caroline Powers
Mary Raymond ’99, ’04
Raymond James Financial Inc.
Robert J. Roach ’96
James ’05 and Jeanmarie Roth
Marlee Rust
Claudia Shacter-deChabert ’90
Julie Shaw
Nicole H. Shrimpton
Larry Snavley
Ellen C. Sperber ’80
Clayton Steen
The Adirondack Trust Company
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RECOGNIZING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

The Foundation supports the work of faculty through grants, fellowships, professional development and other funding to enhance their scholarly activities. Over the past year, the Foundation assisted numerous faculty members, allowing them to complete research projects, attend conferences and professional development seminars, present their work to their peers and the community and — most importantly — bring to their students the deep, dedicated expertise that can inform their own educational pursuits.

We are particularly proud of the achievements of three such faculty members, who are recipients of three of the Foundation’s endowed award funds: the Arthur Imperatore Community Forum Fellowship, the Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Service and the Susan H. Turben Chair in Mentoring.

TANWEER ALI
Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Service

The recipient of the Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Service for 2018-19 is Tanweer Ali, a member of the International Programs faculty in Business, Management and Economics. The Altes Prize recognizes SUNY Empire faculty members whose outstanding community service draws on research and insights from their own academic discipline to address pressing social problems. The prize is named for Dr. Jane Altes, who served as vice president of academic affairs and interim president of the college.

Tanweer is located in Prague in the Czech Republic. He was recognized with the Altes Prize for his work with human, women’s and immigrant rights, along with his contribution to developing the financial profession and his engagement in community projects involving improving access to finance for socially-excluded communities.

He has been actively involved with many Czech organizations working on behalf of human rights and finance. He served for some years as a member and chairman of the board of the Organization for Aid to Refugees, a Prague-based refugee-assisting nongovernmental organization (NGO); initiated the founding of FORUM 50%, an NGO devoted to increasing the participation of women in public life in the Czech Republic; was chairman of the board for Insaan, a small nonprofit founded by a SUNY Empire alumnus and former mentee aimed at improving the understanding of Middle Eastern culture in Czech society; assisted two Czech NGOs in educating social workers and teachers on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and advises a Prague-based nonprofit dedicated to creating microfinance lending for social enterprises.
LORRAINE LANDER  
Arthur Imperatore Community Forum Fellowship

Dr. Lorraine Lander, a mentor in the area of Social and Behavioral Sciences located in Canandaigua, is serving as the Imperatore Fellow for 2018-19. The Imperatore Fellowship was established by New Jersey philanthropist and alumnus Arthur E. Imperatore, Sr. in 1990. The fellowship supports community-related research or a creative activity that furthers an individual faculty member’s professional development and is linked to the wider community.

Lorraine’s work as the Imperatore Fellow is in the area of nature education for children. The goal of her project is to partner with local public libraries in Rochester and the surrounding area to support the learning of librarians as nature educators and to gather and create relevant materials for children and their families in order to help them learn more about and appreciate nature. She is coordinating this project with the Rochester Regional Library Council and Pioneer Library System to offer multiple workshops to librarians and educators this spring and summer.

She has been a full-time faculty member at Empire State College for more than 15 years and teaches in the areas of human development, psychology, education and health, with a special interest in sustainability education and the development of nature attachment.

LINDA JONES  
Susan H. Turben Chair in Mentoring

Dr. Linda Jones, a mentor in the Natural Sciences Department, is this year’s Susan H. Turben Chair in Mentoring. Since coming to ESC in 2010, she has mentored students across the college in a variety of studies focused on conservation and environmental systems dynamics. She also serves as the primary mentor for students across the disciplines at the Saratoga Location.

The Turben Chair was created to promote excellence in mentoring as the primary relationship between students and faculty. The chair is named in honor of Susan H. Turben ’72, H’05, the second graduate of the college and an internationally recognized expert on families and child development.

At ESC, where there is a strong commitment to mentoring adult learners, Linda has worked to align her research activities so that they support student-directed learning. She collaborated on the design of a citizen science project that invites participants to systematically examine climate change, soil quality, and invasive species in New York State, and she continues to work with students to develop research experiences focused on their local environment.

She has dedicated her career to the cultivation of scientific literacy, achieved through engaging her students in opportunities to actively participate in the decisions that affect their lives and communities.
A Message from the Office of the President

Over the past 16 years at SUNY Empire State College, I have worn multiple hats, seen thousands of students graduate and met many of the college’s alumni and friends all across New York and the region. Serving as officer in charge since March of 2018 has given me the opportunity to take a wider view of the college’s legacy: our footprint in the various communities throughout the state, the lifelong impact of their SUNY Empire experience on the lives of alumni and the seemingly infinite potential for growth available for our students.

What a view it has been.

From the historical perspective of alumni who have been supporting the college for multiple decades, to the students who have only just begun their academic pursuits, this year’s Impact of Philanthropy provides a brief report on the Empire State College Foundation’s activities over the past year, and those who have made these initiatives possible. The Foundation has provided $1.67 million in collegewide initiatives, including financial assistance to more than 600 students, faculty research and new programs and partnerships — all hallmarks of a thriving educational community.

We are grateful to you for being part of that community and for your own loyalty to SUNY Empire throughout the years. I have been proud to be a member of this community and remain humbled by the opportunity to lead the college over the past year. We are all looking forward to the college’s future and to welcoming a new president in the coming months. I am confident that SUNY Empire will continue to be a vital, empowering bellwether of our students’ future.

Thank you again for your own dedication to the college, whether it be over the past decades, during the present year, or onward into the future.

Mitchell S. Nesler, Ph.D.
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