



In this edition of Connections, we highlight three stories featuring some of the many ways that CCV donors and alumni give back to their communities through partnerships, projects and gifts that directly impact students' lives.

PARTNERSHIP HELPS TEENS TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR FINANCIAL FUTURE

While CCV has long valued community service as a way of giving back to our communities, there is nothing more powerful than combining forces with another organization whose likeminded mission includes service to others. Such a partnership exists between the College and the New England Federal Credit Union (NEFCU). NEFCU has long been a sponsor of opportunities that provide financial literacy, both for its members and the communities it serves. CCV Provost Joyce Judy attributes the success of the partnership to these shared values. "From this natural philosophical alignment between CCV and NEFCU grew a collaboration that has benefitted hundreds of high school students in northwestern Vermont."

That collaboration took root in 2002 when CCV faculty member and then-chairman of NEFCU's board of directors Bill Meyer learned of CCV's Introduction to College Studies (ICS) course, designed to help high schoolers transition into college. Meyer saw it as a perfect opportunity to join forces and make a real difference in the lives of our young people. With the help of his NEFCU colleagues, Chief Executive Officer David Bard and then Manager of Financial Education, Shirley Polworth, the NEFCU staff began working with CCV exploring ways to incorporate financial literacy into the Introduction to College Studies curriculum.

Over 350 Introduction to College Studies students in Burlington, Montpelier and St. Albans have now received financial literacy education as part of their class through the financial support of NEFCU. In addition to



New England Federal Credit Union, Williston

the fiscal contribution to the ICS program, the financial literacy objectives of the course have been taught by NEFCU presenters. NEFCU's Brenda Harmon, a regular presenter to the ICS classes, states, "As financial advocates, we at NEFCU get a lot of satisfaction from being able to reach out to young people and show them how to establish and maintain good credit and to practice good financial habits. We're helping the next generation of Vermonters become savvy financial consumers, providing them with knowledge and skills that will last a lifetime."

Veteran ICS instructor Katie Mobley has seen the value of the financial literacy presentations over the last 11 times she has taught the course. "I have been consistently impressed with the level of energy, enthusiasm and knowledge that NEFCU presenters bring to the classroom. It is clear that financial education and literacy is a passion for them, and it is also clear that they really enjoy working with high school students, which is a true gift.

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CCV President Named VSC Chancellor

CCV President Tim Donovan has been appointed Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges, beginning July 1. Tim rose through the CCV ranks and has served as president since 2001. His many accomplishments include the development of online learning, overseeing acquisition of four CCV facilities, including the 65,000 square foot facility currently under construction in Winooski, expansion of partnerships with high schools, and 40% enrollment growth. Tim considers this transition a timely opportunity for the College. "CCV is healthy. Its footprint in Vermont has become apparent to public opinion and public policy leaders. CCV now has the occasion to envision its future leadership, and I'm confident that the transition will be thoughtfully carried out." Tim will become the 7th Chancellor of the state colleges system created in 1963.

MONSTROUS SUCCESS FOR THE FRANKENSTEIN PROJECT



What happens to CCV computers that are cycled out of service? For the past three years, a significant number of these computers have been refurbished and offered free to CCV students who can't afford to buy a new computer. So far this year, 53 computers have been given away.

Known as the Frankenstein Project, this initiative is overseen by Technical Support Specialist and CCV alumna Sarah Corrow, class of 1999, who volunteers her time assisting with the preparation of computers and their delivery to the CCV sites where students have requested them. For some students, the Frankenstein Project helps overcome even more than the cost of a computer. Those

who lack regular childcare or transportation to a CCV site can now take online courses from home. As one relieved student reported, "I don't have to go to school to do computer work while worrying what my kids are doing at home."

"Working on the Frankenstein project has been wonderful," says Sarah. "I wish the program had existed back when I started as a CCV student. I've been there, and that's what makes me passionate about this project. In some cases getting a 'Frank' may be what allows students to continue with their program, as the cost of childcare or transportation to the site may just be too much. It's nice to know that I played a small part in students being able to continue their studies."

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I have had countless students tell me how valuable the presentation was and how much they learned about financial literacy and financial goal-setting."

The Community College of Vermont's Introduction to College Studies program continues to grow in numbers each year, with almost 1300 high school students statewide completing the course this academic year. NEFCU's charitable support of Introduction to College Studies continues to make delivery of this critically important program a possibility. "NEFCU is proud to work with CCV to provide its students with the knowledge and skills that they will need to take charge of their finances and improve their financial well being," says NEFCU President John Dwyer.

Through a growing partnership founded on the shared core values of service to our communities, CCV and NEFCU will continue providing students with knowledge that will directly shape their future. In the words of NEFCU presenter Lori McDonough, "There is so much that students need to know to be financially literate, especially in today's economy. As a financial counselor, I often see adults who might not have been in their situation if they had gotten the right information earlier in life. So I'm proud to be making a difference. I love it when a student says out loud, 'I can't wait to go home and tell my parents!'"



CCV President Tim Donovan presenting the CCV Civic Engagement Award to NEFCU's Shirley Polworth at CCV's 2008 graduation.

CCV AWARDS 2009 KALB AND MACLEAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

CCV has selected Mary Labelle of Bakersfield, as the recipient of the Leah Kalb Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in honor of Leah Kalb, wife of former CCV president Ken Kalb and a dynamic businesswoman. Among other criteria, the scholarship supports female CCV students interested in business careers. Mary transferred to CCV St. Albans after discovering a passion for accounting. She will complete her associate in accounting in the fall. "With the help from CCV and this scholarship, I will be able to fulfill my dreams and put myself through school for accounting."

The College's William MacLeay Memorial Scholarship was awarded to several students, including Janice Schultz of Georgia, and Holly Provoncha, Patricia Jenkins, and Justin Andrews of St. Albans. The students attend the College's St. Albans site.

Holly Provoncha is pursuing an associate degree in business, with the

long-term goal of completing a master's degree in business. Janice Schultz is pursuing a degree in education so she can "continue to help academically challenged children." Patricia Jenkins plans to become a counselor for abused children. In her words, "I want to let them know that I will be there to listen and make a difference in their lives." Justin Andrews recently enrolled at CCV and is working towards a degree in criminal justice.

The MacLeay Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Bill MacLeay, a St. Albans CCV instructor and Johnson State College External Degree Program mentor who had a tremendous influence on many students. This fund supports adult students from Franklin County with financial need.

To learn more about, or help support scholarships, visit www.ccv.edu/friends.



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Andrew Delany, Upper Valley, 2005, is pursuing law and involved with the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, is co-chair of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society and staff editor of Vermont Law Review. He received a B.S. in pre-law from Woodbury College in 2007.

Edward Vizvarie, Burlington, 2005, has accepted the open director-at-large position within the IEHA Board of Directors, and is currently Director of Facilities at Howard Center in Burlington.

Elizabeth Gish, Montpelier, 2002, received her B.A. in anthropology and sociology from Smith College in 2005. She lived in Moutenerde, Costa Rica, from 2005-2007, and is pursuing an M.S.C. in international development studies at Wageningen University in the Netherlands.

George Merwin, Morrisville, 1994, writes, "I am 76 years now. For the past several years I have been a volunteer treasurer for Oshea Lifelong Learning Institute of Lamoille Valley. It is coordinated through UVM. I use Excel 2007 which I continually need to get a refresher course on at CCV."

Jamie Read, Burlington, 2006, attended photography school, and is currently working for UVM and owns her own photography business.

Jenna Prentiss, Bennington, 2005, married Zachary A. Caslin on August 8.

Judy Silano, Newport, 2007, currently lives in Arizona and is studying for a B.A. in psychology. She works for

RESCARE/AmeriPsych as the district trainer for Pinal County, training parents who would like to foster children.

Kathleen Ward, Springfield, 1977, was one of the original organizers of the Springfield CCV location with Peter Smith and Kerry Hammer Johnson. She continued on for a B.S. from Liberty University and fondly remembers her time at CCV. She is now 70 years old, with five children and many grandchildren.

Kerin Bostock, Rutland, 2007, has two boys and still lives in Rutland.

Kimberly Austin-Johnson, St. Albans, 1988, obtained a B.S. from Johnson State College in 1995 and has been working for the Department of Justice.

Kimberly Palermo (formerly Glindmyer), Montpelier, 2008, married Michael Palermo on July 4.

Lucinda Scott, Springfield, 2000, is an enrollment specialist and teacher working for Vermont Adult Learning.

Penny Hayes, St. Albans, 2006, completed her B.A. in elementary education at JSC. She is teaching preschool in Swanton and working toward a master's degree in early childhood special education at UVM.

Rachael Levine-O'Donnell, Burlington, 2005, is pursuing a master's in business at Champlain College, is technical producer at Dok Wright Photography and Studio 277, and is an actress, filming with JP Gagne Productions.

Rebecca Desilets, St. Johnsbury, 2008, is currently enrolled at Johnson State College studying elementary education with a minor in psychology.

Sandra Preston (formerly Snide), St. Albans, 2001, has opened a registered home daycare, one of her lifelong dreams.

Sara Howard, Montpelier, 2008, is running the Middlesex Country Store and working on her B.A. at Johnson State College through the External Degree Program.

Sarah Jackson, Middlebury, 2006, is now married and studying to become a physical therapy assistant at River Valley Community College in Claremont, NH.

Susannah Colburn, Springfield, 2008, is attending CSC for a B.A. in secondary education/visual arts and working as a paraeducator at Reading Elementary School. She hopes to complete a master's and work as an art teacher and professional photographer.

Suzanne Pitaniello, Rutland, 1995, received her B.A. from Johnson State in 1997 and a degree in elementary education at the College of St. Joseph, in 2000. She works as a library technician at the College of St. Joseph and is married, with four children and five grandchildren.

William Corrigan, Burlington, 2008, is attending Iowa State University majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: A CCV ALUMNI TRADITION

The CCV Alumni Scholarship Committee once again hopes to award two \$500 scholarships to Class of '09 graduates planning to continue their education at a four-year college. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution in any amount to the Alumni Scholarship fund to help fellow graduates continue their education. 100% of funds raised go towards funding the scholarships.

A check payable to CCV can be sent to:
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UPCOMING CCV EVENTS

All events are open to the public and admission is free.

9th Annual International Food Festival: Wednesday, April 22, 5 - 7 pm, 119 Pearl Street, Burlington. Join CCV students and families from more than 20 different countries of origin to share ethnic foods and music.

Showcase Night: Thursday, April 23, time TBA, 142 South Main Street, St. Albans.

Café CCV: Friday, May 1, 5 - 7 pm, 24 Evelyn Street, Rutland. A night of student art exhibits including drawing, graphic design, book arts, fine crafts, watercolor, and photography.

Burlington Student Art Show Opening: Friday, May 15, 3 - 5 pm, 119 Pearl Street. Showcasing a year's worth of drawing, photography, painting and fine crafts.

Paper Arts Student Exhibit: Friday, May 15, 5 - 8 pm, Catherine Dianich Gallery, 139 Main Street, Brattleboro

2009 Commencement: Sunday, May 31, 2 pm, Norwich University, Northfield, VT.

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