

NCCC to partner with Keuka College

Niagara County Community College will announce an upcoming partnership with Keuka College. President William J. Murabito, Ph.D., and Keuka College President Amy Storey will sign articulation agreements on Friday that will facilitate seamless transfer pathways for students enrolled in the human services A.A. program at NCCC to a social work B.S. program at Keuka College, as well as the NCCC health studies A.S. program to a community health and wellness B.S. program at Keuka College.

A press release stated, "These agreements are mutually beneficial arrangements that allow NCCC students to explore clearly defined pathways outlining how courses within a two-year program at NCCC will meet requirements that lead to a four-year degree at Keuka College."

A representative from Keuka College is already recruiting for this program. The college plans to offer the B.S. in social work program on NCCC's campus beginning in the fall of 2022, pending approval from New York state.

The press release stated, "Keuka College is the largest producer of Bachelor of Social Work degrees in New York state, and a continued relationship between NCCC and Keuka College could lead to other articulation agreements between the two institutions that ultimately benefit

NCCC students. Discussions are already in the works about the possibility of linking NCCC's health studies program to Keuka's community health and wellness program."

Assistant Vice President of Student Services Alissa Shugats-Cummings said, "NCCC has hundreds of established transfer pathways for students seeking admission to four-year institutions after they complete their degree program requirements here. This additional articulation agreement is one more way NCCC is helping to set its students up for success after the completion of their degree."

For more information on academic programs at NCCC, visit niagaracc.suny.edu.

Henderson director of Small Business Development Center

Maureen Henderson was named director of the Niagara County Community College Small Business Development Center. She replaces previous director Lynn Oswald, who retired Sept. 1 after 12 years in the role.

Henderson has served the Niagara SBDC for more than 14 years as a business adviser. Prior to this position, she was employed in the banking and financial industry and was a successful business owner. Henderson



Maureen Henderson

holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in finance from St. Bonaventure University. A lifelong learner, she earned her advanced certification as a business adviser with the New York Small Business Development Center in 2019.

Henderson said she enjoys all aspects of helping clients with their businesses, and her specialty lies in procurement, including government contracting and women, minority, and veteran certifications. She is an engaged community leader and enjoys being active within Niagara County.

Henderson has served as treasurer of the board for Lockport Main Street Inc. since 2016. In addition, she previously served as both president and vice president of the Newfane Business Association, chairperson of the Newfane town beautification grant committee.

She has been presented with several awards from various organizations, including: Buffalo Region SBA's Women in Business Champion award, Newfane Business Association's Business Person of the Year award, and Buffalo Business First's 40 Under 40 award. Henderson resides in Olcott with her husband, Charlie; son, Sam; and daughter, Isabelle.

For more information on the Niagara SBDC, visit niagaracc.suny.edu/sbdc/ or call 210-2515.

NCCC announces foundation scholarship virtual celebration

Niagara County Community College announced, "COVID-19 has once again impacted in-person events. Unfortunately, the

2021 NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala has been canceled. Instead, guests are invited to join virtually throughout the entire month of October to celebrate and invest in NCCC's student scholarships and success!"

Since 1987, the NCCC Foundation Office has been committed to assisting students. Despite the uncertain times due to COVID-19, the foundation's support has continued to stand strong thanks to the generosity of its donors. This year alone, the foundation has awarded almost \$200,000 in scholarships, \$33,000 in COVID-19 student emergency relief funding, and \$345,000 to renovate classrooms and update technology.

NCCC stated, "Donor contributions are crucial to making an impact, and the annual Scholarship Gala is the primary fundraiser supporting student scholarships."

"For a donation of \$125 or more, guests will be entered into a weekly drawing during the October virtual celebration. They will have the opportunity to win two tickets to 'Hamilton: An American Musical,' four tickets to the 2022 NCCC Foundation Scholarship Diamond Gala, dinner and drinks at Savor Restaurant's chef table for eight, \$200 in lottery tickets, four bottles of fine wines, and so much more!"

Donations can be made by calling the NCCC Foundation Office at 614-5910 or online at <https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/foundation/gala/>.

Save the date for NCCC's 60th anniversary, which will kick off with the Foundation Scholarship Diamond Gala on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022.

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Local nonprofit organizations invited to apply for grants benefiting Niagara County

Applications due Oct. 15

The Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund for Niagara County – Empire State Development, a fund administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, is accepting applications from nonprofits serving Niagara County.

The Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund for Niagara County – Empire State Development awards grants to organizations that are located in and/or serve Niagara County residents. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, and are available for submission at <https://www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/verizon-media-community-benefit-fund-niagara/>.

This grant cycle will prioritize applications that advance one or more of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council's three core enablers as

outlined in the REDC's strategic plan, "A Strategy for Prosperity":

- ✓ Implement smart growth
- ✓ Foster a culture of entrepreneurship
- ✓ Prepare our workforce

Projects must be located in or provide services to Niagara County. Preference will be given to projects outside the Greater Lockport area, because the Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund for Lockport focused on these locations. Grant awards are determined by Empire State Development's Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund for Niagara County Grant Review Committee and will be announced in mid-November.

For questions regarding the Community Foundation's online grant applications system, contact Colin Perry at colinp@cfgb.org or call at 852-2857. For all other

questions related to the Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund for Niagara County-Empire State Development Grant Process, please contact John Risio at John.Risio@esd.ny.gov.

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Niagara County Public Defender's Office relocates

Niagara County Chief Public Defender Nicholas B. Robinson announced the relocation of the county's public defender's office is now complete. The new office location is 170 East Ave., Lock-

port. The office moved from 139 Niagara St., in the county Civil Defense building.

"New York state has invested in public defender's offices across the state to ensure residents who

require our services are properly served," Robinson said. "This relocation is part of that effort, providing enough space for our attorneys to work with our clients and prepare our cases."

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