

2020 IVCC Foundation Annual Report

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Holiday greetings from the IVCC Foundation



Foundation meets growing demand

Welcome donors and friends to the 2020 Illinois Valley Community College Foundation Year-end Report.

The Foundation met growing demand for student financial assistance this year by providing over \$330,000 to 325 students. A record 410 students applied for Foundation assistance last spring.

In this issue, please enjoy news of:

- New awards honoring **Clarence and Helen Trompeter**, **Trevor Wehner** and others added to more than 130 annual and endowed scholarships.

- The 21st Century Scholars Society—now in its 14th year—awarded \$20,250 to 20 students.
- The virtual 21st Century Scholars Society presentation and 24th annual Scholarship Recognition reception can be viewed at ivcc.edu/foundation.
- The Annual Appeal is underway and the fifth annual Giving Day is April 1, 2021.

Fiscal year 2020 ended June 30 with total Foundation assets topping \$6.9 million, an increase of \$278,499 over 2019.

The chart below demonstrates the Foundation's rising impact.



Accounting major Gorge Leon was a 21st Century Scholars Society merit award winner.

Scholarship impact grows

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL	STUDENTS
2021	\$333,350	325
2020	\$342,888	268
2019	\$300,000	269
2018	\$268,950	225
2017	\$244,712	229
2016	\$244,398	227

Scholarship distributions and students served 2016-2021

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Foundation answers surge in demand

A young woman who courageously persevered through a double lung transplant ...

A son of immigrants who plans to return home after college to build-up his father's construction business ...

A former accountant in Russia now raising a family and studying nursing – her passion – at IVCC ...

Three examples of the hundreds of students being assisted by the IVCC Foundation this year.

In its 44-year history, the Foundation has never been more critical, more essential:

- 40 percent of IVCC students qualify for financial aid;
- 45 percent of district high school students qualify for Free & Reduced Lunch;
- A record 410 scholarship applications were received last spring.

Confronted with the surge in demand, the Foundation has responded with strength, awarding over \$330,000 to 325 students. Over the past six years, \$1.7 million has been awarded to more than 1,500 students.

In this year's Foundation report we've highlighted achievements such as:

- New scholarships honoring veterans **Terry Maloy** and **Tyler Derossett** and former IVCC employees **Melva Richards, Jan Peterson, Don Haas** and **Edna McManus**;
- A stellar 21st Century Scholars Society class;
- And the steady growth of our ag program thanks in part to the generosity of donors like **Barbara Davis** of Batavia.

In the year of the pandemic, we greatly missed seeing our Foundation family at the annual scholarship event and 21st Century dinner. We look forward to reuniting with everyone in a brighter 2021.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We could not support as many students as we do without your help.

Warmest regards and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.



Fran Brolley
Executive Director
Community Relations and Development



Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Triumph scholarship donors Adrian Walker, left, Pat Brester, Javier Salazar and Rick Sarles with IVCC's Fran Brolley (gray, receding hairline) at the 2019 scholarship reception. This fall, Sarles, Brester, Walker and Salazar donated \$6,000 for three awards.

– Mary Brolley photo

Terry Maloy veterans award

A scholarship honoring Vietnam veteran **Terry Maloy**, formerly of Princeton, has been established. Maloy died in 2019 at age 74 at his home in Fort Myers, Fla.

Maloy's widow **Patricia** created the "Home of the Free because of the Brave" scholarship to honor his life and service. The \$1,000 award is for veterans pursuing a career in electrical work or nursing.

Maloy joined the Army in 1963 and went to Vietnam in 1965. Patricia and Terry met at age 16 in Princeton, were wed at 18 and went on to enjoy nearly 56 years of marriage, three daughters, nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 2013, they created the "The Forever in Our Hearts" scholarship in memory of daughter Amy, killed in a 2007 car accident shortly after earning her RN degree from IVCC.

A lineman electrician for the city of Princeton, Maloy was superintendent of the electrical department. He bravely fought various cancers from 2001 until his death from Agent Orange.



Terry Maloy

"He never complained, never said a word about it," Patricia says with admiration. "His doctors commented on how remarkable he was. He was a very special man."

Melva Richards memorial award

The family of retired IVCC librarian **Melva Richards** of Peru created an award in her memory.

Richards attended LPO Junior College, Northwestern University, the University of Wisconsin and worked 30 years at IVCC.

She taught English at Richwoods High School in Peoria and in Madison, Wis., and was a librarian in Madison and at LP High School. She continued to teach

part-time after retiring and loved traveling, reading and learning new things. She was a past president of the Zonta Club of LaSalle-Peru area.

Representing her family with IVCC President **Jerry Corcoran**, right, are daughters **Kris Widmann** of Grantham, N.H., left, and **Andi Heidenreich** of Omaha, along with her husband **John Richards** of Peru.

Richards died Oct. 6 at age 83.

Along with her daughters and husband, she is survived by five grandsons.



Melva Richards



21st Century Scholars Society finalists Ryan Lane, left, Skylar Arwood, Scholar Grace McCormick, Paula Taylor and Reid Tomasson.

McCormick is 21st Century Scholar

Grace McCormick of Peru is the Foundation's 21st Century Scholar for 2020.

The virtual 14th annual Society celebration is available online at www.ivcc.edu/foundation.

McCormick, a 4.0 GPA student, plans a career in nonprofit management and hopes to eventually run an agency aiding the homeless or victims of domestic violence. As 21st Century Scholar, McCormick received \$3,000.

The daughter of **John** and **Holly McCormick** is a PADS homeless shelter volunteer. She is IVCC's Rotaract President, a Student Ambassador, member of the admission's recruiting team and a counseling center receptionist/student worker.

Finalists earning \$1,500 include **Skylar Arwood** of Utica who plans to become a physician; **Ryan Lane** of Peru, civil engineering; **Paula Taylor** of Granville, early childhood education and **Reid Tomasson** of Oglesby, filmmaking.

Merit winners receiving \$750 were:

Joseph Baker, Utica, business administration;
Riley Boehler, Ottawa, automotive technology;
Alexanderia Borys, Princeton, criminal justice;
Emma Ebener, LaSalle, chemical engineering;
Gabrielle Englehaupt, Ladd, medical sonography;
Benjamin Gensler, Peru, computer engineering;
Kallie Hansen, Spring Valley, accounting;
Gorge Leon, Ottawa, accounting;
Alec Lockwood, Peru, graphic design;
Ashly Mauk, Ottawa, elementary education;
Hailey Newton, Seatonville, business administration;
Ryan Skoog, LaSalle, civil engineering;
Madison Solomon, Hennepin, exercise science;
Clay Wells, Minonk, speech pathology; and
Michelle Windy, Peru, special education.

Since 2007, the Society has awarded over \$197,000 to 177 students.

Currently made up of 40 members contributing \$500 annually, the Society rewards IVCC's most promising returning students. To qualify, students need a minimum 3.5 GPA as well as extensive college involvement and community service.

IVCC President **Jerry Corcoran** lauded Society donors for investing in students.

"IVCC is very lucky to have wonderful friends like you – our generous and gracious 21st Century members – for helping ensure our tradition of excellence continues. Thank you for supporting this outstanding institution and these exemplary student leaders," Corcoran said.



Reid Tomasson and Grace McCormick helped spread cheer in IVCC's 2020 holiday card.

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Trevor Wehner scholarship

The parents of **Trevor Wehner** have established a scholarship in his memory.

The Trevor Melvin Wehner Memorial Scholarship was created by Trevor's parents **Bonnie Rich** and **Tom Wehner**, both of Sheridan.

The Wehners are awarding \$1,000 to a female and male student annually. 2020 winners were **Hailey Newton** or Seatonville and **Nicholas Underhill** of Ottawa.

Wehner of Sheridan graduated from IVCC in 2017 before transferring to Northern Illinois University.

He earned a B.S. in Human Resources Management from NIU in 2019. Unfortunately, the degree was awarded posthumously as his life was tragically taken in a workplace shooting on his first day as an NIU intern on Feb. 15, 2019. Wehner, just 21, was one of five people killed that day in an Aurora workplace shooting.

Trevor is remembered for a smile that would light

up a room and for making friends easily with everyone —young and old alike. He loved sports and made his mark as a pitcher at IVCC.

"Trevor was a blast ... so much fun to be around," said IVCC baseball coach **Jason Goode**. "A great sense of humor and very laid back. But he was also very focused and had a plan for what he was going to do with his life."

Trevor's mother Bonnie said, "I believe we are doing something wonderful in Trevor's memory. And because of the scholarship foundation, many will be able to pursue their dreams and realize their potential for many years to come, something that was senselessly taken from Trevor."

Contributions can be made to the: Trevor Melvin Wehner Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 211, Sheridan, IL 60551.



Trevor Wehner in 2017, awaiting the IVCC baseball team's spring break flight to Myrtle Beach.

Trompeter awards in ag, nursing

Full-tuition nursing and agriculture scholarships were established in memory of **Helen** and **Clarence J. Trompeter** of Dimmick Township.

The Helen Hanley Trompeter Nursing Scholarship is for students in IVCC's associate degree (RN) program while the Clarence J. Trompeter Agricultural Scholarship is for ag business management or agronomy majors. The endowed scholarships will be awarded for the first time in fall 2021.

Helen Trompeter grew up on a farm near Utica. Her formal education started in a one-room country schoolhouse in Waltham Township. She graduated from LP in 1940 and received her nursing degree from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in LaSalle in 1943.

She began her nursing career at St. Mary's and later served as a private nurse.

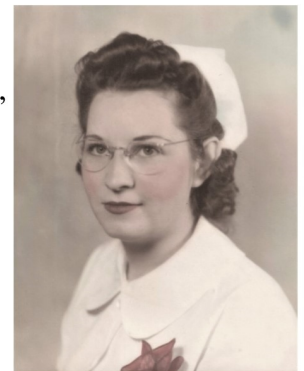
"In both her professional career and her everyday life, she was a true nurse at heart, exhibiting care and compassion for all around her," said the scholarship donor.

Clarence Trompeter was born and raised on a farm in Dimmick Township. He worked that farm as well as other

farmland in LaSalle County all his life until retirement.

"During his lifetime, he witnessed tremendous changes in agriculture and was always interested in learning and adapting accordingly," the donor said.

"He had a very strong work ethic and was a firm believer in farmers banding together as a community to help each other."



Helen Hanley Trompeter graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1943.



Clarence J. Trompeter with grandson Kristopher Peterson.

Compeer donates \$10,000 for biotech equipment



The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America made a \$10,000 grant to the ag program for biotechnology equipment. Representing Compeer are Ryan Leifheit, left, Jacob Chapman and Buck Hill. Representing IVCC, from left, are ag program co-coordinators Willard Mott and Kathryn Seebruck and President Jerry Corcoran. The equipment will be used in Introduction to Field Crop Science and Animal Science labs. Compeer made a \$5,000 donation for ag technology in 2019.

Scholarship honors longtime champion of single parents



Edna McManus

A scholarship has been established in memory of retired IVCC single parent program coordinator **Edna McManus** of Oglesby by her six children.

McManus' 31-year career at IVCC began as a GED instructor, but her family said, "Her true calling was working one-on-one with hundreds of her 'girls' in the single parent program.

She helped teenage mothers and other single parents better manage their lives while supporting their children and furthering their education."

In 2014, McManus was honored by Zonta

Club of LaSalle-Peru Area for her lifetime commitment to single parents and IVCC's GED program.

McManus' family is endowing the scholarship for single mothers and has raised nearly \$10,000 since her death Aug. 8.

She began college at age 32 and took a course each semester for 10 years while raising her family.

Edna is remembered for being gracious and kind and greeting everyone she encountered with a gentle, wholesome smile. She never spoke unkindly of anyone, her family said.

Award honors combat veteran

A new scholarship memorializes a soldier from Streator who fought bravely in the Middle East only to succumb to war-related injury and illness six years after returning home.

The **Tyler Derossett** Memorial Veterans Award was created in March by his family after he took his life the previous year.

Tyler did combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan in six years of Army service.

He came home in 2013 with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and struggled with civilian life," said **Lani Derossett**, his former wife.

Lani is hopeful the award shows other veterans there is significant support available to them at IVCC.

"Our family created this scholarship to help other veterans feel the support of a 'community' by attending IVCC," she said.



Tyler, Jhase and Lani Derossett

Patel, Ritko are Taylor-NIU Scholars

IVCC graduates **Devanshi Patel** of LaSalle and **Jacob Ritko** of Streator won the prestigious, full-tuition **William and Dian Taylor** Scholarships to Northern Illinois University this fall.

Patel won the Taylor STEM scholarship and Ritko the accountancy award. Each is worth more than \$25,000 for the students' junior and senior years at NIU.

After graduation, Patel plans to attend medical school and become a physician.

Ritko will pursue NIU bachelors and masters in accounting before sitting for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

Philanthropists William and Dian Taylor of Winnetka are graduates of IVCC and NIU. In 2013, IVCC named its counseling area The William and Dian Taylor Student Development Commons.



Devanshi Patel



Jacob Ritko

Jan M. Peterson Renaissance award created

The **Jan M. Peterson** Renaissance Scholarship was established in memory of the former IVCC industrial arts instructor. An anonymous donor contributed \$25,000 to create the award for students in vocational studies.

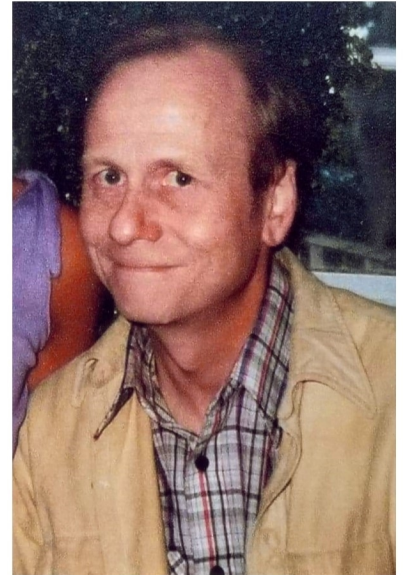
Peterson taught basic manufacturing full-time from 1995 to 2006.

A gifted machinist, Peterson was also an award-winning wildlife sculptor. He lived his last ten years in Wyoming near the mountains he loved. Peterson died in 2019 at age 77 in Cody, Wyo.

His brother **Lyle Glen Peterson** was a longtime industrial arts instructor at Streator High and his father **Norman** taught industrial arts at LPO Junior College. Aside from Lyle, Jan is survived by sister **Gail Peterson Kozel** of Peru.

"This scholarship means a lot to Gail and myself," said Lyle. "It is a great legacy for my brother and a great opportunity for young students."

The \$750 scholarship was awarded for the first time this fall to **Felicia Lalla** of Ottawa.



Jan Peterson



Take a Step Up

A scholarship created by Foundation Director **Patricia Seibert** of Utica has surpassed the \$40,000 fundraising mark.

Seibert is seen here with 2020 award recipient **Mercedes Melgarejo** of Mendota, a nursing student.

Seibert began fundraising for her "Take a Step Up" scholarship in June of 2012.

Foundation events online

The 24th annual Scholarship Recognition Reception and 14th annual 21st Century Scholars Society ceremony can be viewed at the Foundation website. Both events went virtual for the first time this fall.

Winners of more than 130 scholarships and the donors who made the awards possible are honored in an online video presentation at www.ivcc.edu/foundation. In addition, 20 students and 40 donors are feted in the 21st Century presentation at the site.

Support the Foundation's 2020 Annual Appeal

Invest in students by donating now

Please consider supporting the IVCC Foundation's 2020 Annual Appeal. Your gift will support students like future physician **Skylar Arwood** of Utica.

Several days a week, Skylar can be found in the life science lab delving deeper into cellular biology. She reinforces her learning by working in both the biology and chemistry labs and as a peer tutor for math and science.

She is one of many hard-working students receiving scholarship support through the Foundation. Financing college without that help would be difficult, she says. "I am grateful to the individuals who support scholarships at IVCC. The awards I received showed me there will always be a helping hand to those who demonstrate tenacity," she said.

Please make a tax-deductible donation to the Appeal to assist students like Skylar. Your gift will strengthen our ability to serve hundreds of industrious students: this year alone, we will provide over \$330,000 in scholarships to 325 students.

Donate at www.ivcc.edu by selecting 'Give to IVCC,' or text 91999, keyword AA2020.

Thank you for investing in our students and supporting a Foundation that has played a critical role in the success of Illinois Valley residents since 1976.



IVCC Student Skylar Arwood

Foundation board news:

Schmitt re-elected President; Brayton appointed Treasurer; Conterio transitions to director; Janka steps down



Treasurer Daryk Brayton

At the Foundation's annual meeting in July, officers were elected and directors reappointed to three-year terms.

A director who had played a key role in the success of the Peter Miller Community Technology Center capital campaign, stepped down.

Officers elected July 27 were:

- **Dr. Susan Schmitt**
Streator, President
- **Dr. Kim Novak**
Grand Ridge, Vice-President
- **Daryk Brayton**
LaSalle, treasurer and
- **Donna Swiskoski**
Peru, secretary.

David Conterio, who had served as Treasurer since 2013, was elected a Foundation director in July. Conterio is President and CEO of Hometown National Bank in LaSalle.

Manufacturing leader and IVCC alum **Dan Janka** of Loveland, Ohio, stepped down in July after serving a three-year term. Janka, President of Mazak Corporation, had facilitated the donation of a \$300,000 vertical milling machine for the manufacturing lab for the CTC campaign.

Foundation directors **Jack Cantlin** of Earlville, Novak, **Patricia Seibert** of Utica, **O.J. Stoutner** of Peru and **Kim Zavada** of Streator were re-elected to three-year terms.

Stoutner has served the Foundation since 1999 and was President from 2004 to 2017.

Foundation meetings in 2021 are set for Jan. 25, April 26, July 26 (annual and quarterly) and Oct. 25.



Barbara Davis' financial advisor Brian Michel, second from left, and his family attended the Sept. 24 Ag Center grand opening. Pictured are Davis scholarship recipient Luke Lovgren of Princeton, left, Brian, Mallory and Lane Michel of Newark, recipients Wesley Lusietto of Spring Valley and Lance Moritz of Streator, and former IVCC agriculture instructor Doug Stockley. Stockley is credited with connecting Davis to IVCC.

Ag donor recognized at Ag Center grand opening

IVCC celebrated the opening of its Agriculture Center and the revival of its ag program in a virtual ceremony Sept. 24.

The 60 x 100-foot building will house tractors, tillage tools, planters and other high-tech ag equipment to be used by students and faculty on the college's 150-acre farm.

IVCC President **Jerry Corcoran** said the program has taken tremendous strides.

"Five years ago, we decided to do something about the fact too many high school students were leaving the district to pursue college ag studies elsewhere. We relaunched our agriculture program and have been pleased with the results," Corcoran said.

Attending the ceremony with his family was **Brian Michel** of Edward Jones Investments in Sugar Grove. Michel is financial advisor for ag program donor **Barbara Davis** of Batavia. Mrs. Davis donated \$50,000 to the Ag Center's construction and each year provides ten \$4,500 scholarships to IVCC ag students.

State Sen. Sue Rezin (R-Morris), lauded community colleges for providing the "best value" and for "responding quickly to community needs."

State Rep. Lance Yednock (D-Ottawa) said, "It's exciting to be opening up something new in this day and age" and pledged to continue to fight for the resources needed "to educate the next generation of farmers and agri-business professionals."

Ag club president **Luke Lovgren** of Princeton, said the program "keeps getting better and better" and credited ag instructors **Kathryn Seebruck** and **Willard Mott** as "great instructors and sponsors."

Lovgren added he is "well prepared for transfer" to Illinois State University's ag program in January.

Speaking directly to instructors Mott and Seebruck, IVCC board chair **Jane Goetz** said trustees "will continue to provide the resources you need to recruit, educate and graduate industry-ready students. We stand with you and believe in your ability to establish a flagship program."

A message from the Foundation Board:

A heartfelt thank you to our thoughtful and generous donors. We enjoyed a fruitful year thanks to your graciousness. We sincerely appreciate your belief in our mission. Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you and your family.



IVCC Foundation Board of Directors

Foundation and college officials: IVCC President **Jerry Corcoran**, seated left, Vice-President **Dr. Kim Novak**, President **Dr. Susan Schmitt**, director **David Conterio**, and back left, Executive Director of Development **Fran Brolley**, Secretary **Donna Swiskoski**, Foundation Assistant/Alumni Relations Coordinator **Janice Corrigan**, and directors **O.J. Stoutner**, **Karen Nussbaum**, **Larry Johnson**, **Jeff Simonton**, **Jim Loveland**, and **Jack Cantlin**. Directors not pictured: treasurer **Daryk Brayton**, **Peter Corgiat**, **Patricia Seibert**, **Julie Sloan**, **Jerry Yendro**, **Kim Zavada**, and **Dr. Frank Zeller**. (photo was taken in October, 2019)

Scholarship to honor Don Haas

A scholarship is being established in memory of former IVCC industrial arts instructor **Don Haas** who died in May at age 84.

A former commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves, Haas taught at IVCC from 1966 to 1991. At IVCC, he was a mentor for future manufacturing executives **Dan Janka**, **Jim Blass**, **Brian Krzyaniak** and others.

He also taught at Hall High School and LaSalle-Peru High School. He was inducted into the IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame in 2010.

The award is being created by Haas' widow **Carole Caresio** of Peru, IVCC's former director of nursing.



Don Haas

Giving Day 4

Hometown National Bank of LaSalle was again the title sponsor for the Foundation's first virtual Giving Day in April.

Making the \$3,000 donation to IVCC President **Jerry Corcoran** (left) and IVCC Foundation President **Sue Schmitt** is Hometown President and CEO **David Conterio**. Giving Day 4 raised over \$20,000.

