IVCC celebrated this fall the largest gift in its 93-year history, a bequest of more than $1 million from the estate of Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg, a longtime English instructor and humanities division chair who died in 2015.

The $1.1 million bequest will support a Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Fine Arts Scholarship, the Scholarship Campaign, the Adult Education department, Student Emergency Living Needs Fund and IVCC Foundation operations.

“This monumental gift from a beloved professor and academic leader will have a profound effect on generations of students,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

Weeg retired in 1989 – 35 years after beginning her teaching career at LP High School. In 1967, when the IVCC district opened, she was named chair of the college’s humanities division. In 2008, she was inducted with the first IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame class.

Retired English and journalism instructor Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, hired by Weeg in 1970, is executor of the Weeg estate.

“My friend and mentor Mary Margaret might be a bit overwhelmed by this recognition of her many contributions to IVCC,” Lynch said.

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Dr. Rose Marie Lynch

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Executor of the Weeg estate, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, signs the $1.1 million Weeg bequest over to IVCC.

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**Goodwill Industries supports students with disabilities**

In June, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois donated $18,000 to IVCC for scholarships for students with disabilities.

The donation was made possible through Goodwill’s “Round Up at the Register” program wherein customers round up their purchases to the next dollar at checkout.

A total of $144,000 was raised from 11 stores, including Ottawa’s Goodwill, to fund scholarships at IVCC and six other colleges.

A $10,500 Goodwill donation to IVCC in 2016 established the endowment. The nonprofit has donated $33,500 to the college over the past three years and a total of 10 students have received awards.

**Swierkosz family honors mother**

The children of Judy Lynn Swierkosz of LaSalle are keeping their mother’s memory alive by funding a nursing scholarship. A devoted nurse for 39 years, Swierkosz died in 2016 following a courageous battle with ALS. Swierkosz’s children: Kevin of La Salle, Cathy Warren of Golden, Colo., Beth of Springfield and Lynn Rose of British Columbia donated $1,200 for the award. Mindy Stewart of Utica won the award this fall.

**Whipple creates second scholarship for single parents**

Malcolm Whipple of Waltham Township doubled the number of recipients for his single parent scholarship in 2017. He made a significant gift to the Malcolm and Doris Ann Whipple endowment to allow the Foundation to award two scholarships. Lani Derossett and Lisa Chounard were awarded the single parent awards in September. He also funds a music scholarship endowment. A lifelong farmer and former La Salle County Farm Bureau President, Whipple was inducted into the IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame in 2012.

**J. Davis and Mary G. Small create ag scholarship**

Waltham Township’s J. Davis and Mary G. Small established an agriculture scholarship endowment that was awarded for the first time this fall to sophomore Morgan Cain of Princeton.

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Nursing graduate McVey gives back

Nicki and Doug McVey of Geneva are donating $5,000 a year for two healthcare scholarships.

Nicki, a native of Marseilles who earned her RN from IVCC in 2001, is a Vascular Access nurse with Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva specializing in PICC (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter) line insertion.

Doug is a CPA, Partner and Executive Vice President for the accounting firm Capin Crouse LLP, in Wheaton. He works primarily in auditing and financial consulting for nonprofits such as churches, colleges and foundations.

Nicki received Foundation scholarships while attending IVCC.

“I had an exceptional experience at IVCC. The instructors are highly committed to the success of their students,” she said. “Their dedication influenced my decision when selecting a school to give back to.”

Recipients of the first McVey scholarships, Abigail Coutre and Tarik Kheshgi, each received $2,500.

Hundreds attend scholarship reception

Nearly 400 scholarship recipients, donors and guests attended the Scholarship Recognition Reception at Senica’s Oak Ridge in September. The 21st annual reception provided an opportunity for donors to meet recipients of their awards and for recipients to thank their donors.

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Taylor Kreiser, future nurse

Your gift to the Annual Appeal will help the Foundation support students like Taylor and hundreds more.
**IVCC names conference center for Scriba**

IVCC honored the largesse of a 1951 graduate this fall when it named Rooms CTC124-125 and the adjacent pre-function area the “Ralph Scriba Conference Center.”

In an Oct. 23 ceremony, the college celebrated Ralph Scriba’s $250,000 in donations to IVCC over the past five years. Scriba joined the event via web conference from his office in Palos Verdes, Calif.

A 1945 graduate of Mendota High School who grew up on a farm near Troy Grove, Scriba served three years in the Navy before returning home to attend IVCC predecessor La Salle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College.

Following graduation, he moved to Southern California where he founded aircraft parts supplier Swift-Cor. Scriba’s company employed 300 in Los Angeles and Wichita when he retired.

He has donated $50,000 a year since 2013.

**Taylors support IVCC students and transfers to NIU**

**William and Dian Taylor Scholars**

IVCC alumni Bill and Dian Taylor of Winnetka (center) continue to support IVCC transfers studying accounting at Northern Illinois University. Joining the Taylors at the fall NIU accountancy department reception are Jacob Bonnell of Ohio, left, Bethany Dovin of Grand Ridge, Edgar Lucero Castillo of La Salle and Mario Cortes Sandoval of Mendota. Each year, the award pays full-tuition for an IVCC student transferring to NIU in accounting. On occasion, the Taylors make available partial tuition scholarships to other IVCC accounting candidates at NIU not chosen for the full-tuition award. The full-tuition grant is worth $25,000 over the student’s junior and senior years. The Taylors also fund an NIU scholarship for IVCC transfers in STEM-related fields. Additionally, the Taylors donate $12,500 annually for 10 IVCC scholarships and have created an alumni development position and contributed $150,000 to IVCC fundraising campaigns, among other gifts.
Davis creates ag scholarships for eight students

The remarkable generosity of a Sugar Grove woman will fund $36,000 in IVCC agriculture scholarships annually for eight students.

The Davis Family Agriculture Scholarship will provide up to $4,500 each to four first year ag students and the award is renewable for the student’s second year.

“With $9,000 going to each recipient, the Davis Family Scholarship will have an immense impact on each student’s ability to finance their education,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

Ashley Johnson of Magnolia and Jon Yaklich of Princeton were the 2017 winners.

Barbara Davis created the award following the death of her husband Cleo. Both she and Cleo grew up on family farms. Cleo worked at Aurora Caterpillar for 31 years and Barbara in accounting at Allsteel in Aurora for 15 years.

Davis was connected to IVCC through her financial advisor Brian Michel of Edward Jones in Sugar Grove, a longtime friend of former full-time IVCC ag instructor Doug Stockley.

“The family farm was a good place to grow up and I would like to help other young people get an education in agriculture,” she said.

A message from the Foundation Board:
A heartfelt thank you to all our gracious and generous donors. We enjoyed a successful year thanks to your kindness. We dearly appreciate your belief in our mission.
Warm 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, Treasurer David Conterio, and back left, Director of Development Fran Brolley, Secretary Donna Swiskoski, Foundation Assistant/Alumni Relations Coordinator Janice Corrigan, Jeff Simonton, Bob Walsh, Jim Loveland, Karen Nussbaum, Jerry Yendro, O.J. Stoutner, Kim Zavada, Jack Cantlin, Patricia Seibert and Daryk Brayton. Not pictured: Dan Janka and Dr. Frank Zeller.
Seattle Sutton, left, with Nursing Director Julie Hogue and President Jerry Corcoran at the Seattle Sutton Marseilles Museum.

**Seattle Sutton continues nursing support**

Seattle Sutton, founder of Seattle Sutton Healthy Eating, made a $10,000 donation this fall to fund a home health initiative in IVCC’s nursing program. In 2014, Sutton donated $10,000 to the program for instructional equipment.

Recently appointed Foundation director Patricia Seibert of Utica received a volunteer award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) for her work on behalf of single mothers and nursing students.

Seibert won the Lewis J. Burger Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award at the 34th annual AFP Central Illinois Chapter luncheon in East Peoria Nov. 8 after being nominated for the award by IVCC’s Janice Corrigan.

Seibert, who has raised $36,000 for the “Patricia Seibert Take a Step Up Scholarship,” began fundraising in 2012 by placing collection jars at convenience stores. She moved on to working weekly bingos and soliciting donations from community members.

In 2015, she received IVCC’s Spirit Award for, “the countless hours she’s devoted to single moms … and for all the personal appeals she’s made to make her scholarship a reality. No one demonstrates our college’s spirit better.”

Maze sponsors Chicago Symphony trip

Thanks to a $10,000 gift from Nancy Maze of Peru and her late husband George, IVCC Music Theory students travel each spring to see a Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert and visit the Art Institute of Chicago. Mrs. Maze joined music instructor Michael Pecherek and nine students on the 2017 trip. “Through Nancy’s generosity, I am able to expose my students to one of the great art museums – the Art Institute of Chicago, and then walk across the street to one of the great orchestras in the world – the Chicago Symphony Orchestra – all in a single day. It is an experience which cannot be obtained except through the actual experience,” said Pecherek.
IVCC sophomore Akari Oya of Peru was named the 21st Century Scholar at the Foundation’s 11th annual 21st Century Scholars Society dinner in August.

A 4.0 student, Oya plans to transfer to study psychological counseling. She was one of four finalists vying for the coveted $3,000 Scholar award.

“To me, this award represents three things: recognition, motivation and hope,” Oya said in her acceptance speech.

Oya is the photography editor of IVCC’s student newspaper and the visual arts and photography editor for the student journal.

Oya won the 2017 Paul Simon Essay Contest.

Other finalists, each receiving $1,500 were:
• Brianna Legner of Princeton. She will transfer to the University of Illinois to major in speech pathology.
• Nick Needs of Peru. He plans to transfer to the U of I to pursue a career in law.
• Martha Hoffman of Earlville. She will transfer to Northern Illinois University to study communications.

In addition, 10 others received a total of $6,750. Since its founding, the Society has awarded $145,000 to 120 students.

Made up of about 30 members each contributing $500 annually, the Society rewards some of IVCC’s most promising second-year students. For information, call Fran Brolley at (815) 224-0466.

Roelfsema’s create scholarships

John and Cheryl Roelfsema of Marseilles established scholarships in 2017 in memory of Cheryl’s father and sister.

The Bud Connelly Scholarship is a $2,000 award honoring Cheryl’s father who died in 2010 at age 93. A Purple Heart recipient for injuries suffered in World War II, Connelly worked in logging camps in Minnesota and Oregon.

“My father was a disabled WWII veteran but that did not stop him from a 50+ year career as a timber feller. He was also a farmer and an excellent horseman,” she said.

The Sharon O’Brien Scholarship will provide $1,000 to a single parent. O’Brien, who died last year in Eugene, raised two children as a single parent.

“My sister worked 30 years as a business manager in the Oregon public school system,” said Roelfsema. “Though she was valedictorian of her high school class, she never had the opportunity to attend college.”
First Giving Day goes well over goal

IVCC’s first Giving Day in April exceeded its fundraising goal, engaged alumni, students and staff and expanded the Foundation’s donor base. With proceeds of over $23,500, the event netted nearly $9,000 over goal.

“One IVCC Giving Day” featured IVCC President Jerry Corcoran and then-IVCC Foundation President O.J. Stoutner shooting free throws in a “Bucks for Baskets” contest and math instructors Wes Black and Tom Tunnell competing in a “Pennies for Push-ups” challenge.

In addition, employees Vince Brolly, LeeAnn Johnson, Chris Herman and Adam Oldaker raised pledges for the right to kiss a toy pig.

Finally, students Nick Needs and Jonathan Quintana joined assistant director of admissions Aseret Loveland in a “Doughnuts for Dough” eating contest.

Giving Day 2018 is April 5; visit ivcc.edu/givingday.

Hometown sponsors Giving Day
Hometown National Bank of La Salle donated $3,000 to Giving Day. Hometown President and Chief Operating Officer David Conterio, right, presents the check to then-Foundation President O.J. Stoutner and IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. “We knew with Hometown making the lead Giving Day gift, other friends of the college would no doubt follow,” said Corcoran.

Demonica donates $5,000 to Giving Day
Dominick Demonica of Demonica Kemper Architects (DKA) of Chicago donated $5,000 to Giving Day. “In terms of giving, Dominick has demonstrated leadership in each of our fundraising campaigns. That’s a testament to his belief in higher education,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

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