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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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JOHNSON CONTROLS PARTNERSHIP
ELEVATES PATHWAYS FOR SKILLED TRADES EDUCATION

LAUNCHED IN 2020, THE BAS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THIS HIGH-DEMAND AND
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hatever technological advances or workplace realignments are on the horizon, one thing still holds true: There will always be a need for skilled tradespeople to install and maintain commercial and residential building systems.

CCBC’s partnership with Johnson Controls – a global corporation dedicated to optimizing building performance, safety and comfort – provides students with the best in systems-related education and training.

CCBC is one of a select group of 10 community colleges nationwide to receive grant funding as part of the Johnson Controls Community College Partnership program, helping students in the fields of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and building automation systems. Johnson Controls employees will support CCBC through volunteering and mentorships, providing students with real-world experience, internship opportunities, and professional networking connections.

CCBC offers Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate, and Building Automations Certificate programs, as well as an Associate of Applied Science degree. All classes are offered in both credit and noncredit formats; each certificate serves as a building block for higher-level certificates and degree programs, including the BAS Certificate program.

Launched in Fall 2020, the BAS Certificate program prepares students with both computer skills and commercial HVAC knowledge. Program graduates are capable of inspecting, troubleshooting, and maintaining BAS systems. While CCBC strives for growth in all HVACR programs, the BAS Certificate program is the primary focus for the college’s Johnson Controls Community Partnership grant-funded initiative.

CCBC is working with Baltimore County Public Schools to increase awareness of course options for high school students taking classes in HVAC, Information Technology, Construction, and other Career and Technical Education programs. Outreach to current CCBC students focuses on those enrolled in the college’s Male Student Success Initiative, a learning community focused on promoting success among students of color; students studying in targeted program areas who may be better suited for a workforce training certificate; and adult learners who take one or two Continuing Education HVAC courses but don’t complete a certificate.
EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE, FREDERICK (ERICK) HAUF JR. KNEW HE WANTED TO HELP OTHERS. Along with the support of his parents, a favorite quote from Abraham Lincoln provided him the drive he needed to succeed: "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."

Today, Hauf is a staff nurse-anesthetist in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he has served for the past 13 years. He resides in Upperco, Md. with his wife, Kristine Hauf, and their children, Alexander, Nicholaus and Annabel.

A member of the CCBC Class of 1999, Hauf recently gifted $25,000 to CCBC to support an academic scholarship at the college’s School of Business, Technology and Law in honor of his mother and CCBC alumna Margaret Taylor Hauf (pictured above, left).

“My parents worked tirelessly to secure our future, and my mother played a pivotal role in my success,” said Hauf.

The Margaret Taylor Hauf Endowed Scholarship will help many talented CCBC students pursue degrees in business, economics or accounting. Hauf wanted to fulfill his mother’s belief that educating oneself is one of life’s greatest protections.

“I wanted to create this scholarship to honor my mother and bring recognition and attention to making an impact for the greatest good,” he explained. “I believe that education solves most societal obstacles and I am happy to provide CCBC students with the opportunity to get a quality education as I did.”

In the mid-1980s, Margaret Taylor Hauf pursued her degree at CCBC in accounting as an evening student while raising three children. According to Erick Hauf, "she excelled in many facets of life, but none more than being a nurturing mother and grandmother. She worked a full-time job as an accountant while attending Essex Community College, and later worked for The Johns Hopkins University as one of their premier CPAs," he recalled.

Hauf said his mother believed that the keys to success were to never give up on your ambition, embrace failure and turn it into opportunity, provide support to those who need it when necessary, and show how perseverance pays off for the long term.

The Hauf family joins a special group of alumni and friends as members of the CCBC President’s Club, recognizing those who contribute generously to CCBC’s future success. Contact the CCBC Development office at 443.840.3118 or a thornton2@cbcmd.edu to learn how your gift can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.
CONTINUING
A TRADITION
OF GIVING AND
SUPPORT

WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY AT CCBC
is a giving circle, based on the theory that women informed about philanthropy and the needs of their communities can collectively make a difference. Each member is a link in an ever-growing chain that enables the organization to do collectively what no one member might achieve individually.

Since its founding in 2013, the members of Women in Philanthropy at CCBC have built an endowment of nearly $80,000, awarding more than $22,000 in scholarships benefiting 30 students since 2015. Members are invested in the growth and success of CCBC students; each scholarship recipient is paired with a WIP member who serves as their mentor, champion, cheerleader and advocate.

WIP hosts educational and networking events throughout the year supporting the mission of the college and connecting faculty, students, alumni and friends who share a passion for student success.

We invite you – and encourage you to invite friends – to be a part of this experience. With your support, the Women in Philanthropy Endowed Scholarship Fund will continue to grow in perpetuity.

For more information, contact Tori K. Burns, CFRE, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at 443-840-3617 or via email at tburns4@ccbcmd.edu

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

BRUCE AND MARY VOTTA

Bruce and Mary Votta always had a passion for helping others – particularly CCBC. For 28 years, the Vottas have supported CCBC by giving of their time, talent and treasures, knowing they are directly impacting the lives of students, faculty, staff and community.

“As a CCBC Foundation board member, I hear the success stories all the time and I see the great work the college is doing for students,” said Bruce. “CCBC gives everyone the opportunity to go to school at an affordable cost, and we know the money is being put to good use.”

Over the years, the Vottas have contributed $125,000 and hours of volunteer service to the college and CCBC Foundation. Their support also includes in-kind donations to numerous fundraising initiatives.

Since 1992, Bruce has served as a member of the CCBC Essex Foundation board, and since 2005 as a member of the CCBC Foundation (parent) Board. He has been a leading force in moving the foundation forward, serving as chair, vice chair, and in a number of other capacities.

“CCBC has made a profound difference in our lives. Our daughter, Jessica, recently graduated from the Physician Assistant program,” said Bruce. “We believe in the mission of the college, so we are happy to provide opportunities for more students to attend CCBC.”

The Vottas recently donated $25,000 to the CCBC Foundation to support the technology and equipment needs within the Carol Diane Eustis Center for Health Professions.

“We are thankful for the incredible generosity of Bruce and Mary Votta and the support they have provided over the years,” said Ken Westary, vice president, CCBC Institutional Advancement. “They have provided valuable student scholarships through the Votta Family Scholarship Fund, established in 2001. Their most recent donation will help enhance our health career education programs.”

Both Baltimore, Md. natives, Bruce and Mary have been married for 47 years and have two children and three grandchildren.

On January 1, 2021, Bruce retired from his position as senior vice president at BALA Consulting after 50 years of service. He and Mary are looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, traveling, golfing, and playing tennis. Bruce will continue his tenure on the CCBC Foundation board, helping to change the lives of CCBC students and their families for generations to come.

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Join Women in Philanthropy today! A $100 contribution makes you a member.
2020-21 ATHLETICS SEASON MARKED BY PERSISTENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Notably, the CCBC Essex Men’s Soccer team (11-2) delivered a spectacular season to finish as the national runner-up in the inaugural year of NJCAA Division II Men’s Soccer. For the academic year, CCBC student-athletes combined to earn 84 athletic awards at the conference, regional, and national level. More importantly, student-athletes earned 100 community college academic awards for demonstrating excellence in the classroom. This included 20 individual NJCAA Academic All-American honors and the CCBC Essex Women’s Soccer team being named NJCAA Academic Team of the Year.

Due to the hard work and generosity of many individual, business and community supporters, CCBC provided $228,219 in tuition assistance to 192 student-athletes this past academic year.

Learn more about CCBC Athletics at their newly redesigned websites: ccbcCatonsvilleCardinals.com ccbcDundalkLions.com ccbcEssexKnights.com

B’MORE BOLD CONFERENCE BOOSTS ENTREPRENEURS

In June 2021, the CCBC Center for Business Innovation held its first Bmore BOLD Business Conference for Entrepreneurs and Innovators, focusing on big, bold solutions for Baltimore-area start-ups and growth companies.

The virtual conference featured 25 speakers and 17 sessions, bringing together 174 area students, entrepreneurs, CCBC faculty, and business owners. A pitch competition awarded $6,000 to assist entrepreneurs in growing their businesses. All competitors walked away with scholarships to CCBC’s “mini-MBA” small business start-up course.

WINNING ENTREPRENEURS:

KRISTAL HENRY: Around the Way Moms LLC, producing culturally relevant stationery items. aroundthewaymom.com | @roundthewaymom

JORDAN FOLEY: Chow, a nonprofit providing veterans and military spouses with pathways to business ownership through food truck training. Chow’s food trucks visit underserved regions to provide hot meals, public health resources, and even free Wi-Fi. letschow.org | @chow_nonprofit

JEREMIAH BATUCAN: Annapolis Social League, a sports and social events company producing community events that are competitive, social and philanthropic. asocialleague.com | @AnnapolisSocial

Registration for next year’s B’more BOLD Business Conference is already underway. Visit BMOREBOLD.COM for information.
PROMOTING INNOVATION

THE OFFICE OF GRANTS DEVELOPMENT helps CCBC remain on the forefront of advances in higher education. Several recently awarded grants reduce the cost of enrollment for students, support student success, and focus on important innovations.

THE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INSTITUTIONAL GRANT, awarded by the University System of Maryland, enables CCBC faculty to develop free or extremely low-cost open educational resources for general education coursework.

CCBC’S COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR SAFETY TRAINING GRANT offers student-veterans fully paid scholarships to earn their commercial driver’s licenses. The training center is located at Tradepoint Atlantic in Sparrows Point, Md., offering the largest multi-modal site available in the Baltimore/Washington market.

AMERICORPS VISTA provides CCBC with two full-time, paid staff members – one in support of the college’s student-veteran population and the other to assist in the expansion of student pathways efforts. This assistance is critical to the further development of CCBC’s work in these two areas.

GRANTS SUPPORT COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY GROWTH

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Maryland Career and Technical Education Reserve Fund grants enable CCBC to expand its offerings to help students enter the workforce. These courses provide pathways for college students to enter living-wage employment in industries with high job-growth outlooks, and valuable skills and credits for successful student transfer.

CCBC’s Office of Grants Development has secured nearly $160,000 for high-impact programs such as the Cybersecurity-Security Operations Center, Interior Design, Interpreter Preparation, Dental Health, Engineering, Physician Assistant, Radiation Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Digital Media, and IT Database Analytics.

The two most recent awards in faculty Python (cybersecurity programming language) training, as well as the development of a Data Analytics course, show CCBC’s continued ability to offer important and innovative programs to our students.

APPRENTICESHIPS
Over the past three years, CCBC has leveraged grants supporting apprenticeship training programs for nearly 1,000 area students. CCBC staff and faculty have combined efforts to create the CCBC Apprenticeship Center, a clearinghouse of apprenticeship knowledge, best practices, resources, and training.

Supported by American Association of Community Colleges, the CCBC Apprenticeship Center has helped increase the number and scope of CCBC apprenticeships and workforce development opportunities.

Funded grants include multi-million, multi-year projects supporting nurses, entry-level medical staff, behavioral health specialists, and tradespeople.
WORKING ADULTS BENEFIT FROM FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

For too many hardworking families, the cost of living outpaces what they earn. The United Way of Central Maryland and other United Ways around the country refer to these families as ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed. These are families living above the federal poverty level, but below the basic cost of living.

Despite the critical nature of the many jobs they hold that keep our local economy running, ALICE families can’t afford life’s essentials and face barriers to career advancement due to a lack of necessary skills and/or credentials.

Recently, Kaiser Permanente joined forces with CCBC and Baltimore City Community College, providing a $75,000 grant to create a joint target marketing campaign advertising educational opportunities to help Baltimore-area ALICE families address these challenges.

As community colleges, CCBC and BCCC are best positioned to help ALICE individuals break barriers to career advancement by offering flexible certificate and degree programs and scholarship opportunities for working adults.

CCBC and BCCC, in consultation with Kaiser’s Economic Opportunity and Impact Team, will develop a strategic communications plan to reach ALICE individuals and families via social media, digital streaming TV, and direct mail platforms.

NEW PODCAST CONNECTS ALUMNI COMMUNITY

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 forever changed the way we live, work, play, and relate to others. As part of that new dynamic, the CCBC Alumni Office focused on additional ways to communicate with its many audiences.

Established in October 2020, CCBC’s Alumni Live @ 5 podcast serves to connect alumni through stories and networking opportunities. Each episode features fascinating stories of CCBC alumni and offers a peek inside the lives of graduates.

Past programs have included a discussion with Talena Coles, owner of Coles Classic Cook and Cakes, on “Growing Your Business.” Daniel Harrison, CCBC’s 2021 President’s Distinguished Graduate, was featured on a program that focused on COVID-19’s impact on international students.

Alumni Live @ 5 airs on the CCBC Alumni Facebook page facebook.com/ccbacumni the second Wednesday of each month. If you would like to be considered for a guest appearance on Alumni Live @ 5, contact Ann-Marie Thornton at 443-840-3118 or via email at athornton2@ccbcmd.edu.

GOLDMAN SACHS FOUNDATION LAUNCHES PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In its 6th year of providing entrepreneurs in the Baltimore region with the resources needed to grow and create jobs, Goldman Sachs is expanding its 10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB) partnership with CCBC to support subsidized internships for students to help them gain valuable work experience.

The 10,000 Small Businesses Fellows program aims to create career pathways for students from community colleges and address the growing skills gap facing small businesses by facilitating hands-on internship opportunities. The program is being piloted in Baltimore in partnership with CCBC and the HBCU Morgan State University, along with sites in New York, Cleveland, and Dallas – creating more than 200 work opportunities for college students in their fields of interest and small businesses.

For participating CCBC students, 10KSB Fellows creates rich, connected communities among employers and employees, providing a sustained talent pipeline for the local economy. The program also builds social capital by connecting Fellows Internship students with local small businesses, national stakeholders like Goldman Sachs, and among each other.
VIRTUAL GALA RAISES $200K FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE

As part of CCBC’s commitment to support the needs of our most vulnerable student populations, this year’s CCBC gala focused on raising funds to support CCBC students affected by the pandemic and in need of emergency assistance. On April 21, 2021, CCBC livestreamed its Stronger Together: Connecting community, home and classroom virtual gala to nearly 100 guests.

The CCBC Foundation raised more than $200,000 at this year’s event, working together with the Office of College Life, community partners, employees, alumni and friends. As a result, the CCBC College and Community Outreach program was able to provide micro-grants or emergency funds to students for rent, transportation, technology, and other basic needs.

“The past year and a half have been especially hard for many CCBC students,” said Caroline Scott, dean of College Life. “Shifting to online courses, reduced employment on and off campus and the increasing challenges they face with food insecurities has been difficult,” Scott explained. “But thanks to the CCBC Foundation, we are happy we will be able to help hundreds of students not only survive, but persevere, through a global pandemic and its impact on their daily lives.”

During the event, CCBC students Maitrai Dalwadi and Daniel Harrison shared with viewers how CCBC helped them navigate the pandemic by providing them with personal care supplies, a laptop, and money for food.

Save the date for CCBC’s 15th Annual Gala on April 2, 2022 at Martin’s West. For more information, contact Woody Powell at 443-840-3548 or wpowell@ccbcmd.edu.

VIRTUAL CRAB FEAST RETURNS FOR A SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The crabs were spicy and the entertainment just as hot at the annual CCBC Alumni Association Virtual Crab Feast, held in September 2021. The event raised more than $35,000 in support of CCBC student scholarships and programs.

More than 300 alumni and friends enjoyed Maryland’s signature crustaceans via curbside Crab Bag pickup, an online auction, raffle and door prizes, and live online entertainment. The event featured opening remarks from CCBC President Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, CCBC alumnus and DJ Gustavo A. Minaya playing crowd-pleasing hits, a TikTok performance by the CCBC Alumni Board, a message from one of our scholarship recipients, and more.
1970s

J. MICHAEL PRESSIMONE '79 (General Studies) is president of Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. A higher education professional with more than three decades of experience. Michael is the former president of Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Mo. He believes that “CCBC took the time to understand my individual needs, and I try to mirror that in my work today.”

1990s

FREDERICK (ERICK) HAUF JR. ‘99 (General Studies) is a staff nurse-anesthetist in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He has established an academic scholarship at CCBC’s School of Business, Technology and Law in honor of his mother and CCBC alumna Margaret Taylor Hauf. Erick resides in Upperco, Md. with his wife, Kristine, and their children, Alexander, Nicholas and Annabel.

2010s

MELISSA HYLOCK ‘10 (Business Management) works for CCBC as an accountant and serves on the CCBC Alumni Association board of directors. She is pursuing her BS degree in Business Administration from University of Maryland Global Campus. Melissa says: “I believe my CCBC education broke a cycle within my family and has led to not only me getting a degree, but my children getting degrees as well.” She lives in Baltimore, Md.

BRIDGETT BAREFOOT-WELCH ’12 (Nursing) is a registered nurse at MedStar Union Memorial Hospital and an adjunct faculty instructor at CCBC. A first-generation college graduate, she earned her master’s degree in Nursing from Western Governors University. Bridgett serves on the CCBC Alumni Association board of directors, is a wife, mother of four, and lives in Owings Mills, Md.

BRIAN PURTELL ’14 (Mechanical Engineering Technology) started working in the commercial HVAC sales market while studying at CCBC. After graduating, he transferred to UMUC (now UMGC) and earned a BS in Management Studies. He is currently working for Trane Technologies as an application engineer, assisting with engineering sales process. Brian lives in Baltimore, Md.

SEYDOU MBAYE ’19 (General Studies) earned two degrees from CCBC and is currently pursuing his Master of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering at Morgan State University, where he also earned his BS degree and was the recipient of the Morgan State University Presidential Scholarship. In summer 2020, Seydou attended Harvard Business School online to earn the Credential of Readiness (CORE) certificate.

2020s

CELENA SMITH ’21 (General Studies) has been a cardiology office supervisor at MedStar Health for the past nine years. She is currently studying Health Administration at the University of Baltimore. Her advice to fellow alumni is “no matter how many bumps there are in the road, keep driving.” She lives in Dundalk, Md. and enjoys reading, crafting, playing with her four grandchildren, and decorating and organizing calendars/planners.

KEELIN KERNAN ’21 (Human Services Counseling) graduated from CCBC and went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, Law and Ethics at the University of Baltimore to become a mental health counselor. She believes “the pursuit of academic excellence is an amazing feat, but the best thing of all is to cultivate kindness and compassion.” She currently lives in Dundalk, Md., with her son, Dominic.

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Winter
December 27
January 3

Spring
January 10
January 31
February 28
March 21

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