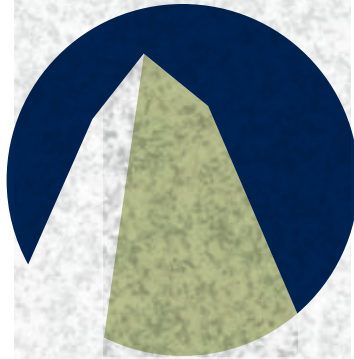


Bunker Hill Community College

# Foundation Scholars



**Bunker Hill Community College Foundation**

Fostering potential. Fulfilling dreams.



## Bunker Hill Community College Foundation Scholarships



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Since the inception of the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation's "total cost of attendance" scholarship program in 2014, 121 students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$832,400. An astounding 96 percent have completed their studies at BHCC or are on track to do so within the next year or two.

The majority of students at BHCC come from families living at or below the federal poverty level. These students are pursuing an education in order to build a better life.

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**Christopher Aguirre**

- Biology; High Honors
- Attending Brandeis University



**Sydney Bears**

- Liberal Arts
- EMT Certification



**Jean Hermy Beauciquot**

- Business; Honors
- Attending UMass Boston

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Most of them work while attending school. Many support families as well as themselves. While academic expenses are often met by federal and state grants, living expenses are not. Lack of money often becomes the most significant obstacle to staying in school.

The students featured in the following pages are 2017 alumni of BHCC. They reflect Greater Boston’s diversity. One grew up in Southie and another in Wisconsin;

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some are immigrants to the United States from Central America and some are from Vietnam. Several experienced great hardships in their lives including violence, the death of a spouse, hunger and homelessness.

All of these students made excellent use of their BHCC Foundation scholarships and their futures are promising. Among the four-year institutions that offered full financial support to our 2017 scholarship graduates were

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**Rizel Bobb-Semple**

- Computer Information Systems; Honors
- Scholar in Hack Diversity program



**Michael Curran**

- Psychology; Highest Honors



**Noon Farsab**

- Engineering; Highest Honors
- Attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



**Ashley Fishbein**

- Environmental Science; Highest Honors
- Attending Smith College



**Reina Guevara Perez**

- History/Government; High Honors
- Attending UMass Boston

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Brandeis University, California Institute of Technology, Cornell University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Smith College, Tufts University and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

**Impact of the BHCC Foundation Scholarships**

The greatest impact the scholarships had was to ease financial pressure on these students. The \$2,500 per semester award enabled them to take more courses and work fewer hours, thus

motivating them to complete their programs of study expeditiously.

In addition to financial support, the Foundation Scholarships gave the recipients confidence in their ability to achieve something they never thought they could. One wrote: "School is a constructive break from the harsh life I experience out of school. It helps me build up a defense against the adversities I may face in the future."

**Joseph Hally**

- Computer Science; High Honors
- Attending UMass Boston



**Elizabeth Hickey**

- Nursing; High Honors
- Working in chosen field



**Beth Howard**

- Biology; Highest Honors
- Enrolled in combined bachelor's master's program in Environmental Science at University of Rhode Island





**Benjamin (Kai) Kharpetian**

- Physics; Highest Honors
- Attending Tufts University



**Diane McManus**

- Culinary Arts; High Honors
- Working in her chosen field



**Romula Savino**

- Entrepreneurship; Honors
- Working as an artist

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For several students, the Scholarship was life changing. One student, a single mom, thought she'd only be able to get her bachelor's degree through online courses. She was astounded when she got accepted by several elite four-year colleges, who also offered her full financial aid. Following enrollment in one of these, she wrote: "Without [the scholarship program's] encouragement, I wouldn't have even applied to [this college]...the support has been priceless to me."

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Another, who slept between Terminals B and C at Logan Airport for much of the time he was at BHCC, is now attending a selective four-year university and recently wrote: "At [this university], I am in the midst of some of the most challenging work I have faced—yet also the most rewarding and interesting. In the comfort of a place to call my own, I am now working toward a strong end to this semester."

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**Yufeng Tan**

- Computer Science; Honors



**Karishma Sukhu**

- Paralegal Studies
- Attending Suffolk University



**Tomny Tran**

- Accounting; High honors



**Wei Wei**

- Hospitality/Restaurant Management; Highest Honors
- Working in chosen field



**Shawn Willing**

- Radiography; Highest Honors
- Working in chosen field



**Kaitlyn Winder**

- General Concentration
- Continuing at BHCC in Medical Laboratory Technician program

**Gratitude** Scholarship

recipients are grateful to those who made their Foundation Scholarships possible. One of the most meaningful messages of thanks received reads: "I want to express my gratitude to the BHCC Foundation for helping to make this all possible. I can't imagine all of the ways my last two semesters would have been different without the [Gala] Scholarship, but I do know that I would have had a much more difficult time. I want to

say thank you for empowering me to achieve the kind of outcome I used to think only happened to other people."

**In Conclusion** The Bunker

Hill Community College Foundation salutes all the Foundation Scholars—past, current and to come. We also salute all the donors to the Foundation Scholarship Program. You can take pride in the success of your students and in knowing that you are changing lives and making dreams come true.

**Catherine Adewoye**

- Nursing
- Working in chosen field

**Alexandra Broda**

- Psychology; High Honors

**Anne Heng**

- Accounting; Honors

**Johanna Deras Marroquin**

- Human Services; High Honors

**Angela Schmidt**

- General Concentration; Highest Honors
- Continuing at BHCC as Nursing Student

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