

FOUNDATION Impact Report 2023

Do What You Love

Suzi Muniz wasn't sure about going on to college, but when she received a Technical Excellence scholarship as a high school senior, she changed her mind and enrolled at FVTC. As a first-generation bilingual college student, she manages full-time school while working part-time.

Foundation scholarships have helped Suzi along the way. She was awarded the Donna & Carl Bersch Scholarship for accounting and a Rhoades Sanford Scholarship. When asked what she would do if she met the donors of her scholarship, she shared, "If I had the chance to meet my scholarship donor, I would cry and then hug them. I am so grateful and thankful for people who care. Someday I want to be like them and pay it forward with a scholarship."

What's next for Suzi? She looks forward to graduating in May 2024 with her associate degree in Accounting and may look to start her career in the field of manufacturing or construction. "One of my favorite instructors at FVTC says 'Do What You Love!' That really resonates with me. When I walk across that stage in May, I will make sure to say to my family 'We did it together!'...and I will be doing what I love!"

Making College Possible

FVTC Foundation makes college accessible and affordable through a variety of scholarships and tuition assistance grants. Thanks to our generous donors, **we awarded a record-breaking \$988,784** to FVTC students in the 2022-2023 academic year!

Did you know?

- FVTC students can apply for scholarships each semester they are enrolled at the College.
- Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors, currently enrolled FVTC students and returning adult learners.
- Last year, students who received a scholarship persisted in their education at a rate 15% higher than students who did not.
- Since 1979, FVTC Foundation scholarship awards total more than \$12.6M.

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FVTC Foundation Mission

Partnering with FVTC to cultivate community relationships and philanthropic support that enhance the mission and vision of FVTC.

\$988,784 Total Scholarships Awarded

1,407 Students Received Scholarships

377 Scholarships Funds

Scholarship awards are up **125%** in the last ten years.

Want to make your own impact? Transform lives with a gift to support current and future FVTC students. Learn more at: www.fvtc.edu/Foundation Contact us: foundation@fvtc.edu or 920-735-5608 • Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FVTCFoundation



Building Our Workforce

FVTC Foundation partners with Fox Valley Tech in ways beyond direct support to students. The Residential Building Construction program is one example. Each year the Foundation purchases a residential lot, funds the cost of construction and sells the completed home. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund future projects and provide scholarships for students.

Students learn the skills they need to successfully enter this highdemand field by working on a real job site, in addition to lab and classroom instruction. Those who complete this technical diploma program have great job prospects, with 100% job placement and an average annual salary of \$67,787 five years after graduation.

"With the long tradition of support by the Foundation, our program continues to be one of the premier carpentry programs in Wisconsin. Providing our students with a home to build gives them a real-world on-the-job experience and is what sets our program apart."

- Paul Lewandowski Instructor-Residential Building Construction



"I was extremely blessed and thankful to be chosen for scholarships! It really helped me get through school and my journey to pursue a woodworking and carpentry career. I am already employed and working in the industry!"



Financial Highlights July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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\$2,954,196 Support to FVTC & Students















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