



HISTORY AND MISSION

The Davidson-Davie Community College Foundation was established in 1968 as the Davidson County Community College Foundation, a nonprofit educational and charitable organization formed for the sole purpose of supporting the College. The Foundation takes an active role in making the community a better place by providing scholarship funds to Davidson-Davie students, enhancing programs and services, and pursuing new opportunities that will benefit students and the community now and in the years to come.

The value of Foundation assets grew to almost \$25 million by June 2017, including nearly 250 endowed scholarship and program enrichment funds, dozens of other unendowed funds, our 183-acre Link Campus, and six other properties. In 2011, the Foundation announced its largest gift ever and one of the largest gifts ever given to a North Carolina community college: over \$7.5 million from the estate of Lexington's Christine Harris, whose family was synonymous with Lexington Telephone Company and Lexcom. After the estate was settled, the final gift from the Harris estate totaled over \$10 million.

About 75% of DCCC students are eligible for financial aid each year, and many of these students depend on Foundation scholarships. As state revenues decline, the College needs other sources of program and enrichment support more than ever. The Davidson-Davie Foundation finds itself to be a critical player in advancing the mission of the College and in supporting the people of Davidson and Davie counties.

In 2020, there were 36 members of the Foundation Board of Directors and eight Directors Emeritus. Board members serve three-year terms, and may serve up to three consecutive three-year terms, which run on the calendar year. The full Foundation Board typically meets three times a year. Most Board members serve on a committee, which may meet several times a year. The most important thing we ask our Board members to do is serve as champions for the College, helping us tell our story and connecting with the people, businesses, and organizations who make it possible for the Foundation to support our College and its efforts to transform lives through innovative and equitable learning experiences and to prepare students for enhanced career and educational opportunities within a changing global community.