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Dear Friends,

What an incredible month of generosity and connection it has been! October was filled with moments that truly reflect the heart of Brunswick Community College—our annual Scholarship Luncheon celebrating the bond between donors and students, the creation of a new endowment supporting those training for essential trades, an extraordinary gift from the Assistance League of Greater Wilmington, and more.

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As we turn the calendar to November, the spirit of giving continues to shine. We're kicking off the month with the Annual Dolphins Athletics Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 1—a fun tradition that fuels opportunities for our student-athletes.

While every season is one of giving at the Foundation, fall holds a special energy. It's the perfect time to make an end-of-year gift, support the campus Food Pantry, or simply share in the joy of helping students succeed. Together, we're creating brighter futures.

With gratitude,

Teresa Nelson

Executive Director

**The Foundation of Brunswick Community
College**

Celebrating Connections at Scholarship Luncheon

STUDENT



There's nothing quite like hearing directly from students (see video above) to understand the true impact of your generosity. During The Foundation of Brunswick Community College's 2025 Annual Scholarship Luncheon on October 10, more than 200 donors, students, and guests gathered to celebrate the life-changing power of education, and the community that makes it possible.

The luncheon provided an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet the donors who helped make their dreams a reality. For many, it was the start of what may become a lifelong friendship built on shared values of hope, hard work, and giving back.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and an inspiring program that included heartfelt stories from students and a moving video presentation that brought their journeys to life. The message was clear. Every scholarship represents more than financial support. It's an investment in potential, perseverance, and purpose.

The Foundation extends sincere gratitude to all who attended and to every donor whose generosity continues to open doors for our students. See below and on the [Foundation Facebook Page](#) for event photos.





Assistance League of Greater Wilmington Continues to Transform Lives



We cannot thank the Assistance League of Greater Wilmington (ALGW) enough for their continued generosity and commitment to student success. Their most recent \$35,000 gift, presented at the 2025 Scholarship Luncheon, will help fund scholarships that open doors to education, opportunity, and brighter futures.

Through grants, donations, fundraisers, and proceeds from its Thrift Shop, ALGW has returned more than \$2.2 million to the community since 2008, transforming lives and strengthening communities across our region.

Located at 420 Eastwood Road, Unit 107, Wilmington, NC, the Thrift Shop is the heart of ALGW's mission. You can support their work by shopping or donating new and gently used items. Learn more at ALGW.assistanceleague.org.

New Endowment Honors the Life and Legacy of David Matthews, Jr.



We are proud to share news of the David Matthews, Jr. Endowment, created through a generous \$25,000 gift from the Matthews family in memory of their beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend.

The endowment will fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in the trades—including electrical, HVAC, plumbing, carpentry, and other skilled professions that were close to David's heart.

David began his own journey in the trades at a community college, where he discovered a passion for hands-on learning and problem-solving, particularly in the electrical field, that shaped his life and career. His family shared that this endowment will help further David's enduring spirit of curiosity and his desire to help others experience the fulfillment of doing work they love.

"Through this gift, David's legacy will live on in the success stories of BCC students who share his drive, determination, and love of learning," said Teresa Nelson, Executive Director of The Foundation of Brunswick Community College. "We are deeply honored to help carry forward his memory through opportunities that change lives."

The David Matthews, Jr. Endowment will provide ongoing financial support to students who demonstrate both need and passion for pursuing a career in the skilled trades, ensuring that David's legacy continues to inspire generations to come.

Scholarship Shoutout: Gilbert Scholarship Inc.



Pictured at the recent Scholarship Luncheon is (l to r): EMS student Madelyn Barberia, Gilbert Scholarship, Inc. President Darlena Moore, Gilbert Scholarship, Inc. Board Member Risa Moore, and Nursing student and student ambassador Sarah Long.

For many students, college is a natural next step. For others, it's a dream that feels out of reach, especially for youth raised in foster care. That's where Gilbert Scholarship, Inc. steps in. Founded to honor Dick and Mary Gilbert, lifelong advocates for children in foster care, this nonprofit organization helps make higher education possible for students who have aged out of the system and often have no family or financial support to lean on.

Over the past two years, two BCC students have received life-changing support through this program. Sarah Long, a Nursing student, was the 2024 recipient, and Madelyn Barberia, a

program. Sarah Long, a Nursing student, was the 2024 recipient, and Madelyn Barberia, a student in Emergency Medical Sciences, is this year's recipient.

The need is profound. Each year, approximately 19,000 youth age out of the U.S. foster care system, often without a family, home, or financial safety net. Nearly 43% experience homelessness by age 21, and only about 3% earn a college degree, a statistic the Gilbert Scholarship aims to change (*source: Annie E. Casey Foundation*). Thank you, Gilbert Scholarship, Inc.

'Tis the Season for Stocking the Food Pantry Shelves

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Donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are always needed to keep our Food Pantry shelves stocked with the most-needed items.

We've made shopping easier than ever before. With a few quick clicks of your computer mouse, items can be purchased and shipped directly to BCC. Plus, shipping is free. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Visit the BCC Food Pantry [Gift List](#).

Step 2: Select items and quantities, then click **Add to Cart**.

Step 3: Once you've made your selections, click the **shopping cart** image.

Step 4: Review your selections, then click **Continue to Checkout**.

Step 5: Select the **BCC Foundation Gift Registry Address** and click on the yellow **Use this Address** box.

Step 6: Select your payment method and then click **Place your Order**.

That's all there is to it. Your order will be delivered directly to BCC for stocking. Thank you!

Every Dollar Counts



If you'd like to help further the mission of The Foundation of BCC in support of our students, please scan the QR code on the left and make a gift of any size. Every dollar counts and is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and generosity.

For information on mentor or volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Teresa Nelson at nelson@brunswickcc.edu.

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