

## SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

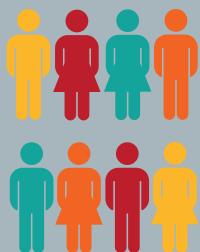
FTCC Foundation manages more than 200 scholarships and other funds that provide financial assistance to students to support them in their educational journey and help them become successful and self-sufficient.

### Scholarships Awarded Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

Total Amount  
Awarded:



**\$228,182**



Total  
Student  
Recipients:  
**253**

Endowed  
Scholarships: **70**



Annual  
Scholarships: **48**

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I have an exciting year ahead of me as I begin my final year of nursing at FTCC. My journey would not have been possible without the generous support from donors.

I am a full-time student, wife to a US Army veteran, and mother of 4 wild and wonderful boys. I immigrated to the U.S. in 2016 from Germany after I married my husband who was stationed there.

I was accepted to the Associate Degree in Nursing program and received several scholarships which motivated me to work hard and stay focused on achieving my goals.

I was honored to be selected as a Tom McLean Ambassador for two consecutive years. Being an ambassador enabled me to engage with many students, faculty, staff, and alumni. I recently became an officer with the FTCC Chapter of the American Nurses Association which allows me to connect new students to resources in the nursing program and FTCC. I am honored and excited to tell these new students what FTCC has done for me and my family.

I am so grateful to the donors who give to scholarships through FTCC Foundation which enable students like me to become successful, empowered professionals. Thank you!



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## SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

### Kathy Weeks Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship

In 2020, Walter Weeks considered what he would give his wife, Kathy, for Christmas. She had spent the year bravely fighting cancer. He decided to surprise her with a donation to the nursing scholarship in her name at FTCC. Kathy was a former instructor in the nursing program. "Kathy loved teaching and working with her students. The scholarship is very important to her," said Walter. "At our age, there's nothing we need. I could not think of a better way to honor her and help educate future nurses."

Walter's sister, Beverley Howard loved this idea. In 2021, she also donated to the Kathy Weeks Nursing Scholarship. "When I thought that we might lose her to cancer last year, I realized more than ever what an amazing person she is," said Beverley Howard. "You have an excellent nursing program and I know that you are carrying on the work that Kathy developed while she was there."

Walter has continued to give to the scholarship as a gift to Kathy, and other family members and friends have carried on this tradition.



### William L. Hedgepeth Sr. Endowed Scholarship

FTCC Trustee Bill Hedgepeth II used Giving Tuesday as an opportunity to donate \$15,000 to endow a new scholarship in his father's honor. He surprised his father with this gift for Christmas.



Both father and son have spent most of their careers working in finance. Bill Hedgepeth II has worked for more than 30 years as a banker. William Hedgepeth Sr. is a retired accountant and a United States Air Force veteran.

"My father and I have been fortunate to work with some great folks in our careers," said Bill Hedgepeth II. "I wanted to give back to the community and honor my father as well as all those who played a part in the success that we experienced during our careers."

Pictured here are FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen, Bill Hedgepeth Sr., and Bill Hedgepeth II.



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## Horace Sisk Family Scholarship

Horace Sisk was well known in Fayetteville for his pursuit of educational excellence and the preparation of students for higher educational opportunities. He retired as the superintendent of Fayetteville City Schools in 1951. Horace Sisk Junior High School was dedicated in his memory in 1962. FTCC acquired the property in 1975 and kept the name to honor Mr. Sisk as a lifelong educator who understood the important relationship between community and education.

Mary Erwin Olive and her siblings created the Horace Sisk Family Scholarship in 2000 to honor their grandfather.

“Our family continues to support this scholarship and contribute to it in honor of each other in lieu of gifts and in memory of our grandfather,” said Mary Erwin Olive.

The family of Horace Sisk continues to support and believe in educational opportunities for all students. Preference is given to students enrolled in the Associates of Arts or Science program at FTCC who show an interest in becoming a teacher. However, it is open to all students, a reflection of the expanding scope of FTCC and its opportunities for educational excellence. The generosity of the Horace Sisk family will ensure the gift of learning never ends.



## Foundation Raises Funds for Nursing Expansion & Renovation

Nursing has been an important part of FTCC since the beginning of the college 60 years ago.

Renovations will soon begin to create a state-of-the-art Nursing Education and Simulation Center, which will house three nursing programs - Associate Degree of Nursing, Licensed Practical Nurse, and Certified Nurse Assistant, together in one building dedicated to nursing education.

The purpose of this project is to support the growing medical needs in our region by building a sustainable healthcare talent pipeline targeting nursing professions by increasing the capacity of FTCC to support 280 nursing students.

Cumberland Community Foundation awarded FTCC Foundation \$250,000 for the nursing project in honor of their 40th anniversary. The largest grant received for the project was from the Golden LEAF Foundation for \$961,200. Other major grants have been awarded for the project from Anonymous Trust, The Cannon Foundation, Cape Fear Valley Health, and anonymous donors.

“We are grateful for the generous support of these foundations and organizations,” said FTCC Foundation Executive Director Sandy Ammons. “They are committed to improving the health of our community and investing in the future of our nursing students.”





## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

FTCC Foundation manages several funds that provide emergency assistance to students who are facing financial hardship. These funds pay for necessities such as rent, utilities, healthcare, and transportation, in addition to paying for books and tuition for students who do not have other resources.

The FTCC Food Pantry provides food, personal care items, diapers, and household cleaners for students. The Success Closet offers professional attire at no charge to the student to use for job interviews and presentations.

Here are quotes from students who recently received emergency assistance.

*• I am beyond grateful for this program. My position within a company was eliminated. I have been trying to find a job that works around my school and kids' schedules. This emergency assistance has paid for months of my car insurance. It has been hard and this has been such a blessing.*

*• The food pantry is truly a blessing. We did not know what we were going to do. Thank you so much!*

*• Your donation paid my rent to keep me and my children in our home. I am forever grateful for your generosity.*

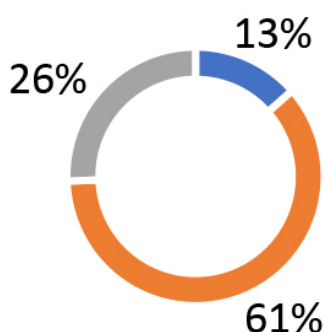
*• Your donation helped cover the cost of a missed car payment due to COVID. Your support helped me to stay on track and in school and allowed me to keep my transportation. As a single mom, this was a lifesaver. I greatly appreciate your generosity!*

*• Your donation allowed me to pay my rent for the month. Your support allowed me to stay focused and on track while in nursing school. I appreciate all you have done.*

*• I was able to pay my car payment which allowed me to continue to take my daughter to daycare every day. Without your help I'm not sure what I would have done during such a trying time.*



## 2021 STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BY THE NUMBERS



FTCC Foundation distributed \$124,798 in emergency assistance to more than 600 students who were facing financial hardship.

- Tuition, Books and Supplies
- Emergency Assistance (rent, utilities)
- Food Pantry