

Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation

Funding New Directions



Fall 2018

Dear _____,

My journey to higher education began at Cape Cod Community College in the fall of 2017. It had been 25 years since my high school graduation. I was now a wife, mother, and veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Eager to set a positive example for my children by earning an Associate's Degree, I jumped into college life feet first. The course schedules allow me to fit required classes around my kids' school hours. Professors are accessible and available, treating me as a person, not a number. Admissions and financial aid have patiently walked me through paperwork, and the advising staff has been phenomenal at listening to my personal aspirations. The entire organization: administrators, faculty and professors continuously strive to set students up for success. The experiences I've had at CCCC have been outstanding.

When I began this endeavor, I was worried the difference in years between myself and fellow students would be awkward. To my surprise, it didn't take long to find others who were over 40, married, parents, or prior military. I was impressed to meet high school dual-enrollment students, those with full-time jobs and classmates with disabilities. With the college offering more than 20 clubs and organizations to its diverse student population, most can become an active participant in something that sparks their interest.

Becoming a teacher is my ultimate goal. Completing the *Foundations of Education* course taught me how instructing children has evolved. I was also required to complete 40 hours of supervised practical application of being a teacher with Barnstable Public Schools in the classroom setting. The contract that CCCC has with the local schools is essential for me to achieve my education degree.

The Military and Veterans Services advisor recommended I consider becoming a part of the *Advantage Program/Student Support Services*. These staff members have been the most positively influential people I've encountered at the college. From advising to peer mentoring, counseling to tutoring, student success seminars and applying for scholarships, these professionals encourage my achievements every day. Prior to meeting them, I tried to accomplish college on my own. Afterwards, I have gained confidence in my abilities due to their continuous support.



Tiffany Acord, far right, served as a Student Ambassador at an event celebrating the 35th anniversary of CCCC Educational Foundation.

The scholarships I have received from the CCCC Educational Foundation, thanks to generous donors, are of significant financial assistance as I pursue my aspirations towards earning a degree. Knowing that local individuals and businesses have invested in my education makes me feel like I am being encouraged **by many** to succeed. They genuinely put the “Community” in Cape Cod Community College.

I’m sharing my experience so you will know how important it is to support the College. **By donating to the College Educational Foundation, you truly can make a difference.** The scholarships and program support the Foundation provides helps me and many other students of all ages pursue our dreams of higher education and success.

Thank you for giving as generously as possible.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Acord



Veterans at CCCC

*Cape Cod Community College currently serves **130 military/veteran students** using some part of GI Bill education benefits or have self-identified as a veteran of the armed forces. Of the 130 individuals, 105 have reported to be veterans, while the remaining 25 people are dependents.*

CCCC is an approved institution for veterans and veterans’ beneficiaries, and is proud to support new students, returning students and transfer students. Katie Downer, the College’s Military and Veterans Services Advisor/ Counselor, assists with academic advising, specific questions regarding the GI Bill and various other military benefits.

The College’s military and veteran students are encouraged to take advantage of the Veterans Center, located on the second floor of Wilkens Library. The Center offers a relaxing and welcoming environment for veterans to study, network, or grab a cup of coffee in between classes.

