

FALL 2022



“There is no power *for change* greater than a *community* discovering what it *cares* about.”

— Margaret J. Wheatley

FROM THE DESK OF
BRENDA KNOX
HARPER COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT



It is my great honor to begin a two-year term as President of the Board of Directors of Harper College Educational Foundation. As a Harper Alumna, I am so proud to lead the foundation in fulfilling its mission of connecting the college to the greater community, alumni, businesses, and leaders by inspiring and aligning donor passion and generosity through philanthropic support for students and program enrichments.

The foundation board is an esteemed group of accomplished people representing organizations, businesses and community funders. In 2020, the board set our strategic direction for the near future by defining our organizational objectives. We will expand scholarship opportunities for all students, leverage and strengthen collaboration with businesses, and identify and develop future alumni and affinity group leaders. Harper College is an asset to our community, serving students in so many walks of life... from recent high school graduates to continuously learning seniors. Our role at the foundation is to remove the financial barriers to student success, and our generous donors make that possible.

Peter Drucker taught that to achieve results, we must use all the available strengths, as these strengths are the true opportunities. "The unique purpose of an organization is to make strength productive," he wrote. The Educational Foundation has the remarkable strength and purpose of building and achieving results by assisting Harper students to achieve their educational dreams.

I am privileged to be a small part of helping make those dreams become a reality and applaud all the hundreds of foundation donors who recognize the value of a donor scholarship and helping someone else fulfill their dream.

Thank you for your efforts and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda". The signature is fluid and cursive.

24: Average age of Harper student

12,015: Number of students taking credit classes (fall 2021)

56% of students work while attending Harper College (46% of students ages 25 and older work full-time)

51% of Harper students who self-identified as first generation

\$4,005: Average annual cost of tuition for a full-time student

\$6.2 million: Total awarded in 2021–2022 by the Foundation in scholarships, grants and awards

2,052: Number of students receiving a scholarship, grant or award

230: Total Foundation scholarship funds

19: New scholarship funds created by donors in 2021 – 2022

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by the **NUMBERS**



INSPIRE

Build A Better Tomorrow

Donor generosity inspires new scholarships

The Harper College Educational Foundation thanks the donors of these new scholarships for their generosity and for inspiring Harper students to realize their dreams.

Karma Foundation Scholarship: Created by Harper alumna Shipra Rajput, an international student who earned her associate degree from Harper College in 2016 and her bachelor's in biomedical engineering from Washington State University. She is currently a Manufacturing Engineering at Edwards Life Science and created this scholarship to support an international student with financial need.

Kathleen Hartwig Endowed Scholarship: Created by community member and donor Kathleen Hartwig for female students with financial need and a GPA of 2.0.

Mike and Melissa Canning Scholarship and Mike and Melissa Canning Transfer Scholarship: Created by community leaders Melissa (also a Harper College alumna) and Mike Canning to support Harper students who have financial need. The transfer scholarship pays for tuition at the University Center at a Harper College partner school.

Robert and Jennifer Allare Scholarship: Created by adjunct faculty member Robert Allare and his wife, Jennifer, for graduates of Prospect or Hoffman Estates High School, preference to students that played sports in high school and a preference for community service engagement (see more about Robert and Jennifer on page 8).

Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club Scholarship: The Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club established this scholarship to support a student that lives or works in Hoffman Estates or Schaumburg who has financial need and has demonstrated community service.

The Inspire Scholarship Campaign will expand financial support for Harper College students by creating new opportunities or expanding existing scholarships to assist current and future students. To date, forty new scholarships have been created for Harper College students. To learn more, visit harpercollege.edu/inspire.

Harper College Educational Foundation gives \$100K to local nonprofits

The Harper College Educational Foundation recently granted \$100,000 to five local nonprofit organizations as part of its new Community Innovation Fund Grant Program.



The program provides one-year grants to nonprofit organizations whose missions support the advancement of equity, diversity and economic mobility for underserved and marginalized communities in Harper's district. The program's goals align with Harper's efforts to reduce the college's equity gaps by 20% by 2024.

"Harper and the Educational Foundation are inspired by the determination and ambition of these organizations, which share the college's mission to better our communities," said Laura Brown, vice president, and chief advancement officer. "The Community Innovation Fund provides a wonderful opportunity to partner with groups seeking to assist under-resourced students, help at-risk single mothers and support victims of domestic violence."

The five organizations that received a Community Innovation Fund Grant include:

- Partners for Our Communities, Palatine
- GiGi's Playhouse, Hoffman Estates
- WINGS, Palatine
- Fellowship Housing Corporation, Hoffman Estates
- Barrington Area Development Council, Barrington/Carpentersville

All five grants are set to significantly impact Harper's district. Kathy Millin, executive director at Partners for Our Communities, which

was awarded the largest grant, spoke about her appreciation of the Community Innovation Fund Grant Program and the difference these funds will make in people's lives.

"I have to tell you, when we first got the news, we cried. Our staff felt this sense of joy," Millin said. "We're seeing such despair and hopelessness out there, which scares me. We're excited to help normalize taking care of your mental health for these young people."

Harper and its foundation announced the grant program last spring. Area organizations were encouraged to apply and detail how they would use the funding for projects, programs, activities and services that focus on uplifting activities with long-lasting impacts and outcomes. Each grant is for one year (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023), and recipients will be allowed to apply for a one-year renewal.

Part of the impetus for the Community Innovation Fund Grant Program was MacKenzie Scott's \$18 million transformational gift to Harper in 2021.

"MacKenzie Scott wrote how generosity is generative, and that sharing makes more," said Dr. Avis Proctor, Harper president. "The goal of these grants is to advance work supporting equity, diversity and economic mobility within our community for years to come. Together we can generate transformational and strategic impact for our entire community to thrive."

FROM THE DESK OF
DR. AVIS PROCTOR
PRESIDENT OF HARPER COLLEGE



I am thrilled to begin a new fall academic year. As recently recognized by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence program, Harper College is a great institution – one of the best in the entire country.

It is always an exciting time on campus as classes begin, with students walking into classrooms for the first time, not knowing the professor or others in the class but displaying excitement for the challenges and learning opportunities that await them. Many of our students are first-generation college students, and this is a completely new experience for them. While it's exciting, it can also be intimidating. Thus, we are committed to cultivating a strong student experience, on campus or virtually, with our You Matter, We Care - SOAR framework.

We know that our faculty and staff prioritize student success and are inspired to do what it takes to give each student the best opportunity to realize the ultimate goal of earning a credential for upskilling or entry into the workforce or transferring to their

dream university. Each day staff and faculty share the common commitment and care that our students' success matters. This was especially evident during this academic year kick-off as we highlighted a student's journey. It is just one of the many reasons we are so confident in our goal of supporting every student.

Harper College has taken proactive steps to meet the changing needs of our students and our community. With this elevated focus in our strategic plan, we have the foundation and innovation to build on the best things we do, identify areas for improvement and redesign and connect with our community's needs.

As President of William Rainey Harper College, I am proud of our direction as we ignite multiple paths toward student success and institutional excellence.

You spoke, we listened. **Begin receiving communications electronically.**

While we still rely on postal mail to communicate with our donors, alumni and friends, the Foundation continues to increase the number of electronic publications we use based on feedback received from our donors. Select event invitations, the quarterly alumni e-newsletters, donation requests and video thank you messages from student scholarships recipients are all sent electronically.

In addition, the Foundation offers electronic versions of many of our printed communication pieces. The Catalyst newsletter, gift acknowledgement letters with tax receipt information, and some event invitations can be sent to you electronically.

Update your mail preferences and ensure that the Foundation has your preferred email address on file by visiting harpercollege.edu/contact or using the **QR code** to the right.



Turpin Soderholm Family Performing Arts Center Lobby

Family legacy helps to achieve dreams

The Turpin and Soderholm families have resided in the Harper College district since 1956 and were early community college supporters.

Since its inception, three generations have attended Harper College, and Robin Turpin and Laurie Turpin-Soderholm have been named Distinguished Alumni. Family members have served as Harper faculty, performed in Harper theatre performances and volunteered on numerous Harper College Educational Foundation committees and the Foundation Board.

The family is firmly committed to supporting education as the path to increased life satisfaction and affluence. Robin and Laurie have been instrumental in supporting, championing and funding

individual scholarships, the Promise Scholarship program, and college-sponsored programs. Robin is a Harper Heritage Society member and has left plans for Harper College in her estate plans.

In 2009, they established the endowed Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers, named after their parents. The scholarship is for students who have achieved a 3.0 GPA, have financial need, and most importantly, have a clear vision of how a Harper College education can help fulfill their dreams for the future. Since its inception,

the Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers has supported more than 17 students. Robin and Laurie say meeting the students and seeing their passion and perseverance has inspired them. "We are so excited to see them achieve their dreams," said Laurie.

In honor of the Turpin and Soderholm family's generosity and support, the Harper College Performing Arts Center lobby was dedicated to their families in the spring of 2022 and officially named the Turpin Soderholm Family Performing Arts Center Lobby.



Laurie Turpin-Soderholm (left) and Robin Turpin (right) with Ruth Morales, 2018 recipient of their scholarship. After graduating from Harper College, Ruth attended Benedictine University and is now a third year physical therapy student at the prestigious Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and Northwestern University.

Meet Lindy

Lindy is a proud member of the Harper College Class of 2022, having finished her associate degree in accounting. She has now started her first professional job as an accounting clerk.



The path was not always easy Lindy worked full-time at a coffee shop to provide for herself and her two young daughters. Lindy knew that a better life for her whole family meant finding a way to balance work, family and school. She paid for her first semester at Harper on a credit card. She sought out campus resources for support and advising. She worked hard in her classes and her job.

As she was nearing the end of her program, she was awarded the Hohol Family Endowed Scholarship. As Lindy says, "Thanks to their financial support, I was able to believe that there are still kind people in the world that care about others and want them to succeed." The scholarship's financial support relieved some of her family's financial burden and empowered her to finish her journey toward her associate degree.

Today, Lindy is beginning her bachelor's degree in accounting through Harper's University Center with her sights set on becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

Right here in our community there are driven, hardworking people like Lindy striving for a brighter future. You can find them at Harper College.

The people holding a full-time job while maintaining a strong college GPA...

The students studying hard after their kids are in bed...

The optimist living in her car while preparing for final exams...

The dreamers who know that they can achieve if someone gives them a chance...

Thanks to donations from generous donors and alumni, students like Lindy are inspired to fulfill their educational dreams. If you are interested in making a donation to support Harper College students, visit harpercollege.edu/foundation or scan the code to make a donation today.



Adjunct faculty and alumni create scholarship to help students explore their passions

Robert and Jennifer Allare's history with Harper College runs deep. Both graduated from high schools in Harper's district. Both took classes at Harper before completing their undergraduate degrees at Illinois State University. Both have remained committed to helping students in our community transform their lives through the power of education.

Today, Jennifer co-owns a nationwide company, and Robert is an adjunct faculty in the Department of History at Harper and president of the Adjunct Faculty Association. Together they made the decision to share the gift of a Harper education. As Jennifer notes, "I think that's our biggest desire: to help some students get back their footing and education out of high school while they try and figure some things out."

The Robert and Jennifer Allare Endowed Scholarship supports graduates of Prospect High School and Hoffman Estates High School who are involved with their community. "Since I teach here, I know it's an opportunity for students to explore," says Robert, "College, in general, is that opportunity to test drive different things and decide where you want to go."

Jennifer, whose experience as a Harper student was taking Spanish classes over the summers, is particularly interested in Harper's approach to placing students on a career pathway. She sees the need for students who are interested in hands-on trades in her work, "I work in the construction industry, and there is a complete shortage of skilled labor...Maybe they can complete their associate degree, become a mechanic, or study nursing. Whatever it is, [students] get on some sort of path and have their home base here."

Robert has seen the toll finances can take on students, sharing that some of his students are working two jobs to make ends meet



while others are working full-time and balancing school. Robert recalls that while in college, he did not face the same pressure to work while attending school.

"Harper was a great location for me. I don't think it's much more complicated than giving someone an opportunity we had back in the day," suggests Robert. Their scholarship will accomplish this for Harper students for generations to come. In establishing an endowment, the Allares have made the commitment to giving Harper students a chance to learn and grow in perpetuity.

Want to learn more about starting a scholarship? Email foundation@harpercollege.edu or call **847.925.6490** for more details.

Dream Big Angel Grant supports local entrepreneurs

The Dream Big Angel Grant program was established in 2016 thanks to the generosity of a donation from Kim Duchossois.

Since then, nearly \$250,000 has been awarded to 23 businesses to help with business start-up, business expansion or prototype development expenses.

Clients of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Harper College and students in Harper's Entrepreneurial Maker program are eligible for the Angel Grant program and participate in a competitive application and presentation process.

Thank you for believing in Connect and Color and for your support as I begin to scale my business. Truly, words cannot express my gratitude."

Dawn P.
Connect and Color

Angel Grant recipients for the 2022-2023 year are:

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Ways to give: Planned Gifts

Build a bright future for future generations while creating your legacy.

Harper students rely on gifts from donors to make their educational journeys become a reality. By establishing a planned gift with the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation, donors can ensure that future generations of Harper students will experience that same support in reaching their goals.

Include Harper College in your will or trust

- Include a gift (restricted or unrestricted) to the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation in your will or trust.
- Indicate a specific amount or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.
- Please tell us about your gift so we may recognize you for your generosity now.

Donor-Advised Funds

- If you have a donor-advised fund, consider using it to make a grant to the Harper College Educational Foundation.

Gifts of Stock or Appreciated Assets

- Transfer appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares you have owned for more than one year to Harper College Educational Foundation. We sell your securities and use the proceeds to support Harper students.
- You receive an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities and pay no capital gains tax on the transfer when the stock is sold.

We can work with you to customize your gift and interests. Please contact Heather Zoldak, CFRE, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts, at hzoldak@harpercollege.edu for more information.

Have you already included Harper in your estate plans? Please let us know! We would love to talk to you about your gift and welcome you to the Harper Heritage Society.

Thank you to our Business Champions

The Harper College Educational Foundation for the sponsorship support of our 2022 Business Champions. To learn more, email Kristyn Meyer at kmeyer@harpercollege.edu. Sponsors secured as of September 1, 2022.

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As part of its Harper@Work program, the Foundation piloted its Corporate Mentorship Program during the Summer of 2022. The program stemmed from conversations with corporate partners who communicated an increased need for programs that promote leadership and corporate responsibility and their difficulties recruiting the diverse, skilled workforce they desire. Out of this challenge, a new idea was born. The opportunity to connect Harper scholarship recipients with Foundation Business Champions was a win-win. These community-minded businesses found ways to strengthen their current and future workforce while preparing hardworking Harper students for their future careers.

During the pilot program, three businesses participated: Clearwater Capital Partners, Motorola Solutions and Vistex. Employees from a variety of backgrounds and job titles volunteered their time to coach Harper students virtually during the summer. Feedback from both students and mentors was positive, and of the 13 original pairings, five pairs requested to continue their connection throughout the fall semester. Following the successful pilot, 10 businesses identified 53 mentors for the 2022-2023 cohort.

Interested in enriching your employees while empowering the next generation of business leaders? Contact Kristyn Meyer at kmeyer@harpercollege.edu or 847.925.6468 to learn more.

The Foundation proudly celebrates our Corporate Mentorship partners for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Allstate, Barrington Bank & Trust and Wintrust, Clearwater Capital Partners, Erikson Engineering Associates, Northern Trust, Northwest Community Healthcare, School Health, SHI International Corporation, Vistex and WT Group

“You definitely paired us well, and I am learning a ton about the field of communication and even about potential careers in human resources and marketing... Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity! I’m really enjoying it, finding it to be super helpful, and I have made some great connections!”

Ashley R.
Harper Student

“I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful program helping others in need and providing support.”

Andrea P.
Corporate Mentor

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Your Community's College

In early October, Harper College celebrated the investiture of Dr. Avis Proctor as the sixth president of Harper College. The pandemic prevented the college from doing so sooner, and the college community was pleased to be able to do so now.

Before arriving at Harper College, Dr. Proctor had 25 years of experience working in multicultural environments as an innovative mathematics educator and academic administrator with a focus on teaching, service and research.

Since her arrival, Dr. Proctor has continued the important work on student success initiatives. During this time, the college was acknowledged by the Aspen Institute as a semi-finalist for the prestigious College Excellence Program, which means that Harper is considered one of the top 25 community colleges in the country. This is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges—as President Obama called it, “basically the Oscars for great community colleges.” The Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding achievement in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

In addition, in 2021, Harper received an \$18 million gift, the largest gift in the college's history, from philanthropist, activist and author MacKenzie Scott. It was used to create the Igniting Paths to Success scholarships which awarded full tuition, fees and books to 1,000 students, helping to address an urgent need for many in our community struggling to access and prioritize higher education due to the challenges and uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding from this significant gift was also used to provide one-year grants to nonprofit organizations (see page 4). The program's goals align with Harper's efforts to reduce the college's equity gaps by 20% by 2024.

Events and activities leading up to the formal investiture ceremony were attended by students, community partners, employees and others who contribute to the success of the college.

The formal investiture ceremony and swearing-in of the new president took place on October 6, 2022, and included delegates from other colleges and universities, as well as faculty, staff and community members.

What is an investiture?

The investiture of a new president is a ceremony of dignity with many academic traditions and protocols. Originating in English universities, the investiture ceremony is among the oldest of traditions in academia. The word investiture comes from the Latin phrase for “dress in robe.” In academic circles, the term has come to mean one who will literally don the university's insignia and regalia.



HOPE Giving Circle

Meet the 2022 Recipients



EMILY ALVIA

“I intend to use my degree in a field that I can feel proud of, and that makes a tangible difference in people’s lives. This scholarship enables me to pursue an education in mechanical engineering while still serving the community.”



Emily Alvia began her second year at Harper College in the fall of 2022. Emily is working toward her associate degree in engineering science with the goal of pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering. Emily is in the Engineering Pathways Program at Harper and plans to transfer to the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana after Harper. Emily recalls that for as long as she can remember, she knew she wanted to pursue the fields of math and science, and engineering gives her that opportunity.



TAIAH GUES

“The HOPE scholarship will help me reach my goals while providing me mentorship and financial support. I want to become an educator who facilitates social-emotional learning, coping skills and the importance of kindness.”



Taiah began her second year at Harper this fall. She is pursuing her associate degree with plans to become a teacher. Her goal is to double major in elementary education and psychology with a minor in African American studies at her four-year university. Taiah is a first-generation college student and intends on becoming the first in her family to obtain a master’s degree. Working part-time at KinderCare, she has the privilege of watching her students’ growth and development. Taiah maintains a 4.0 GPA and is in Harper’s Honors Program.



LYDIA SCHULTZ

“My goal is to become a journalist, work for National Geographic and travel the world, sharing meaningful stories that bring positive change in society. I am passionate about making a difference, and I am confident my education at Harper gives me the empowerment to do so.”



Lydia is in her second year at Harper College and is working toward her Associate in Arts degree, focusing on a major in communication and journalism. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. Her dream is to become a journalist for National Geographic. She plans to transfer to DePaul University either through Harper’s University Center or another institution to study journalism. Lydia has dedicated more than 300 hours to community service in recent years and plans to join the Peace Corps next summer serving as an English teacher in Ecuador.



GENEVIEVE WULF

“Researching the brain and understanding the causes and effects of mental illness has played a huge part in helping my family's conditions. I want to contribute to this field because of the personal experiences that I have with it and help others that have also been affected.”



Genevieve entered her final year at Harper this fall. She is pursuing her associate degree with plans to major in neuroscience at her four-year institution, ideally Northwestern or Notre Dame. She hopes to pursue a career in cognitive and behavioral neuroscience, where she can study the brain and behavior. Her interest in the field is personal after her experience with family members with neurological conditions. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and hopes to pursue her master's degree in the future. She is a member of the Harper Honors Program and Vice President of the Student Activities Board.

2022 HOPE Giving Circle Scholarship Reception

HOPE awards \$10,000 scholarships to four students

The Harper College Educational Foundation's HOPE Giving Circle brings together influential women with a common goal of supporting women to pursue higher education and reach their full potential through financial support, ongoing mentoring and leadership development.

This year, the group awarded \$10,000 scholarships to Harper students Emily Alvia, Taiiah Guess, Lydia Schultz and Genevieve Wulf, who were honored at a recent awards reception.

"We are a strong community of women supporting the next generation of female leaders," said Kathy Gilmer, chair of the HOPE Giving Circle Executive Committee and a founding HOPE member. "Year after year, we have the privilege of seeing first-hand the difference the HOPE Scholarship makes in the lives of these young women."

The HOPE Scholarship is awarded to female students who are completing their final year at Harper and are planning to transfer to a four-year institution. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and demonstrate community service or involvement.

Since its inception seven years ago, the HOPE Giving Circle has awarded \$10,000 scholarships to 22 Harper students. In total, 120 donors have contributed more than \$270,000 in support of future female leaders.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!



Linda J. Lang

Harper College honors **Distinguished Alumni**

Harper College honored five exceptional alumni at the annual **Distinguished Alumni Awards event on October 20**. Honorees included four recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award and one recipient of the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award. These exceptional alumni were recognized for their contributions and impact in their careers and community. Read full bios and learn more about the Distinguished Alumni Awards program at harpercollege.edu/alumni.

Distinguished Alumni 2022



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Outstanding Recent Alumnus 2022



ISAAC JEAN-PAUL
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Harper Alum's passion for social work, social justice ignited at Harper College

Years before Dr. Justin Harty (A.A. '08) became a trailblazer in the field of Social Work and an assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University; he was a high school graduate questioning if college was the right path for him. He worked at Menards after high school before enrolling at Harper part-time.

He recalls not knowing what direction his life should take. However, it was in Professor Sean Noonan's sociology class that something finally clicked for him.

"I just didn't know what my future was," said Dr. Harty. "I first enrolled in fire science, but things quickly changed when I took a handful of sociology and philosophy courses. I knew that was the path for me."

He credits Professor Noonan, who passed away earlier this year, and Harper College faculty member John Garcia with igniting his passion for sociology and philosophy.

"Sean made an impact on me. He was the first one to expose me to activism and really encouraging dialogue around uncomfortable topics of conversation," said Dr. Harty. "My time at Harper, at points, was harder than any education that came after that."

After seven years of part-time enrollment, he persevered to achieve his Associate of Arts in 2008. Dr. Harty earned his bachelor's

degree from UIUC in 2011, double majoring in sociology and philosophy, and then earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Following the completion of his master's degree, Dr. Harty worked as a foster care caseworker for DCFS in Chicago. In his work, he noticed the lack of support for the many young black fathers currently in and aging out of the foster care system.

He realized that research into this area was vital. With a goal of contributing to research and making change in this area, he applied to several top doctoral programs including the University of Michigan, Washington University and the University of Chicago. He was accepted into them all.

Justin Harty officially became Dr. Harty when he earned his Doctorate in Social Work in May 2022 from U of C. He successfully defended his dissertation "Fatherhood in foster care: Black fathers aging out of foster care in Illinois." In his acknowledgments section of his dissertation, he thanked the Harper College professors who sparked his passion: Sean Noonan and John Garcia.

"I love social work because it helps people live in the world as we want it to be," said Dr. Harty.

Read more about Dr. Harty at harpercollege.edu/alumni.

Donor Recognition

(for donations received July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

We are grateful for the generosity of our donors whose investments to Harper College help remove barriers and increase access to a college education. Their donations help Harper College students realize their dreams, support innovative educational programs and inspire a stronger community. Thank you.

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13% earned a **4.0 GPA**

\$2,848: Average **Scholarship Award**

80% earned a degree or certificate **within two years** of receiving a scholarship

50% more scholarship recipients took a full-time course load than students who did not receive a scholarship

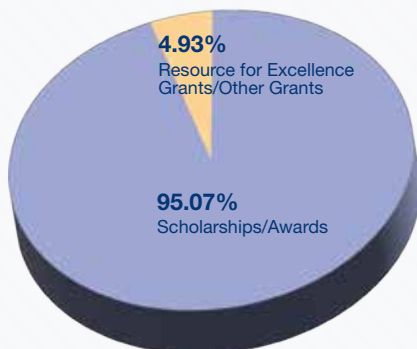
92% earn an **A, B, C or Pass** grade

Persisted (took Spring Semester classes and continued taking classes the next Fall) at a rate over **60% higher** than students who did not receive a scholarship

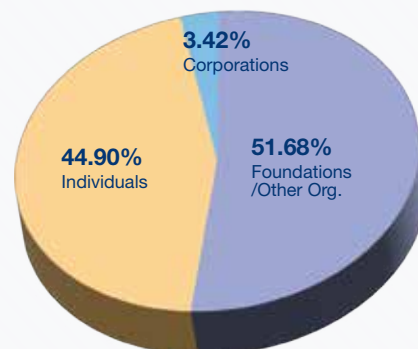
57% are **first generation** College students

59% are from an **underrepresented ethnicity** (compared to 50% of the overall Harper population)

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Eric Harrell is the Senior Vice President for Strategic Business Development with Allstate Identity Protection. He has a bachelor's degree from Bradley University and an MBA from Northwestern University. Eric has volunteered with the Shaker Heights Youth Soccer Association as a coach and is a mentor with 1871, a nonprofit organization that creates the experiences and space that early stage, growth stage, and corporate innovators need to build their businesses.

Returning Board Members:

Nancy Castle earned her associate degree at William Rainey Harper College. She went on to earn her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Northern Illinois University in Clinical Psychology. After holding positions around the country, she returned to NIU in 1996 and retired as the Director of the Center for Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development in 2016. She has served as an officer with national rehabilitation associations. She was recognized in 2011 as a Harper College Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

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Phil's letter to his children and grandchildren:

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