

**LaGuardia Community  
College Foundation**

# **Uplifting the Future of New York**

**2021-2022 and 2022-2023  
Consolidated Annual Report**





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## A Message from Our President and Foundation Board Chair

**We are pleased to share our consolidated 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Report with you. We are very thankful for your generosity and commitment to the students of LaGuardia Community College.**

Going to LaGuardia isn't your average higher education experience. That's because we are a stepping stone on a student's academic journey—not the final destination.

At LaGuardia, New Yorkers old and new, otherwise unable to afford college without debt, have the opportunity to take the first step and learn the skills they need to go on and succeed at a four-year college or in the workforce. In many ways, we are the launchpad that propels students toward strong, vibrant, successful futures.

Our students are used to overcoming incredible challenges. Some came to New York as refugees, others as immigrants learning English. Many of them are both students and primary breadwinners for their families. Every one of our students is focused, driven, and hard-working.

It is our job to give them the support they need to succeed. None of this would be possible without your contributions to the LaGuardia Community College Foundation, which in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years helped thousands of students with 11,000 awards totaling over \$11 million in student aid.

As we continue to look ahead to the future of New York City and the success of our students, we are endlessly grateful to our generous donors who make it all possible.

With gratitude,



*Kenneth Adams*

**Kenneth Adams**  
President, LaGuardia Community College



*Charles Boyce*

**Charles Boyce**  
Chair, LaGuardia Community College Foundation



# About LaGuardia Community College

**LaGuardia Community College is New York's launchpad.**

How do you turn someone who just arrived to New York City without speaking English into a computer scientist?

How do you help a single mother get a degree while she's working and taking care of her children?

How do you help an Uber driver get the skills they need to start a career in health care?

**The answer: Send them to LaGuardia Community College.**

LaGuardia Community College is New York's launchpad, uplifting exceptional New Yorkers from all walks of life to better futures in the best city in the world.

As a community college that focuses on affordable, two-year academic programs, LaGuardia launches students who would not otherwise be able to access higher education to four-year colleges and universities, and into the workforce.

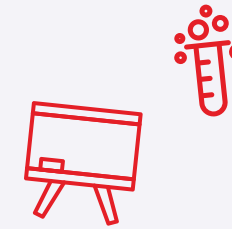
At LaGuardia, you'll find students with the strongest work ethic, most diverse backgrounds, and greatest drive in New York.



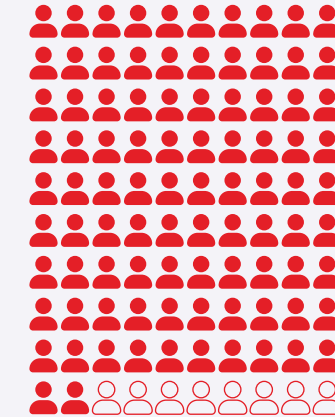
LaGuardia welcomes  
**23,000+ students**  
in pre-college, associate degree, and  
continuing education programs.



LaGuardia's Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Division is the **largest provider of workforce training in CUNY.**



Of the 900 full-time and part-time faculty members at LaGuardia, **64% have doctoral degrees.**



**More than 92% of CUNY's graduates stay in the New York metropolitan area**, contributing to all aspects of economic, civic, and cultural life and diversifying the city's workforce in every sector.



LaGuardia is ranked #5 in the nation among two-year colleges in economic mobility, **increasing lifetime earnings of graduates by over \$495,000**, according to Georgetown University.

## Degree-seeking students:

- **42%** Household income of less than \$25K
- **52%** Born outside of the United States
- **47%** Hispanic
- **22%** Asian
- **18%** Black
- **54%** First-generation college students
- **58%** Women
- **33%** Over the age of 25
- **50%** Part-time students (often working multiple jobs to support their families)
- **88%** Ethnic minorities

# About LaGuardia Community College Foundation

**OUR MISSION:** The LaGuardia Community College Foundation's mission is to raise and distribute funds for the college in support of its deserving students. Incorporated in 2003 as a 501(c)(3) private, not-for-profit organization, the Foundation provides critical support for students to continue their education and graduate so they can build a better future for themselves, their families, and their community.

**OUR IMPACT:** In the last 20 years, the Foundation has raised over \$51 million for students' most pressing needs. During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Foundation raised \$10.68 million, spurred by a special \$5 million challenge grant, and during 2022-2023, we raised \$5.21 million to serve our students and invest in New York's future.

73% of students are awarded some form of scholarship or financial aid.

95% of Foundation donations go directly to meeting students' most pressing needs.

Foundation recipients are 2x more likely to graduate than the total student body.

## 20 Years of Helping Students

**2003** Foundation Scholarships offered to associate's degree-seeking students to keep them solvent, motivated, and productive while they pursue their degree.

**2012** Emergency Fund created to provide a safety net in difficult times to pay for rent, utilities, childcare, or medical expenses.

**2013** President's Society launched to provide students with both mentorship and a stipend for participation.

**2016** On-Campus Employment expanded to allow students to work part-time as peer advisors and tutors, all while attending classes and receiving aid.

**2017** Internship Program developed to place students with prestigious employers and help springboard them into experiences related to their major of study, while receiving stipends.

**2021** ACE Scholarships funded to support students in Adult and Continuing Education (a group which does not typically receive the public financial aid that is available for degree program students) seeking English-language fluency and workforce training in areas of technology, healthcare, and building trades.

**2021** Merit Scholarships created to target high school graduates to enroll at LaGuardia to start their education.

**2022** Bridge to Graduation tuition relief advanced to degree-seeking students with prior tuition balance, helping them pay down a portion of their tuition and continue their education.

Over \$11 million in student aid distributed in 11,000 awards during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.



64% SCHOLARSHIPS



17% STIPENDS



10% EMERGENCY AID



9% ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT





## The Tomorrow Campaign

# Leading New York City Out of the Pandemic

In 2022, LaGuardia Community College completed its most ambitious fundraising effort to date—raising \$15 million to help students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic stay in school and complete their degrees. Between 2021 and 2023, more than 11,000 awards have been given out to students through the Tomorrow Campaign, totaling \$11 million in student aid.

“The impact of the Tomorrow Campaign on our students cannot be overstated,” said Kenneth Adams, President of LaGuardia Community College. “When our students experience times of crisis or uncertainty, LaGuardia can be there to pick them up and help them stay in school and get to graduation.”

“We are extremely grateful to our donors and the investments they’ve made in our students. With Tomorrow Campaign funds, thousands of our students are completing their degrees or certificates and becoming engines of the New York City economy. The result? Students, their families, and all of our communities benefit.”



**“I went from struggling in school and attending seven different high schools to getting four advanced degrees and working in the New York State Senate. That’s thanks to LaGuardia.”**

## Alumni Spotlight

# Donavan Borington Class of 2012

Donavan Borington has long since overcome the self-described “horrible student” label he had while growing up. After a tumultuous high school experience, LaGuardia Community College changed his life, serving as a launchpad to two Associate’s Degrees in Business Administration and Communication Studies, a Bachelor’s Degree in Corporate Communication from Baruch College, and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Donavan was a member of the first cohort of LaGuardia’s President’s Society and continues to be connected to the college. Community colleges don’t typically have robust alumni groups or networks—the President’s Society Alumni Network is changing that by creating a platform for alumni to connect and share resources and opportunities, as well as create ways to support current LaGuardia students.

Thanks to the support of the President’s Society, Donovan went on to succeed academically and professionally. After graduation, he worked as a staff analyst covering criminal justice issues with the Senate Democratic Conference in Albany. These days, he works on health and public protection, a personal passion of his. Growing up in New York City public housing, in a heavily policed community, Donovan saw violence firsthand and the impact it had on families in his neighborhood.

Donavan never forgets his LaGuardia roots, and he continues to give back. For the last several years, he has lectured in LaGuardia’s steadily growing Communications Studies program. Teaching young minds inspires him and gives him hope for the future of New York.



# 10 Years of the President's Society

Launched by the LaGuardia Community College Foundation in 2013, the President's Society is an innovative leadership program that helps high-potential students gain the practical skills, confidence, and connections they need to succeed in today's world. Over the past decade, 600 students have benefited from the college's President's Society to earn their degree and start a career.

The impact the President's Society has had on students is immeasurable. Many have gone on to have prominent internships at leading cultural institutions like MoMA and NBC, attend elite universities such as Brown, Cornell, and Georgetown, and gain employment at top New York City employers like American Express and Goldman Sachs. We look forward to the next 10 years of uplifting our most talented students and launching them into the future.



**95% of President's Society alumni graduate with associate's degrees from LaGuardia**



**88% earned or are currently earning their bachelor's degrees at four-year institutions**





**"I feel so blessed and supported by LaGuardia. They cared about me and other students being successful and achieving our dreams."**

LaGuardia is the largest provider of English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction in New York City.

### Student Spotlight

## Carolina Lenes Arreola

Carolina was a Commercial and Maritime lawyer in Colombia before she immigrated to the United States with her husband and two daughters to pursue a better future.

She started by learning English in 2020 at LaGuardia's The English Language Center (TELC), and is now fluent. With her new language skills, she was able to enroll in LaGuardia's Business Administration program in the spring of 2022.

As a student at LaGuardia, Carolina has completed two internships, became an Ambassador for the President's Society, and worked as a Spanish tutor and Student Success Mentor. She also helped the LaGuardia Foundation raise funds to support students like her. She juggled all of this while caring for her two

daughters, taking full-time classes, and serving as a volunteer advisor for her local Fire Department.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the LaGuardia Foundation's support. As an International student, Carolina cannot apply for any financial aid or work a full-time job while studying. During the pandemic, she lost her mother, couldn't work, and struggled to make rent. But when she finally thought she might give up, she was awarded a scholarship from the LaGuardia Foundation.

Thanks to the Foundation's generous award, Carolina has been able to focus on her studies and get one step closer to the better future she dreamed of for her family.



**"I came to America looking for freedom and opportunity. And at LaGuardia I had the opportunity to become a nurse and free others from their pain."**

LaGuardia's nursing program is ranked #1 in CUNY and New York State.

### Student Spotlight

## Esther Juanqin Zhuang

Eleven years ago, Esther Juanqin Zhuang made the decision to move to America from a small town in China. But when she arrived in New York, she thought that a traditional college was out of her reach—until she discovered LaGuardia. She enrolled and was quickly placed on the Dean's List with a 3.5 GPA.

A new job at a pain management clinic inspired Esther to change her major from political science to biology as she discovered a passion for working in medicine. She loves seeing patients walk out of the pain management clinic looking and feeling better than when they came in. So in 2023, she began embarked on LaGuardia's nursing program.

LaGuardia's healthcare programs provide students with vital hands-on education and job training

to become New York's next generation of nurses, EMTs, mental health peer specialists, community healthcare workers, pharmacy technicians, and medical interpreters. And its nursing program is continuously ranked #1 in CUNY and New York State.

In 2022, LaGuardia launched 3,000 Heroes, an initiative committed to training and graduating 3,000 frontline workers, including nurses, by 2027—continuing their longtime commitment of training our city's healthcare professionals.

LaGuardia's driven and brilliant students, like Esther, will help keep New York healthy for generations to come.

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**Ernie von Simson and his wife** started the Beyond Tuition Fund to make sure students in need have funding for food, housing, and important living expenses.

**Priscilla Alexander and her family, the Spohlers**, started the Crossing the Finish Line program to give more students the advising support and financial aid they need to graduate.

**Charles Boyce and his Boyce Technologies** hire 20 LaGuardia students as interns every year, and many have been hired to work at Boyce after their internships.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Make an Annual Gift

Your gift each year ensures that we can offer vital support for our students via scholarships, emergency aid, and enrichment programs that offer stipends and on-campus employment as peer advisors and academic tutors.

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A gift of \$5,000 or more can establish a named scholarship fund that will provide support for students during an academic year.

### Name an Endowed Scholarship Fund

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Make a gift in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. A notification of your gift will be sent to the individual or family of the honoree.

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Many companies will match your gift, doubling or sometimes tripling its value if they participate in a matching gift program. Check with your employer to see if they participate. Then obtain your employer's matching gift form and return it to us with your gift.

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# Financial Statement

	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	10,685,157	5,212,946
Donated Services	736,020	806,384
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>11,421,177</b>	<b>6,019,330</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Scholarships	3,101,845	3,253,056
Emergency Aid	262,637	806,921
Stipends	663,926	1,043,782
Student Payroll	390,898	427,972
Program Services	384,252	1,080,918
General, Administrative Expenses	311,344	339,474
Donated Services Expense	736,020	806,384
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,850,922</b>	<b>7,758,506</b>
<b>Change in net assets from operation</b>	<b>5,570,255</b>	<b>(1,739,176)</b>

*Note: The Tomorrow Campaign, a special \$15 million fundraising campaign, began in fall 2021 and concluded in spring 2022.*





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