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Support the LCCTF during the Extra Give on November 20

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation (LCCTF) was established in 2003 to support the students and programs of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). The LCCTF's goal is to ensure the LCCTC has the materials, equipment and student support to provide the best in career training for high school and adult students.

Lancaster County is home to a number of industries that are facing an urgent need for skilled workers, including but not limited to manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, automotive and construction. To help grow the pipeline of workers for Lancaster's businesses, the LCCTF **provides resources** to enhance the education and technology of LCCTC high school and adult students, it **builds careers** for individuals wanting to earn a livable, high wage in a number of industries and **improves lives** of those in Lancaster by providing educational opportunities for the under-employed or unemployed.

Together, we can ensure that businesses meet the need for skilled employees and members of our community find new, meaningful careers. Your donations during the ExtraGive directly support the future of LCCTC students and provide tools and resources that build a thriving workforce in our community.

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CTC Students Benefit from the ExtraGive

Students benefit directly from individuals donating to the Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation during the ExtraGive. The following students received grants and scholarships to aid their education and entry into the workforce.

During the 2019-20 School Year

Dollars Received Through the ExtraGive Contributed to:



\$34,000 in Scholarships Awarded for CTC students moving on to Higher Education



\$19,000 Awarded in Workforce Grants for CTC students to purchase tools, uniforms, materials for start of new career after graduation



\$41,000 Awarded for Teacher Innovation Grants for the purchase of equipment and supplies to enhance curriculum for a number of CTC programs



Mirtha Batista, LCCTF Workforce Grant recipient

Mirtha Batista, a Medical Assistant program student at the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center, knows that she has started her career off during one of the most challenging periods for medical professionals in a generation.

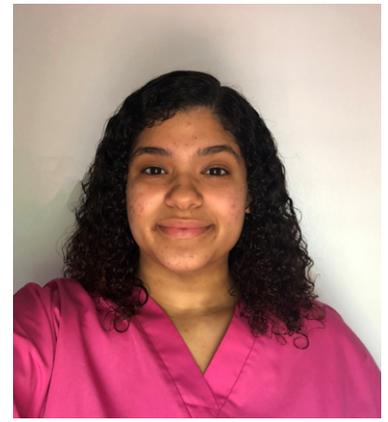
“I didn’t want to become a nurse specifically because of the coronavirus and the pandemic. But I KNOW that I want to be a nurse because of what the pandemic has shown me,” Mirtha exclaimed.

She explained saying that she thought she knew how important nurses and other skilled medical professionals were before the pandemic, but now she knows that she is doing exactly what she is meant to do.

“If I can succeed professionally during a pandemic, I feel like I can handle anything,” Mirtha said. “It’s because of the training that I got from my instructors at the LCCTC that I have the confidence to work in this situation. My time at the CTC really prepared me for the reality of what work would be like in the real world. [Medical Assistant Instructor Melody Miller] didn’t go easy on us at all and her teaching really opened our eyes to the demands of the profession.”

“One day, twenty years from now, I can see myself talking to some students fresh out of the LCCTC, maybe complaining about the workload in nursing and I’ll say to them ‘Have a seat and let me tell you about when I started out!’” Mirtha said laughing.

“If you want to be prepared for a career or a path that you want to take, then the LCCTC is a really good choice for focusing on a subject that you’re interested in,” she said.



*Mirtha Batista,
Medical Assistant Program*

Julia Raybold, LCCTF General Scholarship Recipient



*Julia Raybold,
Advanced Health Careers Program*

Julia Raybold might never have considered going to the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center if not for her counselor at Elizabethtown School District. Julia explained that her guidance counselor knew that she wanted to be a nurse and she suggested that Julia investigate the LCCTC’s half-day senior program, Advanced Health Careers, as an option.

“E-town is really open to students exploring alternate options for their education. They really understand that the standard model of public education isn’t necessarily for everyone,” Julia said. She attended an orientation and met the instructors and was immediately convinced to attend.

“I knew exactly right then that I had to do this!” Julia said. She explained, saying that the work in the CTC is so hands-on and more geared directly toward her intended career as an RN in Pediatrics or on a Trauma Unit than the classes at her school district.

Julia will attend West Chester University in the fall to pursue her RN. She is also taking advantage of the Lancaster County CTC’s college credit transfer where credits for some of the CTC’s high school courses can count toward a higher education degree.

“I’m so looking forward to being a nurse,” Julia said, “because I know how important and how vital that job is to people’s lives. Even if they don’t remember your name, years later, they will definitely remember how you made them feel during a stressful and scary part of their life.”



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