

# From the Desk of the CEO

Update from Capital CEO, Dr. G. Duncan Harris



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*Dear Friend,*

*As winter approaches and as we prepare to say goodbye to 2020, I look back on the past few months with mixed emotions. Clearly, the challenges of COVID-19 have impacted our country greatly and I hope you are doing what you can to stop the spread. Capital continues to safely serve our students and we are preparing to welcome new members to the Capital family. Beginning next month we'll be hosting a number of virtual recruitment events because we understand that even in tough times higher education can be transformative.*

*With gratitude for the resilience you have shown in helping Capital students persist this semester, I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving*

*Sincerely,*

*Duncan*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### The Virtual Changing Lives Gala

The Capital Community College Foundation recognized programs of study for **health care heroes** and honored a **2020 class of Alumni Wall of Fame inductees** at the No-Go Changing Lives Gala on October 23rd that showcased the talent of faculty, students and alumni. The annual event *raised more than* **\$26,000 for scholarships and student**

success programs with the support of sponsors and contributors who participated in a virtual program. To learn more, click [HERE](#).



## Engaging Regional, Local Partners

### New England Board of Higher Education and the Wadsworth Atheneum

I was recently appointed by the governor to the **New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)** and selected to serve on the board of the **Wadsworth Atheneum**.

NEBHE is a regional organization that assists in developing policy meant to improve higher education in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Wadsworth Atheneum is the first museum open to the public in the United States and has launched the careers of many world renown artists. I'm honored to have been selected to serve on both of these boards and look forward to representing Capital faculty, staff, and students during my tenure.



## **\$100,000 Gift Boost Women's Scholarships at Capital Community College**

A \$100,000 grant from the Widows Society to the Capital Community College Foundation will provide new scholarships to eligible women students at Hartford's community college. Students have received more than 150 scholarships in recent years thanks to previous Widows Society gifts that began in 2014. The new grant will continue the awards to undergraduates at Capital where 71% of students are female and 64% of all students are eligible for financial aid.

Established in 1825, the Widows Society is one of the Hartford area's oldest philanthropic organizations. The charity's singular focus has been helping single women in Hartford address basic needs for housing, medical care, food and other necessities. In making scholarship donations to Capital, the Society's board stated "there is no dearth of women needing help to continue or complete their education and we want to help as many people as possible to benefit from our gift." [MORE](#)



# ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Capital is offering a number of virtual events gearing up for the spring semester. Please stop by and/or share with individuals that can benefit.

## Virtual Open House

December 8, 6 pm

January 9, 9 am

To register, click [here](#).



## Super Saturday

December 6, 9 am

January 9, 9 am

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

# SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

## Honoring Veterans

Earlier this month our Veteran Services & OASIS Center Coordinator, Milgrid Guzman, made special deliveries (masked and appropriately distanced) to our currently enrolled veteran students. Capital Community College salutes our veterans and military service families. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.



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