

## **ANNUAL** Employer Appreciation Breakfast

November 16, 2022 • TPC River Highlands • Cromwell, Connecticut

# Breakfast Program

- 7:30 Scrumptious Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 Welcome and Boss Appreciation Carol Hall • Executive Director, Charter Oak State College Foundation

25th Anniversary Ed Klonoski • President, Charter Oak State College

#### **Alumni Ambassador & Achievement Award**

Nancy M. Martone • Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Hospital for Special Care Charter Oak State College, Class of 1996

#### Thank You's and Introductions

Joyce Petrella • President, Charter Oak State College Foundation Managing Partner, Calculus of Talent

Graduate Perspective: How Charter Oak and My Boss Inspired me to Go for More!

Mervin Alexander • Charter Oak State College Ambassador and Graduate, Class of 2018
Paul Foody • VP Strategic Business Solutions , Waste Management

### **Creating Brighter Futures by Empowering the Next Generation**

Marissa Cardona • College and Career Coordinator, Meriden Public Schools Miss Connecticut, 2001

Foundation 3.0, the Mission, the Impact, and the Investment Joyce Petrella

### **Employer Appreciation Presentation**

Nancy Taylor • Director, Workforce Development, Charter Oak State College Joyce Petrella Ed Klonoski

- 2022 Golden Acorn Employer of the Year
- Employer Appreciation Certificate Presentation & Photos

Thank You and Closing Remarks Joyce Petrella



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# Meet the Employers





Marie Monahan Trinity Health Of New England Saint Mary's Hospital



Lauren Boyd

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration



BRISTOL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER





Nancy Walsh Roseann Wilder EDUCATIONAL PLAYCARE Childcare and Schools for Young Children

### Melissa Monroe Hartford HealthCare

Chantel DiPronio • Child-Port Carol Work • Grimes Center YaleNewHavenHealth Yale New Haven Hospital

### Charter Oak Students and Graduates Express Gratitude

"Your enthusiasm and support make it a pleasure to come to work every day"

"Listens and encourages growth in all of our employees"

"Leads and speaks with integrity, transparency, and honesty"

"Acknowledged my accomplishments"

"Never gave up on me"

"Genuinely cares"

"Always thinking about her employees' best interests and we are very grateful"

"Supportive"

"Encouraging"

An Investment in the Charter Oak State College Foundation Mission Makes an Impact

# Tiffany

### A Scholarship Recipient, explains why donors make a difference

"I appreciate you believing in and investing in me, a Charter Oak State College Student. Individuals like you, who believe in others and provide financial assistance, pave the way for student success.

You make a difference, as you are helping create our future workforce, and you are creating a chain of giving that will never end!"

# Ledia

A **Technology Grant** Recipient, is profoundly grateful, thankful, and appreciative

"I would like to thank the Charter Oak State College Foundation for giving me a technology award!

I have not had a new computer since 2011. I now have a brand-new 2022 HP computer to help me on my educational journey.

"I am beyond thankful to the COSC Foundation and its donors!"



## Alyssa

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> A student recipient is incredibly grateful as she explains her second chance

"I can now pay for fall semester without the anxiety of not knowing where to find the money. Charter Oak has given me a second chance at fulfilling my dream of earning my degree.

Receiving this (scholarship) helps prove that it does not matter how many times one falls down, but instead, how many times one gets up."

## Jeanette

## Prior Learning Assessment validates learning

"Thank you for offering such an invaluable program to provide credit for prior learning and experience! This award validates the work and commitment that I have to the healthcare industry and community.

I feel confident that I will be able to demonstrate learning in the waters I have chartered as a healthcare manager for the last 11 years and use the credit to finish my degree."

# You can help with your gift https://bit.ly/EABDonation2022



### The Foundation awarded



### additional scholarships for Fall of 2022



## Sylvia

Sylvia is One of the Ten

"I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Foundation General Scholarship. Thank you for your charitable support!"

"I am the first in my family to attend college. Growing up in a less advantaged neighborhood I encountered economic and academic challenges, but this has helped me recognize the significance of higher education."

"Your scholarship will help me continue to earn my BA in Health Information Management and further my career in healthcare."

### LOUIS Louis is Another



"I am so happy to be a student at Charter Oak. Thank you for your generosity as this will help me continue my path towards my education degree."

"I am now in junior level courses as I recently achieved my associates degree, and this scholarship will help me pay for my courses."

"I look forward towards earning a bachelor's degree in Education and I look forward to teaching fundamental educational skills to students."



other students applied and did not receive assistance Due to limited funds, the Foundation cannot help many of COSC's needy students.

## One Such Student is a single mom working full-time

\$15 an hour is determined to finish her degree. She used to work two or three jobs but decided in order to take care of her children, her home responsibilities, and continue her education, she could only work one

She explains, "It is not easy to find the funds to pay for college courses, materials and other fees in today's ever-changing times, prices are going up for food, gas, and rent. However, I am proud to be the first in my family to attend college."

"Pursuing my COSC degree and receiving a scholarship will help me reach my dream of one day opening my own children's center." You can help with your gift https://bit.ly/EABDonation2022

