

\$85,000 in Scholarships Presented to Students at STCC
(residents of Chicopee, West Springfield, Holyoke, South Hadley)

Scholarships totaling nearly \$85,000 were presented to students this year at Springfield Technical Community College. An additional \$100,000 in needs-based institutional awards were presented to continuing students throughout the academic year.

Seventy-nine students attended the first annual scholarship luncheon on May 15, receiving awards based primarily on academic achievement as well as service to the college and community.

Richard Parkin, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, noted, "This annual luncheon was created to highlight scholarship presentations for students, many of whom are graduating, as separate from the academic department awards that are given out at the Honors Convocation each year. This new event allowed our students and the scholarship donors a chance to meet in a more relaxed atmosphere."

He added, "The awards luncheon was organized by students in our Sports and Entertainment Management department. They're preparing for careers in events management, so this was a perfect opportunity for them to practice the detailed organization required for the smooth functioning of an event attended by more than 200 people. And they did a great job."

Parkin noted that candidates for many of the scholarships were interviewed and selected by faculty and staff on the Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Area residents who received scholarships at the awards presentation include the following.

Tom Niboya Atimbo of Chicopee, a student in one of the School of Health programs, received the Non-Traditional Scholarship; he also received the Sheila M. Bowler Scholarship.



Brian Bonafilia of Chicopee, a student in the School of Math, Sciences, and Engineering Transfer, received the Alumni Association Scholarship; he also received the Robert C. Geitz Award for Engineering Excellence Scholarship. Bonafilia also received the Ray M. DiPasquale Scholarship.

Sabita Harold of Chicopee, a student in the Business Administration program, received the John J. Godfrey Scholarship.

Stacie Mansen of Chicopee, a student in the Liberal Arts Transfer/General Studies program, received the Joseph J. Cooligan Scholarship; she also received the Teresina B. Thompson Scholarship.

Tom J. Niemiec of Chicopee received the Non-Traditional Scholarship.

Irina Tkachenko of Chicopee, in the Dental Hygiene program, received the 1st Advantage Dental New England – Dental Hygiene Scholarship.

Tara Tunney of Chicopee, in the Business Administration program, received the Alumni Association Scholarship.

Jennifer Welsh of Chicopee, in the Engineering and Science Transfer program, received the Joseph J. Deliso Scholarship.

Melissa Grenier of Holyoke received the Alumni Association Scholarship.

Maureen Callahan of South Hadley received the Theodore G. and Barbara B. Hebert Scholarship.

Karl Grochowalski of South Hadley, a student in the CAD/CAM program, as well as the Dan Roulier Single Parent Scholarship. He also received the Department of Higher Education Scholarship and the Kenneth L. Bonardi, Jr. Scholarship.

Elizabeth Cambo of West Springfield, a student in the Nursing program, received the Donald F. & Brendan A. Collins Scholarship. She also received the Richard E. Askew and Jacki Ann Barden Scholarship.

Melody Ann Alvarado of West Springfield received the Dan Roulier Single Parent Scholarship; she also received the Mutt and Jeff Scholarship.

Hanna Lyashkina of West Springfield, a student in Business Administration program. received the English as a Second Language Scholarship.

Douglas Skillin of West Springfield received the Alumni Association Scholarship.