

'STCC Gives' boosts scholarships for students

The Springfield Technical Community College Foundation kicked off a new tradition on June 12 with its first online giving day.

At that time, people had a chance to contribute through "STCC GIVES" and help build scholarships to ensure that students have the support they need to succeed.

"We are grateful for the support we have received over the years from our donors," said director of operations and donor relations Kelly Galanis. "Whether you've donated in the past or you're thinking of being a first-time donor, STCC GIVES is a perfect opportunity to help transform the lives of our students."

Galanis said donors had many options to support students:

- Make a gift online by visiting bit.ly/stccgives
- Text "STCCGives" to 50155
- Call the STCC Foundation at 413-755-4529
- Drop off cash or checks at the STCC Office of Advancement in Garvey Hall
- Mail a donation to STCC Office of Advancement, One Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01102

Galanis said the goal was to raise money to help the STCC Foundation create scholarships for students. Participants were eligible for prizes, including Red Sox tickets.

Scholarships helped students like Mohamed Gabriel, of West Springfield, an engineering science transfer major who graduated in May. While at STCC, he received several



A total of 57 STCC student scholarship winners were celebrated recently at the STCC Foundation's scholarship and awards breakfast. The STCC Foundation and the college provided \$1.1 million to support students in fiscal 2019.

scholarships and was invited to speak to donors at an STCC Foundation event on May 23.

"In my second year, I heard about scholarships. At first I thought, 'I don't think I'll get

any.' But then I thought, 'Why not try?' So I did. I went and applied for as many as I could and ended up not getting just one, but six scholarships. I knew I could worry a little less

about the financial aspects of school and focus more on academics."

Another student who graduated in May with a degree in
SEE **STCC**, PAGE P20