

**SUNY Ulster**  
**2020 Scholarship Ceremony - TRANSCRIPT**  
**May 21, 2020 - 4 p.m.**

**Lorraine Salmon - Executive Director, Ulster Community College Foundation:**

Hello and welcome my name is Lorraine Salmon and I'm the Executive Director of the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. and I welcome you to the SUNY Ulster 2020 Scholarship Ceremony.

Last week our class of 2020 graduated under the most unusual and difficult circumstances many of us have seen in quite some time.

They managed their way through a difficult COVID-19 challenge and as you will see in the next 30 seconds so many emerged victorious after persisting.

You can even receive your diploma from the president of your college if it happens to be SUNY Ulster in front of your family while campuses are closed and distancing precautions are in place.

Bringing you welcoming remarks is our sixth President, Dr. Alan P. Roberts. I share with you this by way of introduction to Dr. Al and then Dr. Al. Welcome.

**Dr. Alan P. Roberts, SUNY Ulster President:**

Congratulations and welcome!

This virtual scholarship ceremony is a celebration of your accomplishments here at SUNY Ulster.

You have inspired us with your hard work, perseverance and passion for knowledge.

Today, we celebrate your success and your bright futures.

I would like to thank our scholarship donors and representatives for their support, our students for their outstanding achievements and the families, faculty, and staff for their encouragement of our student's success.

Many of you plan to transfer this fall have received acceptance letters from: SUNY Albany, Binghamton, Brockport, Cortland, Delhi, Marist, Mount Saint Mary, New Paltz, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Siena, and Stony Brook, to name a few.

I'd like to thank the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees and to the Ulster Community College Foundation Board of Directors for all they do in support of our students.

Congratulations on your pursuit of the dream of continuing your education.

On behalf of the Ulster Community College Foundation Board, I bring congratulations.

The SUNY Ulster Foundation is a vital part of the SUNY Ulster family. In 2020 we will award over \$400,000 in scholarships to students here on campus.

Our Foundation exists because of the good work of generous people who want to help you achieve your goals, even though they may have never met you.

On behalf of those contributors and my colleagues on the foundation board, I want to share with you our pride and pleasure in being a part of your educational experience, and wish you every success in your endeavors.

## **BECAUSE OF YOU - VIDEO**

### **Rachel Whitbeck, SUNY Ulster Class of 2020:**

Hi my name is Rachel Whitbeck and I received the Barbara A. Adams Memorial Scholarship. And, I really just wanted to thank the donors and the Chairman for this very generous donation. It's really helping me obtain my Associate's Degree in Fashion Design, and I am very grateful for that. Thank you so much.

**Barbara Cohen, Ulster Community College Foundation Board of Director:**

Hi. I'm Barbara Connelly Cohen, a member of the Ulster Community College Foundation Board. Congratulations to each of you on receiving this scholarship. You have exemplified outstanding service, dedicated leadership, academic excellence and exceptional performance. You are inspiring. Your donors of individuals, community organizations, foundations and business organizations have made these scholarships possible to help you achieve your dreams. As a donor of the Barbara Connelly Cohen Fashion Scholarship, I am thrilled for the recipient to be able to pursue their next journey in their profession. Although we are not able to applaud you in person, we want you to know that we are all applauding you from social distance. Bravo. Congratulations.

**Patricia Phelan, Associate Professor of Business:**

Hi. I am Pat Phelan, Associate Professor of Business and a grateful member of the Scholarship Committee. I appreciate so much getting to know you, and I am thrilled to recognize your efforts. I want you to continue to be confident, successful and ready to seize opportunities when they occur. Congratulations and best wishes.

**Lorraine Salmon - Executive Director, Ulster Community College Foundation:**

SUNY Ulster Foundation Memorial and Honorary Scholarships honor the memory of your loved one or highlight the achievement of a friend, family member or colleague. You are invited to make a donation to this scholarship. A special acknowledgement will appear in the program of a future scholarship ceremony. Please know that your generosity can change lives and that your loved one or friend can live on in the accomplishments of another. Here are this year's In Memorial Scholarships.

**Lorraine Salmon - Executive Director, Ulster Community College Foundation:**

And now I would like to introduce Sheila Dvorak Galione who's the Director of our Scholarship Program. Sheila works all year long our Foundation Board of Directors, our scholarship committee of the Board of Directors, several different scholarship committees at the College that include faculty, staff and Board Directors. All year long there is an amazing amount of energy and dedication going on behind the scenes to make sure our students are served. I thank all of you. I send thanks out to the President Alan Roberts, to the Board of Trustees of the College, to my colleagues on the President's Cabinet, to the Board of Directors of the Foundation and to anyone, any donor, anybody, whether you've sent one thousand dollars or

ten dollars to help a student. What we can all do together is amazing and if you could see what we see when we get to let these students know that they have received a scholarship. Well, it's just amazing. I want you to take that with you today. Ok, Sheila tell us more about our donors and our students. Thank you.

**Shelia Dvorak Galione, Director of the Scholarship Program at SUNY  
Ulster:**

Hi, I'm Sheila Dvorak Galione, the Director of the Scholarship Program here at SUNY Ulster and on behalf of everyone at Ulster Community College Foundation, I am so pleased to have the opportunity to read the names of the scholarship recipients and their scholarship awards. Congratulations.

**RECOGNITION OF 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & DONORS  
THROUGH VIRTUAL SLIDES**

**Shelia Dvorak Galione, Director of the Scholarship Program at SUNY  
Ulster:**

And, Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients.