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PRESS RELEASE**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****February 20, 2006****Corning Community College's Major Gifts Campaign Receives \$25,000 Donation to Establish Corning Credit Union Scholarship Fund**

Corning Community College's Development Foundation has announced that its first-ever Major Gifts Campaign, *From Past to Future Generations...Investing in a Strong Community*, has secured \$25,000 from the Corning Credit Union for the establishment of the Corning Credit Union Scholarship Fund. The endowed Fund will insure the continuation of a \$1,000 per year scholarship in perpetuity.

The Corning Credit Union Scholarship Fund shall provide funding to supplement or to offset the expenses of a full-time (12 credits or more) CCC student. Applicants must be a graduate of a Southern Tier/Finger Lakes high school district. Selection will be based on evidence of high school academic and extracurricular achievements, volunteerism and community service, and evidence of financial need. The successful applicant must also demonstrate evidence of character and a strong desire for formal education. The scholarship will be distributed as \$500 per semester pending demonstration of sufficient academic progress from the fall to spring semester. Applications will be made available in the spring with the scholarship awarded for the fall semester.

Corning Credit Union operates full service offices in Corning, Erwin, Big Flats, Horseheads, and Elmira, as well as New Jersey, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. The Corning Credit Union is ranked among the top one percent of all credit unions in the United States. Corning Credit Union is dedicated to delivering quality, convenient and knowledgeable service to its members.

"Corning Credit Union has been a longtime supporter of the College and its commitment to offering education to students in the tri-county region," commented Dr. Floyd Amann, CCC President. "This scholarship will provide much needed funds to a student exhibiting the required characteristics and desire."

"Corning Community College plays an important role in the education of an overwhelming number of local students," stated Jason Bierman, CCU Manager of Corporate Development. "We are very excited to establish this scholarship and hope it will help make higher education possible for future students."

As of February, the Campaign has raised just under \$4 million in cash in pledges from private sources including one hundred percent participation by the CCC Regional Board of Trustees, Development Foundation board members and Alumni Association board members. Combined with the availability of state matching funds for portions of private sources, over \$6 million raised to date indicates that the Foundation's goal of \$7 million is attainable.

In January 2005, the CCC Development Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, launched the Major Gifts Campaign to help the region resolve challenges and capitalize on opportunities. The Campaign offers an opportunity to invest in the future of our region by increasing access and opportunity, providing seed money to initiate new programs and to enhance quality of life.

Initiatives include *Access and Opportunity*: Outreach and Scholarships; *Program Growth and Development*: New Program Development and Technology Upgrades; *Community Enrichment/Quality of Life*: Infrastructure and Visiting Scholar Series.

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