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**PRESS RELEASE****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****May 4, 2006****First Heritage Federal Credit Union and Corning Community College Partner to Establish Scholarship Fund***Major Gifts Campaign Receives \$25,000 Donation*

Corning Community College's Development Foundation has announced that First Heritage Federal Credit Union has given \$25,000 for the establishment of the First Heritage Federal Credit Union Scholarship. The endowed fund will insure a perpetual \$1,000 annual scholarship for a student majoring in mathematics, accounting or business.

The First Heritage Federal Credit Union Scholarship will provide funding to a full-time (12 credits or more) CCC student who is a graduate from a Southern Tier/Finger Lakes and/or Tioga County high school. Applications will be made available in the spring with the scholarship awarded for the fall semester. Please check the College website at [www.corning-cc.edu](http://www.corning-cc.edu) for details on this and other scholarships.

"First Heritage Federal Credit Union's gift is truly marvelous; quantitative skills are key skills in many of today's professions," commented Dr. Floyd Amann, CCC President.

"We are pleased to invest in the College and our community," stated Arthur Field, President/CEO, First Heritage Federal Credit Union. "This scholarship will enable a student from our membership area to pursue an often challenging degree that is in high demand in our community."

First Heritage Federal Credit Union was founded and chartered for business in 1954 by a group of employees at the Ingersoll-Rand Company. The Credit Union serves the following community field of membership: persons who live, work, worship or attend school in the three county community, comprised of Steuben and Chemung Counties, New York and Tioga County, Pennsylvania, as well as their immediate family members, and also includes businesses and other legal entities located in the proposed community.

As of April, the Campaign has raised \$4 million in cash in pledges from private sources including 100 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 \$6.4 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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