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PRESS RELEASE**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****March 17, 2006****Corning Community College Announces Six New Scholarships***Working to enhance Southern Tier workforce by providing the opportunity of a college education*

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 \$150,000 from an anonymous alum creating six new scholarships. The Bonnie and Viola Scholarship Fund will allow CCC to further its mission and commitment to our community by providing access to students as well as supplying trained graduates to meet the local need for continued economic growth.

The Fund will offer six students from the region \$5,000 each. Preference will be given to first generation college students. Applicants must be graduates of a high school district from the Southern Tier/Finger Lakes area of New York. Applications will be made available in the spring semester with \$2,500 to be awarded for the fall semester. Pending sufficient academic achievement an additional \$2,500 will be awarded for the spring semester. A listing of scholarship opportunities is available at www.corning-cc.edu/future/financialaid/Scholarships.php.

"The Southern Tier region has many talented people who dream of earning a college degree that can be major contributors to the future of economic development of our community," commented Dr. Floyd Amann, CCC President. "Of great concern, however, is that many of these individuals are not eligible for federal or state financial aid and do not have the resources required to attend college. The Bonnie and Viola Scholarship Fund will assist these individuals."

CCC offers an extensive yet affordable range of educational opportunities to a diverse population of full- and part-time learners. The College provides services at a variety of off-campus sites to serve the population base of nearly 300,000 residents throughout Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties. Over its 48 year history, CCC has graduated more than 22,000 students and has served over 75,000 in a combination of academic, non-credit and industry training programs.

As of March, 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 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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