

**Impact Report 2024** 



Partnering with FVTC to cultivate community relationships and philanthropic support that enhance the mission and vision of FVTC.

\$1,005,203 **Scholarships Awarded** 

1.417 Students Received **Scholarships** 

388 Scholarship **Funds** 

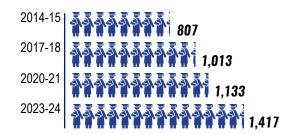
## **Scholarship Milestone**

This year, we celebrate a monumental achievement. For the first time ever, FVTC Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships in a single year!

Thanks to your support, more than 1,400 students received financial help that eases the burden of tuition and helps them focus on their academic success.

Your generosity and commitment to education is changing and empowering lives, and together, we're building a brighter future for our students.

## **Number of Students Receiving Scholarships**



Scholarship awards are up 75% over 10 years!



(FVTC) when she started English Language Learning courses about five years ago after moving to Wisconsin from Uzbekistan.

Now a single mom with two young children, Hebbring is one step closer to her dream of becoming a nurse. Thanks to the Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation, Hebbring has financial resources and a network to help her.

"I was a stay-at-home mom and just recently was divorced. I was worried about how I was going to pay my tuition." Read the full story at

"But now I can do it because of (the Salmon Foundation's) help. They're changing people's

lives and not just one person — they're changing families," she said.

Hebbring is one of 1,417 students who received scholarships from the FVTC Foundation during the 2023-24 academic year. Thanks to generous support from individuals, businesses and organizations like the Salmon Foundation, the FVTC Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships last year.

The Salmon Foundation has been a valued partner for more than 20 years, providing scholarship support to more than 370 FVTC students since 2002. A unique part of the program is check-ins with Salmon Foundation counselors for guidance and support.

"I have my goal to get my degree and become a nurse. I'm so blessed that we are getting so much support from friends, school and the community," Hebbring said. "Because of this scholarship, I can become one step closer to my dream."



## **Learn More About Your Impact**

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## Making a financial, emotional deposit for students

FVTC student May Lag Thao never thought she would be the recipient of a scholarship. She struggled to graduate high school because of a learning disability. But thanks to help from the Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation, she is pursuing her dream.

"I've always wanted to take care of people and get into some kind of medical field," said Thao, who is enrolled in the Surgical Technology associate's degree program at FVTC's Riverside Campus in Oshkosh.

Since 2002, the Salmon Foundation has contributed more than \$1.16 million for FVTC students.

"The FVTC Foundation is an excellent steward of our grants, selects the recipients of our scholarships, and assists us in our efforts to support students overcoming obstacles as they navigate through their education," said Theresa Braatz, Salmon Foundation executive director. "I was about to give birth to my second child and thought about giving up. But once I got the scholarship, it really made me motivated to try even harder. It was like a calling to me saying, 'Don't stop'."

May Lag Thao, FVTC Surgical Technology student

Read the full story at www.fvtc.edu/foundation

Salmon Foundation scholarships are available to students who are overcoming barriers. It has supported more than 1,000 students since its inception.

"That's an impressive figure to think about. I just think about how many people's lives are made better by the Foundation. It makes me feel good to think about having had a hand in helping those people," said Carla Salmon, who created the Foundation with her husband, Doug, who passed in 2017.

FVTC counselor Kara Nowak has seen the impact on students first-hand.

"I often talk to students who receive a Salmon Foundation scholarship, and they honestly can't believe this kind of generosity exists.

"I have to agree with them. Doug and Carla Salmon have had a profound impact. Not only are they making a financial impact, but also an emotional deposit in each student who receives a scholarship."



Members of the Salmon Foundation staff and Board of Directors (above) believe in helping people help themselves and working with partners like FVTC Foundation.

Financial Highlights
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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\$1,751,869
Total Contributions



\$3,054,660

Support to FVTC



\$26,127,021

**Total Assets** 











