As 2019 comes to a close, we reflect on all the reasons we’re proud to be a part of the dynamic Marymount Manhattan College community. MMC students are like no other students in the world—their creativity, ingenuity, and urgency of purpose continue to inspire us every day.

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Marymount Manhattan College prides itself on the geographical and cultural diversity of its student body. Each year, we are pleased to welcome students from around the country—and the globe—to our campus.

2,217 Students from 48 states and 39 countries

BY TEACHING LOCATION:
Main Campus: 2,004
Bedford Hills College Program: 171
Taconic College Program: 42

.9% Non-contiguous U.S.

98% First-year students receiving financial aid in 2018-19
93% All students receiving financial aid in 2018-19

# of donor-funded scholarships: 343
Amount of scholarships awarded: $22,058,170

FINANCIAL AID

11.3% International
43.6% 7.2%
21% 11% 11.3% 5%
FIRST GENERATION PROGRAM

A first generation college student is defined as the first person in their family to attend college or university, or as someone whose parent or guardian has not earned a bachelor’s degree in the United States. At MMC, nearly a third of first-year students identify as first generation, with approximately 60% of those also qualifying as low income according to their Pell eligibility.

This year, the College has introduced a new program, the First Gen at MMC initiative, to improve the retention, support, and success of first generation students. First Gen at MMC provides opportunities for these students to build community, receive academic support, gain access to resources, and work toward their professional development.

A hallmark of the new initiative is the First Gen Mentoring Program, which engages students in a yearlong mentoring partnership with faculty or staff members on campus, some of whom were first generation students themselves, and all of whom are fully invested in student success at the College. Students meet one-on-one with their mentors monthly throughout the academic year and also participate in group workshops focused on professional development, academic success, and wellness.

First generation students have unique educational and financial needs, and MMC seeks to reduce the disparity in retention and academic success through First Gen at MMC.

32% of fall 2018 first-year students who identify as first generation

59% of fall 2018 students who are first generation, low income (FGLI)

57.8% retention rate for FGLI students

Demographics

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Asian 5%
Unreported 2%
Hispanic 29%
A $1,000,000 gift from MMC alumna Mary Ellen McNiece Hawn ’91 and her husband, Gates Helms Hawn, has enabled MMC to expand its cutting-edge educational programs to dozens of rising high school juniors and seniors from across the city, country, and world. Officially dubbed the “MMC Summer Academy” in 2019, MMC’s pre-college programs provide college-level preparatory courses, one- to two-week-long summer intensive programs, and a longer-term College Experience Program, which enables students to enroll in full-semester MMC courses for college credit.

Last summer, MMC again offered two signature intensive programs: one on the United Nations, offering students valuable experience in international affairs, environmental policy, peace and security issues, and two in Musical Theatre, providing rigorous training in dance, voice, acting, and audition preparation by MMC faculty and other leading NYC theatre professionals. In addition to providing a Musical Theatre intensive open to all high school applicants, MMC also partners directly with Shu-Te University in Taiwan to bring approximately 20 students to campus each summer for dual theatre instruction in English and Mandarin.

Since the summer of 2016, 36 students who have participated in MMC summer courses have matriculated and now attend MMC full time. “Our Summer Academy gives high school students a chance to challenge themselves academically, but also to experience the boundless opportunity of a college career in New York City,” says Sharon Meagher, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. “Many of these students ultimately return to take advantage of the full MMC experience as college students.”
MAKING AN IMPACT ON FUTURE GENERATIONS

Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019

Gifts to MMC have an impact on every aspect of the student experience at the College, supporting student scholarships, faculty initiatives, new academic programs and curricular enhancements, various improvements and technology updates, and other initiatives defined by MMC’s leadership. It is of great depth with which we list our donors whose enduring generosity has helped preserve this legacy of support. View the full donor list at www.mmm.edu/donor-roll.

Listings reflect new gifts between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, and do not reflect payments on existing pledges.


Making an Impact on Future Generations

The Greene Family Foundation

In making this gift, Iuele joined a proud tradition of MMC graduates and friends as a member of The Rowley Society. Named in honor of Mother Rita Rowley, RSHM, Ph.D., founding dean of MMC, The Rowley Society recognizes those who have made Marymount Manhattan part of their own legacies by establishing a planned gift that will directly benefit the College. Such gifts include charitable bequests, such as Iuele’s, which foster educational excellence and sustain MMC’s future.

To learn more about planned giving, please contact Graham Ciraulo, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at gciraulo@mmm.edu or 212-517-0460.

Anna H. Rothenberg

In recognition of the generosity of Mitchell A. Rothenberg and his wife, The Rothenberg Family Foundation, MMC created The Rothenberg Society, which recognizes those who have made Marymount Manhattan part of their own legacies by establishing a planned gift that will directly benefit the College. Such gifts include charitable bequests, such as Rothenberg’s, which foster educational excellence and sustain MMC’s future.

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President Kerry Walk celebrates with a 2018 MMC’s Prison Education Programs: A Bridge to a Brighter Future

Since the inception of the MMC’s transformative Bedford Hills College Program (BHCP) in 1997, more than 235 incarcerated women have earned MMC MME degrees. In 2019, MMC established the Taconic College Program (TCP), an additional teaching location opened in partnership with nonprofit Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison, which awarded four associate’s degrees at its first commencement in June.

The BRIDGE model has long been exemplified in the College’s Stand Up Speak Out Festival, an annual engagement that main campus and BHCP students as creative partners in spoken word, visual art, and theatre projects focused on issues of social justice. A generous grant from The Elizabeth A. Sackler Museum Educational Trust sparked the Taconic College Program—another initiative that manifests the BRIDGE model by engaging main campus and BHCP students in a multi-semester effort to draft and create artwork for original fables, which will culminate in an exhibition at both locations in early 2020.

Additionally, in 2019, Marymount Manhattan College received an $800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a three-year funding commitment that will assist in expanding and promoting MMC’s BRIDGE model on a state and national level. The grant also provides funding for a new faculty member affiliated with MMC’s Geraldine A. Ferraro Institute for Breakthrough Civic Leadership. The “Ferraro Fellow in Prison Education and Public Philosophy” will strengthen and disseminate the BRIDGE model by catalyzing innovative pedagogies and curriculum development at MMC and beyond.

“The support of The Mellon Foundation, MMC will be able to grow and enhance a model of prisoner education for which our college is widely known,” says President Kerry Walk. “The mutual learning and understanding made possible by the BRIDGE we’re building benefits not only our students, both on the inside and the outside, but also society at large.”

President Kerry Walk is on a white background.
The Senior Marshals are a select group of energetic seniors who serve as ambassadors for their graduating class. Senior Marshals foster class unity through events like the 100 Night Countdown Celebration in February and the Senior Bash in May. In addition, they lead the campaign for the Senior Class Gift, encouraging classmates to make a financial contribution to the College before graduating. Partnering with the Office of Institutional Advancement, Senior Marshals learn the importance of philanthropy and are eager to inspire their classmates to give back.

“Over the past three years at MMC, I have had many incredible opportunities to grow academically, professionally, and personally,” says Patrick Riley ’20, double major in Psychology and Public Health. “We’re so fortunate to be the beneficiaries of an alumni giving tradition, and being a Senior Marshal is the most fantastic way to help my classmates understand the opportunity they have to benefit future generations of MMC students.”

The role of Senior Marshal is a prestigious honor and responsibility, and Marshals serve as their class representatives both during senior year and after graduation, building stronger ties between their class and the College and helping classmates understand the importance of alumni involvement.

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INSPRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PHILANTHROPISTS

A Marymount Manhattan liberal arts education is among the finest in the nation, and MMC is committed to keeping tuition affordable, as evidenced by the fact that 93% of the student body receives financial aid. Scholarships enable deserving students—regardless of financial means—to have access to the small-college experience and professional opportunities that only MMC can provide. The Annual Scholarship Benefit is MMC’s largest fundraiser of the year and raises crucial funds for students in need.

In 2019, nearly 300 trustees, faculty, alumni, parents, and friends of the College attended the Benefit to honor Carol Berman, a proud alumna of the Class of 2013, a member of the MMC Board of Trustees, and a lifelong champion of education.

“Adversity comes to us in many different forms,” Berman said during the award ceremony. “Through my involvement in the Marymount Manhattan community, I’ve learned that many intelligent, talented, and driven students cannot afford to attend college. My mission is to help them overcome their adversity and give them the opportunity to fulfill their dreams. . . . On behalf of the entire Marymount Manhattan family and the students who will now have the chance to succeed, thank you for your support.”

The 2020 Benefit will be held on April 7 at Guastavino’s and will honor philanthropist and Vice Chair of MMC’s Board of Trustees, Lucille Zanghi, and her husband, James Dow, parents of a 2014 MMC alumna.
SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
GUASTAVINO'S
The Annual Scholarship Benefit is MMC’s largest fundraising event of the year. This year, we honor philanthropists Lucille Zanghi and James Dow P’14.

DANCE GALA
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020
THERESA LANG THEATRE
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020
UNITED PALACE THEATRE

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 29–30, 2020
All alumni are invited to come home to 71st Street! This year, we honor class years ending in 0 or 5, including our 25th Reunion Class (1995) and 50th Reunion Class (1970).