CELEBRATING GENEROSITY — FLCC FOUNDATION HONORS TWO PHILANTHROPISTS ON MAY 3

2013 Foundation Award

The Foundation Award is presented as a salute to one individual’s remarkable relationship with Finger Lakes Community College. This evening we present the 2013 Foundation Award to Robert Griswold, a leader at FLCC during the past 15 years. Appointed by Ontario County to the Board of Trustees in 1999 he served until 2010 as the chair, vice chair and secretary and chair of the board’s human resources committee. He also completed two terms as trustee liaison and two terms as an elected member on the FLCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Milestones that were established and the list of firsts for the College during his tenure are numerous. He provided guidance in the development of the College’s A.A.S. e-Commerce curriculum and lent his professional expertise to the development of a new instrumentation and control technologies A.A.S. program that provides the knowledge and skill set to pursue a career in an emerging technology. Having envisioned the concept of the community college that includes a diverse student body, Bob advocated for the construction of the residence halls that were constructed adjacent to the campus. Due in large measure to his tireless support and advocacy of the College, a new campus center located in Victor, NY opened in January 2010. This campus center, located in the heart of Ontario County’s high tech corridor, puts FLCC in the fastest-growing residential and business community in Ontario County. Bob was the chair of the Board of Trustees when Dr. Barbara Risser was hired in 2007.

Affiliated with NYCCT, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), the Association of Boards of Community College Trustees (ABC) and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB), Bob’s attention was focused on dealing with the issues and challenges facing community colleges. With his leadership many issues were addressed and decisions were reached by FLCC and SUNY related to trustee issues and community college governance matters.

As a member of the FLCC Board of Trustees and as a director on the FLCC Foundation Board, Bob positively influenced legislation for Finger Lakes Community College and forged positive relationships with state and national legislators. An advocate for the College during the budget process, he participated in lobbying elected officials, community members and organizations for additional resources for FLCC.
In addition to all of the time that Bob invested at the College, he also made significant donations to the FLCC Foundation. He has combined several gifts from himself and his business, Ontario and Trumansburg Telephone and Finger Lakes Technologies Group, over these years. He was instrumental in creating the $1,000 annual Board of Trustees scholarship given to an incoming student who was involved in student government in high school. In addition, donations named rooms at both the Victor Campus Center and the newly constructed Student Center at the Canandaigua Campus.

The Foundation Award recognizes leaders who demonstrate commendable service to FLCC. The presented award is a sculpture entitled “Vision” which was designed and made by FLCC Professor Emeritus Wayne Williams. We proudly pay tribute to Bob, with the presentation of the 2013 FLCC Foundation Award. The FLCC Foundation is proud to recognize his 11 years of service on the FLCC Board of Trustees marked by professionalism, unwavering support, and dedication and caring for Finger Lakes Community College students, administration, faculty and staff with the 2013 Foundation Award.

2013 FLCC Foundation Benefactor Award

The Benefactor Award is presented each year to acknowledge an extraordinary partnership that has been established in a joint effort with the FLCC Foundation. This evening we present the 2013 Foundation Benefactor Award to David Reh, a champion of the College for nearly 20 years. David Reh, the 2013 recipient of the Foundation Benefactor Award, received a B.S. degree in industrial distribution from Clarkson University in 1962 and served two years with the Army Corps of Engineers. From 1965 until 1971 he worked at Gleason Works, Xerox and Hartman Sales Corporation while earning an M.B.A. from the Simon School at the University of Rochester. In 1971, David launched Raytec which also provided support to two other local companies, Gorbel and Retrotech. Retrotech was sold to SAVOYE, Inc., a Chicago-based subsidiary of SAVOYE of Dijon, France, in February 2011. A golfing enthusiast, David constructed Ravenwood Golf Course in Victor in 2002.

David's wife, Sue, is retired from her private clinical social work practice in the village of Victor. They have three sons: Douglas is a surgeon at John's Hopkins, Thomas (Toby) has a law practice in Victor and is a Town Justice for Victor, and Brian owns & runs Gorbel Inc, a material handling manufacturer with plants in Fishers, Pell City Alabama and Tianjin, China, and nine grandchildren.

The Benefactor Award recognizes leaders who demonstrate exemplary support of the FLCC Foundation. The presented award is a sculpture designed and made by FLCC Professor Emeritus Wayne Williams of a hand holding an acorn, depicting the nurturing of the seed of knowledge. We proudly pay tribute to David, with the presentation of the 2013 FLCC Foundation Benefactor Award. His support has helped dozens of individual students earn an associate degree. In addition, his financial assistance with big picture initiatives have helped establish the Victor Campus Center and build the Student Center. The FLCC Foundation is proud to recognize David Reh, a business leader who has sustained his commitment to the value of our community college, with the 2013 Benefactor Award.