

Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Awards \$2,100 for Student Scholarships at CSM

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Members of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce presented the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation with \$2,100 for student scholarships during the chamber's annual holiday Business After Hours event hosted by CSM at its Prince Frederick Campus Dec. 12, 2019.

The check represents the largest amount the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce has contributed in a single year to the college, topping last year's gift of \$2,000.

CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy thanked the chamber and event attendees and highlighted CSM's many successes. In 2019, CSM joined Achieving the Dream (ATD), a network of more than 220 colleges in 43 states dedicated to improving student success. CSM was also named as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. CSM also broke ground for the new Center for Health Sciences at the Regional Hughesville Campus and work is almost complete at the Velocity Center in Indian Head.

About CSM Foundation:

Established in 1970, the CSM Foundation is the non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization and fundraising arm of the College of Southern Maryland. Connecting donors and their goals with students and college needs, CSM Foundation transforms the lives of students and the community by providing access to high-quality and affordable education. CSM Foundation donors help open the doors to higher education in Southern Maryland, close the money gap for students who cannot afford to pursue their educational or workforce training goals, and encourage the achievements of those who choose CSM as a path to success. Comprised of an all-volunteer tri-county Board of Directors, the CSM Foundation raises friends and funds to support students and college initiatives. Through the support and investment of generous partners and donors, the CSM Foundation managed net assets of approximately \$12.2 million in FY2017. For more information, visit <https://foundation.csmd.edu>.

About the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce:

The Calvert County Chamber of Commerce is an alliance of over 400 individuals and businesses, working together to create a strong business climate in Calvert County. Its mission is to be the influential voice of business, creating economic vitality by promoting the business community and its members. For information visit www.calvertchamber.org.

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