

	local community a better place to live, the community college system is by far the best catalyst to accomplish those goals.
What is a good/great piece of advice you've received, and who gave it to you?	My dad, on several occasions when things hadn't been going so well, said: "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment." It may not be the most inspiring quote, but it was most reassuring to me.
Other comments	

Award Recipient (name, phone, e-mail)	William R. Martin and Family <i>(as told by Bill Martin)</i> (804) 438-6615
Nominated by ... (name of community college)	Rappahannock Community College
Date & Time Interviewed	Feb. 14, 2013 – 4:00 pm
What, in your opinion, is the secret to happiness?	I think the secret to happiness is ... well, the keys to happiness are being comfortable in the sense that you're free from anxieties and yet still have an inquisitive enough mind to go out and seek new things.
For what reason should we be optimistic about the future?	I'm optimistic because of the increasing knowledge about ourselves with each generation and about our interactions with our world. Many mistakes that have been made by humanity have been due to lack of understanding. We have that going for us.
Tell me about your education experience.	My father was an electrical engineer but got tuberculosis shortly before I was born and died when I was very young. I ended up being sent away to boarding school when I was 8 years old. So I attended independent schools from fourth grade on through graduation. My last three years were at a school in New York City called Collegiate School, where I moved after my mother remarried. From there, I went to engineering school – imagine that! I got a degree in mechanical engineering at Lehigh University. Twelve years later, I went back to school and got an MBA, majoring in finance and transportation at Wharton (University of Pennsylvania).
Why do you contribute to/ partner with community colleges?	I'm a big believer in education. And facilitating it for people who are not as fortunate as I was is important. My mother was a big believer in it as well and had to make some sacrifices, particularly in those early years before she remarried, to give me the best education she could. After I graduated from college and was in position to, I started making contributions to my alma mater. But over the years I began to realize that really, schools like Lehigh and UPenn didn't need the money so much, and that there were schools that were much more in need of it and students who were much more in need of it. What's more, of course, is the cost of an education, particularly at community colleges, is so much less that any contribution you might make to a scholarship fund of

	and would have a lot more impact at a community college than at a big-name university that costs maybe 20 times as much.
In what way(s) have Virginia's community colleges improved students' lives?	They've improved them simply by educating people; you give them the tools that enable them to improve their own lives.
What are your expectations for community colleges in the next decade? Why is contributing to them important?	I would expect there to be increasing demand for their services and a broader set of curriculum offerings.
What would you tell someone who was considering a contribution to a Virginia community college?	It seems to me that there's where your contribution can have the most impact in terms of giving people the tools they need to improve their lives. For the same amount of money, you can impact many more students' lives.
What is a good/great piece of advice you've received, and who gave it to you?	Doesn't have an answer.
Other comments	Part of what facilitated [my gifts to RCC] was that the company I'm retired from [Norfolk Southern] has a matching gift fund. So for every dollar I donate, they donate. It greatly doubled the impact of whatever I've been able to do. I'm very grateful to Norfolk Southern Corporation for providing that. And I think they ought to get some credit as well.

Award Recipient (name, phone, e-mail)	Diane Miller and the blue moon fund <i>(as told by Diane Miller, President and CEO)</i> (434) 295-5160, ext. 200
Nominated by ... (name of community college)	Piedmont Virginia Community College
Date & Time Interviewed	March 5, 2013 – 11:15 am
Tell me about your organization (background).	The blue moon fund is a private family foundation that came out of a predecessor foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundation. W. Alton Jones was my grandfather. It was created back in 1944. That foundation ran from 1944 until 2001. I was involved with it starting in 1979; then I was president and CEO in its last two years of existence. Then I restructured it in 2001, and that's now the blue moon fund. The blue moon fund is a grant-making foundation, a NY corporation. Primarily we support work internationally around climate change. The big umbrella is climate change and creating our programs. We work strategically geographically. A third of our work is in China, Northern India and SE Asia. The second program area is Latin America plus Costa Rica. The third area is North America, and the geographic regions under that are New Orleans, Coastal Louisiana post Katrina, and the Chesapeake-Appalachian watershed. Where we have identified our work ... incredibly critical