

**STONE RIDGE****Donor gives \$1M to SUNY Ulster scholarship program****By Paul Kirby***pkirby@freemanonline.com*

**STONE RIDGE, N.Y.** » A long-time prolific donor to SUNY Ulster has given \$1 million to a college scholarship program.

Darlene L. Pfeiffer has made the donation to the SUNY Ulster President's Challenge Scholarship. It is among \$2.8 million that Pfeiffer has donated to the college in support of students.

"Giving is living. The more we give, the more we live, and we live eternally," Pfeiffer said in a prepared statement.

Pfeiffer recently attended a dinner party at Diamond Mills Tavern in Saugerties, N.Y. to be acknowledged for her lifetime giving, the re-



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SUNY Ulster Institutional Advancement and External Relations Executive Director Lorraine Salmon, left, and longtime donor Darlene L. Pfeiffer sit by a cake that reads "Thanks a Million" on June 24.

lease said.

The President's Challenge Scholarship is a program founded in 2016 that assists first-generation college-bound high school students with overcoming the

financial barriers associated with attending college.

Students, identified in eighth grade by sponsoring school districts, receive guidance counseling and mentoring through the completion of high school and are awarded a two-year tuition-free college education at SUNY Ulster.

There are currently 50 college-bound students awarded annually from all nine Ulster County school districts.

"I am beyond grateful to Darlene for her continued stewardship to SUNY Ulster and for her generosity to support our students and the President's Challenge Scholarship," said Alan P. Roberts, SUNY Ulster president, in the release.

"It is a great honor to chair

the Ulster Community College Foundation, and I'd like to thank Darlene for her incredible gift to the PCS Program," said Ulster County Community College Foundation Chairman Laurel Sweeney.

Pfeiffer's prior support to SUNY Ulster across a multitude of initiatives includes The Darlene L. Pfeiffer Scholarship, The Darlene L. Pfeiffer Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, The SUNY Ulster OWN It! Entrepreneurial Women's Conference, the Pfeiffer Technology and Innovation Lab, which opened in September 2017, and the New Start for Women Program Powered by Darlene L. Pfeiffer, which welcomes its third cohort in Fall 2021.