



COLUMBIA GORGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
**FOUNDATION**

# ANNUAL REPORT to the Community

## The Foundation's mission

is to connect with students, donors, and the community to help support scholarships, programs and initiatives that improve the accessibility and quality of education at Columbia Gorge Community College.

## Our vision

is that college education and workforce training has the power to strengthen our community. We envision a future where Columbia Gorge Community College is accessible to all, empowering every student to achieve their goals.

## Our Guiding Principles:

**Open Communication:** Engage in honest, transparent communication

**Respect:** Celebrate diversity of lived experience based in empathy and understanding

**Integrity:** Instill a commitment to continuous ethical conduct and accountability

**Collaboration:** Cooperate on solving shared challenges while leveraging the richness of diverse experiences and perspectives

**Inclusion and Equity:** Ensuring access to resources, providing people what they need to achieve their goals, and creating an inclusive learning environment that welcomes diverse backgrounds

"If it weren't for the CGCC Foundation Scholarship I received, I wouldn't have been able to focus on my goal of launching a career in wind power.

That support made all the difference."

— Gilbert Cooksey, CGCC Graduate, Electro-Mechanical Technology





## CALENDAR YEAR 2024 REVENUE

*Our donors contributed 69% of Foundation revenue last year!*

Pass-through programs	9%
Donations	52%
Fundraising & Events	8%
Interest & Dividends	31%
	100%

## EXPENSES

*Almost 80% of Foundation funds went to scholarships & programs*

13%	Pass-through programs
66%	Scholarships & programs
4%	Fundraising
12%	Admin & Operations
6%	Investment & Fees

*Detailed financial statements are available at [cgccfoundation.org](http://cgccfoundation.org).*

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Sue Davis  
Executive Director

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community and partners. The Foundation has experienced meaningful progress—both in large milestones and in the quieter, strategic work that ensures our continued strength and sustainability into the future.

We know that the longer it takes a student to complete their certificate or degree, the more likely it will be that they incur significant debt. Over the last ten years, the CGCC Foundation has awarded almost **\$1.2 million in scholarships**. Those funds were awarded to **453 students**, and **354 CGCC degrees or certificates were conferred**. This fall, the Foundation is pleased to award scholarships to **77 CGCC students for the 2025-26 academic year** across a diverse array of academic pathways.

We took deliberate steps to strengthen our board's capacity and diversity. After conducting a board skills inventory, we recruited and are pleased to welcome two outstanding new members: Carmen Myers, Umpqua Bank Branch Manager and CGCC alumna, and Adam Smith, Site Lead for Server Operations at Google and a new member of our community. Their expertise and commitment will be invaluable.

We embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process that resulted in the updated vision, mission, and guiding principles statements above. This work was done to ensure the Foundation is in alignment with the college's Strategic Plan. With the support of a technical assistance grant from The Ford Family Foundation, we are



Sue Davis  
Executive Director  
CGCC Foundation

working with an experienced consultant to guide our board and staff in executing on the mission via a clear, actionable roadmap for the next three years.

These accomplishments—both the headline-worthy and the quietly crucial—are proof of what is possible when a community comes together with vision, dedication, and heart.

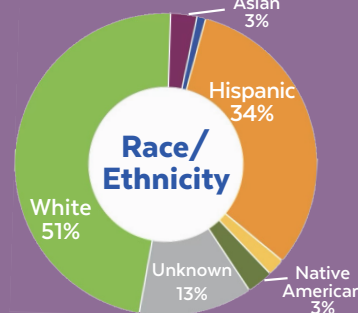
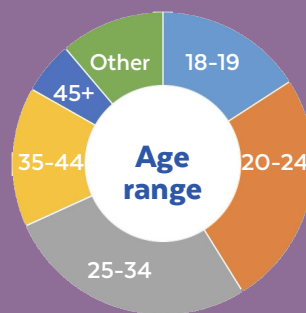
**Thank you for being part of this journey with us.**

With appreciation,  
Sue Davis and Erica Flores



Erica Flores  
Board Chair  
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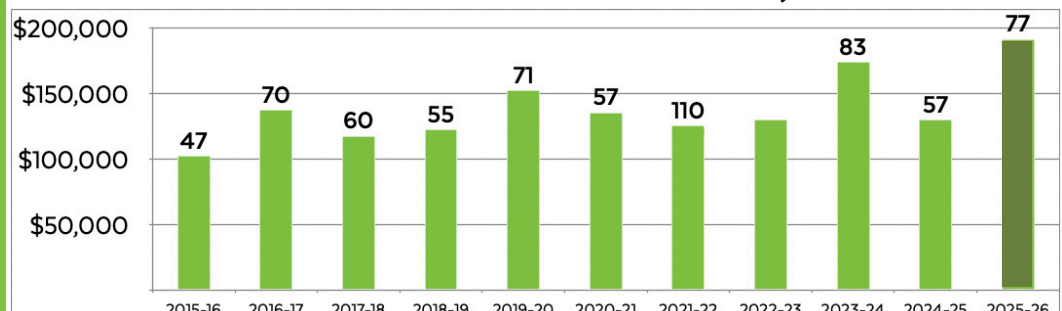
## 2024-25 DEMOGRAPHICS



## 10-YEAR TOTALS

**453**  
students funded  
**\$1.2m**  
total scholarships  
**354**  
CGCC degrees or certificates earned

## SCHOLARSHIPS & NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS, 2015-2025



# Thank You Donors!

We are honored to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their generous support of the Foundation's mission.

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SEPTEMBER 13

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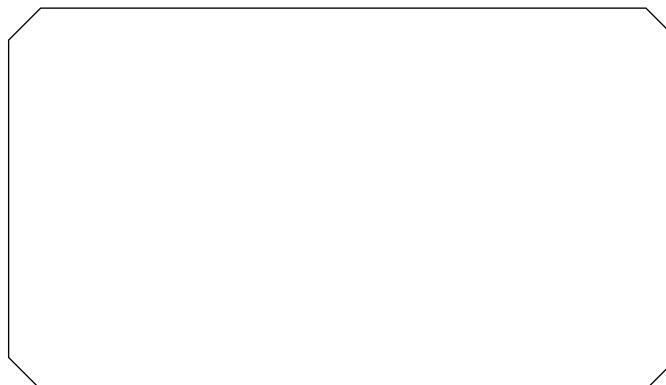
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## DONATIONS CHANGE LIVES. GIVE TODAY!

### *Student Voice: Charity Martin, Nursing Class of 2025*



*"I am deeply grateful to all the Foundation donors, and inspired to pay that generosity forward by serving my community with compassion and skill."*

~ Charity Martin

"Getting through the nursing program at CGCC was full of both highs and lows. The toughest moment came at the end of my first year. My friend and I were both on the edge of not passing, and everything hinged on our final exam. I honestly don't think I've ever been more stressed in my life. We buckled down and studied together for eight or nine hours a day, right up until the test. When we both earned A's it was incredibly rewarding. Our hard work paid off, and it felt amazing.

The Foundation Scholarship was life-changing. As the youngest of five siblings, and after losing my dad at age ten, my mom has carried the weight of supporting our family on her own. Every day, I drove 45 minutes just to get to campus, and the costs of gas, car maintenance, and textbooks quickly became overwhelming. Receiving the Foundation Scholarship lifted a huge burden. It meant I could stop worrying about how I'd pay for the next tank of gas or the next required book, and instead pour all my energy into my studies. Because of this support, I was able to complete my degree with little to no debt—a gift that has opened doors for my future and allowed me to focus on becoming the best nurse I can be. I am deeply grateful to all the Foundation donors, and inspired to pay that generosity forward by serving my community with compassion and skill.

Nursing is a family tradition for us. My mom became a nurse after graduating from a community college in 1988, and my grandmother was a nurse too. My grandma passed away during my first year in the program, but I know she'd be proud of what I've accomplished. Following in their footsteps means the world to me."

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