

fall/winter 2015-2016

building dreams, transforming lives

COLUMBIA GORGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION



Dear CGCC Foundation donors,

Thank you for awarding me a full-year scholarship. I truly appreciate you helping my peers and me to further our education. It is wonderful to live in a community with generous and thoughtful people.

The foundation has helped me to pursue my career goal of becoming a nurse. At CGCC, I earned an associate of science degree, an associate of arts Oregon transfer degree, and an associate of general studies degree. I am enrolled in the CGCC nursing program and hope to continue my education in order to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

My parents are from Michoacan, Mexico. I was born in Hood River, Ore. My mom had a cerebral stroke in June 2013, which was really hard on my family. My mom is only able to work part-time so I have to work as much as I can to provide for our household. This experience made me realize that I want to care for others. The nurses would help my family deal with the situation by providing compassion, love, and a positive attitude.

I want to strengthen people's weaknesses, raising

them up, and most importantly, helping others reach their dreams. With the foundation scholarship, I am able to focus on my education. This financial support has allowed me to get one step closer to reaching my goals. I have also been inspired to give to others in my community. I hope that one day I will be able to be a donor to this great organization, and I will help other students to achieve their goals and dreams.

Sincerely,
Edward Baeza-Sonato
CGCC Foundation
scholarship recipient



Photo by Danny Dehaze

Above: CGCC faculty, Dr. Joel Kabakov, presents CGCC student, Hannah Barta, the Leonardo da Vinci award on behalf of CGCC Foundation at the 2015 graduation ceremony. This annual scholarship award is given to an exemplary student who is graduating with an associate of arts or an associate of science Oregon transfer degree. Hannah Barta graduated with the highest honors at CGCC.

Fund focus: General scholarships

Contributions made to CGCC Foundation's general scholarship fund provide financial support to many deserving students who participate in various programs, such as the general and transfer program. The foundation awarded more than \$103,000 in scholarships to 63 CGCC students from this fund for the 2014-15 academic year. Here are ways to support general student scholarships:

- Donate through the annual campaign*
- Create a named, or dedicated scholarship, for a minimum annual gift of \$500*
- Participate in the annual golf tournament*
- Include CGCC Foundation in your estate plans*
- Refer a friend*

For a list of all foundation funds, please see the back page of the newsletter.

Dear CGCC Foundation friends,

Columbia Gorge Community College is a tremendous asset to our community. CGCC has grown and adapted to the changing needs of the student population from the early programs and course offerings of Treaty Oak Education Service District to the wide variety of offerings on two campuses of Columbia Gorge Community College. Providing support for students who intend to improve their livelihood through education is a priority for our family.

Years of experience in public education in Hood River led to my direct involvement with CGCC and support of its students. As a family, we strongly believe that all people should have access to continued education whenever life changes and/or goals require further education whether for employment or enjoyment. CGCC provides that access in our region. Everyone in our family has enrolled in community college courses for various reasons, such as transitioning from high school to university, improving skills for employment opportunities, and fulfilling personal goals and interests.

CGCC provides a variety of opportunities for students of all ages who aim to “build their dreams and

transform their lives.” As a member of the CGCC Foundation board, it is so exciting to meet and support students who are truly building dreams and transforming their lives by attending CGCC. Through contributions to CGCC Foundation, we can help ensure that all students have the resources they need to pursue their education and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely, Martha Capovilla and family
CGCC Foundation board director



Photo by Martha Capovilla (2002)

Scholarship update

Donations from individuals and organizations as well as from planned gifts provided Columbia Gorge Community College students with more than \$100,000 in scholarships for 2015-16. CGCC Foundation awarded \$62,343 to 28 outstanding CGCC students this fall, with the remainder of the funds being reserved for winter/spring and high school scholarship rounds. For the fall disbursement, the foundation awarded 25 dedicated scholarships. These awards are based on specific socio-demographic, program, or financial need requirements. Nursing student applicants, along with women, benefited greatly from the dedicated scholarships. Local women’s organizations and supporters provided more than \$12,000 to CGCC women. Caithness Energy generously donated \$10,000 in support of renewable energy technology students.

For all students who wish to pursue a degree or who are already enrolled at CGCC, the winter/spring term scholarship application is due on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, to CGCC student services.

General studies, nursing, renewable energy technology and early childhood education scholarships will be awarded in December 2015. For more information, please contact the foundation office at (541) 506-6113 or foundation@cgcc.edu.



Photo by Michelle Humphrey

Above: Donors visit at the annual scholarship luncheon, along with student scholarship recipients in The Dalles, Ore.

CGCC Foundation 2016 event calendar

Thursday, Apr. 7: Annual scholarship luncheon

Friday, June 10: Graduation day!

Saturday, Aug. 6: Founder's Cup golf tournament



Photo by Danny Dehaze

Above: CGCC Foundation scholarship recipient and CGCC nursing student, Amy Schroeder, presents her Outstanding Graduate award speech. The graduation ceremony was held in the Ft. Dalles Readiness and CGCC Workforce Center.

Student spotlight



Photo by Oliver Gamble

Name:

Nicholas Acorn

Hometown:

Seattle, Wash.

CGCC class:

2015

Degree earned: An associate of applied science, degree in renewable energy technology

Current job: Full-time traveling wind technician

Career plans: To become a field engineer

I am deeply thankful for the generosity that CGCC Foundation donors show in their willingness to make a difference in the lives of students like myself. It is something I will remember always.

Nicholas Acorn

CGCC Foundation scholarship recipient

2016 Founder's Cup helps build support for student scholarships

Volunteers, sponsors, and 22 teams of Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation's 16th Annual Founder's Cup golf tournament helped raise approximately \$13,000 for the CGCC Foundation scholarship fund. The tournament's presenting sponsor was Columbia State Bank, and the course sponsor was Caithness Shepherds Flat Wind Farm.

Valley View Appliance and Beam Excavation/Levi's Custom Concrete teams earned first place trophies in the tournament at Indian Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 1. Valley View Appliance won the low net category, and Beam Excavation/Levi's Custom Concrete took home the low gross prize. Charles K. Toole Attorney and Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital won second place trophies, while teams EDF and Wasco County Landfill won third place trophies. No one drove home the hole-in-one prize of a new car from C. H. Urness Motor Company.

CGCC Foundation plans to hold the 17th Annual Founder's Cup golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016 at Indian Creek Golf Course.

For more information on the Founder's Cup and/or to reserve a team spot for next year's tournament, please contact the foundation office at (541) 506-6113 or foundation@cgcc.edu.



Photo by Louie Buzas

Above: CGCC president, Dr. Frank Toda, gives out golf tees, water, and granola bars to tournament participants as they make their way to the next hole. The Founder's Cup is held each year at the beautiful Indian Creek Course in Hood River, Ore.

Gorge Gatherings grow endowment

Columbia Gorge Gatherings is a series of food and friend events in the Mid-Columbia region that benefit the Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation endowment, which will provide long-term financial stability, helping support the area of greatest need at the college such as student scholarships.

The 2015 series raised more than \$3,000 at the gatherings that included Mt. Hood Wine and Design, A U.K. Beer Tasting, and An Italian Wine Exploration. Guests enjoyed delicious food, fun activities, and time with friends. The 2016 series will be announced in the winter, and the foundation invites you to participate in a gathering (or two!).



Photo by Michelle Humphrey

Above: CGCC Foundation board director, Erin Ford, and guests enjoy fresh bread and appetizers, expertly paired with wine by Mary Gumm, CGCC Foundation board director, and White Buffalo Wine Bar and Bistro staff.



Fund descriptions

Endowment
Unrestricted (supports area of greatest need)
General Scholarships
Nursing Scholarships
Renewable Energy Technology Scholarships
Gorge Literacy Program
Faculty and Staff Development

Please contact the foundation if you have a special donation request. Thank you!

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