



Meet Ann:



Photo by Michelle Humphrey

I am ever so grateful to have been selected by Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation to receive the Robert and Annabelle Vogel Scholarship. I am a first-year nursing student at CGCC, and I work at Mid-Columbia

Medical Center as a clinical lab assistant and phlebotomist. After I earn my RN, I plan on starting my career working in labor and delivery. My inspiration to become a nurse came during the birth of my first son. I had an

amazing delivery nurse. From that moment, I desired to provide the same unique care and comfort to those needing to find courage and strength within themselves. I have dreamt about being a nurse for so long; there is no other career option. So here I am now, a mother of three, finally pursuing my passion.

Nursing school is very challenging and requires my undivided attention. This scholarship will help to alleviate some of the associated financial strain and allow me to focus more on my studies. Please accept my sincere gratitude for this amazing opportunity. I cannot wait to serve our community as a nurse!

Sincerely, **Ann Bennett**

-Robert and Annabelle Vogel Scholarship recipient

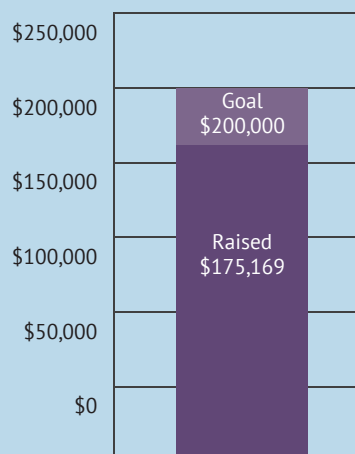
Fund Focus: Endowment

Contributions made to CGCC Foundation's endowment receive up to \$200,000 in matching funds from a Title III grant challenge between October 1, 2010, and September 30, 2015. The foundation has received \$175,169 as of October 28, 2014. The endowment generates interest, which will be used to support the area of greatest need within the college foundation, such as student scholarships.

Ways to help achieve the remaining \$24,831:

- Donate through the annual campaign
- Attend or host a Gorge Gathering event
- Pledge a donation prior to September 30, 2015
- Include CGCC Foundation in your estate plans
- Refer a friend

Endowment Match Challenge as of 10/28/2014



For more information and/or to make a contribution that will have *double* the impact, please contact Stephanie Hoppe at shoppe@cgcc.edu / (541) 506-6113.

Dear CGCC Friends:



I first joined Columbia Gorge Community College as a part-time instructor in 2001. I did so because I subscribed to the mission of “Building dreams, transforming lives, and strengthening the communities we serve.” However, it wasn’t until 2004, when I was hired as a full-time employee that I learned about the CGCC Foundation and the breadth of its work. During my orientation week I was informed about the foundation’s work in providing student scholarships, student emergency resources, and faculty and staff training and recognition awards. I also learned of the various ways that I could support this important work, and I signed up for a monthly financial contribution at that time.

CGCC Foundation has offered me a variety of ways to support the college and its mission. Initial-

ly, my support was financial. My support expanded to volunteering at the annual golf tournament.

In 2013 I retired from my position at CGCC, but was fortunate to be invited to serve on the CGCC Foundation board. This has allowed me to continue to support the foundation’s work, both financially and with my time. One of the most rewarding activities has been to serve on the scholarship interview committee. It is here that one gets to meet face-to-face with the potential recipients of the foundation scholarship awards. The students’ stories are often heartbreaking, the need is great, and the opportunity to apply the college’s mission of building dreams, transforming lives is real.

I am proud to be a CGCC Foundation supporter, both financially and in volunteering my time, and hope that you accept this opportunity as well.

Sincerely, **Dave Mason**

-CGCC Foundation board director

Scholarship Update:

Donations from individuals and organizations as well as from planned gifts provided Columbia Gorge Community College students with more than \$132,000 in scholarships for 2014-15. CGCC Foundation awarded \$81,120 to 44 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 29 dedicated scholarships. These awards are based on specific socio-demographic, program, or financial need requirements. Nursing student applicants, along with women, benefited greatly from our dedicated scholarships. The foundation awarded the first of many Robert & Annabelle Vogel Nursing Scholarships to CGCC nursing students. Local women’s organizations and supporters also provided more than \$11,000 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 at noon, Nov. 20, 2014. Tuition-only scholarships as well as RET and early education and family studies scholarships will be awarded in December.



Above: Donors visit at the 2014 scholarship luncheon, along with student scholarship recipients.

CGCC Foundation 2015 Event Calendar:

Thursday, Apr. 2: Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, May 7: Honors Recognition Ceremony

Friday, June 12: Graduation Day!

Saturday, Aug. 1: Founder's Cup Golf Tournament



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Above: CGCC Foundation board chair, John Brunk, awards to outstanding students at the 2014 graduation ceremony. It was held in the Ft. Dalles Readiness and CGCC Workforce Center, a new facility in The Dalles.

Student Spotlight:

Name: Renae Lee Cannon

Hometown: Hood River, OR

CGCC class: 2014

Degree earned: Associate of Arts Transfer

Current position: Full-time student, English department, Marylhurst University; Volunteer at junior high school library

Career plans: "I plan on finishing my Bachelor of Arts degree in English and New Media, using the knowledge and experience of this degree to become a better writer and to pursue a career in the field of Library Science. Supporting this career goal, I'm a volunteer at a White Salmon school library, and part of a writing group, which is helping me through my second novel."



2014 Founder's Cup: An Endowment Success

Volunteers, sponsors, and 24 teams of Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation's *15th Annual Founder's Cup* golf tournament helped raise approximately \$18,000 for CGCC Foundation's permanent endowment. This endowment benefit, sponsored in part by Columbia State Bank and Caithness Shepherds Flat Wind Farm, was a special opportunity to raise funds that would be matched dollar for dollar by a federal grant.

Valley View Appliance and Food Services of America teams earned first place trophies in the tournament at Indian Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 2. Valley View Appliance won the low gross category, and Food Services of America took home the low net prize. Papa Murphy's and Caithness Shepherds Flat Wind Farm won second place trophies, while teams Bob and Hire Electric won third place.

Dawn Justesen took home both the closest-to-the-pin and longest drive contests for women. Tom Ward won the longest drive contest for men, and Richard Stillwell landed the closest-to-the-pin.

Sidney Rowe won Papa Murphy's pizza contest. No one drove home the hole-in-one prize of a new car from C. H. Urness Motor Company.

Next year's *16th Annual Founder's Cup* golf tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015 at Indian Creek Golf Course. For more information and/or to reserve a team slot, please call CGCC Foundation at (541) 506-6111.



Photo by Louie Buzas

2015 Columbia Gorge Gatherings:

Columbia Gorge Gatherings is a series of food and friend events in our community that benefit the CGCC Foundation endowment. The 2014 series earned more than \$5,000, which was matched dollar for dollar through a Title III grant.

The 2015 series includes three gatherings, and the foundation board invites you to participate in a gathering (or, two!).

Below: Guests of the 2014 French Wine Exploration at the White Buffalo enjoy the warm, comfortable setting and conversation over a glass of wine.



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U.K. Beer Tasting

Feelish peckish? Marley's Corner, of Hood River, pairs an intriguing menu with hand-selected beers. Complete with fish and chips and pasties, this tasting is not for the faint at heart. Cheers!

Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Maximum number of guests is 20, \$55/person

Italian Wine Exploration

This mouth-watering journey, hosted at Hood River's White Buffalo Wine Bar and Bistro, will explore Umbria to Abruzzo. It will bring together delicious cuisine expertly paired with Chianti from each area. This fall evening will be a decadent experience...

Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Maximum number of guests is 30, \$75/person

The 2015 Columbia Gorge Gatherings series may include more small, fun events throughout the Gorge area. CGCC Foundation is grateful for the volunteers who organize these gatherings in our community. Please contact the foundation office if you are interested in hosting a gathering. For more details of this series, visit gorgefoundation.org.

Fund Descriptions:

Endowment (receives grant matching funds)
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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