

2016-2017

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COLUMBIA GORGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION



Dear CGCC Foundation donors,

Thank you for your generosity in providing me a scholarship. Without it, my return to college and my dream of becoming a nurse would be near impossible. Each day that I come to class, I am reminded of how lucky I am for this gift.

I grew up in Hood River County and graduated from Hood River Valley High School in 1998. Being a young mother, I knew that it was important to stay ahead in life and set a good example for my son. Immediately after high school, I enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC). After successfully completing two years at MHCC, I attended Portland State University (PSU) for one year as well as Western Oregon University (WOU). After moving back to my home town and working as a manager at a successful local restaurant, I was fortunate enough to serve Hood River County as a 9-1-1 dispatcher for eight years.

My experience with dispatching and my love for helping people have led me to pursue a career as a registered nurse. Being a single mother of three children made my return to school financially difficult. Despite working two part-time jobs, I would not have

been able to work toward this dream without the help of the CGCC Foundation scholarship.

By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus on my studies and achieve my goals. I plan on showing my appreciation for this gift by successful passing all of my classes and earning excellent grades. This scholarship has inspired me to help others and reach out to my community. I hope someday to help other students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kendall
CGCC Foundation
scholarship recipient



Right: Jennifer enjoyed a fall day in Hood River with her children, Cody (18), Gianni (10), and Chandler (2).
Photo by Brandi Fletcher



Photo by Danny Dehaze

Above: CGCC faculty, Dr. John Copp, presented CGCC student and foundation scholarship recipient, Tiffany Greenslade, the Leonardo da Vinci award on behalf of CGCC Foundation at the 2016 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. Tiffany 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 48 CGCC students from this fund for the 2015-16 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 provides a critical avenue to learning for people of all ages and cultures across our region. To be successful in its mission, the college must be affordable for those students, and that's why the college foundation is so very important. Foundation scholarships help bridge the affordability gap, making the dream of college become reality. That's why I'm proud to support the Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation.

Sincerely, Dan Spatz

CGCC Foundation board director



Photo by Peter Marbach



Photo by Dan Spatz

Above: Dan and Michele Spatz visited Niagara Falls earlier this year. Dan served as the CGCC institutional advancement officer and CGCC Foundation executive director for eight years. In 2015, Dan joined the CGCC Foundation board. He serves on the foundation's marketing team. He and Michele volunteer at the annual Founder's Cup golf tournament as well as participate in the Gorge Gatherings series. They are dedicated community servants. The foundation truly appreciates their support in strengthening the community through education.

Scholarship update

Donations from individuals and organizations as well as from planned gifts provided Columbia Gorge Community College students with approximately \$130,000 in scholarships for 2016-17. CGCC Foundation awarded more than \$101,000 to 41 outstanding CGCC students this fall, with the remainder of the funds being reserved for the winter/spring round. For the fall disbursement, the foundation awarded 41 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, winter/spring term scholarships were awarded in mid-November. Acceptance forms must be submitted in December.

For more information, please contact the foundation office at (541) 506-6113 or foundation@cgcc.edu.



Photo by Danny Dehaze

Above: CGCC student, Saul Ascencio, shared his story at the annual scholarship luncheon with foundation donors and student scholarship recipients in The Dalles, Ore. Saul is in the renewable energy technology program at CGCC.

CGCC Foundation 2016-17 event calendar

Wednesday, Apr. 5: Annual scholarship luncheon

Friday, June 16: Graduation day!

Saturday, Aug. 5: Founder's Cup golf tournament



Photo by Danny Dehaze

Above: CGCC student, Noah Estes, presented his Outstanding Graduate award speech. Noah earned an Associate of General Studies with honors. The graduation ceremony was held in the Ft. Dalles Readiness and CGCC Workforce Center.

Student spotlight



Photo by Molly Millican

Name: Oliver Gamble
Hometown: Madison, NC
CGCC class: 2015
Degree earned: An associate of applied science, degree in renewable energy technology
Current job: Wind technician for Airway Services
Career plans: To work in control electronics in a manufacturing environment.

I am grateful to many individuals who contributed to my success as a student, including excellent CGCC faculty members and generous CGCC Foundation donors. Thank you for giving me an opportunity.

*Oliver Gamble
CGCC Foundation scholarship recipient*

2016 Founder's Cup helps build support for student scholarships

Participants, volunteers and sponsors of CGCC Foundation's 17th Annual Founder's Cup golf tournament helped raise approximately \$18,000 for the foundation's student scholarship fund. Columbia State Bank served as presenting sponsor.

Wasco County Landfill (low gross) and Floor Solutions (low net) teams earned first place trophies in the tournament at Indian Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 6. Providence and Northwest Anesthesia won second place awards, while teams Hire Electric and Toole Carter Tissot and Coats LLP won third place awards.

Scott Haynes took home the closest-to-the-pin for the men and Dixie Schanno for the women. T.J. Brake won the longest drive contest for men and Susan Lewis for the women. Tim Casey hit closest to the pizza box to win a Papa Murphy's pizza each month for one year. No one drove home the hole-in-one prize of a new car from C. H. Urness Motor Company.

Twenty-six teams participated in this year's tournament. In addition, the foundation raised donations through a general raffle that included 12

fabulous prizes donated by community members and local businesses as well as a wine raffle that included seven cases of local, exceptional wine prizes.

CGCC Foundation board members invite golfers of all ability levels to participate in next year's 18th Annual Founder's Cup golf tournament. For more information, please call (541) 506-6113.



Photo by Louie Buzas

Above: Players prepared for a fun-filled day at the Founder's Cup, which is held each year at the beautiful Indian Creek Course in Hood River, Ore.

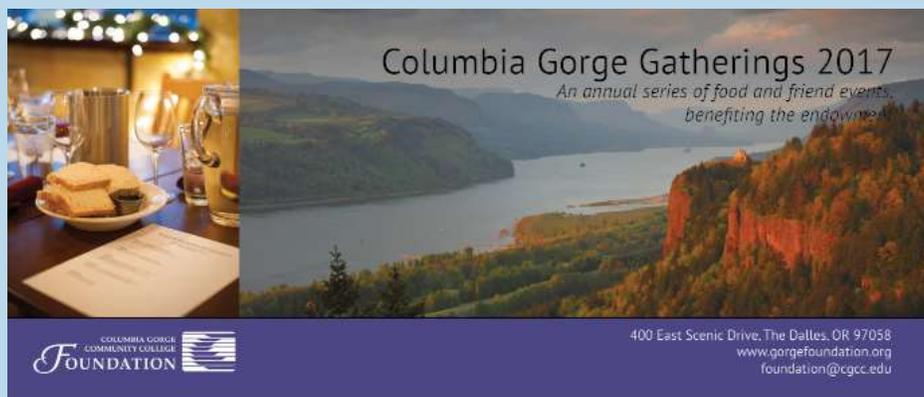
Gorge Gatherings grow endowment

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 2016 series raised more than \$2,000 at the gatherings that included A U.K. Beer Tasting and A South African Wine Exploration. Guests enjoyed delicious food, fun activities, and time with friends. The 2017 series will be announced in the winter, and the foundation invites you to participate in a gathering (or two!).



Above: CGCC Foundation member, Dave Mason, and CGCC Board of Education member, Dr. Lee Fairchild, and their significant others enjoyed 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

Unrestricted (supports area of greatest need)
Endowment
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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