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12th Annual Founder's Cup
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Spring 2011



Columbia Gorge Community College

FOUNDATION

MILLER CHALLENGE: ON THE HOME STRETCH

The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation challenged CGCC Foundation to raise \$50,000 in new gifts, and increased gifts from existing donors, by March 31, 2011. Contributions must be directed toward scholarships to qualify for the Miller match.

Scholarship gifts will be matched "dollar-for-dollar" by the Miller Foundation up to \$50,000. This is the third and final challenge match from the Miller Foundation.

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WALL OF HONOR ADDITIONS HIGHLIGHT BENEFACTORS

Columbia Gorge Community College and CGCC Foundation honored 30 contributors at a February 14th recognition ceremony. College president Dr. Frank Toda, Dennis Whitehouse, foundation board president, and executive director Dan Spatz spoke glowingly of the individuals, businesses, and organizations that have financially supported the college mission.

Engraved plaques were added to the beautiful cedar 9'x 9' Wall of Honor to recognize contributors Bill and Sherry Bohn, Cindy Crampton, Richard Day, enXco, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, Horizon Wind Energy, Tod Jay Le Fevre, The Barbara Emily Knudson Foundation, Mimi Maduro, David and



Juanita Neitling, Marilyn McDaniel, and Katie Wallis attended a reception on February 14 for Wall of Honor recognitions.

Marilyn McDaniel, Providence Hood River Health, Sally Temple, Wal-Mart Foundation, Mike and Nancy Taphouse, Insitu, Hood River Cultural Trust, Brian Ford, M. D. Van Valkenburgh, Dr. Ernie and Gloria Keller, U. S. Bank of The Dalles, Rosendin Electric, Rosemary Ross, and

Iberdrola Renewables.

Columbia Gorge Society member certificates were presented to Dr. Susan Wolff, Crestline Construction Company, I.O.O.F. Kemp Lodge #181, Tides Foundation, The James F. and Marion L. Miller

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WORDS OF THANKS

STUDENTS MOTIVATED BY SCHOLARSHIPS

Loyal supporters make it possible for CGCC Foundation to offer scholarships every term to new and continuing students of Columbia Gorge Community College. We find great thank you letters from the recipients in our mailbox, including these recent arrivals:

"I have dreamed of attending nursing school ever since I was young, and now that I have been named as one of the recipients in the Foundation Scholarship program, my dream is becoming a reality. I not only have a passion for medicine, but also enjoy working with children." — C.

"I greatly appreciate your help. This award motivates me so much more to continue my studies and reach for my goals. Not only does this motivate me to succeed in my studies but also to be more active within my community and help in any way possible." — H.



*An investment in
knowledge pays
the best interest.*

Benjamin Franklin

Did you know...

**this year, the CGCC Founda-
tion budget for scholarships
is \$116,800?**

*When you believe in a
thing, believe in it all the
way, implicitly and
unquestionably.*

—Walt Disney

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Foundation, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Toda.

Membership in the Columbia Gorge Society honors supporters who have given \$10,000 or more to the Foundation. A reception was held immediately following the presentations in our Wall of Honor lobby.

ENDOWMENT GIFTS ARE FOREVER

In September 2010, Columbia Gorge Community College received its first federal Title III "Strengthening Institutions" grant. Funding from the five-year federal grant is giving the foundation a great incentive to raise \$200,000 for an endowment fund. When CGCC Foundation achieves its goal, the foundation will be qualified for a matching \$200,000 from the Title III grant.

CGCC Foundation established an endowment fund in 2009 to develop a stable resource for supporting the foundation's educational purpose. Only the income from interest earnings will be spent from

the endowment fund. Currently, there is \$103,000 in the endowment. Our goal is to raise at least \$40,000 annually from endowment gifts for five successive years.

Gifts that are dedicated to the endowment fund will stay in the fund permanently; only the interest will be spent to fund projects and programs that will help our students, the college and the communities that we serve.

Foundation executive director Dan Spatz explained that gifts of any size can be added to the existing college foundation endowment fund; or,

individuals, businesses, and organizations may establish a separate named endowment and designate the use of future earnings. Endowed gifts may also be given to honor a living person or in memory of a loved one.

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To receive a copy of the CGCC Foundation's Gift Policy, contact Resource Development staff by calling 541-506-6111 or e-mail your request to: foundation@cgcc.cc.or.us

We recommend consulting a financial advisor or attorney for professional advice.

DO PEOPLE SAY YOU'RE A GOOD LISTENER?

People with great listening skills are indispensable to the foundation scholarship program. We are fortunate to have many good listeners in the Mid-Columbia area who volunteer valuable time to help us interview students who apply for scholarships.

Last fall the scholarship interview team included Laurie

Fadness, Martha Capovilla, Annette Byers, Carolyn Wood, Kay Erickson, Gayle Hammitt, and Kayleen Warner-Arens.

Patty Burnet, Jean McKinney, Carolyn Purcell, and Izetta Grossman recently interviewed students who applied for spring term scholarships. We welcome people throughout our community who can

spend an occasional morning or afternoon conducting student interviews. If you have a little time to share, an interest in helping students, and consider yourself a good listener, please give us a call.

The rewards of listening to earnest college students and helping them on the road to success are priceless!

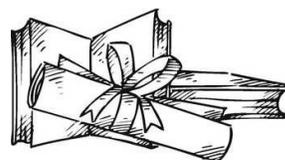
SALUTES FOR EXCELLENCE

Columbia Gorge Community College's graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10th. During graduation, the foundation president will confer the annual Staff Excellence and Faculty Excellence Awards to CGCC employees.

Thanks to generous donors and co-workers, the awards will include a stipend from the foundation that is intended to further professional development among staff and faculty.

In addition to staff and faculty awards, the foundation will give \$500 each to the 2011 Outstanding CGCC Graduate and the Outstanding Oregon Transfer Degree student.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheatre on The Dalles campus.



Columbia Gorge Community College recently announced this year's CGCC 2011 All Oregon Academic Team Scholars are **Christina Glissmeyer** and **Jared Langdon**. Christina is in the CGCC Nursing Program studying to become a registered nurse. Jared is in the Renewable Energy Technology program at CGCC.

Both students will travel to Salem in April to be recognized by the Oregon Legislature and Governor Kitzhaber. The selected Academic Team Scholars will each receive \$250 in foundation scholarships.