

## 15th Annual Mildred Davy Memorial Luncheon Thanks Donors and Celebrates Students

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate at this year's Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon. Appreciation abounded, laughter was shared, and some emotional moments begged a tear or two at this year's event. With 27 scholarship recipients recognized, and more than 20 individuals, families, foundations, and service clubs thanked for their generous giving, there was plenty of reason to smile.

The event, which just completed its 15th year on October 12, aims to celebrate the achievements of students, the kindness of donors, and the enthusiasm for education and altruism that Mildred Davy herself had become a pillar of in the community.

Doris Flores, one of the three 2017/2018 Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarship recipients shared her story with the crowd of over 90 people, and detailed her fight to overcome obstacles and beat odds while relentlessly pursuing the education she knew would be essential for future success. In an emotional speech, she explained her struggles and successes, her gratitude for the scholarship she received, and her aspiration to be a guidance counselor in the Tillamook School District.



*Cheryl and John Davy pose with Doris Flores a recipient of the 2017 Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarship. The endowment, which began in 2002 has grown to over \$115,000 and has funded 23 scholarships.*

In attendance were Mildred's grandson, John Davy, and his mom, Cheryl Davy, who were able to share a table with Doris, an opportunity Mildred herself would have cherished.

"This event is important to us because it allows us to say thank you to our community for their support," says Chris Weber, TBCC Foundation Board Chair. "There is no way we could do what we do for TBCC and its students without the support of our community. And that includes the sponsorship by the Tillamook Country Smoker and Near Space Corporation."



*Doris Flores gave a moving speech about her goals for herself and how her scholarship is helping her to see those through.*



*Shelli Hornbeak, representative for the Tillamook Country Smoker and event sponsor, enjoys a conversation with Kris Paladeni, a past recipient of the Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarship.*



*Cheyenne Hampton thanks Dr. Paul and Carolyn Betlinski for her scholarship in his name. She also received the Peggy Maack Memorial Endowed Scholarship.*

## Seeing our Work in Action: Students Succeeding with the Help of Scholarships



Autumn is always a cool time of year, not only because we should get some frost on the pumpkins, but because TBCC students and faculty are back in the classroom teaching and learning. The college is abuzz with activity.

The best part for myself and other members of the TBCC Foundation is that more than 75 students are in these classrooms enriching their lives through scholarships provided by the Foundation and the TBCC Board of Directors.

The First Class Scholarships, Career-to-Career Scholarships, Endowed Scholarships, and Named Scholarship are all being used this fall to give these students in our community a chance for a higher education that will improve their lives, as well as their family's lives.

At the Mildred Davy Luncheon held in late October, we not only got to meet many of the students receiving these scholarships, but we got to hear first-hand their stories and the opportunities that these scholarships provide for them. Most are planning on finishing their two-year degree at TBCC then moving on to another college to complete their bachelor degrees. Many are planning a career in the medical field.

If you have not attended the Mildred Davy Luncheon, I encourage you to join us next year and hear these students and their drive to better themselves. They all say they could not attend college without the scholarship's help and are very grateful for the opportunity to continue their education.

There is a price to pay for all these scholarships

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and fortunately for us the TBCC College budget has been able to provide the funds necessary to provide these scholarships. However, this will not always be the case.

The TBCC Foundation will need to take on the responsibility of funding

them in the future. We need to be working toward this goal now and that will require help from our community.

The last thing I would like to mention is year-end planning. I ask that you think about the TBCC Foundation as you are thinking about your end of the year giving. When you review your estate plan, what could be better than leaving a lasting legacy through an endowed scholarship that will provide scholarships forever.

Thank you for your support of TBCC.

*Chris Weber*  
TBCC Foundation President  
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## A South County Warm Welcome



*Ten guests welcomed Dr. Ross Tomlin, fourth from the left, to the community at a luncheon in September.*

TBCC Foundation Board member Jeanette Hagerty rolled out the hospitality, and the warm sunshine, at her home in Cloverdale, OR, where she hosted a luncheon in September to welcome TBCC President Dr. Ross Tomlin to the community.

In attendance were Pat Sears, Pam Peterson, Pamela Abrams, Bud and Jeanette Miller, Larry and Ilean Rouse, Peggy Kel-low, Christine Dirks and Karen Mathews.

After a fabulous homemade enchilada lunch, served by Jeanette's adorable grandson and his friend, the group was able to ask Dr. Tomlin questions and learn more about TBCC's plans for the future. The group was interested in learning how TBCC was partnering with Nestucca Valley Junior/Senior High School, how property taxes are supporting TBCC, and how to help support the new Career-to-Career Scholarship program launched this spring.

It was an excellent opportunity for Dr. Tomlin to meet people across our county that are interested in learning more about TBCC. Thank you Jeanette!



## TBCC Alum Begins the Year at the Head of the Class

Congratulations to Tania Flores, TBCC Alum who began teaching a Kindergarten/1st grade bilingual classroom at Liberty Elementary this fall.

Tania graduated from TBCC in 2015 with an Associates of Oregon Transfer degree, then transferred her credits to George Fox University, where she completed a Bachelors degree in elementary education.

“My dream was to teach first grade in Tillamook,” Tania said at an American Association of University Women event last spring. She was recognized by the group for receiving one of their University scholarships.

“Scholarship support has been important to helping me get to this goal. Without scholarships, I did not have the money to



*Tania Flores in her K/1st Grade bilingual classroom at Liberty Elementary School.*

make it happen,” she said.

While at TBCC, Tania was the recipient of the Betty Gray Early Childhood Development scholarship offered to TBCC students through the Oregon Community Foundation. She also received a TBCC Foundation book scholarship.

“We are really pleased to have Tania in the district,” said Superintendent Randy Schild. “Tania is bilingual, bicultural and educated right here in our own community. When you see her in the classroom it’s clear she cares about each and every child there.

We hope there are more opportunities for people to train to become teachers locally and stay here in our community. It is a huge win for our community when we can do that,” he said.

## A Gift to Build Community



*J.M. “Jim” Brown*

J.M. “Jim” Brown attended the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon this year and soon thereafter

established a scholarship to support students.

Raised in Tillamook County, Brown is a life member of the BPOE #142 in Tillamook and a life member of the Pioneer Association of Tillamook County.

“I don’t live there now but I like seeing what the college is helping to do for the community,” he told Heidi Luquette, TBCC Foundation Executive Director. “I was truly moved by the stories from the students at the luncheon. I sincerely hope my small contribution pays huge dividends back to the land of cheese, trees and ocean breeze.”

## Foundation Looks Toward Future

This year the TBCC Foundation turned 20 years old. The original stated purpose of the Foundation was to solicit and receive donations for scholarships, a future campus, a library, technology, and other educational program needs identified by the college’s strategic plan.

We are proud to say that with the help of our community, the college has a beautiful new campus, a second building added this year, a well-stocked library, and technology-rich classrooms. Quite an accomplishment!

This next year, the Foundation Board will once again step into a planning phase to consider fundraising support for future needs of the college.

As a Foundation we have been lucky the college has supported us financially for so long. Their operating budget covers most Foundation expenses. However, the Foundation is a separate 501c3 nonprofit. It is now time for the Foundation to begin to stand on its own two feet.

In July, the Foundation Board implemented a 5 percent gift fee on most gifts to the Foundation. The fee will be used to cover expenses which provide accurate accounting of funds, an annual independent review or audit of our financial statements and processes, and administration which includes administering student scholarships.

Additionally, we have implemented an endowment assessment of 1 percent of the fair market value annually at distribution. This was always our policy, but it was not previously implemented. Endowments started prior to July 2017 are exempt from the assessment.

These new tools will help the Foundation to support students and ensure we can accurately steward gifts from our community to students and the college for the next 20 years and beyond.

## The Man Behind the Lens

Keeping your lens in focus is fundamental in photography; a crisp photo comes from a steady hand and that focused lens.

Second-year student Zak Fletcher knows the importance of shooting sharp images, and whether it is photographing weddings, filming informational videos for the TBCC honor society, or capturing our very own Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon, he has his aim steady.

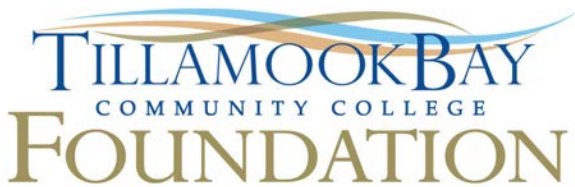
Zak was the recipient of this year's Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship, and is grateful for the flexibility the funding has afforded him. "It is everything to me because it allows me to go to TBCC without a huge cost burden on me," says Zak of his scholarship. Receiving the scholarship has allowed Zak to concentrate on videography, and his goal of transferring to Southern Oregon University for a degree in multi-media marketing. While a sleek portfolio is essential, Zak recognizes that a higher education will give him the leg-up needed to create a successful career.

"Time management is probably the biggest asset I've learned here at TBCC. Learning how to really budget my time to get as much done as possible in a day, while still have time to go hiking, go surfing, and enjoy doing the things that I guess make you spiritually happy."

Choosing TBCC to get his transfer degree has helped Zak achieve balance. Born and raised in Tillamook, he recognized that staying local and attending TBCC would be a financially sound decision. Receiving the Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship, however, has allowed Zak to go that extra distance, and having the resources to keep focused is helping him realize his goals. Possessing the character to know where to point a lens puts Zak's picture in view; having the ability, time, and support to adjust the lens properly, however, makes that picture crystal-clear.



*TBCC student Zak Fletcher is working toward a transfer degree.*



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The Foundation's purpose is to engage the entire community and increase the level of philanthropic support for student scholarships and the growth, innovation and overall fiscal strength of Tillamook Bay Community College.