

Career-to-Career Scholarship Program Welcomes First Graduates Local Donor Kicks off Endowment Campaign

A desire to support life long learning led to a gift that kicked off an endowed scholarship fund to support the Career-to-Career Scholarship program at Tillamook Bay Community College.

"I am a believer in continuing education and would like to provide the opportunity for others to take a step forward in their career and achieve a lifetime dream," stated the donor, who would prefer to remain anonymous. Anonymity can help keep the focus on the scholarship itself she felt.

"I believe focusing on education should never stop. We should always keep learning and this scholarship program helps our community to do that," she said. "To be able to give someone the opportunity to go on in their vocation or advance in their current career is pretty special. We are so blessed to have the opportunity in our community to take higher education classes," She said. "Supporting students to go on to get an education made perfect sense to me."



The first graduates of the Career-to-Career Scholarship program at the 2019 commencement ceremony. Back row (l to r) Kelsey Petty, Dakota Kirkpatrick, Isabella Rain. Front (l to r) Rena Pajarillo, Mellisa Mumey, Angelica Ortiz Rios, Kym Hamann

are returning to school after gaining five years or more of work experience. Students are those seeking a transition to a new job, or gain a promotion by increasing their skills.

This year was the first class of graduates from the program, with eight students graduating. The group had a combined grade point average of 3.65 and each is required to provide 3 hours a term in volunteer service to the College. Mellisa Mumey was one of the graduates that spoke at the graduation ceremony.

Two of the eight, Angelica Ortiz Rios and Kym Hamann, served on the All Oregon Academic team for TBCC. Each of the 17 community colleges in Oregon

selected students who exhibited scholastic and community excellence and leadership to be on the team. Isabella Rain, served as the president of the Associated Students of TBCC for the year.

"This group of students has been our rock stars," stated Dr. Ross Tomlin, TBCC President. "They are an amazing group of students that we know will go far in our community and beyond. We are very proud of their achievements."

CAREER-TO-CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2017, TBCC started the Career-to-Career (CtoC) Scholarship program. The program provides tuition funding for students who

How to support the Career-to-Career Scholarship Program

An endowment fund has been established to support the Career-to-Career Scholarship program. Visit www.tillamookbaycc.edu and click on TBCC Foundation to make a gift online. Or, mail your contribution to TBCC Foundation, 4301 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97141. Make checks payable to TBCC Foundation and put Career-to-Career on the memo line.

Near Space Corporation Endows Teach for Tillamook Scholarship

Last summer, Max and Lisa Sanchez created the Teach for Tillamook Scholarship through the TBCC Foundation with contributions they received from friends and family in lieu of wedding presents. The scholarship is intended to support students who would like to pursue a degree in education and then teach at a school in Tillamook County upon completion of their degree.

The family's long term goal for the scholarship was to find a way to endow it. Little did Max and Lisa know how the seed they planted would indeed grow.

Kris and Tim Lachenmeier, owners of Near Space Corporation, read about the scholarship the Sanchez family started. "I was inspired by Max and Lisa's idea to create the Teach for Tillamook Scholarship as a lasting contribution to the community. In my role as a Tillamook School Board member, and liaison to our local TEA, I understand the importance and difficulty of recruiting teachers to serve our rural community," stated Kris Lachenmeier .



Left to right: Kris Lachenmeier, Doris Flores, and Lisa and Max Sanchez.

In 2018, Tillamook Bay Community College entered into a collaborative partnership with Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC), Western Oregon University (WOU), and the three local Tillamook County school districts to develop a program where students can start in high school taking classes toward an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer – Education degree and then transfer to WOU to complete a Bachelors in Education. The students would do their student teaching at a school in the county then return for full employment after graduation.

"It is an exciting way for future educators interested in remaining in Tillamook to get a head start," Kris said. "Both Tim and I believe in the power of an idea to ignite a spark and strengthen a community. We feel very fortunate that this year, Near Space Corporation is financially able to build on Max and Lisa's generosity and commitment to future Tillamook educators!"

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Awards \$3,500 Grant to Tillamook Bay Community College for Adult Literacy

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded more than \$8.3 million to approximately 1,000 nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools across the nation in May and Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation was one of the recipients. The literacy grants were awarded to support adult, family and summer programs, which aim to enhance local literacy and education initiatives throughout the communities Dollar General serves. The grant awarded to the TBCC Foundation will be used to support the Adult Literacy Program at Tillamook Bay Community College. The program includes students enrolled in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).



"We were so excited to learn our grant was selected for funding," stated Dr. Teresa Rivenes, Chief Academic Officer at Tillamook Bay Community College. "Our Adult Literacy Program, especially our GED preparation course taught in both English and Spanish, is making a big difference for families in our community and we appreciate the support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Everyday we hear from students how grateful they are to be able to take steps forward in their lives through what the program offers," She stated. "We couldn't do this work without funding support from partners like the Dollar General Literacy Foundation."

Chelone Family Supports Students in Agriculture From 4-H to Higher Education

December was an exciting month for agriculture students in Tillamook County. The Chelone family, was busy initiating a plan to donate much needed funding to organizations that support Tillamook County youth to gain experience and education in agriculture.

“Last year, I made donations to some of the big guys,” stated Richard Chelone Jr. “The Red Cross came down here and made a big difference for dairymen during the big flood and I am grateful for that and continue to support them, but this year, I wanted the family to give to some of the little guys,” he said. On the list were organizations like the Junior Livestock Auction, 4-H, FFA,



The Chelone Family

and the students at the high school and college studying to go into the field of agriculture.

The gifts were made by transferring appreciated stock and it totaled up to a fairly large sum. Daughter Mary Chelone Lummus, helped direct the gifts and encouraged the funds to be used for student experiences, supplies, and equipment. “It is pretty neat to think students from 4th grade

(4-H) through college will receive benefit from the funding. That is what we wanted to see as a family,” she said. The TBCC Foundation is grateful to the Chelone’s for their support and hope the gift will inspire others to consider supporting programs at the college.

Pat Bening Joins TBCC Foundation Board

Though she is still relatively new to Tillamook County, Pat Bening is no stranger to philanthropy, Oregon, or education. She is a long-time community supporter serving on the board of many community and non-profit organizations during her career in aviation. She has been a member of the Central Oregon Airshow, Ninety-Nines, Organization of Women Pilots, Women in Aviation, and the Coeur d’Alene Charter Academy Foundation just to name a few. Pat taught in the aviation program at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. “I loved the connection with students,” she said.

She is also an avid volunteer who gives time to supporting food banks, women’s resource centers, educational conferences and more. It was our good luck that Pat joined our community this past year and attended the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon with her boss Kris Lachenmeier whose company NearSpace Corporation was a sponsor. “I met people at the luncheon such as Bob and Alicia Reed and Van and Joyce Moe. I was impressed with the commitment, mission, and purpose of the Foundation and felt joining the board would be a small, but valuable contribution my skill set could offer to my new community,” Bening said of joining the TBCC Foundation Board.

“I believe education is the key to changing and improving individuals’ lives as well as helps to balance social injustices,” She added.

“I believe role models and mentorship go hand-in-hand with scholarships and I’m willing to commit time and effort to my beliefs with like-minded board members.”



Pat Bening

Pat Bening was voted onto the board at the TBCC Foundation Board Meeting held June 4, 2019. If you are interested in learning more about how to join the board, please contact Heidi Luquette, Executive Director at (503) 842-8222 ext. 1025.

Garibaldi Museum Makes Donation To Welding Program Honors Student Volunteers



The students who participated in the project. Front row left to right: Carlos Gijon, Jarrett Matson, Augustin Garcia, Ricardo Marquez-Pascual, Ron Carlbom. Back row left to right: Manuel Esquivel, Cyle Meyer, Adolfo Ceja, Jason Charles Ruhter, Joey Fagan.

them before with a welding project. Their criterion for Ron was a strong stand for the over 100 lb. rudder that allowed for maximum view, and also that it could be mobile. Ron told him he was teaching a Sheet Metal Arc Welding class at Tillamook Bay Community College and he would love for his students to take on the rudder project to gain hands on experience working with a local partner.

Nine students participated in the project. They planned out the project, conducted the welding and took a field trip to the museum at the end of the term to deliver the final product in person. "We loved how the project turned out and really appreciate the work the students put into it. They met all of our qualifications and it looks really great. The museum decided to make a donation to the program in honor of each of the students who have now created a local project that they can be proud of. It was a great partnership, and we are glad that Ron helped his students gain the experience" Anna stated. To view the rudder and its new mobile display stand, you can visit the Garibaldi Museum Thursday - Monday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm thru October then winter hours begin. The history of the Morning Star ships was contributed by the Garibaldi Museum.

The *Morning Star of Tillamook* is an icon in Tillamook County. Many know about it from the replica the *Morning Star III* that now resides on the lawn of the Tillamook Creamery. But there was an important *Morning Star* ship that sailed. It was built in 1854 by Tillamook pioneer settlers. It sailed through June 1856 when it was then sold to pay a settler's debts; it later was shipwrecked. *The Morning Star II* was built for the 1959 Oregon Centennial Exposition held in Portland. The original plan for the vessel after the exposition was for it to be kept at the Garibaldi Marina to be used by the Sea Scouts and as a tourist attraction. The ship had not been designed to be kept in the water long term and over time it deteriorated. The rudder was lost then was later recovered from Tillamook Bay by Cheryl Evans. The rudder is now located at the Garibaldi Museum.

In order for the rudder to help share the history of the *Morning Star II* with visitors of the museum, it needed a display stand. Anna Rzuczek, Executive Director of the Garibaldi Museum, asked museum volunteer Jake Rzuczek to help come up with a plan. Jake made a call to Ron Carlbom. Ron had assisted



**For Academic Year 2019-2020
TBCC has added the following:
Associate of Applied Science in Welding
and a certificate in Welding Technolgy.**

The Ford Family Foundation Awards \$50,000 Grant Toward Truck Driver Training Simulator

The TBCC Truck Driver Training program that trains drivers to pass their Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exam received a boost this summer when The Ford Family Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to support the purchase of a Truck Driver Training Simulator.

The Ford Family Foundation grant will be combined with a \$15,000 contribution from the Tillamook County Creamery Association's community enrichment grant program, and \$50,000 from a USDA Rural Development grant to purchase the new simulator. "We are so grateful to have such strong support for bringing this new resource to Tillamook County," stated Arlene Soto, Director of the TBCC Small Business Development Center who manages the program. "We already have a waiting list of businesses in the community who would like to schedule time on the simulator to help train drivers on how to navigate adverse weather conditions. There is not another simulator near here that is available to local businesses," she stated. "Our ultimate goal is to turn it into a mobile unit that can be rented and used at a business location," stated Arlene.



Started in Tillamook in October 2018, the Truck Driver Training course grew to include Clatsop County in 2019. Fourteen students have taken the course and passed their CDL License.

Pre-Nursing Students Gain Scholarship Opportunity Through New Gilda J. Brown Scholarship

Gilda J. Brown graduated in September 1950 from Stratford Ontario, Canada School of Nursing and after a few years working in Stratford moved to Chicago, Illinois to work at a major hospital in the area. A few years later, a group of RN's from the hospital chose to move to work at a new hospital that opened in Tillamook, Oregon. Tillamook is where she met and married her husband Jim "JM" Brown, and started their family of three children. Gilda loved her work in Tillamook and had many fond memories of her time here.

After staying home for several years with her children, Gilda went back to work at Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro in the Emergency Room. Again, she loved the work and the staff in the department. She had a wonderful career in nursing. After working several years at Tuality she retired and enjoyed the fruits of her hard work until she passed away in 1998. Gilda's daughter Sheilagh Brown suggested to her father, who already had started a different scholarship through the TBCC Foundation, that they should start a scholarship in Gilda's name to honor her and to support students seeking to enter the nursing field.

In 2019 the first Gilda J. Brown scholarship was awarded. The recipient was Jennifer Ponce-Olivera who aspires to be a bilingual nurse after completing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.



Gilda J. Brown in the early 1950s

NURSING PARTNERSHIP

Tillamook Bay Community College has a partnership with Oregon Coast Community College and Adventist Health Tillamook to provide training for skilled Registered Nurses in Tillamook County. This degree is granted by Oregon Coast Community College (in consortium with Portland Community College). TBCC offers program prerequisites, general education, and nursing related coursework. Nursing students are admitted to the Nursing program Tillamook cohort through a competitive entry

TBCC Foundation Awards 41 students with Scholarships to attend Tillamook Bay Community College

This spring forty-one students received scholarships to attend Tillamook Bay Community College for the 2019-2020 academic year. We want to thank all of our scholarship donors who make these scholarships possible and we look forward to the Annual Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon later this year where we can celebrate student success and enjoy formal recognition of both donors and students. By the luncheon, TBCC Foundation will have awarded over \$75,000 in scholarships. It is a great reason to celebrate.

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Erika Llamas-Delgado

[Arthur & Janet Riedel Endowed Scholarship](#)

Noah Chatelain & Misty Swanson

[Benjamin G. Nunez and Priscilla Gleason Nunez Endowed Scholarship](#)

Noe Mendez & Yatzari Ozuna

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Macie Best

[Casey-Green Endowed Scholarship](#)

Briana Chambers & Erin Taylor

[DeArmond Scholarship](#)

Lucas Barker & Kasandra Rodriguez

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Haley Blaser

[EDC Entrepreneurial Scholarship](#)

Angelica Ortiz Rios

[Esther Milne - Pat Sears Endowed Scholarship](#)

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Zachary Anderson-VonHeeder

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Kasandra Rodriguez

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Randy Roseburgh



Tillamook Bay Community College Board of Education Director, Pam Zweifel, and Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation Board Member Kathy Shaw attended the June 5 awards reception at the College.



Haley Blaser proudly displays her scholarship certificate for the Dr. Paul Betlinski Endowed Scholarship.

Buck and Elnora Monroe Endowed Scholarship designed to Supports Veterans and Single Parents

Elnora Phelps' heart was always set on attending Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, but WWI had other plans for her and her family. Elnora's dad served in World War I and came back with a disability. He had always promised Elnora she could attend Linfield, but he passed away when she was only 16 and she was no longer able to attend. It's something she always wished she had accomplished.

Elnora met Buck Monroe in 1947 while he was completing his education at Linfield College. They married and had three children. Buck was also a military man having enlisted and served in the Navy as a radio man on a Destroyer in WWII. He was the first in his family to attend College; the GI Bill made it possible. "I don't think Buck could have gone to school without the GI Bill. It was the financing he needed to get there," said Elnora.

Both Buck and Elnora lived a life of service. Buck was an educator and coach who began his career at the high school level and then later transitioned to Clackamas Community College as a counselor and coach. As a counselor he worked with veterans to help them stay on course. Elnora worked at two iconic Oregon landmarks. She was the manager of the gift shop at the Vista House and also the one at Multnomah Falls.

Buck passed away in 2010, and after attending the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon with her daughter Kathy Shaw, who serves on the TBCC Foundation board, Elnora started thinking about beginning a scholarship endowment. "I heard the stories at the luncheon of the students



Elnora Monroe at the 2016 Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon

who received scholarships and I wanted to help working mothers and working fathers to get their education," she said.

She began building toward an endowment in 2011 and in 2016 the first Buck and Elnora Monroe Endowed Scholarship was awarded. The scholarship includes a preference for veterans and single parents. "I chose to create the scholarship at TBCC because it is a growing community college with strong plans for the future," she said. "I believe in the future of the college."

How to Make a Donation

If you would like to make a donation to support a scholarship, program of study, student emergency funds, adult literacy, or other area of need for the college, please contact the Foundation office. We are happy to talk with you about the needs for the college and consider ways we can work together to support higher education in Tillamook County. You can reach us in which ever way works best for you.

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Kassandra Rodriguez: On a Path to Success

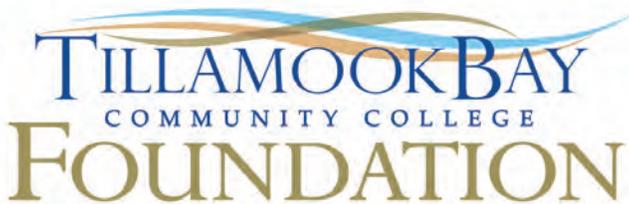
"I always knew I wanted to work in the field of criminal justice," said TBCC student Kassandra Rodriguez who attends TBCC full-time and also works full-time as an employee at the Oregon Youth Authority. "The classes I am taking at TBCC and the real world information shared by the instructors is helping me to prepare for this career," she said.

Kassandra is the recipient of the Nehalem Bay Emergency Services Scholarship and a DeArmond Scholarship. The Nehalem Bay Emergency Services Scholarship was established by the Nehalem Volunteer Firefighter's Association to enhance and promote strong leadership and skilled professionals in the fire, EMS, and law enforcement fields. The DeArmond scholarship seeks to support a student who intends to go right into the workforce after completing a degree.

"I am so grateful to have received these scholarships. They are removing so many burdens for me," said Kassandra. "I am going to school full-time, working full-time, and raising a family. It is a lot, but getting my education is something I always wanted to do. I tried to go to college once before at a different college but there was no help. I did not have anyone to help guide me. I also did not feel I had a trusted source of child care for when I was at school. It was not a good experience. I knew if I was going to pull it together and accomplish this dream, I needed to be near my family and moved to Tillamook. TBCC has been so welcoming. The instructors are supportive of me as a returning adult student, and staff has helped me understand all the expectations. It is a completely different situation than I experienced before. I am looking forward to graduating next year."



Kassandra Rodriguez



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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.

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