

Career-to-Career Scholar Achieves Goal, Secures Contract with Tillamook School District

Stephanie Van De Hey didn't start out with a plan to attend TBCC. She was new to the community and was just starting to learn all that Tillamook could offer. She had a background in elementary education and began a job at Liberty Elementary School as a Title I instructor. One day, a friend was showing her around town and pointed out Tillamook Bay Community College. She said she thought, "What a nice looking college."

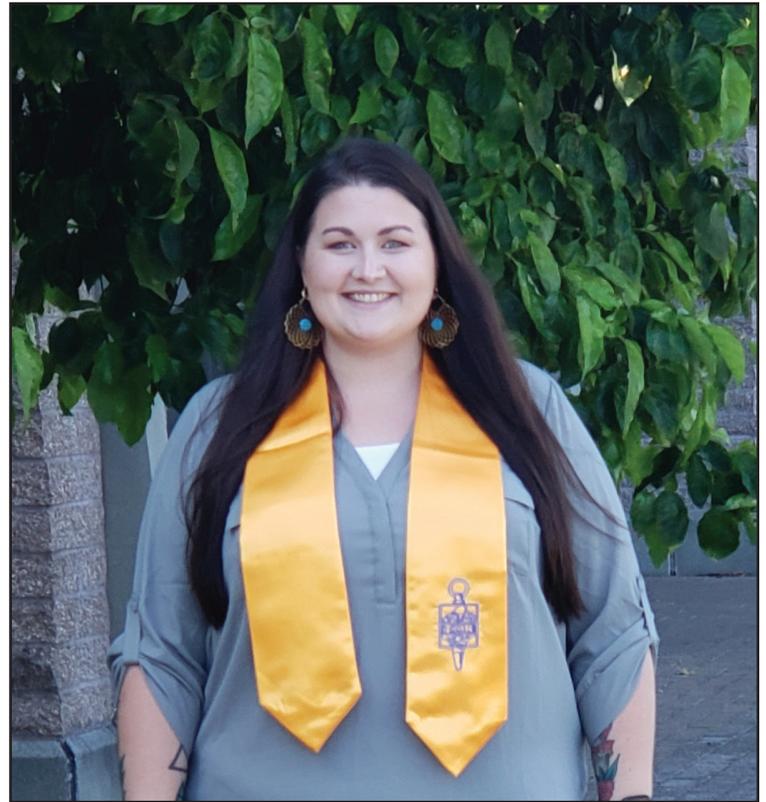
She went home and looked up the College's website to see what programs were offered. As fate would have it, the college was accepting applications for its Career-to-Career scholarship program.

The Career-to-Career scholarship provides tuition funding for students who are returning to school after gaining five years or more of work experience. It is intended for students who are seeking a transition to a new job, or who want to earn a promotion by increasing their skills.

She was encouraged by her friend to apply and after doing so and being accepted she thought, "Wow, I am really doing this. I never thought I would get a scholarship like this. It was huge!" She is also proud to share she is the first in her family to go to college.

"People often think, I don't have money, I don't have the time. But when you get a scholarship like this, you have no excuse. I worked fulltime at the school district; I did all my classes at night. I took classes online. I was really dedicated to my education. If there is any advice I would give to new students it is to make it known who you are. Email your teachers. Tell them who you are and what you are hoping to get out of the class."

While at TBCC, Stephanie was a member of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa and she graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. When asked what she liked best about her experience at TBCC she said, "Everything! I love it here. This experience has just been crazy."



Career-to-Career scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa honor student Stephanie Van De Hey.

Stephanie knew her calling was to teach and so this past spring while completing her final courses at TBCC she reached out to Curt Shelly, Superintendent of Tillamook School District to ask about the "Grow Your Own" program offered by the district.

The "Grow Your Own" program is designed to support aides in the district who show promise and want to move into teaching, but need to earn the required education. The program provides funding toward a bachelor degree, and after graduation, a contract with the district. After interviewing and following her own advice to make it known who you are and what you are hoping to achieve, she was accepted into the program.

Stephanie graduated this June from Tillamook Bay Community College and this fall will attend Pacific University in Forest Grove. When she completes her bachelors degree she will begin teaching at Tillamook School District in 2022. It will be a dream come true.

"I am not sure I would have done any of this without the Career-to-Career scholarship. It made all the difference for me," she said.

TBCC Celebrates the 2020 Graduates

When restrictions due to COVID-19 made it clear that the TBCC 2020 commencement ceremony could not be held, TBCC swung into action. “Our number one goal was to make graduation still feel special for our graduates and their families,” said Rhoda Hanson, Vice President of Student Services. “We reached out to graduates and asked for ideas. What we heard was they want us to hold a graduation ceremony as soon as we are able and we are committed to doing that.”

However, President Ross Tomlin didn’t feel like waiting was good enough. “I felt strongly that we needed to celebrate graduates now,” he said. “I look forward all year to shaking hands at graduation and congratulating students on their success. It means a lot to me and I know it means a lot to the graduates and their families to be recongnized. I wanted students to be congratulated now for their success.”

Tomlin said he would like to go to each graduate’s home to congratulate them. “At first I wasn’t sure I believed him,” Hanson said. “We have 44 graduates this year. That is a big commitment.” However, Tomlin was not detoured by the number. In fact, he was pleased to see so many students were able to complete this final term under the extraordinary circumstances that the pandemic presented.

The week of June 8, President Tomlin, dressed in full regalia and with a small entourage, visited 21 students who took him up on the offer to visit them at their home. Each student received a TBCC gift bag, which included a congratulations sign to place in their yard, a diploma cover, personal card from the president, tassel, PTK honors regalia if applicable, and a TBCC Alumni water bottle from the TBCC Foundation.

During the visit, each student also received a personal conferring of degrees, which is when the president officially grants them the degrees they received and the student performs the movement of their tassel from the right side to the left side of their graduation cap. In this case, from hand to hand.

It was an amazing couple of days traveling to homes and celebrating. TBCC is still committed to a commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 and will announce plans as soon as they are available.



44

Graduates

19

Received a TBCC Foundation
Scholarship

7

Received a First Class
Scholar Scholarship

3

Received a Career-to-Career
Scholarship



Jacob Waldron graduated from Neah-Kah-Nie high school this year and earned an Associate degree through TBCC at the same time by taking dual credit courses while he attended high school. High school students do not pay to take dual credit course, which means Waldron received his first two years of college for free. Congratulations Jacob!



Dustin Young Awarded Teaching Excellence of the Year



Congratulations to Adjunct Faculty member Dustin Young who was awarded the Teaching Excellence of the Year Award for 2019-2020. The Teaching Excellence of the Year Award was started in 2015 through funding from a local donor, Dale Harmer, who wanted to assist the college to recognize teaching excellence performed by faculty.

The annual recipient is chosen based on a set of criteria that demonstrates exemplary teaching performance including knowledge of the subject, innovative curriculum development and instructional design, ability to involve students and create enthusiasm for learning, and student empathy to encourage student success.

Dustin was widely recognized by students for her creative teaching style and her ability to encourage learning inside and outside of the classroom. She was selected from a group of 12 outstanding faculty nominations that each received multiple nominations. Of the many nominations received, students shared the following about Dustin:

- Dustin has created a learning situation that brings the subject in to our minds, rather than us looking out and observing it.
- She references and recommends books, films, videos, music, etc. I have probably spent as much time doing extracurricular activities for this class as I have on the requirements. And, I do so happily.
- Asking and expecting us to use this course to look at our own lives is one of the most creative ways to teach this subject. I think it creates a situation wherein we continue to learn as we interact in our lives.
- I can't say it better than it made me want to learn more.

Dustin teaches psychology and sociology through face-to-face, online, and hybrid class at the college. In addition to the recognition, she will receive \$1,000.

"Dustin is so deserving of this award. She is new to teaching and she has jumped in full throttle. The nominations from students were so impressive," said Dr. Teresa Rivenes, Vice President of Instruction at Tillamook Bay Community College.

Janet Riedel Joins TBCC Foundation Board



Janet Riedel has been a friend to Tillamook Bay Community College for a long time. She was introduced to the College by Van Moe who serves on the Foundation Board. The two also serve together on the TBCC Budget committee.

In 2013, Janet and her husband Art, who has since passed away, started the Arthur and Janet Riedel Endowed Scholarship Fund to

support students to achieve their education. This past year, Janet was the guest speaker at the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon and spoke of how she

has been impressed with how our small college has been able to accomplish so much with scholarships such as the First Class Scholars scholarship.

In addition to the TBCC Foundation Board, Janet is a past board member of the Garibaldi Museum and supports the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum through committee work. Janet is a Master Gardener and has served as president for the organization. She also is a volunteer for the SMART reading program at South Prairie Elementary School. Many people in our community know Janet through her philanthropic and volunteer work. She is a true friend to our community.

When a position on the Foundation Board opened up this past winter, Van was quick to nominate Janet for the role. Welcome Janet and thank you for joining us.

Reser Family Foundation Supports TBCC Welding Program

Students in the TBCC Industrial Technology and Welding programs have five new welders for their programs thanks to a grant from the Reser Family Foundation.

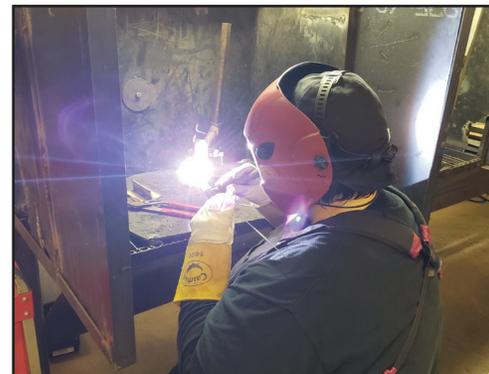
The nonprofit based in Washington County approved a grant request to fund the purchase of five multi-process Welder packs. In addition, it funded fixtures (racking, welding apparatus) for the welders, and a secure storage container to house the equipment and projects. TBCC teaches welding classes in a shared space in the Career and Technical Education building at Tillamook High School. Both high school and college students will be using the new welders.

The addition of the new welders makes it possible for each student in a cohort to work with a dedicated welder during class. "In a welding program, competency is achieved through practice," said Darryl Spitzer, Dean of Career Technical Education at TBCC. "Prior to receiving these new welders, students had been rotating between welders. Adding these five new welders will maximize their training time and proficiency. It will make a huge difference for students."

Students in the programs will be exposed to all types of welding in addition to the other facets of working in a shop environment. TBCC offers the following Industrial Technology programs:

- Associate of Applied Science in Agricultural Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing and Industrial Technology
 - Certified Production Technician Certificate
 - Manufacturing Technician Certificate (welding, machining, millwright, electrical)
- Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology
 - One-Year Welding Technology Certificate
 - Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) Certificate
 - Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Certificate
 - Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Certificate

"We are continuing to build these technical programs to make sure students are career ready when they complete. We also added new PLC equipment funded by the Chelone family to support the Ag Tech program and we are looking to bring in a new CNC machine this next year as well. These programs put people to work and we are really pleased with all the community support we are receiving," stated Spitzer.



How to Make a Donation to Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation

If you would like to make a donation to support a scholarship, program, student emergency funds, adult literacy, or other area of need, please contact the Foundation office. We are happy to talk with you 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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Annika Waterman: Believing in the Power of Small



Annika Waterman is pursuing a degree in Agricultural Science. She was the recipient of the Tillamook County Master Gardeners Scholarship in 2019-2020.

Why did you choose to attend TBCC?

What brought me to TBCC was the small student body and the super hands-on staff. I wanted to start at a small school not a big university. TBCC offered a degree I could transfer to a four-year university. I am a working college student. I work part time and go to school full time.

Why did you choose the field of agriculture for your career?

I have always wanted to go into agriculture. More specifically ranching. I want to own animals, do something good for the environment, and be self-sustainable. That has always been the path I wanted to take.

What do like about the Agriculture program at TBCC?

I like how the Agriculture program embraces the real meaning of being a small college. For example, in my Dairy and Beef Industry course, almost every class we went out in the field; that is how we learned. We went out to dairies and other operations. In my animal science class, we went out to a farm that was run by robots. I had never seen that before. We get to ask the farmers and ranchers the questions we really want to know. The hands-on part, the interactive experiences is what I like best.

What are some of the important things you learned?

Something I learned from TBCC is all the steps it takes to transfer to a university. My counselor has helped me get it all figured out. I knew what I wanted my end goal to be but none of the steps in between. My counselor takes as much time as it takes to help me through the process. She was always willing to sit down with me and figure it out.

What was the best part of being a student at TBCC?

The best part is how much the staff is willing to put into each student. You really get the help you need and the staff really cares about each of their students and will go to great length to help you. The small class size was great too.

Tillamook Masonic Lodge Doubles Down for TBCC Students

The Tillamook Masonic Lodge has a long history of supporting school education and programs in Tillamook County. Back in the early '90s, Bob Reed was involved in putting together the first scholarship program that encompassed all four Masonic Lodges in Tillamook County. Then, in 2017, the lodge decided to resurrect the scholarship and once again support a student at Tillamook Bay Community College.

“We wanted to reconstruct the original scholarship and we chose TBCC because it keeps the funding in Tillamook County and it is for the residents of Tillamook County,” Bob recalls.

Then last year, Bob and other members from the Tillamook Masonic Lodge had the pleasure of attending the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship Luncheon to celebrate the students who had received scholarships to attend TBCC and the donors who make it all possible.



Don and Sylvia Burk, representatives from the Tillamook Masonic Lodge at the 2018 Mildred Davy Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon with Masonic Lodge scholarship recipient Charmaine Polizzi.

The luncheon was well attended by several members of the Tillamook Masonic Lodge and Bob said they were impressed with the testimonies given and the importance of financial assistance for these students to reach their educational goals. Shortly thereafter, Bob said the members quickly decided to sponsor a second scholarship for the 2021 academic year.

“It was about the opportunity for members of our Lodge to hear firsthand the value of what these scholarships that encouraged us to add an additional scholarship,” he said. “They heard the gratitude

going around the room and could see how rewarding it is to participate in helping students.”

“On behalf of the Tillamook Masonic Lodge, we would also like to wish our scholarship recipients, Selena Aguilar Castillo and Megan Kjenslee all the best as they pursue their educational dreams,” he added.

Emergency Funds: Helping students stay in school

Tillamook Bay Community College and the TBCC Foundation awarded 143 students with \$89,567 in emergency fund support during Spring Term. The majority of the support came in the way of emergency financial aid grants funded through the CARES Act, part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, distributed by the U.S. Department of Education. The remaining funds were provided through support from the TBCC Foundation's emergency fund program and a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The intent of the emergency fund program is to provide students who are experiencing an emergency or an urgent unexpected expense with the funding to help them bridge the gap and stay in school.

"We have a funding partner called Olive Bridge that has been supporting emergency funds for students for three years now," said Heid Luquette, Executive Director of Advancement and the TBCC Foundation. "They have done a wonderful job supporting TBCC students. Seven students received \$2,250 this term through Olive Bridge." Over the years, emergency funds have been used to assist students to pay for unexpected dental bills, an auto repair, and even a hotel stay for a homeless family.

In total, 12 students received \$3,950 through the TBCC Foundation emergency funds program. The remaining 131 students received Cares Act funding, the majority of which

received \$600. The amount was a standard average amount students who experienced the campus disruption would need. Students who needed additional support were able to request it.

Cares Act funds could only be used for students who were directly impacted as a result of changes that took place on campus resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who were already taking Online Courses, GED students, or students who are not eligible to receive federal funding such as students who are part of the DACA program are not eligible to receive Cares Act funds.

"Donations from community members are critical to the emergency funds program," shared Luquette. "We count on local support to help make sure we are here for students to bridge a gap. Our goal is student success and we know these funds matter."

If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to the TBCC Foundation and put Emergency Funds in the memo line.

The Ford Family Foundation supports students in GED and Adult Basic Education programming

Many thanks to The Ford Family Foundation that provided TBCC with a \$10,000 grant to assist students studying to take the General Educational Development (GED) exam and students studying Adult Basic Education. The grant was offered as part of The Ford Family Foundation's COVID-19 relief efforts.

TBCC conducted a survey to assess the ability of students in these programs to continue their education during the pandemic. In almost all cases, students did not have access to a computer or a wireless connection, which meant the courses could not transition to an online learning environment and therefore TBCC was not able to offer these courses during the Spring Term.



The Ford Family Foundation funds will be used to purchase lap top computers and wireless hotspots for students to check out while studying in the program. It will also cover emergency funds for students. Students in these programs do not qualify for support through the Cares Act because GED preparation courses and Adult Basic Education course are all pre-college learning and therefore are not credit eligible.

"It is very difficult to secure funding to support students in these programs and we are incredibly grateful to the The Ford Family Foundation for recognizing how important it is to continue to provide opportunities for those who are working to improve their job opportunities," said Heidi Luquette, Executive Director of Advancement and the TBCC Foundation.

Angelica Godinez: Grateful for Scholarship

Going back to college isn't a decision to make lightly. For Angelica Godinez, who is in her second year working on a transfer degree at TBCC, it was critical that going back to school fit with her life.

"I have a full time job and a four year old, so it's not very easy for me to just make a decision and run with it," Angelica said about why she chose to start her career path at TBCC. She also liked the flexibility of the online classes.

"I have a pretty busy home and work life so it is hard for me to carve out time to take in person classes," she said. "I've been able to learn so much from my online classes and they've been very flexible with my schedule."

Angelica was awarded a Career-to-Career Scholarship and a TBCC Foundation Scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year.

"The scholarships are really important to me because they have offered me an opportunity to go to college and get an education without it being a financial burden," she said. "It's not one more

thing added to my plate and it really opened up a lot of doors for me to really do something with my life."

When asked about her future plans, Angelica stated, "I have a huge passion for health equity. I'm Hispanic and I grew up here in Tillamook where it can be really hard because there is not a lot of diversity here. I really want to help people and make a difference."

Angelica also said that the staff and financial advisors at TBCC were instrumental in helping her be successful. "College is really expensive," she said. "It's a huge investment and the financial advisors at TBCC are so helpful."



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