

## Teach for Tillamook Scholarship Fund: Helping to educate new teachers locally

Lisa and Max Sanchez knew from the beginning they wanted their wedding to give back. The venue they chose was a nonprofit and as they brainstormed their dreams for how their wedding day would go, they knew it would not include a traditional gift registry. As Lisa said, "do we really need 3 deviled egg trays?"

For them, they felt this was the place they could make an impact. They wanted to do something that would be more than just a one-off, they wanted to do something lasting. So instead of seeking gifts for themselves, they asked their family and friends to contribute toward a scholarship fund at Tillamook Bay Community College.

### TEACH FOR TILLAMOOK

"I was looking through the TBCC spring class schedule and saw the college had started a new homegrown teacher program," Lisa said. At the time, Lisa was the Library Assistant at the TBCC Library. She is now a Library Assistant for the Bay City branch of the Tillamook County Library. Max teaches literature, language arts, and social studies at Tillamook Junior High. "Learning about the program got us talking about our own experiences as community college students," Lisa said. "The value was in both the education itself and, also, the financial aspect."

Max went on to gain a Bachelor's and Master's degree, and Lisa graduated in May with a Bachelor's. "We are excited about the new program at the college and the pathway it provides from high school through an undergraduate degree and then on to a career. I contacted the Foundation to see if it was possible to start a scholarship to support it and what that might look like."



*Lisa and Max Sanchez on their wedding day July 2018*

It was more than possible. Lisa and Max established the Teach for Tillamook Scholarship fund and through their efforts have raised over \$2,900. "It's a pretty amazing feeling," Max said. "As we started totaling the donations and realized that we had met and exceeded the amount needed to award the scholarship, we felt honored that our guests showed their support in that way."

The fund not only will support the future of students in Tillamook County, it has allowed for a legacy for their wedding day.

Both Max and Lisa acknowledge that even though this gift is for others, they too benefit. "As residents of Tillamook County, we want to live in a community with a strong education system and support for students pursuing their goals. By starting the fund, we are investing in the community we want to live in," they said.

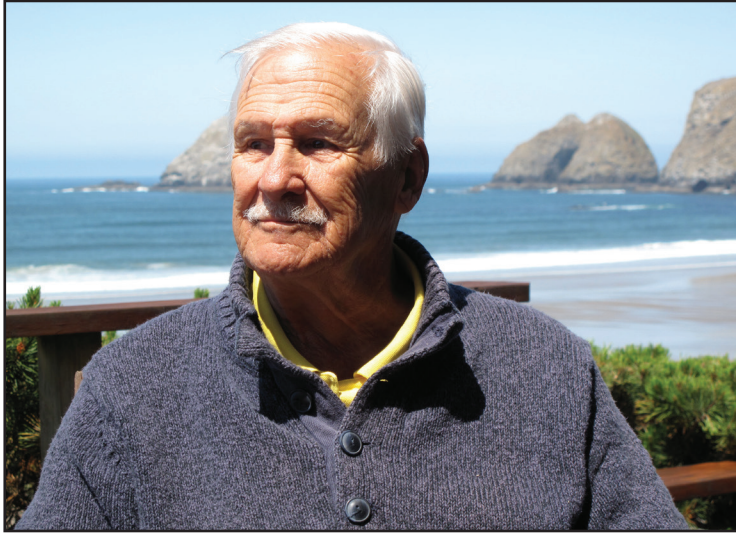
### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to contribute to the Teach for Tillamook Scholarship fund, you can contact the Foundation at (503) 842-8222 ext. 1025, or mail a check made out to the TBCC Foundation with Teach for Tillamook in the memo line.

### How to Start an Annual Scholarship at TBCC

Annual scholarships are a critical part of providing students with access to a college education. To start an annual scholarship you will need a minimum annual contribution of \$1,000. We will work with you to help prepare a scholarship that will support a student to reach their goals. To learn more, please contact Heidi Luquette at (503) 842-8222 ext. 1025.

## President's Message



Judson Randall

While the leaves have only just reached their full colorful glory, students of Tillamook Bay Community College are thoroughly engaged in their fall-term studies.

And the college foundation board will soon embark on an action plan to implement its recently adopted strategic plan through an action plan developed with the help of two consultants. The board will work on each of three initiatives:

- Building the board's capacity by recruiting and adding up to three more board members, bringing the total to fifteen from its current twelve members
- Increase funding for scholarships, named and endowed
- Increase resources to expand workforce training programs

The action plan will extend over the first three fiscal-year quarters and will include determining which board members will take on which aspects of the outreach and fundraising activities.

A nominating committee will be formed and charged with recruiting prospective new board members. Techniques for measuring the action plan's success will be devised and brought to bear on how the board is performing.

An analysis will be done on how to increase funding support for scholarship programs such as the Career-to-Career scholarship and First Class Scholars program that has been funded by the college. Funding these important scholarships will now be in part the responsibility of the foundation board.

We have a big year ahead of us and we are looking forward to the challenge. If you are interested in joining us in any of these endeavors, or as a board member, please contact me at [jud@europa.com](mailto:jud@europa.com).

Judson Randall, TBCC Foundation Board President

## Use your IRA required distribution to support students

If you're older than 70 ½ and have an IRA or other retirement plan, talk with your CPA or tax preparer about how you can use your annual required minimum distribution to make a donation that is sent directly to a qualified non-profit organization or charity. This may allow you to reduce your taxes since it reduces the amount of your adjusted gross income by the amount of the donation from your required mandatory distribution. I took advantage of this opportunity in 2018 and it felt good to support two organizations in our community that I want to help to continue their good work.

There are many other ways to give that are not direct cash gift such as transferring stock. I have taken advantage of this opportunity as well in past years and it saved me in capital gains. I transferred the stock to a nonprofit and they reaped the benefits. If you have questions about ways to support the College Foundation, contact your tax advisor and let them know you want to give. They may be able to advise you on ways to give that you hadn't ever thought of.

Judson Randall, TBCC Foundation Board President

## How to Donate

***To make a donation to a scholarship, or to support a program at TBCC, please contact the TBCC Foundation:***

### In Person

TBCC Foundation, Office 108A  
4301 Third St.  
Tillamook, OR 97141

### Phone

Heidi Luquette  
(503) 842-8222 ext. 1025

### Email

[heidiluquette@tillamookbaycc.edu](mailto:heidiluquette@tillamookbaycc.edu)

### Online

[www.tillamookbaycc.edu](http://www.tillamookbaycc.edu)

*You can make a donation using your credit card Online at the website.*

*Click 'Discover TBCC and the Foundation'*

## Sarah Absher and Chuck Bridge join TBCC Foundation Board

We are proud to have two new board members join the TBCC Foundation Board at our September meeting. Welcome Sarah Absher and Chuck Bridge. Each is full of energy and enthusiasm, and has a passion for supporting our community college.



Chuck Bridge  
Photo courtesy of Nehalem Bay Fire  
and Rescue District

**Chuck Bridge** is very engaged in the community, currently serving as president of the board for the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District. He also serves on the Tillamook Adventist Health Advisory Committee and is a past member of the Planning Commission for the City of Manzanita to name a few of his civic activities. Chuck is a retired educator and retired from the United States Air Force. He was instrumental in developing the Nehalem Bay Emergency Services Scholarship for students at Tillamook Bay Community

College that is provided through the Nehalem Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association.

We are excited to have Chuck's experience and talent join our board.

**Sarah Absher** is the director of the Tillamook County Department of Community Development and a small business owner in Tillamook County. She is passionate about community service and currently serves as a Kiwanis Club member, Rotary Club member, Tillamook Chamber of Commerce Board Member, and Board Member for Tillamook County Animal Aid.



Sarah Absher

Sarah's passion to give back will be an asset to the board. She has a desire to help with fundraising and outreach efforts to ensure residents of Tillamook County have continuing education and new educational opportunities available.

Thank you to both Chuck and Sarah for joining us in our mission to increase awareness and the level of financial resources available to Tillamook Bay Community College.

## Olive Bridge Emergency Funds What does emergency support look like?

In our July newsletter, we shared that a private family foundation started the Olive Bridge Fund at TBCC to support students who were experiencing an unexpected event or situation in their lives that could cause them to drop out of school. The fund was opened with a \$5,000 gift. In the first year, eight students received funding support totaling \$2,972. All eight students successfully completed the term. We are very grateful to the Olive Bridge Fund for their support. Below are three of the eight scenarios that were funded.

1

Due to two large unexpected bills, the student fell into a financial hardship and was preparing to leave school. Emergency funds were used to pay partial rent and to pay for the registration of the student's vehicle. The student successfully completed the term.

2

A student who travels approximately 40 miles round trip to attend school was driving with tires that could no longer make the trip. Working with a local tire company, funds were used to purchase a new set of tires. The student successfully completed the term and was on the honor roll.

3

This student terminated an abusive relationship which caused a temporary financial hardship. Funds were used for partial rent payment to bridge the gap for one month. The student successfully completed the term. The student also gained an additional part-time job to create a sustainable situation.

*"He climbs the highest peak who helps another up."* Mildred Davy, radio personality and beloved Tillamook citizen

# Enrolling our 10th cohort of First Class Scholars, and a transition to Career-to-Career Scholarships

## STARTING THE FIRST CLASS SCHOLAR PROGRAM

In 2009, community colleges in Oregon were offered an amazing opportunity. It came in the way of a \$50,000 matching grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation to support student scholarships. The premise of the grant was the college would receive it if the community could match it - *and we did!*

The \$100,000 is what started TBCC's First Class Scholar (FCS) program. It funded graduating high school seniors to attend TBCC for two years if they applied. The very first FCS cohort was part of the first group of students who attended classes on the brand new campus on Third Street. It was quite a time in TBCC's history.

Since that initial funding, the Board of Education has felt so strongly that graduates in Tillamook need support to access a college education that every year since they have funded the First Class Scholar program. We can all be proud that 171 students have taken advantage of the program to some level over the past ten year. This year, we have twelve first-year, First Class Scholars.

## OREGON PROMISE

In 2016, the Oregon legislature created the Oregon Promise grant. It too provides funding for recent high school graduates to attend community college. With this new funding opportunity available for high school students, there is less financial pressure on TBCC to fund this group of students. TBCC took a look at our student population to learn who is attending and what is the level of financial need.



*Student from the first cohort of Career-to-Career Scholarship recipients (l to r) back row: Angelica Ortiz, Kym Hamann, Michel Cordova, Mellissa Mumey, Nina Jarvis. Front row: Aliyah Rodriguez, Isabella Rain Christy, Dakota Kirkpatrick.*

## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Here is what the data told us about credit seeking students from the 2017/2018 academic year:

**39%** are what we consider "traditional" or right out of high school

**61%** are students who are returning to their education after several years out of high school or "non-traditional"

Of the students who applied for Federal Financial Aid:

**38%** were considered a dependent  
**62%** were independent

**86%** of those independent students qualified for federal need based grants (high financial need)

This tells us more of our students are non-traditional students, with a higher need, and fewer resources than those who have recently graduated. This is

powerful information to know about our students and it is driving the college and Foundation to work together to make sure there is funding in place to support this population of students.

## CAREER-TO-CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2017, TBCC started the Career-to-Career (CtoC) Scholarship program. We are unique in the state of Oregon with offering this type of funding, and we are getting recognized statewide for our efforts. The CtoC scholarship program provides tuition funding for students returning to school after a break of five years,

who are seeking to transition to a new job, or gain a promotion by increasing their skills. Tuition is offered for up to two years or until their degree is completed if attending part-time.

## A PATH FORWARD

Through our strategic planning efforts, the TBCC Foundation has established a priority to help fund Career-to-Career Scholarships. We are working to make sure ALL students in our community have access to higher education at any stage in their journey.

So, watch for our progress. We intend to keep you posted on this work and seek your support and feedback. If you are interested in helping, let us know. As it was in 2009 when the college launched the First Class Scholars program and moved onto a beautiful new campus, now too is also an amazing time in our history.

## Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon

### Connecting students with donors

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon this October. We had a wonderful turnout of guests, an outstanding slate of sponsors, and an all around good time was had by all. A very special thank you to TBCC Alumna Angelica Acosta who shared her story via video of going back to school as an adult, and how scholarships supported her success. To view the video, visit [www.tillamookbaycc.edu](http://www.tillamookbaycc.edu). We would also like to thank foundation board members Jeanette Hagerty, Kathy Shaw, and Van Moe for their hard work to plan and prepare this special event. The event raised \$6,685 toward student scholarships and general support toward the Foundation.



(l to r) Kiwanians Dr. Ross Tomlin, Patsy Weber, Kimber Hall, Chris Weber, Val Braun, and Mary Faith Bell, pose with Claudia Hernandez (front), recipient of the Kiwanis Club of Tillamook - Lyle Specht Memorial Scholarship.



(l to r) Caitlin Knutsen, Melony Bofill, and Charlene Sullivan, recipients of Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarships pose with Cheryl Davy.



(l to r) Bob and Alicia Reed enjoy a laugh with Misty Swanson, recipient of the Robert and Alicia Reed Endowed Scholarship.



Ruth Jensen, past TBCC Board of Education member and co-benefactor, with her daughter Kathy Jensen, of the M. Wayne Jensen endowed Scholarship.



Kasandra Rodriguez (l) and Jhonary Pimienta (r) pose in celebration with Cara Elder (m), TBCC Career Education Advisor.



(l) Janet Riedel, benefactor of the Arthur and Janet Riedel Endowed scholarship, shares why she gives to Tillamook Bay Community College students.



Ben Nunez, benefactor of the Benjamin G. and Priscilla Gleason Nunez Endowed Scholarship, (m) greets Don (l) and Sylvia Burk (r)

This event was generously sponsored by TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union; Tillamook Country Smoker; Judson Randall; Near Space Corporation; and Stratos Wealth, Ted Erickson, CFP

# Truck Driver Training Preparation

## A community effort to help prepare a local workforce

Last winter during one of her many conversations with local businesses, Arlene Soto, TBCC Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director asked her standard question, “How can the Small Business Development Center help you be more successful?”

What she learned set in motion a series of events that led to the development of the Truck Driver Training Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Preparation course now being offered at Tillamook Bay Community College.

The idea for the training was born out of a conversation with a client in the trucking industry. The client said their major issue was finding qualified drivers.

The SBDC created an advisory committee to help address the issue after first conducting a survey of local transportation companies, utilities, and community leaders. The advisory committee assisted with understanding the needs, and the equipment that would be necessary for the program.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Zwald Transport, Inc.  
Tillamook County Creamery Association  
Hampton Lumber  
M & M Transport  
Business Oregon  
Port of Tillamook Bay  
Tillamook Chamber of Commerce  
NW Oregon Works  
OSU Extension  
Joe Morton & Sons, Inc.

### DONATING TO THE PROGRAM

M&M Trucking, Inc. donated a tractor and Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) and TP Freight Lines each donated a semi trailer. “We really were impressed with how this group stepped forward. They wanted to be part of a solution and they knew it would take more than just the college taking action to get things done,” Soto said.



*M&M Trucking, Inc. donated a tractor for use in the new Truck Driver Training Program.*

Classes are taught in the computer lab at the Partners for Rural Innovation Building and the driving is done at the Port of Tillamook Bay. The Port donated site grading and rock to develop a driving course.

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

To help support students to enroll, Worksource Oregon is providing scholarships up to \$1,500. An additional \$5,000 in scholarship funds were provided by the TBCC Foundation through the Robert and Leona DeArmond Foundation. The Tillamook Economic Development Council (EDC) has also approved loan funds for students to help pay for the program out of its existing loan program.

In addition to developing the four-week training course, raising funds to purchase a truck driving simulator is also in the works. “The simulator will help students develop skills in various scenarios such as adverse driving conditions that can’t be replicated in the course,” Soto said.

TCCA contributed the first \$15,000 toward the simulator and a USDA grant was written and received to add another \$50,000 toward the simulator’s cost of \$115,000.

In addition to students in the class using the simulator, it can also be rented by local transportation companies to enhance the skills of their existing drivers.



*Pat Ryan, TBCC Facilities Director (r) poses with driver Matt (l) as he delivers the 40 foot trailer TCCA donated to the Truck Driver Training program.*

“We want to thank everyone who has provided funding, donations, and leadership to support the development of this new program for the college and to assist with developing our local workforce,” said Dr. Ross Tomlin, TBCC President. “The community has been very responsive to supporting this effort and it shows in the success we have seen with the first two graduates,” he added.

If you happen to see Arlene, and she asks you how the Small Business Development Center can help your business be more profitable, don’t hesitate to answer. Arlene is a powerhouse who knows how to get things done.

## American Association of University Women's campus trees ablaze in fall splendor



*Elizabeth Gordon poses with her tree in 2015*

A strategic partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) offers the college campus a beautiful backdrop each fall in the way of orange, yellow, green, and red leaves adorning a series of commemorative trees.

There are three trees left to name of the original 28 that were allocated toward the commemorative tree program managed by the AAUW. Individuals, families or service clubs can designate a tree in their name while supporting the AAUW Endowment Fund that provides scholarships for TBCC students.

For a gift of \$1,000, a tree on the main college campus can be named on your behalf. A reflection garden is positioned on the Southwestern

corner of the campus and includes a display that shares the names of the designated trees. The garden also includes engraved stone pavers with a message from the donors.

If you are interested in naming a tree, please contact AAUW member, Marilyn Reynolds who can share with you which trees on campus are available.

This program is a wonderful way to support scholarships and have a long-term commemoration of someone special in your life.

Marilyn Reynolds can be reached at (503) 801-5961.

## Virgil Chadwick Agricultural Scholarship Supporting the field of Agriculture

The Chadwick family have been supporting education for a long time. As a retired educator, Orella Chadwick, the family's matriarch, wouldn't have it any other way.

"It dates back to my Grandma," she said. "She wanted every one of her kids and grandkids to get their education. I encouraged my kids to get their education too. Each month my kids had to put \$10 of what they earned on the farm into a college fund," she said. "All four of my kids earned a college degree. I'm proud of that"

The Virgil Chadwick Agricultural Scholarship has been part of Tillamook County since not long after Virgil's passing in 1999. It has supported numerous students to attend college and has adapted over time to ensure it is meeting its intended target: students who are studying to work in the field of agriculture or dairy. This year the scholarship was awarded to Levi Crabtree to attend TBCC.

"My extended family donates to this scholarship. Some years it is the charitable gift we choose to contribute to as a family. It is



*Virgil and Orella Chadwick on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

important to all of us to help kids get their education. For me, I want this scholarship to go to someone who needs it, earns it, and respects it," said Orella. "An education is important."

## Student Profile: Isabella Rain Christy

Isabella Rain Christy is the kind of student who wants to get things done. She is ambitious and goes out of her way to learn new things and offer support to her fellow TBCC student body members.

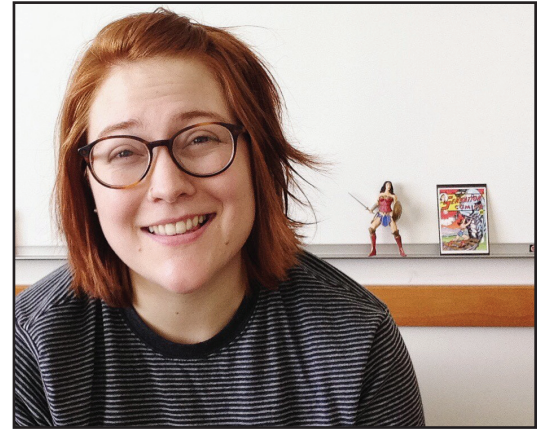
She is a Career-to-Career Scholar, which means her tuition is covered through a scholarship from the college. She also received a scholarship from the TBCC Foundation to assist with the cost of books and fees. She is in her second year at TBCC looking forward to transferring next fall to the Savannah College of Art and Design in the state of Georgia.

Isabella is currently the president of the Associated Students of Tillamook Bay Community College (ASTBCC). In this role, she is the student representative

that attends College Council meetings and recently she attended a TBCC Board of Education meeting. Isabella is also a Work Study student employed to support the TBCC Equity and Inclusion Committee. Her project this term is to assist the college to develop a food pantry and co-op space for students.

The mission of the TBCC food pantry is to provide a nutritional resource for students, as well as increase awareness of food insecurity. The pantry will provide food, personal care products, and paper products; the TBCC co-op space will provide clothing, including shoes, and school supplies.

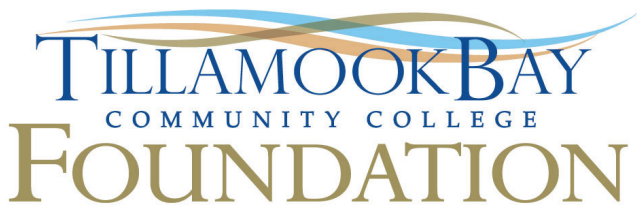
"I am so grateful to be a Career-to-Career scholarship recipient and have the freedom to place my time and



*Isabella Rain Christy*

energy into creating a more inclusive environment, with beneficial resources for myself and other students," she stated.

Isabella has been a huge asset as she project manages this important work.



4301 Third Street, Tillamook Oregon 97141

*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.*

2018/2019 Board Members: Judson Randall, Tim Dolan, Marilyn Phegley, Michael Weissenfluh, Ron Gienger, Jeanette Hagerty, Van Moe, Kathy Shaw, Chris Weber, Dr. Paul Betlinski, Tamra Gammon, Sarah Absher, Chuck Bridge, and Omar Hernandez.

The TBCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.  
Tax id# 93-1232961