

Empowering TBCC Students Through Scholarships

Meet Karime Ramirez Orozco! She is a nursing student in Tillamook Bay Community College's (TBCC) first nursing cohort and a recipient of the Mario and Alma Pastega Family Scholarship. Before Karime received financial help from scholarships, she wasn't sure if she could continue her education. As a first-generation college student and first-generation immigrant, she's faced complex hurdles that made affording higher education sometimes seem out of reach. But her determination and the support of family, friends, TBCC staff, and Foundation scholarships, have set her up for success.

At four years old, Karime's family moved from Mexico to the United States hoping to give her and her siblings a life with more opportunities. "I've basically lived here all my life. This is all I know," says Karime. Though Tillamook is her home, she didn't qualify for federal financial aid. When the Oregon Promise Tuition Grant ran out, Karime paid out of pocket each term. As a dedicated student with a part-time job, she questioned whether she could afford tuition. Thanks to the TBCC staff that mentored Karime, she became aware that she qualified for Foundation scholarships.

Her time at TBCC has been marked by memorable



Pictured above: Karime Ramirez Orozco speaking at the annual Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Event

experiences, particularly in her biology classes. "I took two years of biology, and it opened my eyes to so many incredible things," she shared. From dissecting sheep brains to making yogurt, Karime found joy in hands-on learning, enriching her education and solidifying her desire to pursue nursing. Karime is confident in her education saying, "I made the right choice attending TBCC, it has been amazing; people there have helped me so much."

Once Karime graduates she plans to go directly to work. Her commitment to helping others is rooted in personal experiences and her mother's inspiring journey as a nurse in Mexico. "I want to advocate

for underserved Latino communities," she explained, emphasizing her goal to bridge healthcare gaps for those facing language barriers and limited access to resources. After gaining work experience, she'll consider returning to school to get a BSN and pursue a career as a nurse practitioner.

Since Karime received scholarships, her educational costs at TBCC are now fully covered. When asked what this scholarship meant to her, Karime replied, "It made it possible." The generosity of those who support Foundation scholarships like the Mario and Alma Pastega Family Scholarship makes it possible for students like Karime to complete their educational goals.

Connecting Donors and Scholarship Recipients

The Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) Foundation hosted our Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition event on Friday, October 18. Scholarship recipients, benefactors of the college and the Foundation, and all who support higher education were invited to attend. Around 120 total guests attended; including nearly 50 students.

One goal of the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition event is to connect the Foundation's scholarship donors with the students who received awards that year. Introductions like these can help students connect donors' stories with their own lives, creating an understanding and appreciation for the efforts of everyone involved.

The Foundation also unveiled a portrait of Mildred Davy. The oil-painted portrait of Mildred Davy by Linda Alexander was donated by her daughter-in-law, Crissa Alexander, who coordinated with Barbara Trout, a Tillamook People's Utility District Board



Pictured above: Dan Kennedy and John Glines, Tillamook Masonic Lodge No. 57 AF & AM representatives, Noel Wassmer and Jessica Logsdon, Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship Recipients

member, to restore it. This painting will accompany the event each year, as the Foundation continues to uphold Mildred's legacy by supporting students, education, and lifelong learning.

The event at its core celebrates the Foundation's scholarship recipients, their achievements,

and dedication while providing an opportunity to hear their stories. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our scholarship recipients.

This event was sponsored by TLC, a Division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, Tillamook People's U2010tility District, and JAndy Oyster Co.

How to Make a Donation

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 you can work with the TBCC Foundation to support higher education in Tillamook County. You can reach us in whichever way works best for you.

Visit: 4301 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

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Alumni Highlight: Angelica Ortiz

Angelica Ortiz serves as the Resource Navigator at Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC). A proud TBCC graduate who benefited from the Career-to-Career Scholarship, her primary role is to assist students in finding the resources they need to achieve their educational goals.

Angelica says it was her time as a student that made her realize how valuable Career Education Advisors truly are. "I didn't know there were so many options for me until I talked with my advisor," she said.

"Visiting with a Career Education Advisor is one of the first things a student should do," Angelica said. "Then, that student always has someone they can go to when they need a question answered instead of trying to figure it out all on their own."

The basic needs program at TBCC is dedicated to helping students access the necessary resources for their success. Angelica states, "I believe students should focus on their studies without worrying about resource shortages."

"I really like to help others to succeed and to have the same positive experience that I had here," Angelica continued. "To be that person for a student; the one who wants them to succeed is exciting to me because I know what it's like to be on the receiving end of that."

The Career-to-Career Scholarship program was transformative for Angelica, allowing her to pursue her education. After earning her associate degree at TBCC, she transferred to Eastern Oregon University, where she completed her Bachelor of Business Administration and Public Health.

Angelica is a native Spanish speaker and can also help students who might not speak English as their first language. She said her biggest advice for new students is not to be afraid. "Don't be afraid to ask questions," she said. "Never feel like you are alone in this journey. We are all here to help; take advantage of all the resources we have. Whether it's the math labs or the tutors in the learning lounge. If we have it, use it."

In her role at TBCC, Angelica actively gives back to the community by supporting students as they navigate their educational journeys. She is also a committed TBCC Foundation Giving Circle member.



Pictured Above: TBCC Alumni Angelica Ortiz

Interested in sharing your alumni story with us? Email us at: alumni@tillamookbaycc.edu

Alumni and Friends Program

TBCC Alumni and Friends Program connects our alumni with the College, current students, industry, and other alumni. Connections like these make our current students, alumni, and our community stronger and more successful.

Our Alumni have:

- Taken college courses – one or many
- Received a certificate or degree
- Received a GED, ELA
- Continuing-education classes
- Professional development training

Our Friends are:

Family members that have utilized TBCC resources through a college event (presentation, social events, arts or cultural exhibit or performance). They are employees or community members that love TBCC!



Thank you to our Donors!

It is our pleasure to thank the many individuals who support TBCC and its students by making a gift to the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation. In 2020, we launched Giving Circles as a way to honor and thank those who provide support. Giving Circles are calculated each December. Each Circle reflects a different level of giving. It is through commitments such as these that Tillamook Bay Community College is able to have the resources needed to continue to grow, innovate, and service our community.

If you are planning to make a donation this holiday season, please contact Britta Lawrence, Executive Director of Advancement and the TBCC Foundation. Call (971) 257-9258 or email brittalawrence@tillamookbaycc.edu

Find out which giving circle you belong to for 2024. There is still time to level-up your generosity before the year ends! Don't delay - give the gift of education today!

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

\$250 – \$4,999

Renewed annually

EXECUTIVE CIRCLE

\$5,000 – \$24,999

At least once within a three-year period

LEGACY SOCIETY

Donors who have contributed **\$25,000** in their lifetime or have included the TBCC Foundation in their Estate Plan

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Great things are happening! Save the Date!

North Coast Throwdown

MARCH 22, 2025

Giving Circles Appreciation Lunch

SPRING 2025

TBCC Open House

SPRING 2025

Commencement

JUNE 13, 2025

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

JUNE 2025

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Mildred Davy Event

OCTOBER 2025

Healthcare Education Building

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A Message from Executive Director Britta Lawrence



Pictured above: Michael Weissenfluh, TBCC Foundation Board President, Britta Lawrence, Executive Director of Advancement and TBCC Foundation, and Paul Jarrell, Ph.D., TBCC President

As the Executive Director of the Foundation, I'd like to look back at what we accomplished this year before we head into a new one. All of you support the TBCC Foundation in many ways, and it is your collective efforts that make it possible for the Foundation to exist, thrive, and continue supporting students and education.

In the past year, the Foundation awarded over \$122K in scholarship dollars to 66 students. This financial support would not be possible without our generous donors and scholarship fundraisers. Currently, the Foundation manages 32 scholarships and has two cycles a year; giving students two opportunities to apply.

So far during 2024, the Foundation has raised over \$226K in funds. Along with annual and endowed scholarships, we continue to help support the Career-to-Career Scholarship, the student emergency funds program, and the college's food pantry fund. When you donate to the Foundation, you can elect to designate your contribution to these funding programs or where it is most needed.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Foundation in 2024. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, or a community member who believes in the Foundation's mission, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for supporting students at TBCC!

Simple Ways to Make a Planned Gift

Scott Barbur & Laura Laskey, Law Partners at Barbur Laskey, LLC

1. Make a bequest in your estate plan. A will or living trust benefits you and your family and can easily include a bequest to an organization you wish to support. Work with a qualified attorney to include working in your will or trust such as: "I give and bequeath the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation, Tax ID 93-1232961, located in Tillamook, Oregon 97141, the sum of _____ dollars OR _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate OR the follow described property: _____."
2. Name the TBCC Foundation as a beneficiary of your investment account, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.
3. Set up a charitable remainder trust. Use cash, stock, or real estate to fund a charitable gift annuity to receive fixed and guaranteed income during your lifetime and tax benefits upon your death.
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Your pledge can help a student achieve their goals. Support TBCC's Career-to-Career Program today!

Our Goals for the Career-to-Career Program

We are working towards reaching an annual commitment of \$25,000 to support this transformative program. This year, **we need 175 dedicated supporters to pledge \$25.00 a month for the next 7 months.**

As of fall 2024, the program has welcomed 147 students facing diverse challenges, including foster youth, single parenthood, and other significant barriers. We currently have 33 Career-to-Career students who are attending TBCC. The program not only provides financial support but also integrates students into a supportive cohort, encouraging community engagement through college activities or services. Remarkably, 82 students have since completed a degree or certificate, with 31 graduating with the highest honors, showcasing the program's profound impact on its participants.

The Career-to-Career Scholarship Program

Initiated in fall 2017, the Career-to-Career (CtoC) program targets Tillamook County residents who have been out of the education system and in the workforce for at least five years and are seeking to advance or change their career paths.

Join Our Commitment to Change Lives through Education

As a generous supporter of Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation, you have already made a tremendous difference in our students' lives. We are once again calling upon your spirit of giving to meet an ambitious goal.

Your Next Step

Join us now in giving the gift of education. Your monthly gift can make a world of difference. **Pledge \$25 a month for the next 7 months and help us achieve our goal.** To make your commitment, scan the QR code now

How Your Contribution Helps

- Supports students in achieving their career goals
- Strengthens the economy of our community
- Provides opportunities for residents to enhance their skills and improve their lives

Thank You for Supporting TBCC Foundation's Mission!

Your continued support is instrumental in increasing awareness and the level of financial resources available to Tillamook Bay Community College. This helps us provide quality education and cater to the diverse educational needs of the college and community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.



Grateful for Your Support: A Message of Thanks

Dear Tillamook Masonic Lodge,

Thank you so much for accepting my application for the Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship. My family and I greatly appreciate the support from you. I plan on using this scholarship award towards my academic studies by purchasing my books as needed for my class and potentially gas to come into town for my classes.

I am happily married to my high school sweetheart, and we have a loving two-year-old who I stay home and raise, as well as another baby on the way that is due to make his/her appearance in the beginning of October. Money can be tight some months so being awarded scholarships is such a tremendous help to our one-income family. My husband assures me that no matter what money comes in he will continue to help me pursue my dream of becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse. This scholarship will also help me focus on getting my Associates of Science degree and take care of my prerequisite classes that I need to complete before getting into the nursing program.

Again, thank you so much for your time and dedication to supporting students like myself. I hope you all have a fantastic day and know you have made a difference in my life and my family's life.

Sincerely,

Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship Recipient



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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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