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Providing a Legacy of High-Quality Education

Welcome Letter from KCC President Dr. Roberto Gutierrez



Frank Capra’s movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” shares the story of George Bailey and his lack of understanding about his own individual impact on his hometown of Bedford Falls. The very fact he lived, interacted with his neighbors, gave to his community, cared for his family, and fought for what was right in the service of others had an enormous impact on the entire community. Yet, it is easy to lose sight of this impact in the busy everyday world we live in.

Over the last 10 years, KCC has been evaluating, re-evaluating, and responding to the needs of the community and the evolving higher education related needs in local workforce training, and support of regional economic vitality. In the past decade, KCC has expanded facilities and infrastructure to meet programming and student needs. We have focused on educational outcomes that provide a path to good-paying jobs and careers, here in the Basin and beyond. To support that path, we have built dedicated educational spaces to increase high-quality educational opportunities in technology, construction trades, and emergency services, and equipped them with state-of-the-art tools to meet current and future educational needs. To help our students successfully complete their education we have addressed childcare needs on our campus, expanded financial opportunities and advising support for all students, and have improved outreach to underserved populations across the region.

In the next 10 years KCC will fulfill a strategic vision that addresses student and educational needs going forward. Planning and fundraising for a new Childcare Learning Center is underway with a planned opening in fall of 2026. This Center will expand the available childcare infrastructure in the community in partnership with the Oregon Child Development Coalition and provide practical training for KCC students in Early Childhood Education, Para-Education, and Elementary School Teacher Education. This last, in partnership with Southern Oregon University.

At KCC, the paths to completion and student success are being smoothed and made more effective. Academic education is being aligned to support transfer to four-year institutions without loss of credit and to attain higher degrees, leading to careers that support families and improve economic vitality.

Additional infrastructure to serve students in the new Cosmetology degree and certification programs will be built, housing will be developed to support students, short-term trainings and continuing education opportunities will increase to provide job and career skills at the speed required by employers, and KCC will continue looking forward to assess and meet the needs of the community and our students well into the future.

The KCC Foundation is fully aligned with KCC’s mission and values. Every contribution of money and time has a positive and significant impact on realizing our mission and vision – student success first.

It is important to remember the positive impact one organization, institution, or individual can have on their community or neighbors. George Bailey had the chance, thanks to his guardian angel Clarence, to see how his own life touched so many.

Your support gives you the chance to positively touch lives well into the future and provide a legacy of high-quality education that impacts individual lives and the vitality of our community.

Dr. Roberto Gutierrez
President
Klamath Community College

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Scholarship: Investing in Ourselves

Welcome Letter from Foundation Chair Kathleen Walker-Henderson



I am so proud of our Klamath and Lake county communities, our students, faculty and staff at Klamath Community College, the KCC Foundation Board, and everyone who works together in training our workforce to support and grow our own. We are investing in ourselves.

Contributions to the KCC Foundation have been put to good use in supporting the college's students: emergencies have been covered, and tuition assistance for both academic program and workforce training students has been provided. Additional contributions to the foundation have been strategically placed with Edward Jones Investments, as well as the Oregon Community Foundation investment program, creating sustainability to support KCC students well into the future.

Theoretical physicist Albert Einstein stated, "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." Our communities have embraced this concept by supporting KCC students through scholarships helping them to complete their education and training, entering the workforce with less debt, as well as through capital campaigns which have supported state-of-the art educational facilities and training equipment.

Research studies support the understanding that neurons in the portion of our brains associated with a sense of satisfaction start firing when we choose to donate money or time to charitable activities. Giving really makes us happy! We want to make the world a better place, we want our community to be strong, we want our neighbors to be successful.

These wise words once spoken by renowned 20th century British statesman Winston Churchill sum up the enduring benefits of serving our neighbors: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Our goal at the KCC Foundation is to change lives for the better. Please consider participating in our two ongoing fundraising efforts – the "Education Makes a Difference" scholarship campaign, and the "Life Changers" endowment fund – so you too can accomplish this goal.

Kathleen Walker-Henderson
Board Chair
Klamath Community College Foundation

Foundation Student Success



My degree and certificates will impact my life, for being set up for future careers in the aviation industry. I can use my knowledge and certificates to pursue helicopter piloting as a reality instead of a dream. The aviation program at KCC has allowed me to do this. The Foundation Scholarship contributed to my success at KCC by giving me the opportunity to receive flight equipment recommended for upcoming terms. This equipment would have been continuously put off or slowly obtained without this scholarship.

-James W.
KCC Graduate
Aviation AAS

Building Foundations for the Future

Welcome Letter from Foundation Executive Director Charles Massie



This report provides a little history of KCC and the KCC Foundation to give you a feeling for the work the Foundation has been engaged in recently and sets the stage for future work to build on these successes. In July of 2022 the KCC Foundation was just ramping up the Apprenticeship Center "Build the Basin" capital campaign, and once we completed that campaign the focus immediately moved on to the "Education Makes a Difference" scholarship campaign. Education and training really do make a difference in people's lives. The global economy and changes in technology requires more than a high school diploma or rudimentary skills training to earn a family supporting wage. The pace of this change is picking up and even trades education is now impacted by sophisticated technology and computing skills needs. In short, post-secondary education and modern skills training is a requirement to get ahead in life.

The new reality means the efforts of the Foundation and our community to meet the changing educational needs are even more important than they were in 1997 when the Foundation was established. The work of the KCC Foundation volunteer Board and KCC supportive staff never really ends, the need for student support to aid in the attainment of a quality postsecondary education never really ends.

In this report you will learn about the good work being done by volunteers and staff and the ways in which the Foundation currently serves students and the community, and the ways it will in the future.

Our community is facing challenging and exciting times ahead and the KCC Foundation is planning to successfully meet those challenges and ensure the exciting times benefit our community and prepare our local population for the future.

Thank you, and the entire community, for your contributions and ongoing support for the work the KCC Foundation does.

Charles Massie
Executive Director
Klamath Community College Foundation

Foundation Student Success

Both my certificate and degree will make a life-changing impact for myself, as well as my three children. I'm a single mom, who recently escaped an extremely abusive 10-year relationship. KCC has truly been an amazing life changing experience, every time I feel like I might be in too deep or start to fall behind, the amazing instructors, staff and students are there to make sure I succeed, and don't get left behind. Thank you for helping me succeed!

-Corrissa W.
KCC Graduate
Associate of General Studies Psychology





Graduates from the HEP seasonal and migrant farmworker GED program funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant.

KCC'S MISSION

Klamath Community College provides accessible, quality education and services in response to the diverse needs of the student, business, and community.

The college supports student success in workforce training, academic transfer, foundational skills development, and community education.

THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION

To nurture educational opportunities at Klamath Community College through fundraising and philanthropic leadership that benefits the community.

KCC and the Foundation's History

1991 - 1996

- 1991: Community leaders create the Klamath 2002 Vision Statement to improve jobs, the local economy, and quality of life.
- May 1996: Klamath County voters approve the formation of Klamath Community College (KCC) with a 79% affirmative vote and a \$3.5 million tax base.
- July 1996: KCC becomes the 17th community college in Oregon, serving approximately 3,000 students in its first year, supported by partnerships with Rogue Community College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath County School District, and Klamath Falls School District.

2002 - 2013

- Fall 2002: Additional buildings completed, including classrooms, computer labs, a Learning Resources Center, food service, and student study areas.
- January 2005: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities grants initial accreditation effective Sept. 1, 2004. Accreditation reaffirmed in 2009 and 2018.
- 2010: Career Technical Center and Health Sciences Building added.
- Fall 2011: KCC bookstore opens.

2023 - Present

- May 2023: 30,000-square-foot Apprenticeship Center opens at a cost of \$11.1 million, combining facilities for welding, manufacturing, public safety, construction trades training, and expanded apprenticeship programs.
- 2020-Present: Fundraising for Childcare Learning Center begins, with over \$3 million raised so far. Architectural designs to be completed in 2024, with a planned opening in fall 2026.

1997 - 2001

- May 1997: KCC Foundation is founded by Rodney J. Wright, Robert H. Davies, and Linda Weider to support student scholarships and infrastructure development.
- August 1997: Dr. Wesley R. Channell appointed as KCC's first permanent president.
- December 1997: Oregon State Board of Education approves KCC's charter.
- January 1998: KCC Board of Education authorized to award degrees and certificates.
- September 1999: KCC purchases 57 acres for its permanent campus.
- March 2000: First day of classes on the new campus.

2014 - 2022

- 2014: Distance education, synchronous course delivery, and hybrid courses introduced.
- September 2016: Feasibility study identifies five key projects for development:
 1. Welding and manufacturing shop
 2. Work Skills Technology Center
 3. Student commons remodel
 4. Public Safety Center
 5. Childcare and Education Center
- Fall 2017: Work Skills Technology Center opens; construction on Founders Hall begins.
- Spring 2018: Founders Hall opens, fulfilling the need for a student services center. Combined cost of the Work Skills Technology Center and Founders Hall was \$15.7 million.

A Work of Heart

The Klamath Community College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit aligned with the strategic initiatives of Klamath Community College (KCC) that offers scholarship assistance and supports enabling students to learn new skills, earn certificates and degrees, and prepare for the next steps in their academic and workforce journeys.

Volunteer KCC Foundation board members come from a variety of professional backgrounds and personal lived experiences that have led them to be connected and engaged in giving back to students and the community.

The Foundation is additionally supported by KCC leadership and dedicated staff who contribute time and effort toward the success of its fund and friend raising activities across the region.

The KCC Resource Development Department serves in a collaborative and coordinated role; leveraging the Foundation's non-profit status to secure additional grant resources from across the state and nation to assist the institution in meeting its student, program, and infrastructure development goals.

Who We Are



Supporting Student Success

The KCC Foundation raises funding for scholarships, equipment, and capital construction projects that support KCC students and educational programming.

Scholarship & Grant funds managed by the Foundation:

Academic Scholarships
Awarded twice a year for credit-based academic classes leading to a certificate or degree. Academic scholarships may have specific requirements such as GPA levels, performance, or program attendance.

Education Access & Opportunity (EAO)
EAO scholarships support students taking non-credit education courses such as GED, English as a Second Language, workforce trainings (Construction Basics, Phlebotomy, Certified Medical Assistant, etc.), registered apprenticeships, or academic students who are not FAFSA eligible.

Emergency Student Support Grants
These grants help students who have exceptional or compelling needs avoid missing school. Some reasons include: needing a textbook, specific technology, transportation, childcare, housing, utilities, and food.

Building Learning Environments for Student Achievement:

Beyond scholarships, the Foundation is instrumental in leveraging resources that create the physical infrastructure (state-of-the-art classrooms, quality equipment, and technological tools) that enhance a student's educational and workforce training experiences while on the KCC campus and in the field.

Examples include the Work Skills Technology Center (Building 8), Founders Hall (Building 9), and the Apprenticeship Center (Building 10). Future fundraising campaigns will focus on the Childcare Learning Center, student housing, a Cosmetology Program facility, learning environments for the Structural Fire Sciences Program, and expanded facilities for KCC Allied Health programs.



How We Serve

Much of the Foundation work is accomplished through KCC Foundation committees:

Executive Committee

Includes the elected officers (chair, vice chair, and treasurer) and the Executive Director, and is responsible for making needed operational decisions between board meetings, developing the board meeting agenda, and will meet on an emergency basis to address operational or personnel issues when needed.

Finance Committee

Oversees processes and policies that guide and protect financial resources, including investments. Serves as the audit committee. This committee meets on a monthly basis.

Scholarship Committee

Oversees the scholarship and student support funds, develops criteria and procedures for the granting of scholarships, evaluates scholarship applications and selects recipients. This committee meets quarterly and on an as-needed basis, generally in the weeks leading up to the bi-annual scholarship cycles.

Event Committee

Plans and manages the various fund and awareness raising events throughout the Foundation program year.

Alumni Committee

Works with KCC stakeholders to manage the operations and communications of the KCC Alumni Association. Engages KCC alumni in foundation and institutional activities.

Food Pantry Committee

Supports the KCC Food Pantry and its partnership with the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank to expand services and access to additional food and personal needs products for on-campus distribution to KCC students in need.

Life Changers Endowment Fund Committee

Manages the fundraising and awareness activities for the Life Changers Endowment Fund. The Life Changers initiative is a multi-year effort with the ultimate goal of raising \$3 million to invest in an Oregon Community Foundation permanent endowed fund, ensuring continued earnings for the KCC Foundation's All-Inclusive Fund.

Governance & Policy Committee

Reviews the governing documents of the organization and whether they are consistent with current and applicable laws and actual or desired organizational practices; amends such governing documents, as necessary.

Interested in Joining?

Committees are chaired by a Foundation Director, but committee members do not need to be directors of the Foundation Board. If you are interested in joining a Foundation committee please contact us at 541-880-2234 or foundation@klamathcc.edu

A System for Giving

Contribution Types

Directed Contribution

Directed Contribution is focused on specific activities, such as the KCC Food Pantry, Academic Scholarships, Emergency Student Supports, the Educational Access & Opportunity (EAO) Fund, or specific programming, such as, Auto/Diesel or GED/ESL.

All Inclusive

All-Inclusive contributions are divided between three main student support funds: 70% to Academic Scholarships, 15% to EAO, and 15% to Emergency Student Support.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving or "estate planning" is the process of caring for yourself and your assets while you are living, and planning for the orderly transfer of assets to other persons and organizations, both during your life and afterwards. Planned gifts can include cash bequests, and/or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of life insurance, wills, or trusts. Planned gifts often offer tax advantages, reduced probate costs, and can feature permanent family or donor legacies.

Endowed Funds

Endowed Funds are permanently invested funds utilizing earnings to support specific scholarships or activities that provide student support. The newly created KCC Life Changers Endowment is an example of this. Funds in the Life Changers endowment are permanently invested at the Oregon Community Foundation and the earnings are distributed through the Foundation's All-Inclusive Fund. The KCC Foundation manages multiple endowed funds.

Capital Campaigns

Gifts to support KCC campus expansion lead to improved student services, access to education programs, and hands-on training. They provide for community growth.

Bequests toward future educational facility construction help the college meet core student and community needs (e.g., childcare and student housing), expand programming, attain heavy-duty equipment, and state-of-the-art technology which all lead to student success.

Program Support

KCC Food Pantry

Supports the KCC Food Pantry with directed cash contributions or through allowing for the tax deductibility of food donations. The Foundation Food Pantry Committee and KCC Student Life staff maintain a close-working partnership with the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank.

KCC Alumni Association

The KCC Alumni Association is a partnership between the KCC Foundation, KCC Career Services, ASKCC Student Life, and Student Affairs & Outreach. The purpose of the Alumni Association is to create a communication network that brings former students together to foster a spirit of loyalty, community, and engagement.

In-Kind Donations

The KCC Foundation accepts monetary and real property (i.e., equipment or other in-kind) donations according to its policies and practices. Donor contributions to the KCC Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Valuation of Gifts-In-Kind

The value assigned to a gift-in-kind is the responsibility of the donor and/or an authorized appraiser.

Foundation Student Success

I can't thank you enough for all you do for our beloved school. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunities the scholarship has created for me. This has been the greatest educational experience I've experienced thus far in my life.

— Marcius H.
KCC Graduate
Advanced Manufacturing
Technology



Focus on Facts & Figures

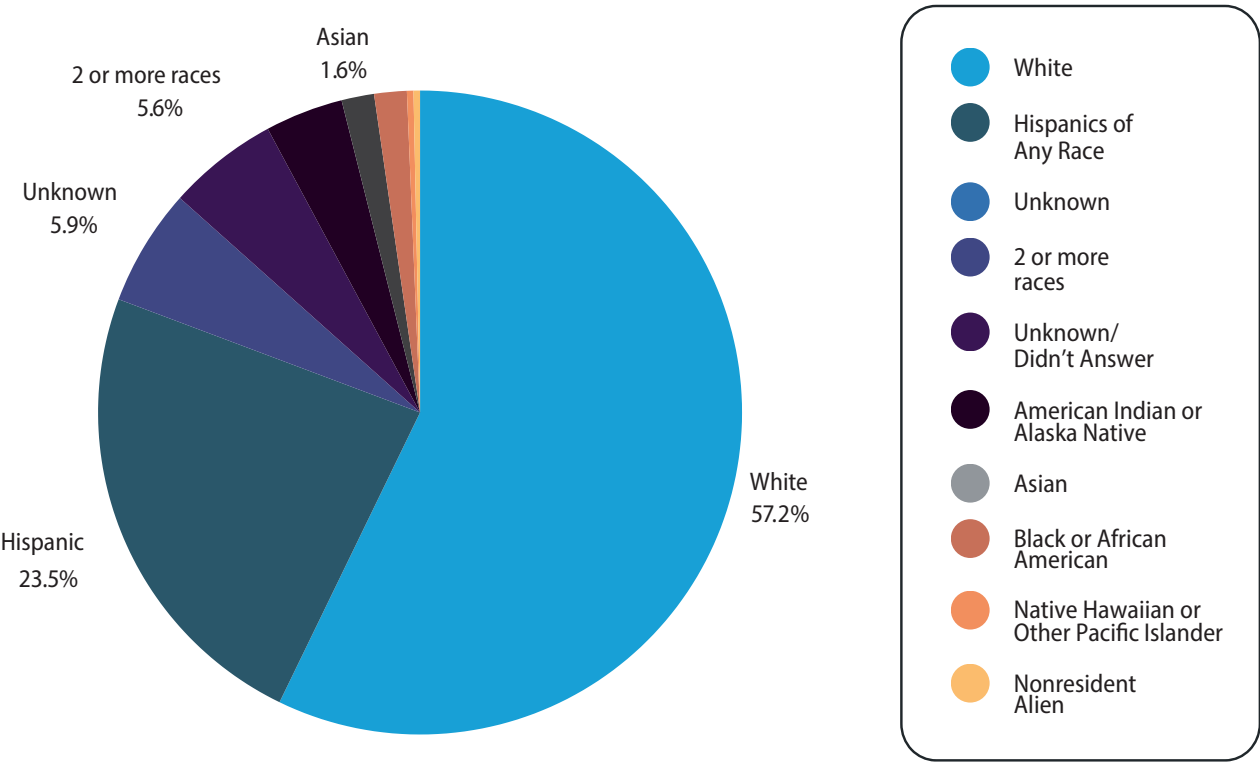
Since its establishment in 1997, the KCC Foundation has steadily grown in scope and intent. Original fundraising efforts focused on scholarships to retain KCC students who needed financial help to stay on a successful education path. In addition to private contributions, the Foundation held its first fundraising Golf Tournament in 2006 and raised \$2,344; and in 2010 the first annual KCC Foundation Gala raised \$10,179. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$2 million in scholarship funding, and currently manages over \$1 million in invested funds expected to produce earnings of approximately \$50,000 annually for scholarships.



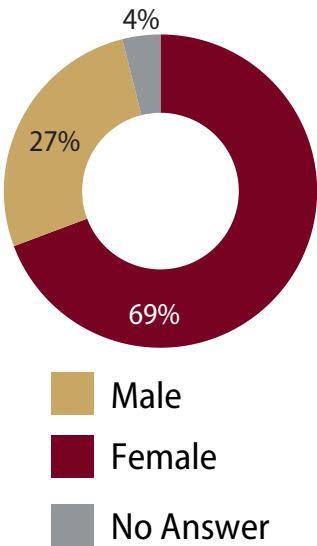
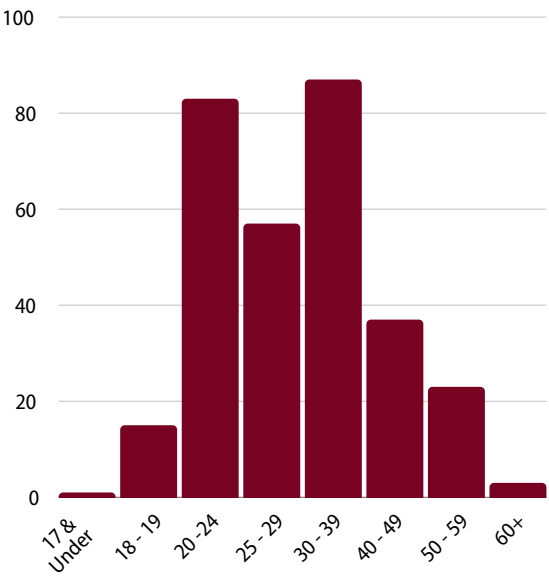
Who We Serve

Students Receiving Foundation Funds 2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Data provided by KCC Institutional Research



Students who receive Foundation support are **33%** more likely to graduate



306
total recipients



2022 - 2024 Fundraising Highlights



Director of Apprenticeship Programs Mark Griffith demonstrating to high school students in the Apprenticeship Center (2023).



2022 Apprenticeship Center Groundbreaking



2023 Holiday Sip & Shop



2023 Apprenticeship Center Grand Opening



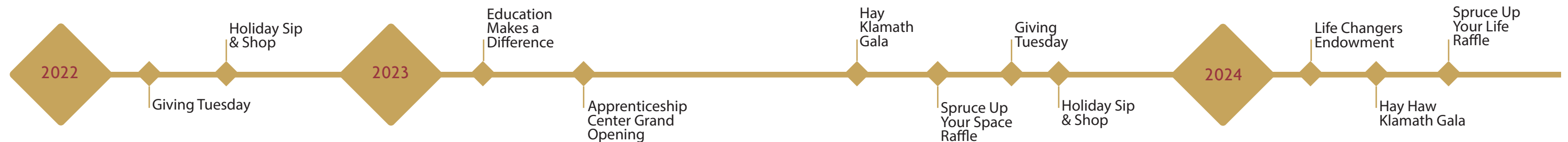
2023 Hay Klamath Gala



2024 Hay Haw Klamath Gala



Life Changers Luncheon



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Dec. 7, 2022 KCC Bookstore Holiday Sip & Shop raised \$236.

April 29, 2023, Hay Klamath "A Fistful of Spuds" Gala raised \$36,000.

Aug. 14, 2023 Spruce Up Your Space Raffle raised \$9,200.

Nov. 28, 2023, Giving Tuesday raised \$4,491.

Apprenticeship Center Campaign raised \$787,570.

Education Makes a Difference Scholarship Campaign raised \$43,600.

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

May 5, 2023, Apprenticeship Center Grand Opening and Campaign Wrap Up raised \$203,850.

November 28, 2023 KCC Bookstore Holiday Sip & Shop raised \$182.

April 20, 2024, Hay Haw Klamath "Saddle Up for Scholarships" Gala raised \$24,500.

2023 - 2024 Continued

June 4, 2024, Spruce Up Your Life Raffle raised \$5,127.

Upcoming — Dec. 3, 2024, Giving Tuesday.

Ongoing — Education Makes a Difference/Scholarship Campaign raised \$645,486.

Ongoing — Life Changers Endowment Fund Campaign launch raised \$100,000.

Ongoing — Alumni Association Outreach Campaign – 669 Alumni joined

Foundation Student Success

To the KCC Foundation board members: First, thank you for this wonderful act of kindness. But most importantly, thank you for your belief in me. Since I started taking classes to become a registered nurse, I have improved tremendously in the quality of care I provide to the community as a certified nurse assistant. Understanding nutrition and anatomy and physiology advanced me to another level of service to our community.

— Maria F.

KCC Graduate
Associate of Science



Funds Raised

Funds Raised	2022-2023	2023-2024
Funds and Endowments	\$90,078	\$654,336
Pass Through Funds	\$150,900	\$342,484
Apprenticeship Center Capital	\$794,260	
Total Funds Managed by the Foundation	\$1,035,238	\$996,820

The KCC Foundation manages a variety of fund types to meet the interests of contributors, these include:

Endowed funds:

An endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization, which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. An endowment can also refer to the total of a nonprofit institution's investable assets, also known as its "principal" or "corpus," which is meant to be used for operations or programs that are consistent with the wishes of the donor(s). Most endowments are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income for charitable efforts.

The KCC Foundation defines "endowment" as a donation dedicated as a corpus and generating scholarship investments through interest earnings. It can be general or directed as serves the donor's interest.

Directed funds:

Directed funds allow the contributor to "direct" scholarships to specific educational programs or types of students. These funds can be endowed or distributed in specific time frames.

All inclusive funds:

A donation that can be used without long term investment or restrictions and can be divided between scholarship funds under the board policy.

Pass-through funds:

Pass through funds support specific students, programs, or initiatives using the 501(c)(3) status of the Foundation but are distributed by the donor. Example, Klamath Basin Behavioral Health has a fund that serves their employees only in pursuing education for career advancement.



Over 30 KCC employees support Foundation activities through payroll deduction. On a monthly basis, \$600 is donated through this program.

Funds Awarded

Funds	2022-2023	2023-2024
Academic Scholarships	\$89,381	\$72,464
Education Access & Opportunity (EAO)	\$5,321	\$12,312
Student Emergency Support Grants	\$9,739	\$7,850
Food Pantry		\$1,000
Total Funds Awarded	\$104,441	\$93,626

Funds Disbursed

Funds	2022-2023	2023-2024
Apprenticeship Center Equipment		\$71,514
Roundhouse Foundation Student Support	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Funds Disbursed	\$30,000	\$101,514

Funds Awarded:

Funds are awarded to a student who actively applies for a scholarship or other direct support, and requires review and approval by the Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Funds Disbursed:

Funds are disbursed by direction of the donor (i.e. to campus program or infrastructural support) under the supervision of the Foundation to ensure the disbursement meets criteria set by Foundation policy and meets the donor intent.



Foundation Student Success

Dear Foundation Board,
I am writing to express my gratitude for the KCC scholarship and emergency funds that have been instrumental in my journey to pursue a new career. Your financial support has made it possible for me to follow this new path and embrace a career that I truly love and enjoy.
— Kristina Maxey
Current Student
Cosmetology

Planting the Seeds of Hope

The Foundation provides multiple opportunities for you to make a meaningful impact on students' lives. You can contribute through legacy gifts or endowments, ensuring your values and support continue to uplift others for generations to come. For a more hands-on approach, consider volunteering for the Foundation Board or joining one of our committees, where your active participation will help shape the future of our community.

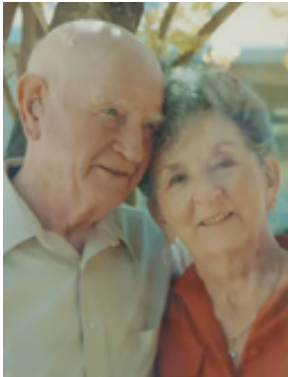
Foundations for the Future



Leaving a Legacy

Newly Established Trust & Memorial Funds – 2022-2024

Leroy & Corliss Fernlund Trust Scholarship Fund



This \$441,000 endowed fund is managed as a long-term investment for earnings to support KCC Career Technical Education programs such as Advanced Manufacturing, Welding, Auto/Diesel, and Allied Healthcare education.

Leroy (aka Red or Roy) Fernlund was born on the Cherokee Strip in Hooker, Okla., on Nov. 16, 1922 his family moved around the U.S., and seventh grade was Leroy's last formal academic education. Following time in the Navy during World War II serving on the USS Biddle (DD151) as a Motor Machinist Mate 2nd Class, was diesel engine training at Iowa State College. After the war, Leroy had difficulty finding work due to lacking a high school diploma, and he moved to Bonanza, Ore., in 1946 as part owner of Bonanza General Repair. Leroy went on to become postmaster in Bonanza in 1959 and served in that role until 1982. Following the passing of his wife, Janet, he remarried Corliss Perkins in 1985. Together they have created the Leroy & Corliss Fernlund Family Trust with the intention to transfer the trust to the KCC Foundation, supporting community college students seeking education in Allied Health, Auto/Diesel, and Advanced Manufacturing programming, an education Leroy was never able to receive. Leroy doesn't want anyone to go without the education he longed for.

Howard Johnson Memorial Fund

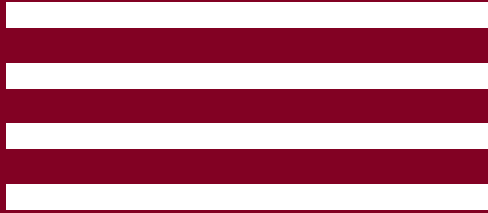


This \$21,000 endowed fund is managed as a long-term investment for earnings to support KCC noncredit construction trades training, registered apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship skills training.

Howard Johnson was born, raised, and lived his entire life in Klamath Falls. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping and hunting. He also had a passion for, and was very skilled at, construction and carpentry. He worked for many years at Modoc Lumber, Cell Tech, and owned his own small construction company for a time. He had a huge heart and would help anyone in need. He often spoke of how important carpentry and skilled trades programs are, and he would be proud to be the namesake of this skilled trades program scholarship.



Join us in making a difference!



Every small action can create a ripple of change. Your support can transform lives and build a brighter future for those we serve. Here's how you can get involved:

Donate Today

Your generous contributions help us provide essential assistance and support to the college's students. Every dollar counts!

Volunteer Your Time

Share your skills and passion by volunteering with us. Don't have the time or ability to serve on the Foundation board? Consider connecting with one of our committees (fundraising events or scholarship review). You don't have to be a board member to be involved! Together, we can achieve more.

Spread the Word

Help us raise awareness with other donors, community members, and potential future KCC students by sharing our mission with your friends and family. Follow us on social media and stay updated on our latest initiatives.

Partner with Us

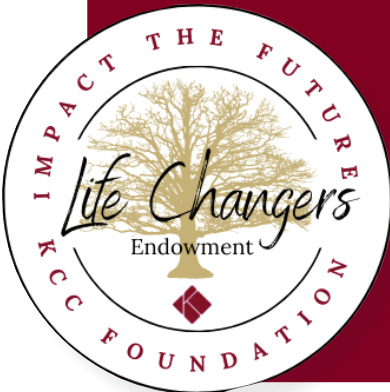
Are you part of an organization or network that's all about collaboration? Looking for an opportunity to get your name out there? Let's talk! The Foundation is always looking to connect with businesses and groups to help us to continue to create impactful programs and events! Your company or club's involvement expands our efforts to reach more people.

Take Action!

Visit our website at klamathcc.edu/foundation, email foundation@klamathcc.edu, or call us at 541-880-2234 to learn more and get involved.

Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Life Changers Endowment



You can change a life!

- Legacy Architect – \$25,000
- Generational Impactor – \$15,000
- Path Builder – \$10,000
- Transformer – \$5,000
- Life Changer – \$1,000

The KCC Life Changers initiative is a multi-year awareness and fundraising campaign that will ensure the KCC Foundation can meet the varied needs of students into the future.

The goal is to raise \$1 million by the end of 2025 and then build the Endowment to \$3 million by 2030. Fundraising for Life Changers will never end. The fund will be central to the scholarship fundraising efforts being done through the Foundation and KCC in perpetuity.

The KCC Life Changers Endowment is the first long-term investment the KCC Foundation will make with the Oregon Community Foundation. The strength of OCF's investment strategy and fund management will provide significant growth opportunities and excellent guidance from a national leader in non-profit management and philanthropic investment.

Earnings from the Life Changers Endowment will support academic students (degree and certification paths), skills-based programming (job related certifications and licensure, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship paths), and emergency support to keep students on a successful path to completion.

The KCC Foundation will continue to manage a wide range of fund opportunities, such as direct contributions to any of our scholarship funds, creation of specific directed funds, and creation of individual endowments that can be directed or not.

The Life Changers Endowment fund is invested with the Oregon Community Foundation with a 2023-2024 balance of \$100,000.

“The goal is to raise \$1 million by the end of 2025 and then build the Endowment to \$3 million by 2030.”

Life Changers

Generational Impactor

- Jean Pinniger

Path Builders

- Neil & Susan Eberlein
- Glenn & Ursula Gailis
- Chris & Susan Kandra
- Vector Energy Solutions

Transformers

- Charles & Sue Cortesi
- Jo Ann Hannigan
- George Nitschelm

Life Changers

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Laura Allen | • Kate Marquez |
| • Jeff Ball | • Carol & Russell McKay |
| • Bell Hardware | • Jerry & Yvette Molatore |
| • Rich & Tammy Bogatay | • John & Ann Novak |
| • Scott & Lisa Carter | • Sally Ann Palcovich |
| • Cascade Vein Clinic | • Amy & Jim Rooks |
| • Roberto & Tessa Gutierrez | • John A. Runyan |
| • Harold & Sally Heaton | • Theresa & Jeff Silver |
| • Trish Henderson | • Joan Staunton |
| • Dave Jensen | • Rich Touslee |
| • Susie Kaylor | • Terry Wagstaff & Michael Casey |
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Where We are Going

The Foundation is excited to embark on a series of ambitious plans to enhance our campus and community. With multiple campus expansion projects in the pipeline, we are dedicated to creating state-of-the-art facilities that will support our growing student population and enrich their educational experience. Additionally, we are investing in the development of our athletics facilities, recognizing the vital role that sports play in fostering teamwork, discipline, and school spirit. These initiatives are part of our broader vision to increase the opportunities and resources available to our students, ensuring a vibrant and dynamic future for Klamath Community College.

Looking Toward the Future



Campus Expansions and Capital Campaigns

Childcare Center

A 30,000 square-foot facility will provide student-parent and community childcare services. Once completed the Center will provide childcare services for up to 140 children and meet student cooperative work experience needs at KCC.



Student Housing

On campus student housing will fill an unmet need for many KCC students. On-campus housing will also allow for expansion of KCC's international programs. Plans for student housing are in the development stage.



KCC Cosmetology

Cosmetology is currently sited at 357 East Main St. near downtown Klamath Falls. There are plans to bring the program to campus in the future. This will require the construction of a new facility.



Athletics

It took 27 years, but Klamath Community College officially launched its first club sport on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, hosting Central Oregon Community College at Klamath Union High School's Modoc Field for KCC's first home soccer game. KCC is planning to add an on-campus soccer pitch for practice and to eventually host games.





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