

2015  
**Report**  
*to the* **Community**



Chris Bailey

It's easy to be excited about today's Lower Columbia College. LCC uses the tag line "the Smart Choice" because it rings true. We are a value in higher education!

In the past several years, Lower Columbia College has received several national and state recognitions. Some of it has been for our work in developmental (pre-college) education. We were recently designated as a "Leader College" by the national "Achieving the Dream" organization for our work in helping students succeed. LCC was also recently ranked by one consumer ratings organization as a "Top 25" community college in the nation.

The quality of instruction at LCC is now enhanced with quality of place, as we continue to improve our instructional space with new and remodeled buildings and state of the art equipment.

We are proud of our end product: good placement rates, good post-education incomes, and great success for our students transferring on to baccalaureate programs (and beyond).

I strongly encourage you to be a part of our great mission. At Lower Columbia College, we transform lives. We change the direction of entire families in a big way. By assisting us in this mission through volunteering, serving on an advisory board, giving a donation, or putting us into your estate planning, you can leave a legacy of good work that will serve this wonderful community for generations to come.

I am LCC Proud,

Christopher C. Bailey

President  
Lower Columbia College

## LCC at a Glance\*

### Enrollment

6,853 Total students  
156 Worker Retraining  
189 Veterans  
409 Running Start  
2,528 Online

### Student Intent

27% Transfer students  
43% Workforce students  
15% Basic Skills students  
16% Community & Continuing Education

### Demographics

63% Female  
22% Students of color  
31 Average age  
44% Full-time

### NWAACC Varsity Sports

Men's and Women's basketball  
Men's baseball  
Women's softball, volleyball and soccer

### Facilities

38.75 acre campus; 26 buildings

### Operating Budget for 2014-15

\$21.1 million

### Annual Tuition

\$4,130 tuition  
and fees (2015-16, 45 credits)  
Financial Aid Disbursed \$16.5 million  
Foundation \$14.3 million in assets

### Employment

415 Total employees  
67 Full-time, 129 Part-Time Faculty  
219 Staff including Head Start/ECEAP employees

\*2014-15 data, unless noted

## Lower Columbia College Board Of Trustees



Lower Columbia College has a five-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington, charged with providing local oversight for college activities. The LCC Board is committed to excellence in educational programs and other services of the College and availability to all people. Current trustees include: George Raiter, Board Chair; Thuy Vo, Vice Chair; Bob Gregory, Heidi Heywood, Steve Vincent.



Alex Nelson

## LCC Foundation: Celebrating 40 years of Excellence

This is a big year for the Lower Columbia College Foundation as it celebrates 40 years of service to Lower Columbia College and the SW Washington region. The Foundation was established in 1976 through generous gifts from Phillip and Jeanne Wertheimer. The vision of the Wertheimer family, along with the members of the initial Foundation Board of Directors, was to create avenues for excellence in education at LCC.

Forty years later, I think we can look back on that initial mission and feel very proud of the amazing institution Lower Columbia College has become. Three new state-of-the-art buildings, a budding international student program, and an expanding university center where place-bound students can earn four-year degrees are just some of the successes we've seen at LCC over the past few years. So much of this growth is due to the support and investments from our community – both individuals and local businesses – just like you.

The Foundation Board continues to focus our efforts on providing avenues for excellence in education at LCC. We most recently adopted the 10-year strategic goal of raising the Foundation's assets to \$25 million by 2025, an increase of just over \$10 million. As part of this effort, we are proud to support student retention and completion through the Student Success Fund, recruitment scholarships for student athletes through the Athletic Excellence Fund, and Foundation Grants to ensure LCC's continuous spirit of innovation will enable it to meet the challenges of the constantly evolving environment of higher education for years to come.

And indeed, there are challenges. Over the past six years, state support to LCC has been cut by nearly 28 percent and tuition has risen over 40 percent, putting access and affordability at risk for our students. The need for community support has never been greater. We hope you'll join us in supporting our mission to provide avenues for educational excellence at Lower Columbia College, to ensure OUR College remains strong and growing for the next 40 years.

Alex Nelson

Board President  
LCC Foundation



### *Lower Columbia College Mission*

*The mission of Lower Columbia College is to ensure each learner's personal and professional success, and influence lives in ways that are local, global, traditional and innovative.*

### *Lower Columbia College Vision*

*Our vision is to be a powerful force for improving the quality of life in our community.*

## **2016-2017 Foundation Board of Directors**

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## Life changes result in prestigious scholarship

### Former teen dad overcomes addiction and lack of college readiness to become engineer

Cheyenne DeFrates' journey to college completion was anything but traditional. When alcohol addiction led to a 25-month prison sentence for the former teen dad, he decided it was time to turn his life around.

After completing a rigorous treatment program for substance abuse while incarcerated, he began looking to better himself in every way possible. The desire to change his life led him to LCC, where he started his path to an engineering degree at the lowest level of pre-college math.

Deane T. Morrison, Engineering Instructor at LCC, said that DeFrates is the first student to complete a transfer degree in engineering after placing into Math 078. "This is a special accomplishment," said Morrison.

After receiving his Associate of Science Transfer degree in Engineering from LCC last spring, DeFrates headed to Washington State University Vancouver. The prestigious Community College President's Award he received will cover the cost of his full-time tuition.

DeFrates credits LCC faculty with helping him achieve his goal of becoming a provider for his wife and four children. He said his instructors encouraged him to first recognize and then improve his abilities. "Overall, my background and experience have taught me that humility, knowing my limitations, and cultivating my strengths are the keys to success. My experience at LCC has proven to me that I don't have to be a product of my past," he says.

After earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from WSU-V in spring 2017, DeFrates hopes to secure employment in the region.



## LCC Names 2016 Transforming Lives Award Winner



Shawney Garbe didn't picture herself as a college student, but catastrophic life events led her to make the unexpected choice of returning to school.

Before her husband died unexpectedly several years ago, Shawney was a busy mom of seven children who still found time to volunteer. Her world changed in the moment she lost her husband, and she ultimately decided to go to college.

Not long after she returned to school to pursue her credentials in Early Childhood Education, Shawney faced a traumatic cancer diagnosis of her own. She returned to LCC after a break to focus on her health, and is overcoming obstacles and stereotypes as she interacts with tech-savvy Running Start students and recent high school graduates. Although her home life did not involve a television or Internet prior to coming to LCC, Shawney was introduced to blogging through LCC English instructor Amber Lemiere. "I had heard of a blog, but had never actually seen one before the class," said Shawney.

Shawney's commitment to helping others led her instructors (Amber Lemiere, Betty Hayes, Sue Akin-Fields and Ann Williamson) to nominate her for the Transforming Lives Award. Ann writes, "With the will of a great fighter, she has come back. Surgeries, setbacks, physical therapy, all handled with the most gracious spirit I have ever seen and all the while keeping up excellent grades. Shawney perseveres. She is determined to care for her family, reach her educational goals, and impact others through advocacy and mentoring. She will continue to inspire those who have the privilege of interacting with her."

The 2016 Transforming Lives Award is sponsored by the Washington State Association of College Trustees. Each college in the Washington State Community and Technical College System selects an annual award winner. The 2016 winners were recognized at a January awards ceremony in Olympia.

## New Pre-College Math Pathway is a Game Changer

Math faculty at LCC know that intensive algebra-based courses are not necessarily the best preparation for all degree paths. In fall 2015, LCC's math faculty introduced a new pre-college math pathway designed for students pursuing degrees other than in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The new pathway, called Essentials of Pre-College Math (MATH 087/097), focuses on problem solving and critical thinking—skills needed for success in non-STEM college courses and many careers.

The new course differs from traditional pre-college math in many respects and is a great option for students with math anxiety.

Instructors emphasize the course is not “easier” than other pre-college courses, but the teaching style is more student-centered than other math classes, as it focuses on active learning designed to promote critical thinking about math concepts. This approach involves fewer lectures and memorization, and more “hands-on” learning.

LCC students Rebekah Rossetti and Amber Kiker both jumped at the chance to enroll. Although they are pursuing different academic degrees, both students gave the new pathway rave reviews. According to Rebekah, she no longer dreads going to math class and has shed her previous instinct to just walk out. “Where has this class been all my life? In other math classes, I have felt like everyone else gets it and I’m drowning. In this class, we cheer each other on. It’s a very encouraging environment,” she said.

Although Amber is destined to move on to traditional college-level math classes to meet requirements for Eastern Washington University’s business program, the knowledge she is gaining in the course is making a huge difference for her. “In this class I’m learning the ‘why’ of what I’m doing, which makes me more confident in my ability,” she said.

## Meet the Faculty

**Terri Skeie** has been teaching at LCC for twenty years. She has a Master of Science in Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences from Utah State University. Terri is “addicted” to traveling, planning to travel and thinking about planning to travel.

**Joel Stetzer** has a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Master of Education. He is in his sixth year of teaching at LCC. Joel enjoys big cooking projects that “take all day.”



## ***Congratulations on Your Retirement!***

It is an honor to welcome the following individuals to the LCC Foundation Retiree Association. Together they have a combined 231 years of service and commitment to Student Success at Lower Columbia College.

**Sally Alkazin, 2011-2015**  
Business Adjunct Faculty

**Dianne M. Bagby, 1990-2015**  
Head Start

**Donald A. Correll, 1976-2015**  
Drama Faculty

**Joan Herman, 2004-2015**  
English Faculty

**Carolyn Perrault, 2004-2015**  
Head Start

**Kathy Pratt, 1983-2015**  
Head Start

**Dennis C. Shaw, 1979-2015**  
Sociology/Philosophy Faculty

**Betty Sjoblom, 1986-2015**  
Financial Aid

**Jon Wagner, 2009-2015**  
Machine Shop Adjunct Faculty

**Jim Woodworth, 1985-2014**  
Math Adjunct Faculty

**Sue Yarbrough, 2007-2015**  
Nursing Faculty

Thank you for your years of service to Lower Columbia College, LCC students and our community! Members of the LCC Retiree Association receive LCC Retiree VIP cards to allow free entrance into LCC sponsored events including plays and music performances.

For more information, please contact LCC Foundation Assistant Director and Retiree Relations Sheila Burgin at 360.442.2132.

## The Lower Columbia College Foundation has named D&C Lemmons as its 2015-16 Benefactor of the Year

Benefactor honorees have a history of providing charitable financial support to the Foundation, and/or significant volunteer service to Lower Columbia College. Most notably, their contributions have had a demonstrated impact on the college, its programs, students or the community.

The Lower Columbia College campus has transformed dramatically over the past 80 years. Most recently, the college celebrated the completion of a new Health and Science Building, and the remodel of the Myklebust Gymnasium. In 2008, LCC dedicated the Rose Center for the Arts, featuring a 500 seat auditorium, rehearsal hall, art gallery, theater, lecture hall, classrooms, faculty offices and expansive lobby. And while the building is aptly named after the Rose Family for their generous gift to complete its construction, the Rose Center might never have been constructed if it weren't for the efforts of another local family – Don and Clara Lemmons (D&C Lemmons).

The Lemmons were instrumental in not only donating property, but brokering several exchanges between property owners to secure the current location of the Rose Center (formerly the site of a McDonald's and the old Masonic Lodge). Because of this, the footprint of the current LCC campus grew significantly and more clearly defined its borders within the core of downtown Longview.

"The Rose Center is THE place where our community can gather to appreciate music, theater, art, and hear public lectures," said LCC Foundation President Alex Nelson. "This wouldn't have happened without the leadership and support of the Lemmons family and the legacy they helped to provide the community."

As a member of the Executive Committee for the Cowlitz Economic Development Council, Mr. Lemmons has been a strong advocate to the CEDC members for LCC and the important role the college plays in economic development, recruitment, and sustainability.

The Lemmons have also generously supported vocational training programs, and were most recently recognized as Platinum Angel sponsors of the LCC Foundation as part of its Building Healthy Futures campaign.

"As long-time local business owners, the Lemmons give back so generously to their community," said LCC President Chris Bailey. "This generous spirit is the essence that makes this community so great...they continue to actively demonstrate that we all have a stake in each other's success."



## LCC Celebrates Grand Opening of New Minthorn International Art Gallery

Lower Columbia College celebrated the grand opening of a new permanent exhibit in the upstairs art gallery of the Rose Center on September 22, 2015.

The Minthorn International Art Gallery and the Minthorn Collection of Chinese Art are the bequest of Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Minthorn to Lower Columbia College and the community it serves.

The Minthorns were lifelong collectors of Chinese art and artifacts, who expanded their private collection over the years. The Minthorns were always looking to add more pieces to their Chinese collection for the sheer pleasure of locating and appreciating beautiful objects from an ancient culture, most of which date from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The gallery displays some of the pieces that provided countless hours of enjoyment for the family and is celebrated as a generous gift from the family for the entire community to appreciate.

Through a generous estate gift to the LCC Foundation, the Minthorns wished to share their collection with the college and community. This collection is a beautiful addition to the Rose Center, as well as a great celebration of LCC's international student program and goal to fully participate in the global community.

LCC welcomes the community to visit the new Minthorn International Art Gallery and enjoy the current visiting exhibits. The gallery is located in the Rose Center for the Arts at 15<sup>th</sup> & Washington Way, and is open Monday and Tuesday from 10:00-6:00 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Gallery events are free and open to the public.



## Myklebust Gymnasium - Dedication of Honored Spaces

As part of the LCC Foundation's Building Healthy Futures Campaign, community members were able to designate honored spaces at LCC through major gifts to support the Athletic Excellence Fund, which supports academic scholarships for student athletes.

### Emma Hayes Women's Team Room

Lower Columbia College retirees Edward and Emma Hayes were avid LCC sports fans, rarely missing a basketball game or a volleyball match – home or away. Emma worked in the LCC bookstore and Edward was an instructor at LCC for more than 20 years.

Their “super fan” legacy, is rivaled only to their generosity and support for Lower Columbia College athletics and academics. (It is rumored their seats in the gymnasium are permanently reserved from repeat usage!)

As part of this legacy, the women's team room is now dedicated in honor of Emma Hayes, who passed away in 2009.

### Glenn Andrew Study Lounge

Glenn began his college education at Lower Columbia in 1947-49, helping prepare him for a 27-year career as a junior high school principal in Longview. His passion was educating kids and he also loved sports.

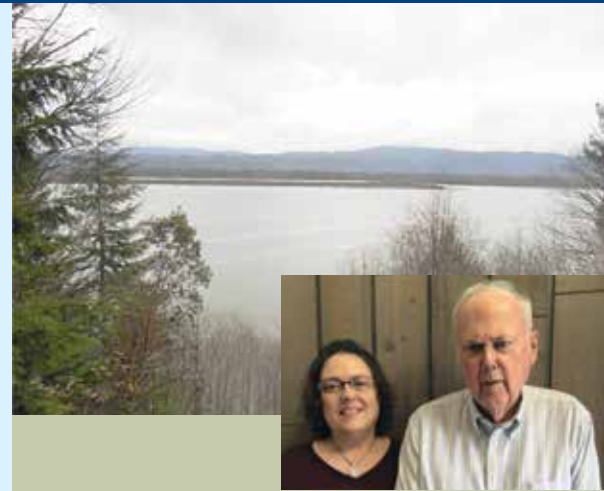
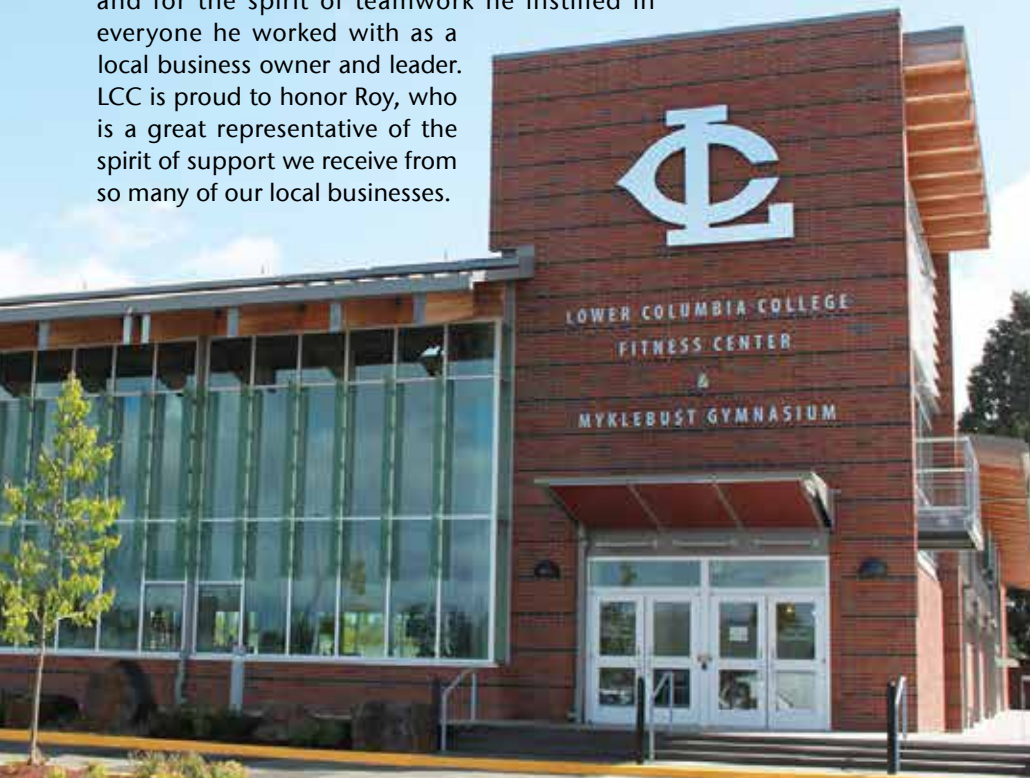
Glenn died on May 10, 2013, but if he had the opportunity to talk to every student-athlete who uses the study area he would encourage them to study hard, practice hard, and compete on the court or on the field to the best of their ability.

### Lorna & Harlan Crusier Training Room

LCC Soccer Coach Harlan, along with his wife Lorna, long-time athletic boosters, seldom miss an LCC sporting event. As part of their legacy of support and coaching students, the Training Room is now dedicated in their honor.

### Roy L. Nippert Men's Team Room

The men's team room was named in honor of Roy Nippert by his family, and for the spirit of teamwork he instilled in everyone he worked with as a local business owner and leader. LCC is proud to honor Roy, who is a great representative of the spirit of support we receive from so many of our local businesses.



## LCC Foundation receives generous gift of property

This fall, the Foundation announced the receipt of a generous gift of property in Wahkiakum County from Phil and Jacquelyn VanDaff of Anchorage, Alaska.

Phil VanDaff served as a school psychologist in Longview for a few years prior to moving to his current home in Alaska.

Now retired, the VanDaffs weren't going to be able to use the land and began to consider its donation to a worthy non-profit. Mr. VanDaff took a couple of classes from LCC when he lived here and never forgot the pride the people of Longview expressed about their city and the school system. Long-time friend, Bob Fox (LCC Class of '63) was involved in part of the conversation and mentioned the LCC Foundation, which won out over some larger well-known universities.

“It's a beautiful piece of property,” said Bob Fox. “I'm glad it's been donated to Lower Columbia College to increase their educational footprint in Longview and advance their mission of student success.”

Proceeds from the sale of the riverfront acreage, appraised at over \$500,000, will be used to support academic and student success at Lower Columbia College for years to come.

“We are so thankful for the generosity of our community and friends of LCC,” said LCC President Chris Bailey. “The campus, like our students, has literally been transformed over the years thanks to patrons like the VanDaffs.”



## Sid Snyder named 2015 Alumni of the Year

Lower Columbia College and the Lower Columbia College Foundation celebrated the selection of the late Sidney R. (Sid) Snyder as LCC's 2015 Alumni of the Year. Snyder, a long time Washington State Legislator, Kelso native and LCC alum, died in 2012. His wife of 61 years, Bette Kennedy Snyder, accepted the award on his behalf at the LCCF Horns & Halos Gala on March 21, 2015.

Snyder, a Democrat and former Senate Majority Leader whose career spanned 54 years, was the son of a Kelso barber. In an interview, he once said, "I grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in South Kelso, and if I got through high school that was great..." After he graduated from Kelso High School, he went on to serve in the Army Air Corps and attend Lower Columbia College.



*Bette Kennedy Snyder, accepting the Alumni of the Year Award*

After moving to Long Beach in 1946, Snyder opened Sid's Market. In 1949, he was hired as an elevator operator for the House of Representatives at the state Capitol in Olympia. He quickly moved to the position of Bill Room Supervisor, and later spent 12 years as Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. Snyder also served as Secretary of the Senate for 19 years.

In 1990, Snyder was elected to the Washington State Senate where he served as Caucus Chair during his freshman term. He eventually became the Senate Majority Leader.

Senator Snyder was awarded many honors in his long legislative career, including the Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award in 2002.

Previous LCC Alumni of the Year include Paul Laufman in 2013, and Rob Quoidbach in 2014.



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## Greetings LCC Alumni!

The Foundation is committed to creating meaningful, lasting relationships between alumni and Lower Columbia College. The Annual Report is just one of the ways we provide our alumni and community with an overview of recent achievements and highlights at LCC.

We encourage **YOU** to stay in touch and get connected! For more information, questions, or to share your LCC story, please contact Foundation Specialist Serina Graham at 360.442.2134.

We hope to highlighting **YOU** and other **LCC Alumni** on our new Alumni Web page located at [lowercolumbia.edu/foundation/alumni.php](http://lowercolumbia.edu/foundation/alumni.php)



## 2015 Lower Columbia College Athletics Hall of Fame Class

Five instrumental people in the history of Lower Columbia College athletics were honored with induction to the Lower Columbia Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday January 31, 2015. A banquet and induction ceremony was held at the Kelso Red Hotel & Conference Center and the inductees were introduced during half-time at the LCC Men's & Women's Basketball Games against the South Puget Sound Clippers in the newly remodeled Myklebust Gymnasium. The 2015 inductees included:



Sandy (Cerkan) Crews  
Women's Basketball

**Sandy (Cerkan) Crews** is one of the all-time great women's basketball players at LCC. Cerkan played two seasons at point guard for the Red Devils in 1983-84 and 1984-85. Among her honors at LCC was team MVP, LCC Outstanding Female Athlete, NWAC Region 1st team and All-NWAC Tournament second team. Sandy graduated from LCC and went on to star at Portland State University and was named the team's offensive MVP her senior season. While at PSU, Sandy put up numbers that, at the time, were in the top ten in scoring, assists and free throw shooting. Sandy is the manager of the Work Source Lewis County office.



Steve Hanson  
Athletics Contributor

**Steve Hanson** is honored for his great support and service to the Red Devil athletic department. He was one of the original members of the LCC Booster Club and served on the board for 10 years. He was also the "Voice" of Red Devil basketball in the 1970's, bringing the action home over the airwaves of radio station KLOG. As the station's owner and general manager, Hanson broadcasted games, and he donated countless hours of free airtime supporting LCC activities and events. Hanson to this day is a member of the Booster Club and his son Joel, now the KLOG general manager, continues Steve's vision of supporting the Red Devils.



Jan Karnoski  
Coach/Athlete

**Jan Karnoski** was a two-sport athlete at LCC, he also took the women's basketball team to new heights as the coach of the She-Devils for nine years in the 1970-80s. Karnoski's baseball skills at LCC led to a scholarship at Seattle University. Jan was an All-Conference selection during the 1967 LCC baseball season. Karnoski was also a solid guard for the LCC basketball team under coach Don Porter. In nine years as the Lady Devils head coach, "Karno" had a record of 162 wins and 93 losses for a 64-percent winning percentage.



Don Porter  
Coach/Athletic Director

**Don Porter** is one of the men most responsible for taking LCC basketball and athletics to a new level after establishing the LCC Booster Club. A decorated high school coach in Portland, OR, Porter took the LCC job and recruited some of the most memorable players in school history like Terry Jones and Don Lincoln. Porter brought the 1970 NWAC championship to Longview and then coached the team to the memorable championship game. Following his time at LCC, Porter returned to his home town and became a successful businessman and the mayor of McMinnville, OR. Porter was inducted into the Linfield College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.



Randy Sundberg  
Men's Basketball

**Randy Sundberg** was a steady athlete who put up big scoring and rebounding numbers in his two seasons on the men's basketball team. He led the Red Devils to the NWAC tourney in 1973 and 1974, averaging 14.0 points and 12 rebounds per game. After LCC, Sundberg went on to a great career at Pacific Lutheran University. Sundberg has worked in the Longview area as a successful contractor. After operating his own construction business for 20 years, Randy was hired by Schlecht Construction in 2007 as an Estimator and Project Manager. His recent project work includes the Hospice/Community Home Health office addition in Longview, Washington.

## Your Gift Could Change a Life

Did you know that for a relatively small financial donation you can transform the life of a student?

Whether it is the gift of a scholarship to a returning veteran or first-time college student, or an emergency loan for a struggling single parent trying to juggle work and school, a small amount can make a huge difference – a difference which can last a lifetime.

Many of LCC's alumni, retirees and friends came from humble beginnings, and made a better world for themselves, their families, and the community through education and hard work. As a testimony of their gratitude, they have helped to build our campus and make a difference for future generations of students through one-time donations or planned gifts to the LCC Foundation.

In honor of LCC's benefactors, the Foundation established the Wertheimer Society to recognize and honor donors who have generously provided, or plan to provide, gifts to the Foundation through bequests, trusts, and other life income gifts. A planned gift is a great way to help build a legacy of excellence for tomorrow and beyond.

As you think about the future of this community, what do you want your legacy to be? *Your gift could make all the difference.*



## Mark Your Calendar! Aging Wisely Seminar Series

The LCC Foundation will present four seminars on campus, led by local experts to help you achieve your long-term financial goals.



*May 10*

### How You Leave is Just as Important as How You Live.

Panelists: Kristine Keough, St. Johns; Dave Rorden, Elder Care Attorney; and Community Home Health and Hospice Representative

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., location TBD

*August 16*

### Should You Still Trust: Are Trusts Still Useful in Your Estate Plan?

Panelists: Mike Claxton, Estate Planning Attorney; Linda Davis, CPA; and John Nord, Independent Trustee.

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., location TBD

*June 21*

### Home for Life: Are You and Your Home Prepared for the Rest of Your Life?

Panelists: Diane Craft, Koelsch Senior Communities; Cary Butler, Certified Aging in Place Specialist; Nancy Verhei, CEO of Elder Options.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m., location TBD

*October 11*

### How Much is Enough and How to Make It Last.

Max Anderson, Financial Planner; Bob Beal, Insurance Agent; and Stephen Fuller, CFP®

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., location TBD

**NEW!**

For more information, please contact the LCC Foundation at 360.442.2130

# How Can You Help?

*Your gift can transform the life of a student! Whether you establish an academic scholarship, support the Student Success Fund, or sponsor a student athlete by giving to the Athletics Excellence Fund, your investment will help make college more affordable for students.*

*Your gift will ensure LCC is able to provide quality, affordable education. Your financial support will help secure first-rate faculty, support technology and innovative programs, and improve the quality of campus infrastructure.*

## Student Success Fund

Each dollar donated to the LCC Student Success Fund is twice spent: helping students in need, and helping the college maintain quality programs. Students get the vital support they need for tuition and books, and the funds stay on campus to support programs.

Since launching the fund in 2013, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$150,000 in emergency grants to help nearly 500 students in need. The fund assists students who are most at risk for abandoning their education due to financial hardship.

These one-time grants mean the difference between success and failure for students who are on their way to graduation.

### The Student Success Fund helps students with:

- Tuition expenses not covered by scholarships, financial aid or grants
- Textbook expenses
- Testing fees
- Emergency childcare expenses
- Emergency transportation

### Thank you to our Platinum and Gold Angels for their generous support:

- Paul & Marlene Laufman
- Laboratory Science Institute
- David and Jennifer Houten
- Weyerhaeuser Foundation Giving Fund
- Vernon and Karen Pickett
- Fibre Federal Credit Union
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*“We are so grateful for the tremendous community support we have to ensure student success at LCC!”*

Alex Nelson,  
Foundation  
Board President





## Athletic Excellence Fund

**Athletic Excellence: It's not just about sports, it's about student success!**

College athletics is an important avenue to educational and career success. LCC's student athletes rank near the top of their peers in academic achievement. The LCC Foundation is focused on student success and completion. We know that athletics keeps our students in the game, and we have a strong commitment to protecting the future of athletics and ensuring its legacy continues for the future.

### Did you know?

A full scholarship for one student athlete is \$2,600 per year. In addition, equipment, travel and food can average up to \$800 annually per student for a total cost of \$3,400 per person.

### How can you help?

LCC Athletics needs both annual and long-term donations to support student scholarships and program support. All donations to the LCC Athletic Excellence Fund go to helping students in our amazing Red Devil athletics program!

**Thank you to all of the community leaders who have generously support Athletic Excellence:**

- LCC Athletic Boosters

Local business and individual sponsors, such as:

- Columbia Ford Lincoln Nissan Hyundai
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- Individuals through named gifts
- Paul and Marlene Laufman
- Ed Hays
- Dave and Linda Andrew
- Harlan and Lorna Crusier
- Nippert Family

## 2015 Lower Columbia College Scholarship Social

Celebrating Success! Each year, scholarship recipients are celebrated at an annual scholarship social, where they have the opportunity to meet their donors and share their personal stories. Last year the Foundation awarded \$260,000 in scholarships to students. We are so grateful for the generosity and support of our community members who made this happen!

For more information on setting up an annual or endowed scholarship to support student success, please contact LCC Foundation Assistant Director of Development and Scholarships Sheila Burgin at [sburgin@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:sburgin@lowercolumbia.edu) or 360.442.2132.



## Scholarships

Give the gift of higher education! Affordability remains one of the largest challenges to student success. Help support a deserving student in a meaningful way.

The Lower Columbia College Foundation awarded over \$260,000 in scholarships to students in the 2014-2015 year. Scholarships may be named in honor or memory of an individual or family member. Scholarships may also be established in the name of a business or organization to foster a spirit of corporate citizenship and community support.

## Types of Scholarships

### Annual Scholarships

Annual Scholarships provide one or more scholarship awards, in number and amount determined by the donor. Funding is renewed by the donor each year. Annual Scholarships require a gift of \$500 or more.

### Endowed Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships provide one or more scholarship awards in perpetuity. Endowed funds are invested, and up to 5% of earned interest is awarded as determined by the LCC Foundation Board of Directors. Endowed Scholarships require a gift or pledge of \$20,000 or more, payable within five years.



# Financial Report 2014 – 2015

	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$518,332	\$660,978
Investments	\$14,357,270	\$13,555,286
Pledges Receivables	\$85,910	\$100,280
Prepaid Expenses	\$746	\$1,193
Fixtures & Equipment	\$15,950	\$24,500
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,978,208</b>	<b>\$14,342,237</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	\$62,975	\$42,233
Amounts Held in Trust	\$61,370	\$69,109
Annuity Payment Liability	\$3,666	\$3,484
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$128,011</b>	<b>\$114,826</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	\$3,229,630	\$2,922,303
Temporarily Restricted	\$4,362,580	\$3,912,800
Permanently Restricted	\$7,257,987	\$7,507,134
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,850,197</b>	<b>\$14,342,237</b>

## Income & Expenditures July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

### Income

**Revenue, Gains/Losses, Other ..... \$842,942**

### Expenditures

Program Support to LCC:	
Scholarships	\$262,773
Grants	\$94,323
Program Support	\$611,717
Other	\$122,051
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,090,864</b>

General & Administrative	\$204,438
Fundraising	\$170,426

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... \$1,465,728**

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### Become a Society Member

Becoming a member of the Wertheimer Society is quite simple. In fact, if you have named Lower Columbia College in your will or have otherwise included the institution in your estate plans, you are already a member.

If you have not yet notified us of your bequest, please contact the Lower Columbia College Foundation today to inform us of your decision and sign a Declaration of Intent. The Declaration of Intent is non-binding and creates no legal obligation to you or your estate.

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J & S Foundation  
Petters Family Trust  
The Stanley B. & June L. Rose Foundation  
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Robert and Linda Tininenko  
Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges  
Jeanne & Phillip Wertheimer  
The Wollenberg Foundation

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Howard Charitable Foundation  
KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation  
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Ernest J. "Ernie" & Arlene Kuntz  
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Microsoft Corporation  
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Estate of Ruth L. West  
Weyerhaeuser Company  
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Community Foundation for SW Washington  
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The Daily News  
Anne J. Davis  
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Evans-Kelly Family Foundation  
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The Daily News/Lee Foundation  
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NetApp  
NORPAC  
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The Estate of Ronald J. Raski  
Red Canoe Credit Union  
Estate of Marylou Schall  
Andrew Shold  
The Health Care Foundation

## \$10,000-\$49,999

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Wendy Elizabeth Adams Trust  
Adelphia Communications  
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AMX LLC  
Anderson & Anderson Advisory, LLC  
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Baker Lumber Company Inc.  
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Columbia Ford Lincoln Nissan  
Hyundai  
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Cowlitz Bank  
Cowlitz County Deputy Sheriffs' Benefit Association  
Janet Feasey Coyle  
John and Donna Crook  
Harlan and Lorna Cruser  
Estate of Alma M. Day  
Democratic Club of Cowlitz County

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Evelyn Drake  
Emerald Sky Foundation  
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Georgia-Pacific  
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JH Kelly, LLC  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest  
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Kiwanis Club of Longview  
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