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2020  
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*to the* **Community**



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## **LCC Strong**

2020 was filled with unprecedented challenges for Lower Columbia College. Just days into the largest and most complex computer conversion in the history of the college, the governor issued the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order to rein in the COVID-19 pandemic. Finals for winter quarter were disrupted, and we delayed the start of spring quarter by a few weeks to give faculty time to adapt to fully online instruction in every discipline. In spite of the stress of the situation, LCC rose to the occasion. With our strong emergency preparedness efforts and dedicated faculty and staff, we were much better positioned to meet the challenges of the pandemic than many other community colleges. Although we’re not sure when the viral outbreak will subside, we remain focused and dedicated to our mission of serving students. We will emerge from the pandemic changed, stronger, and more grateful than ever before to be able to provide for the postsecondary educational needs of our community.



Chris Bailey

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## **Your Community. Your College**

Despite these turbulent times, a shot at the American dream and getting a college education are still the goals for so many in our community and beyond. Lower Columbia College is truly a special place in this community! It is a place where students can get started or in some cases start over, as they pursue a college education, career training, and a brighter future. Our community is a better place to live, work, and raise families because of Lower Columbia College. These opportunities are made possible because of people like you who invest in our community and our students. Thank you for being a part of your community and your college. We are LCC proud.



Kendra Sprague

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Rich Gushman



## John and Cathy Natt 2020-21 Benefactor of the Year

The Lower Columbia College Foundation has named John and Cathy Natt as the 2020-21 Benefactor of the Year. Benefactor honorees have a history of providing charitable financial support to the foundation, and/or significant volunteer service to the college. Most notably, contributions from honorees have had major impacts on the college, its programs, students, and the community. “It is with great pleasure that we announce and honor John & Cathy Natt as this year’s Lower Columbia College Benefactor of the Year,” said Rich Gushman, LCC Foundation Board Chair.

John Natt and his family established the Theodore McClelland Natt Endowed Scholarship in 1999 in memory of John’s brother, Ted, who passed away in a helicopter crash. In addition, John’s extended family established the Natt Library Endowment in 1989. In 2012, the couple established the John and Cathy Natt Endowed Fund supporting the greatest needs of the college. “LCC is fortunate to have supporters like John and Cathy whose gifts will continue to

benefit students for years to come,” shares Kendra Sprague, LCC Vice President of Foundation, HR, & Legal Affairs.

John’s father was an Air Force colonel. As a result, John and his brother, Ted, led a nomadic life in their early years. John shares, “Because we moved around so much, we always viewed Longview as our home town. It was both where my mother’s family lived (grandmother and grandfather, Ruth and John McClelland, great aunt and uncle, Kate and Mark Morris, aunt and uncle, Burdette and John McClelland, Jr.) and, later, my mother, Martha Sue McClelland Natt, my brother and sister in law, Ted and Diane Natt.” In 1970, John married Cathy Monroe, whose parents, Peggy and Harper Monroe, lived in Longview. The couple met at the Daily News where Cathy was working as a summer intern for Ted Natt. Cathy went to St. Rose School and is a graduate of R.A. Long High School.

Though John and Cathy have lived in California for 46 years, their ties to Longview run deep. They reflect on their community roots, the important role LCC



fills in the community, and the impact it has. After years of giving generously to universities close to John and Cathy’s hearts, “the more we learned about LCC, the more we came to realize that LCC was doing a terrific job. Our gifts to LCC would certainly have a greater impact than those to our other universities and would, at the same time, help our hometown,” shared John.

“We appreciate this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate John and Cathy for their ongoing commitment to education at LCC,” shared LCC President, Chris Bailey.

John and Cathy will be honored at the 2021 LCC Foundation Horns & Halos Gala in September.

## Career Pathways at LCC

LCC is in its third year of a five-year, \$500,000 grant from College Spark Washington to implement Guided Pathways, a national student success initiative. The goal is to increase the number of students earning college credentials that lead to productive employment. Because helping each new student enter the right pathway is critical, Guided Pathways colleges are required to identify clusters of programs that have similar career trajectories. We conducted focus groups with around 200 students, who helped us name our clusters. They also encouraged us to call them “Career Pathways.”



Accounting  
& Business



Health,  
Sciences,  
& Wellness



Manufacturing,  
Trades, &  
Transportation



Social Science &  
Criminal Justice



Arts,  
Communication,  
& Humanities



Information  
Technology



Science, Technology,  
Engineering, & Math  
(STEM)



Teacher Education  
& Early Learning



## **Alex Brehm Wins Prestigious Award**

In January 2020, Fighting Smelt Coach and Communication Studies instructor, Alex Brehm, was honored by the Northwest Forensics Conference with the Judge Educator Award. The award is presented annually to a coach who supports speech and debate students from all colleges in the community with feedback, encouragement, and positive spirit. This honor was previously given to LCC coaching legend Mike Dugaw in 2003.



## **LCC's Fighting Smelt Have Banner Year**

For Lower Columbia College's speech and debate team, the Fighting Smelt, 2019-20 was an extraordinary year. As a team, they captured the Northwest Forensics Conference Division III Gold Medal. In other words, they captured the conference championship among community college competitors. They also captured the International Public Debate Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Community College award. This is a national ranking based on their success throughout the season. The team also placed in the top two community colleges in all eight tournaments during the 2019-20 season, including taking top overall honors at the Earl Wells Memorial Tournament hosted by Oregon State University.



Each member of the team excelled in individual as well as team competition. Team members included Ayesha Ahmed, Camren Thornton, Eli Tovar, Elizabeth Brown, Felix Stöth, Ilinca Slabu, Jagger Norris, Julia Mitchell, Mitchell Levy, Molly Mahoney, Sebastian Tran, and Victoria DelSasso. Julia Mitchell of Kelso earned the prestigious Pentathlon Award, which is presented to the top student competing in five or more individual events, at the Earl Wells Memorial Tournament.



Pictured in the photo, left to right: Mitchell Levy, Ilinca Slabu, Rebecca Pickner (Assistant Coach), Julia Mitchell, Molly Mahoney, Elizabeth Brown, Victoria DelSasso, Jagger Norris, Eli Tovar.



# College Success Fund

## ***A Catalyst for Excellence in Education & Innovation***

The College Success Fund allows LCC to capitalize on emergent needs and opportunities as they arise to better serve our students and community. Your contribution to College Success has been a catalyst for advancing many of our educational programs through investment and innovation such as STEM education and workforce training.

This fund continues to enhance our ability to provide quality instruction in our classrooms and labs while preparing students for future success.

### ***The College Success Fund supports:***

- Academic programs
- Staff and faculty grants
- Innovative learning opportunities
- New instructional equipment and technology
- Veterans' support services
- Student support programs
- Head Start programs
- Industrial Trades recruitment
- Improvements to infrastructure
- Areas of greatest need

Since its inception, thanks to your support, the College Success Fund has provided \$200,000 in LCC Foundation Grants to staff and faculty to enhance programs through equipment, staff and faculty development, student support, and community engagement.



## ***Navigator Outreach Program***

Thanks to generous grant support from the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, LCC started a Navigator Outreach Program in early 2020. The purpose of the program is to provide personalized support for high school seniors in developing their post-graduation plans, including applying for financial aid to attend college.

This is important to the region's economy. Trained employees are an essential part of any workforce, but educational attainment rates in LCC's service district fall well below state averages. Financial aid application rates also lag state averages. That's saying something, considering that Washington ranks 47th in terms of completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Our first Navigator, Jodi Rogers, is assigned to Kelso High School (KHS), a frequent LCC collaborator. Although Jodi started just a few weeks before the COVID-19 lockdown began in March 2020, the program's impact is already evident. At the time of this writing, Kelso is leading Cowlitz County substantially in the proportion of high school seniors completing FAFSA applications, an important first step toward obtaining a college degree.

Another early indication of success is the proportion of 2020 KHS graduates who enrolled at LCC by fall quarter. Between this year and last, the rate increased from 21% to 23%. Given that many families are delaying college-going decisions due to the pandemic, Kelso's results are very encouraging.

Providing a Navigator to every high school in LCC's service district could lead to dramatic increases in the number of people going to college, whether or not they choose LCC. To date, we have not identified a funding source to expand the pilot program.

## LCC at a Glance\*

### Enrollment

5,257 Total students  
212 Worker Retraining  
132 Veterans\*\*  
527 Running Start  
3,310 Online

### Student Intent

33% Transfer students  
38% Workforce students  
15% Basic Skills students  
13% Other students

### Demographics

68% Female  
26% Students of color  
30 Average age  
47% Full-time

### NWAC Varsity Sports

Men & Women's Basketball  
Men's Baseball  
Women's Softball, Volleyball,  
and Soccer

### Facilities

38.75 Acre campus  
26 Buildings

### Operating Budget for 2019-20

\$25.9 Million

### Annual Tuition

\$3,942 Tuition and fees  
(2019-20, 36 credits)  
Financial Aid Disbursed –  
\$11.69 Million (figure not final)

### Foundation

\$19.5 Million in assets  
(figure not final)

### Employment

422 Total employees  
74 Full-time, 106 Part-time  
Faculty  
242 Staff including Head Start/  
ECEAP employees

\*2019-20 data, unless noted

\*\*Students receiving Veteran benefits

## Don and Mary Johnson Academic Opportunity Scholarship – Scholarship Spotlight

Established in 2019, the Don and Mary Johnson Academic Opportunity Scholarship was created to assist first year, first generation college students who plan on transferring to a state university. Qualified applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, financial need, and be majoring in engineering, nursing, computer science, education, or business administration. In addition, students must answer the question, what do they *not* want to be in life? Don and Mary shared their belief that identifying what you *don't* want in your life will help guide and keep you on your path to success.



While attending R.A. Long High School's career day in the 9th grade, Don was impressed by a presentation made by a mechanical engineer from Bonneville Power. After graduating from high school in 1961, Don began pursuing mechanical engineering at LCC. He decided on LCC because it was a natural next step for a young married man working full-time at Weyerhaeuser. He married his wife, Mary, in 1963 and continued to work full-time while going to school.

With little means to pay for school, Don found LCC to be an excellent choice. Unlike universities, this institution provided Don with a flexible school schedule and the support he needed to be a successful student. The advantages LCC offered included smaller class sizes, first-rate help, and access to instructors and tutors, which gave him the personal attention needed to get through difficult courses. Don shares, "People often overlook the personal attention that gets someone over-the-hump. LCC encourages students to speak up, have a vote, and participate in discussions."

After graduating from LCC in 1966, Don went on to complete his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Washington. Don's engineering career began at Simpson Tacoma Kraft as a tech assistant. He was eventually promoted to Operations Manager and finally to Vice President and General Manager. Following his retirement from Stimson Tacoma Kraft, Don worked as a Commissioner for the Port of Tacoma for 12 years before fully retiring in 2020.

Don and Mary's philanthropic support through the LCC Foundation provides hope to first generation college students who lack financial means and whose parents are unable to help them navigate college systems. Mary shares, "Don had many employees that returned to school and education improved their future. They became motivated to take advantage of opportunities."

Don and Mary shared one last bit of advice: "Life gets better every day. It takes personality and technical ability to be successful. Have the courage to show up and participate in your education and future career."

### Give the Gift of Higher Education!

Affordability remains one of the largest challenges to student success. The LCC Foundation is committed to helping students achieve their education dreams by awarding \$497,000 in scholarships during the 2019-20 year. Scholarships may be named in honor or memory of an individual or family member, may be established in the name of a business or organization to foster a spirit of corporate citizenship and community support. The LCC Foundation offers two types of scholarships: annual and endowed. Establish your scholarship today!

For more information on establishing an annual or endowed scholarship to help students, please contact Sheila Burgin, Assistant Director, at [sburgin@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:sburgin@lowercolumbia.edu) or 360.442.3132.



## Student Success Fund

The Student Success Fund provides emergency grants to LCC students who are most at-risk for abandoning higher education goals due to financial hardships. It provides vital support to encourage students to complete their degrees.

Since 2012, the fund has provided nearly \$450,000 in emergency grants to more than 850 students. The average award is \$500. For many students, this grant means the difference between completing their education or dropping out.

The Student Success Fund works! Completion rates for LCC's Student Success Fund recipients is nearly double that of the all LCC students.

### *The Student Success Fund helps students with:*

- Tuition expenses not covered by financial aid, scholarships, or other grants
- Emergency childcare expenses
- Emergency housing and heating costs
- Emergency transportation
- Tools and other school supplies
- Testing fees



A special thanks to our community partner, The Daily News, for their continued support through the Students in Need campaign. Last year, "Students in Need" raised nearly \$27,000 for the Student Success Fund.

A special thanks goes out to the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington this year who provided \$50,000 in emergency grant funding to assist students during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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*"I have dreamed of becoming a nurse since I was in the 5th grade. I had life get in the way of my dreams. I have since put myself through school and got my LPN. My husband lost his job during the shutdown. I am working full-time and have become the provider. I did not know how I was going to come up with money for this quarter. I am so grateful for the Student Success grant. I would otherwise not be on track for completing my education."*

Celina  
LCC student





### ***Student Athlete Spotlight ~ Samaad Hector***

He became known around Lower Columbia College as the “Chairman of the Boards.” Samaad Hector spent the past two seasons playing Men’s Basketball at LCC and made it a record-breaking endeavor. The forward from Skyview High School made his mark by breaking the LCC single season (429) and career (713) rebounding records both held by Mark Herold. Hector also could score, as he finished his time at LCC with 512 points - 14th on the career LCC list.

Samaad was unsure of what would come out of his time in Longview. “I wasn’t sure if I could achieve all I have at LCC,” he said. “I knew I could rebound, but as far as earning a D-1 scholarship, it’s been a blessing.”

“All my life I’ve had people tell me I couldn’t do it. A longtime friend said as much right before the NWAC tournament my freshman year at LCC. That comment turned things around for me and I became a gym rat and dedicated myself to the weight room. I also got the support I needed from head coach Mickey Polis and assistant coach Allan Brown, not to mention tutors and instructors,” Hector said.

Hector earned a scholarship at Sacramento State University where he is immediately having success for the Hornets. “Coach Polis was also a D1 player and so he shared his experience and vision with me. Playing for coach Polis and coach Brown have been life changing,” he said.

The personable Hector was a fan favorite at LCC with his relentless style of play and big smile. He appreciates it. “Every time I stepped on the LCC court, it’s always been love with the fans and the community of Longview. I’ll never forget that.”

And the campus will never forget Samaad Hector, the greatest rebounder in the history of LCC Men’s Basketball.

## ***Dynasty on Hold***

The 2019-2020 athletics season at Lower Columbia College was going great until... the pandemic. The Red Devil volleyball team made it to the NWAC championship tournament and showed well again. Although the LCC Women’s Soccer team didn’t qualify for the playoffs, the team continued to show improvement and were competitive. Basketball was going great guns when both teams had to deal with COVID-19 shutdowns. The Red Devils Women’s Basketball team was the first to feel the effects when the conference made the decision to suspend play while the Devils were on the court in Everett. Although the game with North Idaho was allowed to finish, the air came out of the team’s sails knowing the season was possibly going to be over win-or-lose. The West Region champion Red Devil men’s team was one of the favorites to take the championship only to have the tournament cancelled before they ever reached the floor. LCC was led by record-setting rebounder Samaad Hector (see profile). The LCC softball season was off to a solid start when the pandemic caused cancellation of the season after seven games. The LCC baseball team was also playing very well on its quest to become the first-ever team to win four straight NWAC championships. The cancellation also meant there would be no NWAC championship tournament in Longview for the first time in 15 years. The Devils will have to wait until Memorial Day 2022 to get a chance for the Four-Peat.



***Get in the game!***

*Leave your legacy for  
LCC Red Devil athletes by  
leaving a gift to the  
Athletic Excellence Fund.*

*Give online at  
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## ***Athletic Excellence Fund***

### ***It's not just about sports, it's about student success!***

Lower Columbia College's athletic programs are an important avenue to education and future careers for our student athletes. LCC athletes regularly rank near the top of their peers in academic achievement and continue on to successful careers both on and off the court or field. *Now more than ever, we need your help to continue the Red Devil Legacy.* The pandemic has impacted millions of people in communities around the world, including ours. Our athletes are facing uncertainty in their educational environments and their sports, while adhering to strict COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

The Lower Columbia College Foundation is committed to helping LCC sustain successful and competitive athletic programs and provides athletic scholarships by raising \$170,000 annually. These funds provide a critical role in every student athlete's success and completion. A full scholarship for one student athlete is nearly \$2,700 per year. In addition, program support, equipment, travel, and food costs can be up to \$1,200 annually – an average total cost per student of nearly **\$3,900**.

Now is the time to *get in the game!* Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the LCC **Athletic Excellence Fund**. Lower Columbia College Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. With your support, coupled with the strong support of our community we can look forward to sustaining a legacy of athletic excellence well into the future!

***Making a gift to the Athletic Excellence Fund is now easier than ever! Give online at [lowercolumbia.edu/foundation](https://lowercolumbia.edu/foundation)***

### ***Red Devil Athletics More Than Just Excellence In Competition***

The Red Devil Athletic program has plenty of championships and league titles to boast as the top overall program in the NWAC conference. LCC is the three-time NWAC Athletic Directors Cup champions for on-field/court success. But it's the achievement in the classroom that is equally impressive. Coming off the 2018-2019 NWAC Presidents Cup for academic achievement, LCC did even better in the classroom in 2019-2020. Because of the pandemic, the President's Cup has not been awarded for 2019-2020 yet. LCC is certainly right in the mix again. The program's overall GPA was 3.05. The Women's Basketball team led the way with a 3.43 GPA including four players with a 4.0. Softball was next with a team GPA of 3.25 and two players with a 4.0. Baseball had a 3.11 team GPA and five perfect 4.0s. Men's Basketball had an impressive 2.91 team GPA. Volleyball had a 2.88 with two student/athletes at 4.0. Women's soccer came away with a 2.59 team GPA and two 4.0's. 15 Red Devils had a 4.0 GPA. Commitment to athletic excellence both in the classroom and in competition makes us all proud of our Red Devils!



### ***Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees***



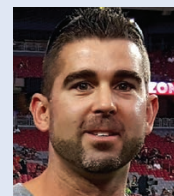
**Ed Hayes**  
Longtime LCC Super Fan  
& Athletic Booster



**Stephen Hinckley**  
Baseball  
1972-1973



**Michelle Paul**  
Softball  
1993-1994



**Justin Thompson**  
Basketball  
1999-2000



**1970 Championship  
Baseball Team**

## ***Navigating through the Pandemic***

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On January 21, 2020, the first U.S. case of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 was confirmed in the state of Washington. On March 23, Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order requiring immediate closure of non-essential businesses and sending most workers home. When the order was issued, LCC was in the midst of final exams. Some were shifted online, and many were cancelled altogether.

The massive switch to working remotely came just days after LCC’s conversion to a new computer system called ctclink, without a doubt the biggest overall change to the college in decades. The new system required every student and employee to activate a new account and learn new ways to perform most transactions.

Along with ctclink support, the rest of the college’s programs and services also quickly pivoted to a remote environment. The start of spring quarter was delayed by two weeks to April 20 to give faculty more time to move their classes online.

Meanwhile, LCC’s emergency operations team convened daily to monitor the situation, provide guidance, and develop safety plans for the gradual resumption of activity. On May 5, programs deemed essential by the state, including machine trades, medical assisting, nursing, and welding, were allowed to resume limited in-person instruction following established physical distancing and other mandatory protocols.

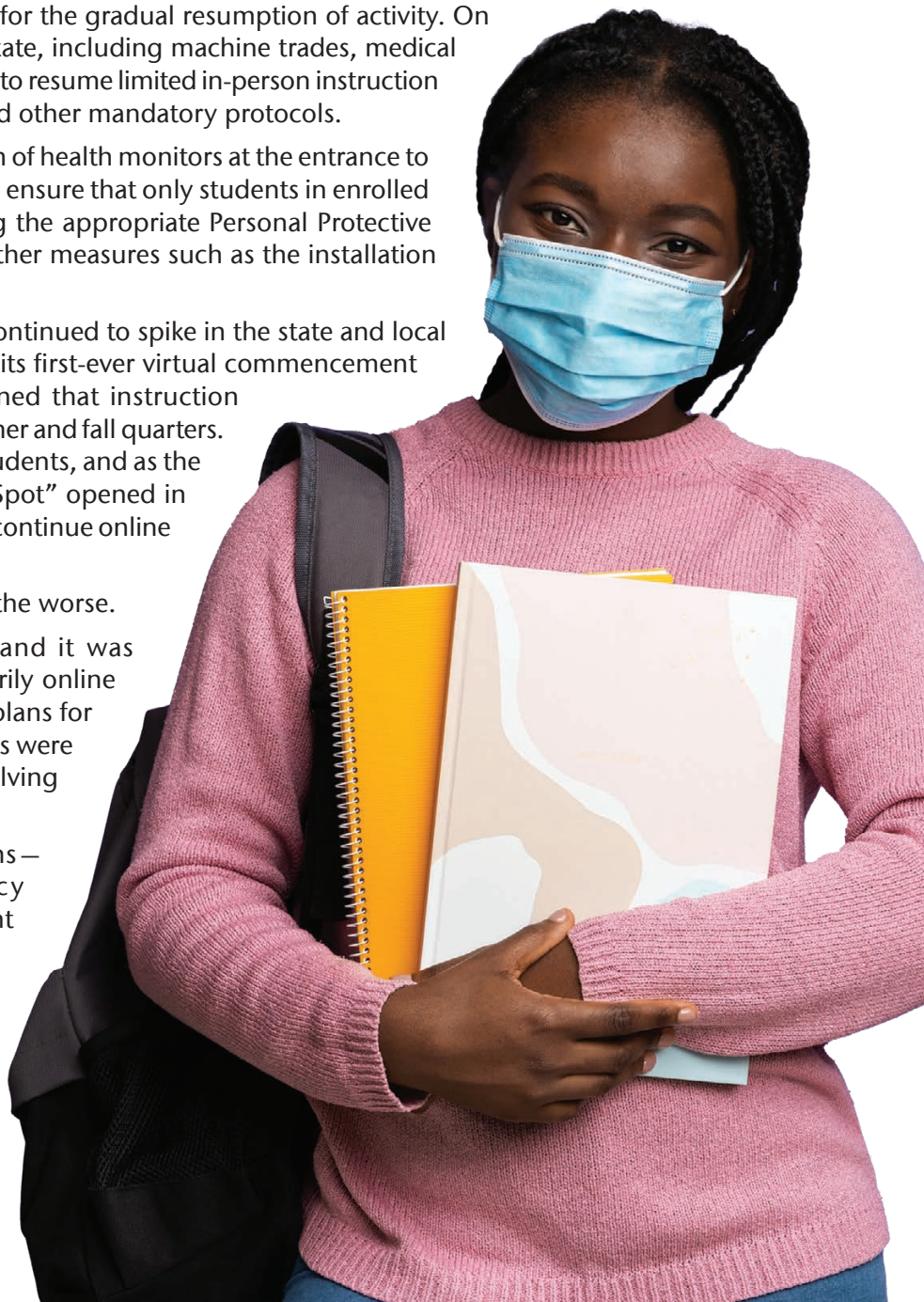
An important safety measure was the addition of health monitors at the entrance to every instructional building. Health monitors ensure that only students in enrolled classes enter, check that people are wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and take temperatures. Other measures such as the installation of plexiglass barriers were also taken.

Throughout spring quarter, infection rates continued to spike in the state and local community. LCC made the decision to hold its first-ever virtual commencement ceremony on June 19, and it was determined that instruction would remain predominantly online for summer and fall quarters. A few essential areas partially reopened to students, and as the weather grew colder, a “Drop-In Wi-Fi Hot Spot” opened in the Student Center. Officials made the call to continue online instruction in winter quarter.

In November, infection rates took a turn for the worse.

New statewide restrictions were issued, and it was announced that LCC would continue primarily online instruction in spring quarter. Carefully laid plans for campus-owned student housing and athletics were revised yet again to reflect the constantly evolving situation.

As the pandemic rages on, LCC’s strengths—including well-developed emergency preparedness plans and faculty commitment to quality online learning—will continue to provide stability and direction amid a sea of uncertainty.





## Maintaining Quality in Instruction

Enrollment in online instruction increased over 200% between fall 2019 and the following fall, mostly due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While some faculty began teaching online for the first time in spring 2020, many were well-established in this increasingly popular mode of instruction long before the virus took over our lives.

Regardless of previous online experience, faculty from across the college have stretched their limits and imaginations to continue serving students. With support from LCC's outstanding eLearning department and each other, faculty have persisted in providing quality instruction in spite of the incredibly challenging circumstances.

According to **Lucas Myers**, LCC Biology Instructor and Lead Faculty Consultant for the (statewide) STEM Communities of Practice, this partnership is not exactly new. "LCC has innovative faculty that have always been willing to stretch the limits of the traditional in an effort to expand our online offerings and promote the highest quality of education possible in an online environment," he said.

**Katrina Fuller**, another member of LCC's biology department and a faculty lead with the (statewide) Biology Community of Practice, couldn't agree more. "The LCC biology department has been a leader in developing quality online science courses for years, so we were well-positioned when COVID forced college courses online. We were able to quickly share Canvas courses with colleagues statewide, so they didn't have to reinvent the wheel," she said.

At LCC, processes are in place to ensure that learning remains at the center of instruction. While that may sound obvious, it actually takes a tremendous amount of expertise to accomplish. Faculty are responsible for developing the learning outcomes for any given course, then must find creative and effective ways to lead students to them regardless of the mode of instruction.

"Faculty at LCC have worked hard over the years to develop evidence-based teaching practices and training in high quality online instruction. These include the development of online courses that are easily navigated, accessible to all students, assessed equitably and appropriately, and allow for completion with lower levels of technology. Faculty take pride in our organization and what LCC means to the community and to the students," said Myers.

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~Lucas Myers, LCC Biology Instructor

## How You Can Make a Difference

### *Dream – Believe – Succeed*

LCC has been changing lives in our community for 86 years. Lives are changed and dreams are realized when students are able to pursue the training and education they need for a successful future. You can help make these dreams come true by donating to the LCC Foundation.

### *Giving Options*

- Cash Gifts
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## 2020 All Washington Academic Team

Two LCC students – Brenna Kandoll and Scott Houston – were selected for the 2020 All-Washington Academic Team. The program recognizes Washington’s finest higher education students for their scholastic achievement and community and college service.



After earning a degree in business management from LCC, **Brenna Kandoll** found her passion working as an engineer’s assistant.

She returned to LCC for a second associate degree in engineering. Brenna plans to earn a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Washington State University. Her career goal is to work as a professional civil engineer, either in the structural or construction field. According to Brenna, women make up only 14% of the civil engineers in this country. She would like to break barriers and become a revolutionary by owning her own engineering company one day. In addition to earning a spot on the All-Washington team, Brenna was selected as a Gold Scholar on Coca-Cola’s 2020 Academic Team (a national honor).

**Scott Houston** is a first generation college student who has dealt with long-term homelessness, drug addiction, and mental illness that



went untreated for many years. Scott has learned a lot about his issues through his chemical dependency studies and psychology classes at LCC, and plans to apply what he’s learned to a career helping others. He intends to earn a degree in the psychology of human development from Washington State University Vancouver. Ultimately, he would like to work in the field of social services.

## Kim O’Neill – 2020 LCC Alumna of the Year

Kim O’Neill is a Longview native who received her first LCC degree, an Associate of Arts and Sciences, in her twenties. She married and decided to become a stay-at-home mom to her three children. After later becoming a single mother, she returned to LCC and completed her nursing degree in 1987. “I chose LCC because it was close to home, had one of the best reputations and programs in the state, and had good leaders,” she said.



Kim found her calling as an oncology nurse, working first for PeaceHealth and then for Kaiser Permanente. During her many years with Kaiser, Kim guided the oncology unit’s growth from one chair to a full treatment center. She remained at Kaiser Permanente until her retirement in 2011.

Kim had many other career highlights in addition to overseeing growth of the oncology unit. One was working with a particular pediatric oncology patient, who later invited Kim to attend their high school graduation, wedding, and birth of a child. Another patient nominated Kim for a Nurse Hero award through *CURE* magazine.

Kim has remained connected to LCC over the years through her family and philanthropic activities. Two of her three children attended LCC, and she has enjoyed witnessing the experience through their eyes. “LCC continues to maintain the integrity of a high-quality learning environment, challenging minds, and bringing students together,” she said.

Kim’s philanthropic support of LCC includes the student success fund, college success fund, and scholarship support through her P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Order of Women) Sisterhood, Chapter IL group, and through the scholarship created in her honor, the Kim O’Neill RN Nursing Endowed Scholarship. Kim’s named scholarship was established in 2011 by Dr. Albert Luh and colleagues at Kaiser.

Feeling connected to LCC’s mission, Kim understands that many students come from backgrounds lacking opportunity but make decisions to pursue a better life. “LCC is a beacon of hope for people. Education allows them to change their life and create a better tomorrow, and it is absolutely within reach! I support LCC because I believe it is a community responsibility to ensure LCC’s success is safeguarded to continue providing a vital resource for everyone in our community,” she said.

“We are honored to present Kim O’Neill as the 2020 Alumna of the Year. Kim’s gentle nature, world vision, and passion for LCC embodies the mission of the college. Kim’s work in our community as an oncology nurse and her ongoing support of LCC ensures a lasting legacy of hope, health, and opportunity for every person in our community,” said LCC President Chris Bailey.

### Are you part of the LCC Family? Join the Alumni Association!

Whether you took classes or earned a degree at LCC, we consider YOU part of our Alumni Family. Signing up is easy and membership is FREE!

Enjoy all the benefits, which include free admission to Alumni Day events, opportunity for membership to the LCC Fitness Center, discounts at regular season home games, LCC Bookstore discounts, opportunities to shop at Nike, Adidas, and Columbia employee stores and much more.

Did you get your start at LCC? If so, we would love to hear from you! To join the Alumni Association visit [lowercolumbia.edu/alumni](http://lowercolumbia.edu/alumni), e-mail us at [foundation@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:foundation@lowercolumbia.edu), call 360.442.2130, or by mail: LCC Foundation 1600 Maple St. Longview, WA 98632.





## **Mike Karnofski Appointed to LCC Board of Trustees**

Mike Karnofski was appointed to the LCC Board of Trustees by Governor Inslee in June 2020, filling a vacancy created by departing board member Bob Gregory.

Born in Longview and raised in Kelso, Mike graduated from Kelso High School before attending the University of Washington (UW). He received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Master of Science in Forest Resources from the UW, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Portland.

In the summer during his college years, Mike worked as a choke setter, a laborer in a frozen fruit cannery, and at Reynolds Aluminum. Following graduation from college, he worked for ITT Rayonier at Shelton Research Laboratory for two years before moving back to Kelso. He worked in the Weyerhaeuser Research Laboratory for five years, followed by 32 years in mill operations in a variety of engineering and management positions.

Mike has been actively involved in a variety of community organizations including the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts and youth sports, as both coach and official. He previously served as a board member for Parks and Recreation, (Washington) Community Economic Revitalization, and Freight Mobility Strategic Investment. He also served as an executive board member for Workforce Southwest Washington. Passionate about economic development, Mike is currently an elected member of the Kelso City Council.

Mike's previous experience with LCC includes being a student, instructor, technical advisory committee member, donor, attendee at many athletic and cultural events, and parent of three Running Start students.



## **Adelina Machuca Santiago Named Transforming Lives Award Winner**



Adelina Machuca Santiago grew up in extreme poverty in Oaxaca, Mexico. Her family had no electricity or running water, not enough food, and no access to medical care. She had to walk five hours a day in all kinds of weather just to attend high school classes.

When she arrived in Washington, Adelina initially came to Lower Columbia College to learn English. For two quarters, she worked nights while attending English as a Second Language (ESL) classes during the day. She quickly moved on to Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes, and received her high school diploma through the High School 21+ program in 2014. Adelina immediately started college classes, but was unsuccessful her first quarter. She did not give up.

Adelina was determined to succeed, and sought out both financial and academic resources, including LCC's Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) program, Opportunity Grant, tutoring, and career counseling. She worked incredibly hard at her studies while raising two children, and ultimately made the honors list several times. In spring 2016, LCC faculty bestowed her with the Outstanding Pre-College English Student of the Year Award.

In 2018-19, Adelina received an associate degree in Medical Office Administration. She also received Community, Health, and Wellness Advocate and Health Occupations Core for Healthcare Workers certificates. She currently works full-time as a health care coordinator and child wellness advocate and manages a large caseload of clients including Hispanics/Latinos, Micronesians, Guatemalans, Salvadorians, Philippines, Puerto Ricans, Venezuelans, and Native Americans in the community.

The road Adelina traveled to get where she is today was long, scary, and frequently dangerous. Her determination, tenacity, and dedication to others is truly inspiring.

The Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) created the Transforming Lives Award program to recognize current or former students whose lives have been transformed by pursuing higher education at a community or technical college.

## **2019-20 Retirees**

It is an honor to welcome the following individuals to the LCC Foundation Retiree Association. Thank you for your combined 122 years of service! Congratulations to each of you!

**Linda Clark**  
Executive Assistant  
to the President  
1998-2020

**Maribeth Foster**  
Head Start  
1990-2020

**Yun LaPray**  
Instructional Department  
1994-2019

**Kathy Stafford**  
Nursing Faculty  
2001-2019

**Barb Wagner**  
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1993-2020

## **2020 Emeritus**

Congratulations to retired faculty who were conferred the title of Faculty Emeritus on July 15, 2020 by the LCC Board of Trustees.

**Rhonda Meyers**

**To learn more about  
the LCC Retiree  
Association, contact  
Sheila Burgin at  
360.442.2132.**



## Financial Report 2019-2020

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

### Assets

Cash	1,077,608
Marketable Securities	17,042,630
Promises to Give, net	1,674,352
Prepaid Expenses, net	820
Fixtures & Equipment	45,702

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$19,841,112**

### Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	67,764
Annuity Payment Liability	2,216
	<u>69,980</u>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	2,950,194
Restricted	16,820,938
	<u>19,771,132</u>

### TOTAL LIABILITIES

**AND NET ASSETS** **\$19,841,112**

### Income & Expenditures

#### Income

Revenue, Gains/Losses, & Other Support	<b>\$2,857,091</b>
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#### Expenditures

##### Support to LCC:

Scholarships	497,461
Grants	98,671
Program Support	237,424
Other	225,055

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$1,058,612**

General & Administrative	188,764
Fundraising	123,406

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$1,370,782**

*The Lower Columbia College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded in 1976 with tax ID #91-0975957. The LCC Foundation has tax-exempt status and gifts are tax-deductible. The complete financial statements have been audited by Booth Davis & Associates, PLLC. For more information contact the LCC Foundation at 360.442.2130 or visit us on the web at [lowercolumbia.edu/foundation](http://lowercolumbia.edu/foundation)*

## Leave a Legacy

In honor of LCC's first benefactors, the **Wertheimer Society** was established to recognize and honor donors, who have generously provided, or plan to provide, gifts to the Lower Columbia College Foundation through bequests, trusts, and other life income gifts. Society membership is a reflection of the highest of values and commitment to future educational excellence at LCC.

Many people are discovering the joy of leaving legacy gifts in their estate plans. It costs nothing today, but impacts the college forever. With your gift, the college will be able to provide support to worthy students. Your investment will help secure first-rate faculty, develop technology and programs that improve teaching and learning, and maintain and improve the quality of the campus infrastructure. Your generous gift will ensure the continuity of the institution for many generations to come.

### 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.

For more information, contact the LCC Foundation at 360.442.2130.

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Endowments are the gift that provides perpetual support for scholarships or other programs according to the intent of the donor. Endowments may be named in honor of loved one or to create a family legacy. The minimum required to establish an endowment is \$20,000, which may be pledged over time. The funds are invested to provide a permanent source of income, while the principal is always protected. Endowments are as of June 30, 2020.

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