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to the **Community**



*Celebrating
85 Years*

**of Excellence
in Education**

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Celebrating 85 Years of Excellence in Education

As I reflect on LCC's humble beginnings, it is with gratitude for the individuals who believed in the value of a community college and the role of education as a catalyst for quality of life. Lower Columbia Junior College (LCJC) opened its doors on October 2, 1934 with 53 students enrolled in the first classes. Until the purchase of 26 acres in 1942, classes were held at R.A. Long High School, the Longview Public Library and downtown businesses. It was not until 1950 that the Main Building was constructed.



Chris Bailey

Today, the college is a comprehensive community and technical college offering 70+ programs. LCC serves over 4,000 students each quarter and rates near the top of the state in student completion rates. Recently we added our first baccalaureate degree: the Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education (BAS-TE). This past decade, we gained a new state-of-the art Health & Science building, opened a Regional University Center, finished significant updates to our Main Building, and renovated our Gym and Fitness Center which was recently named the Stoller Athletic Center. A "new" Vocational Building is next on the horizon that we believe will become the epicenter for workforce skills and industry training in the area.

It is wonderful to honor the past and celebrate where we are today, but it is the future that captures our collective imagination of what the next 85 years will bring to LCC's story!

Christopher C. Bailey

President
Lower Columbia College

You Make Dreams Come True

For the past 85 years, a shot at the American dream and getting a college education have become reality for so many in our community and beyond. Lower Columbia College offers an incredible value to students and is truly a special place! It is a place where students can get started or in some cases start over, as they pursue a college education and their dream of a brighter future. Some of you attended LCC, some of you employ LCC alumni, some of you cheer on our Red Devil athletes, but all of you have been impacted by this college's presence in our community for 85 years. This is a better place to live, work, and raise families because of Lower Columbia College. This doesn't happen by accident! It happens because of people like you investing in our community and our students. Thank you for making dreams come true.

Kendra Sprague

LCC Vice President of
Foundation, HR, & Legal Affairs

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Kendra Sprague



Rich Gushman

Joe Fischer 2019-20 Benefactor of the Year

The Lower Columbia College Foundation has named Joe Fischer as the 2019-20 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 Joe Fischer as this year's Benefactor of the Year," said Rich Gushman, LCC Foundation Board Chair.

Joe served in the US Air Force from 1951-55. Joe earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1960 and a Master of Fine Arts in 1963 from the University of Oregon. He went on to work for State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo from 1965-1994, where he designed a new Craft Center facility which included four studios that housed pottery, weaving, photography, and jewelry programs. While at SUNY, Joe served as Art Gallery Director from 1966-70. From 1963-65, Joe worked as the Director of Craft Center at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada where he taught art courses. In 1965, Joe returned to Buffalo where he taught as an Adjunct Professor of the arts for Empire State College until 1994.

In 1996, Joe married his late wife, Alona Forsberg Fischer and they happily made their home in Longview. Joe's philanthropic support to LCC includes the establishment of the Joe and Alona Fischer Art Scholarship, the Carl Forsberg Business Endowed Scholarship, and the Carl and Alona Forsberg Art Endowed Scholarship, in addition to his support of men's basketball, the art gallery, and Connecting Waters. Joe painted a mural in LCC's Head Start building and most recently was featured in the Salal Review with his submission of an acrylic painting of "Johari Jumping With Dany." "Joe has been a visible and involved supporter of LCC throughout the years, and we are pleased to honor his contributions and support of the arts," said Kendra Sprague, LCC Vice President of Foundation, HR & Legal Affairs.

Joe's professional career also included 25 juried exhibitions featuring his works of art throughout New York, Canada, Texas, Oregon, the Midwest, and at LCC. One of Joe's many awards includes the interrupted landscape painting of Lake Sacajawea, which was selected for LCC's permanent collection in 2005. Joe's community service includes that of advisor, coordinator, program assistant,



and art chairman for various festivals, auctions, and at SUNY. "I have always been very devoted to students, regardless of whether the work was paid or unpaid. I enjoyed teaching and used it to introduce students to the arts and inspired many student to go on and become serious artists," shares Joe.

Sharing the love of arts continues to inspire Joe's passion and generosity for helping others through gifts of time and philanthropy. "Joe clearly understands the important impact that community colleges have in their communities. His generosity will provide support to students and art programs at LCC for years to come," shares Chris Bailey, LCC President.

Joe will be honored at the 2020 LCC Foundation Horns & Halos Gala in September.

New Program Options at Lower Columbia College!

- ◆ **Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education** – LCC's first applied bachelor's program will prepare you for a career in education or early childhood education. We offer both certification and non-certification options. Interested in attending part-time? Apply before April 17, 2020 to start in summer 2020! Learn more at lowercolumbia.edu/bas-te.
- ◆ **Engineering Technician Certificate** – Learn how to provide technical support to engineers in mechanical, industrial, civil, electrical, aerospace, computer, or environmental fields. Students attending full-time can complete this program in four quarters. Learn more at lowercolumbia.edu/programs.
- ◆ **Multicraft Trades Certificate** – Prepare for a career in the skilled trades, enter an apprenticeship, or transition into an LCC degree program such as Advanced Manufacturing, Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology, Machine Trades, or Welding. Full-time students can complete this program in three quarters (or less with transfer-in high school/career connected learning credits). Learn more at lowercolumbia.edu/programs.
- ◆ **Production Technician Certificate** – Designed to prepare production operators for industries using high technology equipment and processes, students attending full-time can complete this program in four quarters. Learn more at lowercolumbia.edu/programs.

Synthetic Cadaver Gives Students Real Experience

The opportunity to learn with the aid of high-tech equipment in labs and classrooms sets LCC students apart. It is unusual for a community college to own a Syndaver, a synthetic female cadaver, made of organic tissues and compounds like silicone. LCC continues to ensure we have up-to-date technology to educate health students. The Syndaver is made with incredible detail, mirroring real flesh and organs in pigment and color. Right now, anywhere from 75-100 dental hygiene, pre-medical, physical therapy, and other health students use the Syndaver every quarter. Students can more easily access the Syndaver than the real cadaver (which LCC also owns). The Syndaver is part of LCC's long-term goals of increasing enrollment and expanding programs. The investment in a variety of state-of-the-art equipment in the Health & Science Building has created dynamic learning environments for students.



John Fitzpatrick Named 2020 Transforming Lives Award Winner

John Fitzpatrick never went to high school; instead, he got caught up in a life of crime beginning as a young child. Eventually, he spent a decade behind bars. While incarcerated, John took a college readiness course through Centralia College and decided to apply for a scholarship from the mikeroweWORKS Foundation (Mike Rowe is the host of television show Dirty Jobs).



Rowe's required video application posed a tremendous challenge for John, since video equipment is not permitted in correctional facilities in Washington. While a less determined person might have given up, John pursued the appropriate permissions and sent in his application. He was dumbfounded when he received the \$12,000 award.

What's the point of paying your debt to society, if society never forgives the loan?

~Mike Rowe

Not everyone was pleased with John's scholarship. Rowe received public criticism from members of his fan base for "wasting" the money on a convict. He took to the airwaves to respond to his critics.

Mike Rowe, in response to criticism about John Fitzpatrick's scholarship award, asked "What's the point of paying your debt to society, if society never forgives the loan? Unless we're willing to lock up every criminal, forever, the question is, what's best for society? I mean, who

would you rather live next to? A former convict who has a useful skill and a full-time job, or a former convict with no skill, no prospects, and no hope of re-assimilating?"

After initially attending another institution, John is now in his second year of the Diesel and Heavy Equipment program at Lower Columbia College. In spite of encountering a host of barriers including homelessness, John's positive attitude and determination are both evident and infectious.

Shalaina Williams, the LCC employee who nominated John for the award states, "You will not find a more humble and hardworking student on the LCC campus. He does not feel entitled to anything and does not ask for handouts. He believes hard work and determination will get you far in life, and I admire this about him."

John faces ongoing challenges in life, but is determined to accomplish his goal of finishing a degree and working in the skilled trades industry. "I have allowed others to see the good and the bad in my life, and not all the time did I make honorable, law-abiding decisions in the things I did. So I had to reach back to my early teachings and regain a good work ethic so I could start exemplifying and showing my basic teachings learned through Bible principles. I accept the horrible decisions I have made in my life and from my own experience in change. Change is hard, very hard outside of the norm but in the same sentence, change is a choice."

College Success Fund

A Catalyst for Excellence in Education and Innovation

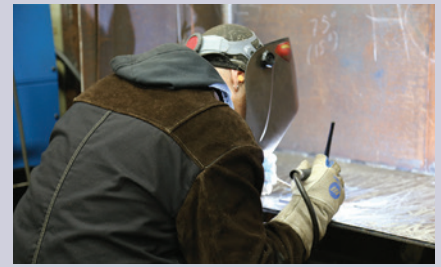
The College Success Fund allows LCC to capitalize on emergent needs and opportunities as they arise to better serve our students and community. Your contribution to College Success has been a catalyst for advancing many of our educational programs through investment and innovation such as STEM education 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
- Innovative learning opportunities
- New instructional equipment and technology
- Veterans' support services
- Student support programs
- Head Start programs
- Industrial Trades recruitment
- Staff and faculty grants
- Improvements to infrastructure
- Areas of greatest need

Thanks to your support, the College Success Fund provided \$50,000 in LCC Foundation Grants to staff and faculty to enhance programs through equipment, staff and faculty development, student support, and community engagement.



The College Success Fund supported the purchase of a CNC plasma cutting machine for welding students. This state-of-the-art equipment integrates the use of computers for pattern-cutting technology, giving students an introduction to equipment they will be exposed to on the job, meeting the needs of the modern workforce.

Randy Byrum,
LCC Welding Instructor



Foundation grants provide the college an opportunity to promote the sciences to students from Washington and Oregon that may not normally think of a career in a wide variety of STEM areas. LCC's Science Olympiad event has annually exposed over 5,000 middle school and high school students to the sciences and the LCC campus over the last 10 years.

David Rosi,
LCC Business Faculty



The College Success fund provided an opportunity to purchase furnishings for LCC's Veteran Resource Center. All of the veterans and dependents agree that the veterans' center has become much more comfortable and inviting. As a result, Fall quarter we saw a huge increase in the number of veteran and dependent students who are spending time in the center making connections with LCC staff and students.

Leszek I. Cromwell MSW,
Veterans Club Advisor (USN)



LCC at a Glance*

Enrollment

5,777 Total students
189 Worker Retraining
167 Veterans
493 Running Start
2,249 Online

Student Intent

31% Transfer students
40% Workforce students
15% Basic Skills students
15% Other students

Demographics

67% Female
27% Students of color
31 Average age
45% 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 2018-19

\$24.3 million

Annual Tuition

\$3,864 Tuition and fees
(2018-19, 36 credits)
Financial Aid Disbursed –
\$12.06 Million (figure not final)

Foundation

\$18.35 Million in assets

Employment

406 Total employees
74 Full-time, 103 Part-time
Faculty
229 Staff including Head Start/
ECEAP employees

*2018-19 data, unless noted

James A. Nelson Woodland Friends of LCC Scholarship – Scholarship Spotlight

The Woodland Friends of LCC Scholarship was originally established in 2015, through collaborative efforts between Woodland High School and a group of Woodland community members to better serve Woodland students. Scholarship funds have been provided each year through local fundraising efforts led by Tim Welch and Lee Hutton-Welch,

Tom Golik, Ron Nelson, Benno and Klazina Dobbe, and Woodland Rotary. Since 2015, a total of \$12,700 has been awarded to six Woodland students. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist LCC students who live in Woodland, attend LCC full time, and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Students interested in pursuing vocational training are strongly encouraged to apply. First priority goes to Woodland High School graduating seniors.

In 2019, the scholarship was renamed the “James A. Nelson Woodland Friends of LCC Scholarship” in honor of a significant gift received from benefactor, James “Jimmy” Nelson of Woodland, in the amount of \$100,000. Jimmy owned and managed a Woodland Bottoms cattle ranch for 40 years and worked at Weyerhaeuser for 38 years. Though he did not have any formal education, he was raised in a ranching family where he realized the value of hard work. Jimmy learned of the scholarship through close friend, Tim Welch, a passionate advocate for LCC and Woodland students.

Jimmy’s passion for helping kids in Woodland began while umpiring Little League baseball. He often hired kids to work on his ranch and continues to follow their progress. Now that many of those kids are graduating, and with the recent sale of a portion of his ranch, Jimmy decided it was time to make a meaningful donation in support of Woodland students attending LCC.

Earlier this year, Jimmy suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed, speech impaired, and with vision loss. When Jimmy’s uncle, Ron, asked why this donation was so important to him, Jimmy responded from his bed, “They need help in paying for their education, and need to be rewarded for all their hard work!” Ron shares how his nephew looks forward to meeting scholarship recipients and states, “It is my nephew, Jimmy’s intent to reinvest in his community by assisting young people through education and service.”



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 educational dreams by awarding \$420,000 in scholarships in the 2018-19 year. Scholarships may be named in honor or memory of an individual or family member, and 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, please contact Sheila Burgin, Assistant Director, at sburgin@lowercolumbia.edu or 360.442.2132.

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 supports one of LCC's retention and completion goals for students by providing vital support to encourage completion.

Since 2012, the fund has provided more than \$415,000 in emergency grants to more than 800 students with great need. The average award is \$500. For many students, this grant means the difference between completing their program or dropping out.

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

"Because of this funding, my granddaughter and I have a safe place to live. It brings tears to my eyes remembering the fear I felt when I did not have a home for her. We slept in a tent for two months, both of us going to school. It was very stressful and I did not want to quit school, but I saw no other choice. Thanks to this funding, I stayed in school and now hope to be successful with my AA in IT."

Julianne,
LCC Student

The Student Success Fund helps students with:

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

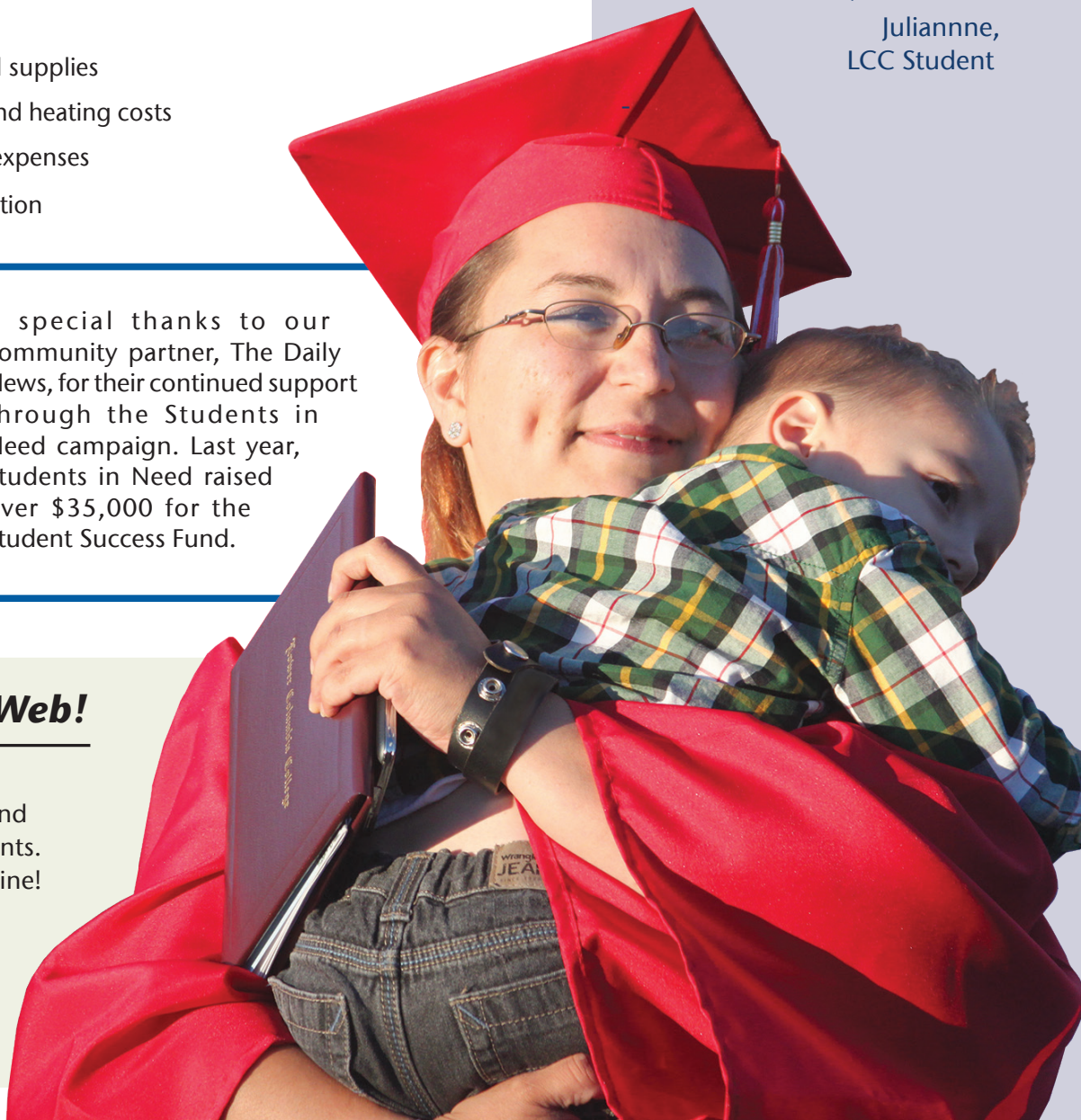


A special thanks to our community partner, The Daily News, for their continued support through the Students in Need campaign. Last year, Students in Need raised over \$35,000 for the Student Success Fund.

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Catch up on news and highlights, see photos, and check out upcoming events. You can even donate online!
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Student Athlete Spotlight

When Lower Columbia College coaches recruit student athletes, they are looking for talented players with good character and academic potential. When prospective Red Devils agree to come to Longview to join the Red Devil family, they are thinking about playing well, winning championships, and going on to the four-year level. Sometimes those dreams have to be altered. Bobbi Mott is a talented All-Alaska girls basketball player from Valdez who signed on for LCC head coach Lucas Myers' vision of winning a championship and excelling in the classroom. She joined the Red Devil team in the fall of 2018 and it was obvious that she was one of the top players on the team. In just her third game at LCC, Mott went down with a season-ending left knee injury. It was a big blow to the Red Devil team. Mott had surgery and began a year-long rehabilitation in hopes of playing again this season. Then it happened again: the same knee and the same injury in a game at Linn-Benton December 21. "It's been very disappointing to have this happen to me again," said Bobbi. "But I must say, I have no regrets coming to Longview. Lucas made sure I stayed on task in the classroom. The nursing program and the LCC emphasis on academics was the main reason I came here." Mott could have left the team last season, but she felt it was important to not only stay in school, but to stay engaged with the team. She rarely ever missed a practice despite having to watch from the sidelines. "Being a part of the team has really helped me stay academically motivated. All the support of the coaches and my teammates despite not being able to play has been incredible." Although her basketball goals have slipped away, her career goals of being a nurse have not. Mott achieved a 4.0 GPA in three of her four quarters so far at LCC. "Although things did not go as expected with basketball, my time at LCC has been incredible. Being around the energy of this campus and the great friends I've met, I have no regrets," she said. "LCC is a special place."

Champions on the Field and in the Classroom

Many college athletic programs claim they take academics seriously. The LCC athletics program has data and commemorative hardware to back it up! For the first time in the history of the NWAC Conference, one school has won the Presidents Cup for academic excellence and the Athletic Directors Cup for excellence in competition: LCC! The Red Devils had a cumulative 2.82 GPA for all six sports. Ten LCC student athletes achieved 4.0 GPA's. "This goes to show that you don't have to compromise academics when trying to compete in college athletics," said athletic director Kirc Roland. "The support we receive from the Lower Columbia College Foundation including our Booster Club members is the key to this great honor."

The Devils have won the AD Cup for three straight years. The Athletic Directors Cup is awarded to the NWAC college that garners the most points in a system using league standings and conference tournament results. Five of the six LCC teams made the post season including the baseball team that won the championship. "What a great testimony to our campus and community," said Roland.



Get in the game!

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

Give online at lowercolumbia.edu/foundation

Athletic Excellence Fund

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

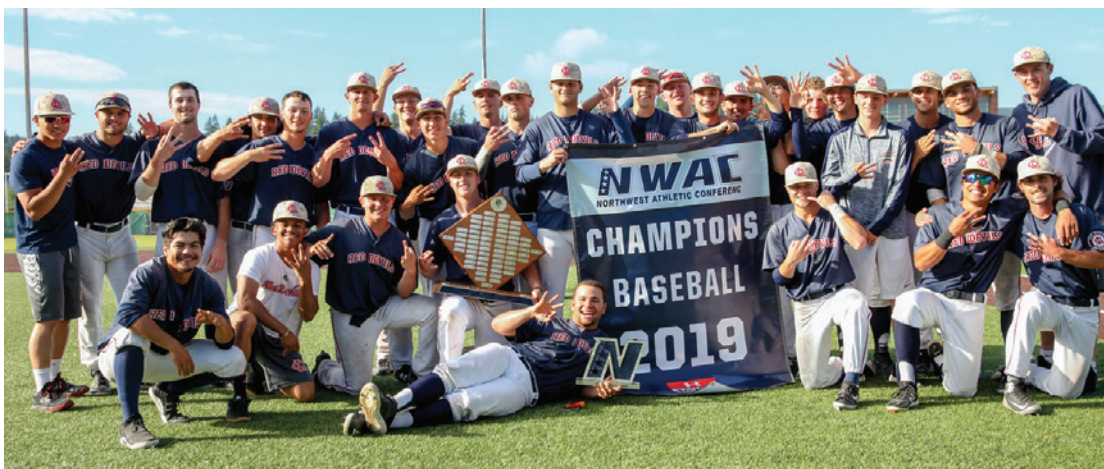
Lower Columbia College's athletic programs are an important avenue to education and future careers for our student athletes. LCC athletes regularly rank near the top of their peers in academic achievement and continue on to successful futures both on and off the court or field.

Now more than ever, we need your help to continue the Red Devil Legacy. LCC depends on alternative revenue sources to fund athletic programs and athletic scholarships.

The Lower Columbia College Foundation is committed to helping LCC sustain successful and competitive athletic programs and provides athletic scholarships by raising \$100,000 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



Once. Twice. Three Times a Champion!

The 2019 Lower Columbia College baseball team achieved a milestone that has only been accomplished by, well, the 1997 Lower Columbia College baseball team. The Devils defeated Everett 2-0 on Memorial Day to win the NWAC title for a third straight season. Justin Solt pitched seven innings of shutout baseball and Rance Pittman escaped a ninth inning jam to lead the team to a wild celebration. Actually, the Devils got to jump on top of each other twice when a lengthy video replay confirmed a game-ending close play at third base. It was another magical moment at Story Field as LCC captured the three-peat. Head Coach Eric Lane was a player on the 2010 Red Devil team that won the championship and he was an assistant coach for two titles. Now he is a champion head coach in each of his first two seasons at the helm of the program. "This is never easy and it never gets old," said coach Lane. "Our players have been blessed to see all of their hard work get awarded with a championship. Baseball is a game of inches and that last game could have gone the other way. But our guys always make sure they work hard to be in position to win." The Devils are currently working hard to try and do what no NWAC team has ever done. The quest for four straight is well underway. The season begins February 29.



Class of 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees



Leta Guglomo Meyer
Basketball/Volleyball
1975-1977



Dave Hall
Baseball
1978-1979



Jocelyn Price
Volleyball Coach
1986-2006



Steve Waite
Basketball/Baseball
1970-1971



Betty & Larry Johnson
Longtime LCC Super Fans
& Athletic Boosters

Making Her Dreams Come True

Maria Bueno BAS-TE Scholarship Recipient

Maria Bueno is one of 24 students accepted into the first cohort of LCC's new Bachelors of Applied Science in Teacher Education program. Maria was thrilled not only to learn she had been accepted into the new program, but that she also was the recipient of a scholarship sponsored by the Lower Columbia Retired Educators Association.

Maria grew up in a family that struggled to make ends meet. When Maria was seven years old, she recalls waking up at 4:00 a.m. to head to the berry fields to help her parents and earn money. Though Maria's family worked long days to ensure their family's basic needs were met, they did not have money for any extras. For teenage Maria, it was difficult to understand why she was not able to have the lifestyle her school friends had.

Education in Maria's household was not a priority. Her mother did not finish the first grade and her father only had a fourth grade education. As the eldest child of parents who do not speak English, it became Maria's responsibility to help her parents translate and communicate at doctors appointments, with school staff, and in many other situations. While Maria was in high school, her father suffered a major injury on-the-job, leaving him disabled and requiring surgery. Since her parents were unable to speak English, it was imperative for Maria to help interpret at his doctor's appointments. Soon, her grades dropped. At the end of her junior year of high school, she realized she was not on track to graduate. She shares that she was embarrassed to be the only one of her friends who would not graduate from high school and that motivated her to work hard. She succeeded and graduated on time.

*...I never in
a thousand years,
would've thought I
would be where
I am today.*

~Maria Bueno



One year later, Maria became pregnant. Her father's extreme disappointment was devastating to Maria, but instead of allowing the situation to derail her goals, she allowed it to inspire her to pursue a better future. After having her children, Maria returned to school and graduated from LCC with her Associate's Degree with honors. In addition to returning to school, Maria is a mother of two who continues to help her parents and siblings, and works for the Longview School District as a para-educator. If not for this opportunity to earn her four-year degree locally, she would never have been able to achieve her dream of becoming a teacher. She is passionate about teaching and works hard to fulfill her dream of earning her Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education degree which will change the lives of herself, her family, and positively impact the lives of her future students. "As a little girl, I never in a thousand years, would've thought I would be where I am today. If you would have told me that I, Maria Bueno, would be in a BAS program I would have probably laughed," Maria shared.

Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education

NEW!

Interested in attending part-time?

Apply by April 17 to start in summer 2020!

- Offering both certification and non-certification options.
- Certification option offers a dual endorsement in Early Childhood (P-3) and Elementary (K-8) Education.
- Non-certification option provides specialized coursework for working with children and families in early learning settings.
- Combines knowledge earned from previous degrees such as an Associate of Applied Science with upper division (300 and 400 level) Teacher Education courses.
- Will help meet community demand for elementary and pre-kindergarten and early childhood education teachers in the region.
- First degree for LCC at the applied bachelor's degree level.

There are many benefits of the new program for prospective students.

- Studying close to home saves on expenses related to travel, room and board.
- Staying with LCC through the entire degree and credentialing process reduces stress related to applying to other institutions and transferring credits.
- Going to school in the community where you live and work increases exposure to prospective employers and job opportunities.



Learn more at lowercolumbia.edu/bas-te

How You Can Make a Difference

Dream — Believe — Succeed

LCC has been changing lives in our community for 85 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
- Pledged Gifts
- Non-Cash Gifts
- IRA Distributions
- Matching Gifts
- Named Gift Opportunities
- Planned Gifts
- Real Estate
- Stocks and Bonds

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For more information or assistance in making a donation, please contact the LCC Foundation at foundation@lowercolumbia.edu or 360.442.2130.



2019 All Washington Academic Team

Two LCC students – **Samantha Cohen** and **Jenna Lafontaine**— have made the **2019 All-Washington Academic Team**. The program recognizes Washington’s finest higher education students for their scholastic achievement and community and college service.



Samantha Cohen was president of the Drama Club at Lower Columbia College and belonged to Phi Theta Kappa. She was a member of the award-

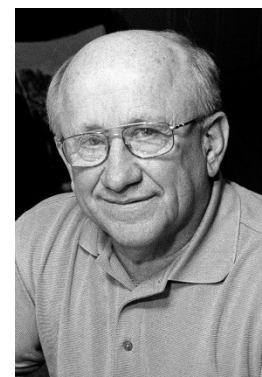
winning Speech & Debate Team, and competed at nationals. After receiving her general transfer degree, she is now pursuing an AAS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography at Spokane Community College. She is passionate about animals, and owns and operates her own specialized pet care business called Hounds in Home.

Jenna Lafontaine was Activities Director for the Associated Students of Lower Columbia College and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In her work with student government, Jenna helped establish a volunteer program at St. Helens Elementary School. She also volunteered at St. John Medical Center. Jenna graduated last spring with a general transfer degree and continues her studies at WSU-V, where she hopes to earn a degree in business administration with a minor in human resources management.



Mr. Richard (Dick) Peters 2019 LCC Alumnus of the Year

Dick graduated from R.A. Long in 1950 and attended LCC from 1950-53. While attending LCC, he drove a bus for Longview schools, picking up students in the morning, parking the bus near the college while attending classes, and driving students home in the afternoon. He also worked in a local mechanic shop and on his family’s dairy farm. During the Korean War, college students like Dick were allowed to continue their education and defer participation in the draft until they finished. After graduating from LCC, Dick went on to study forestry at the University of Washington, graduating in 1956.



In 2012, Dick was inducted into the R.A. Long Hall of Fame. His extensive local community service includes the Citizen Vocational Advisory Committee for Cowlitz County, Cowlitz Farm Forestry Association, R.A. Long Hall of Fame Committee, Cowlitz County Rural Library, Cowlitz County Septic System Advisory Committee, and Lower Columbia College Feasibility Study. Dick has been involved in community service in every community he lived and worked.

Dick wants people to understand the importance of vocational careers. Vocational skills translate into business skills as they provide a basic foundational understanding of the mechanics of running a successful organization. Dick shares, “With skills, anyone can do it [vocational trades]. You just have to have the desire and work ethic to go with it. As for this award, it is totally unexpected. I serve my community because I enjoy it, and it has served me well.”

Dick, and his wife, Judi, have supported LCC for more than 20 years and actively attend LCC events. They are strong supporters of LCC’s vocational and scholarship programs, and established the Dick and Judi Peters Vocational Scholarship. Other contributions include the Health and Science Fund, Innovation Fund, Student Success Fund, Vocational Scholarship Fund, College Success Fund, and Unrestricted Fund.

“LCC is proud to honor Dick as the 2019 Alumnus of the Year. He has been an amazing supporter of LCC throughout the years. His advocacy and passion for vocational programs offer valuable insights. His long-standing support of the local community and LCC truly makes a difference,” 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, games, discounts at regular season home games, LCC Bookstore discounts, opportunities to shop at Nike, Adidas, and Columbia employee stores, and much more.

To join the Alumni Association, visit lowercolumbia.edu/alumni or contact Foundation Specialist, Serina Graham at 360.442.2134.

We recently received a card from LCC Alumnus Charles Ferguson of Woodland, WA. Charles attended LCC in 1935 before transferring to Washington State. He credits LCC with giving him a “good start” that helped him succeed at Washington State.

Did you get your start at LCC? If so, we would love to hear from you! Email us at lccfoundation@lowercolumbia.edu or by mail: LCC Foundation 1600 Maple St. Longview, WA 98632.

Alumni Spotlight – Dr. Edward L. Smith, PhD



Dr. Edward L. Smith, PhD who attended Lower Columbia Junior College (LCJC) from 1949-1951, was one of the first class of students following the opening of LCC's first official building on campus. Originally from a small farm near Castle Rock, "Little Eddie," played second base for LCJC's baseball team. He was a member of LCC's infamous Stella Birdhikers Club and is a talented musician, playing the drums.

After leaving LCJC in 1951, Ed became a professional musician. He played jazz and big band music for jazz clubs and big ballrooms, including gigs in Las Vegas at the Sands and Sahara, and in New York's Palladium Ballroom, where he played for famous musicians such as Louis Prima, Cal Tjader, and Harry James. In the late 1950s, rock and roll took over the music scene and he traded his professional drum sticks for pencils and returned to school. Ed earned his BS in Physics in 1964 and MS in Physical Sciences in 1967 from San Diego State University. He continued his education at Scripps Institute and earned his PhD in Oceanography in 1971. Ed worked under a Presidential Appointment for the military and government until 1982 when he started BK Dynamics, Inc., a consulting firm for intelligence and undersea research, which he sold upon retirement in 1994. Ed remains active playing weekly jazz gigs and consulting for the University of Washington on the study of propagation of underwater sound.

Recently, Dr. Smith returned to LCC for a "Back to Campus" reunion with former classmates from 1950-53 where the group reacquainted themselves while touring the growing campus. He fondly recalls his time as a student and athlete at LCC and continues his connections as a generous supporter of LCC athletics and college success.

Dedication of Honored Spaces

Forsberg Art Gallery

The LCC Foundation received a major gift in memory of Carl and Alona Forsberg in support of LCC's art programs and art and business scholarships. The gallery in the Rose Center is now the **Forsberg Art Gallery**.

As a young man, Carl had always wanted to go to college, but due to the Great Depression, was forced to work, becoming a young entrepreneur. He transformed several business ventures into successful enterprises. Carl served on the Longview City Council in the 1940s. After his passing, Alona, who retired from Bell Telephone Company, continued to successfully manage and grow their joint investments.

Alona remarried Joe Fischer in 1996. In honor of Carl and Alona, Joe established two endowments totaling \$500,000: the Carl and Alona Forsberg Memorial Endowed Art Scholarship and the Carl Forsberg Memorial Business Scholarship. "This naming is a tribute to Carl and Alona who thought highly of LCC and the opportunities LCC provides to the local community," shares Joe.



Stoller Athletic Center



The **Stoller Athletic Center** is the state-of-the-art facility that houses Myklebust Gymnasium as well as the Fitness Center. This space honors LCC 1971 Alumnus and 2017 Athletics Hall of Famer, Bill Stoller, and his wife LaRue. The Stoller Family Foundation made a remarkable gift to the LCC Foundation in support of the Athletic Excellence Fund as well as areas of greatest need. Stoller was a member of the 1970 LCC Basketball team that took second at the NWAC Tournament and the 1971 team, which finished sixth. After attending LCC, Stoller went on to play at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Stoller is co-founder, CEO, and chairman of the board for Express Employment

Professionals. Stoller is also president of The Stoller Group, owning 27 Express offices in Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, and California. He also owns Xenium, a professional employer organization, and the Stoller Family Estate, a vineyard and winery located on nearly 400 acres in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley.

2018-19 Retirees

It is an honor to welcome the following individuals to the LCC Foundation Retiree Association. Thank you for your combined 464 years of service!

Maggie Berryman Campus Services 2010-2018	Anh Nguyen Head Start 1978-2019
Vicki Echerd Campus Services 2000-2018	Karla Rivers Registration 1984-2018
Ken Ecklund Industrial Technology Faculty 1997-2019	Pamela Smith Head Start 1985-2019
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2019 Emeritus

Congratulations to retired faculty who were conferred the title of Faculty Emeritus on December 19, 2018 by the LCC Board of Trustees.

Joe Green

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

Financial Report 2018-2019

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Assets

Cash	829,907
Marketable Securities	15,988,844
Promises to Give, net	1,504,517
Prepaid Expenses, net	785
Fixtures & Equipment	26,222

TOTAL ASSETS **\$18,350,275**

Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	63,098
Annuity Payment Liability	2,354
	<u>65,452</u>

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	
Undesignated	2,186,456
Board Designated	
for endowments	439,224
With Donor Restrictions	
Purposes restricted	
for the college	3,286,330
Endowments	<u>12,372,813</u>
	<u>18,284,823</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

AND NET ASSETS **\$18,350,275**

Income & Expenditures

Income

Revenue, Gains/Losses, & Other Support	\$4,124,851
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Expenditures

Support to LCC:	
Scholarships	438,017
Grants	112,370
Program Support	401,779
Other	205,274

SUB-TOTAL **\$1,157,440**

General & Administrative	180,746
Fundraising	123,280

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$1,461,466**

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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 provide 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, 2019.

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