Since Cascadia Community College opened its doors in 2000, I have been amazed at all the college has accomplished. Cascadia has been ranked the #2 community college in the country. Thousands of students have graduated to date with 70% moving on to pursue 4 year college degrees. Cascadia's newest facility--the Global Learning and Arts building-- is on track to be one of the first of its kind to achieve a LEED Platinum designation for its green design and construction.

These and many other achievements make Cascadia a destination college attracting learners from all over the world. To me, that is what makes Cascadia so special—that students choose to enroll at Cascadia because its impact and experience are distinctively unmatched.

The college strives to ensure that each student achieves his or her goals, whether it be a 2-year degree, a transfer to a 4-year college, a GED, a professional certificate, or improving employment skills. The college provides a broad range of opportunities by making the most of limited resources. Unfortunately the college doesn't have the financial resources to meet the needs of every student and it looks to the Foundation to bridge the gap.

This year, the Foundation Board of Directors decided it was time to revise our mission statement, to create a mission that truly captured our intent while inspiring our action. Today our mission is simple. The Foundation supports the college's efforts to enhance student success and strengthen our communities. With your help, we are able to do just that.

On behalf of the Cascadia Community College Foundation, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our critical mission. Your philanthropic spirit makes a difference in the lives of so many students and will pay dividends back to your community for years to come.

Dave Hasslinger
Chair, Cascadia Community College Foundation

“Money has been very tight this year and the scholarship has been a big help in paying for school! Thank you!”

Antonio Roa is a proud recipient of the 2011-2012 Cascadia Community College Foundation Scholarship. After graduating with his associate degree in 2012, he plans to continue his studies to pursue a bachelor’s degree in criminology at the University of Washington or Seattle University.
President’s Message
This has been a year of change and growth for the Foundation. In 2010-2011, we brought in two of the largest gifts in the Foundation’s history and increased our endowment by 38%. Our new Executive Director for the Foundation, Rebecca Hastings, joined us in May 2011 and quickly began building relationships and developing new avenues for revenue to help us grow further in the future. And we welcomed several new members to our Board of Directors who are bringing new ideas and energy as we begin to expand our efforts to meet our college’s and students’ needs.

As the college creates opportunities for our many transfer students to move successfully into 4 year institutions, basic skills students to get GEDs and associate degrees, and displaced workers to return to the workplace, the Foundation plays a vital role in providing resources and access to those we serve.

State and federal funding is shrinking at an alarming rate. As resources like State Need Grants become less available, the Foundation is being approached more and more by students in dire financial need. Often, the scholarships, grants, and loans provided by the Foundation provide a life-changing bridge to success for our students. Please know — as we know — that it is your generous support that makes our work possible. We are truly grateful for your investment in our college and our students and we thank you for joining in our effort to strengthen our community together.

Dr. Eric W. Murray
President, Cascadia Community College

Foundation Impact by the Numbers 2010-2011
- $35,105 in student scholarships awarded
- 34 scholarship recipients
- $13,395 in grants distributed for bus and parking passes and GED testing
- 184 student grants awarded
- $5,360 in book loans issued
- 20 book loan recipients
- $53,860 total provided in student support

Donations by Donor Type
- Foundation and Rotary Scholarships $13,698 (12%)
- Individual Donors $157,872 (86%)
- Corporate and Local Business Contributions $16,715 (8%)

Hidden Gifts
As a little girl, scholarship recipient Lisa Wright loved school. In fact, she even used to ask her teachers for extra handouts just so she could play school at home. It was a welcome distraction from the poverty and abuse that characterized much of her childhood. She loved learning, and because she found that most subjects came easily to her, her dreams of college seemed like a real possibility despite her circumstances.

When Lisa was 15, however, her mom pulled her out of school, claiming she would home school Lisa, and instead sent her to work full time at Dairy Queen to help pay the rent. So ended Lisa’s dreams of college, or even finishing high school.

Over the years, Lisa married, had three daughters, and worked her way up from Dairy Queen to a position with Compaq Computers managing multimillion dollar accounts like Boeing. Lisa proved herself smart, resourceful, and determined to succeed, but a corporate merger led to her layoff when her job was outsourced to Costa Rica.

It was Fall 2009 and Lisa, now divorced, scrambled to find work that paid enough to support her daughters. Although she had gotten her GED, the employment market had turned brutal in the down economy and she simply couldn’t find a job without a college degree, despite her impressive work history.

But there was a hidden gift in this challenging time because it led Lisa to Cascadia and the college education she always wanted. Lisa has overcome the financial obstacles that stood in her way thanks to vital financial assistance like Cascadia’s Anderson Tuition Assistance Grant, generously funded by the Kiwanis Club of Northshore. “I wouldn’t be here right now without this scholarship. But I am here, and that’s invaluable to me!”

Today Lisa is excited about learning, excited about her future, and excited to graduate with her associate degree in the spring. “I love Cascadia! It’s really opening up my world and I’m so happy to be on this path!”

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Your gift to the CCC Foundation helps us build a better future for each of our students, for their families, and for the community we all share. With your help, we can open doors to the education that will empower our students to go further, to achieve more, and to give back.

How would you like to give back?
- Give to the CCC Foundation Annual Fund.
- Create a new named scholarship or memorial/tribute fund.
- Contribute to one of our established endowment funds.
- Include the CCC Foundation in your estate plans. (Please let us know if you do!)

To learn more or to make a gift, please call 425.352.8840 or find us online at www.cascadia.edu/foundation.

Rebecca Hastings
Executive Director, Cascadia Community College Foundation

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