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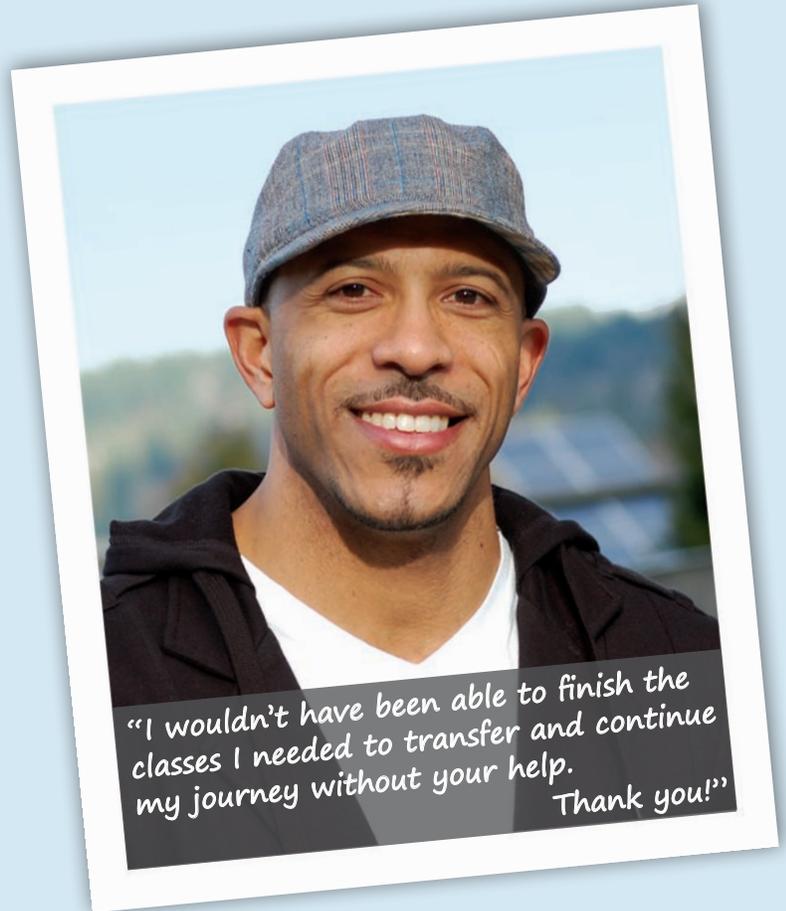
“When you give to an institution like Cascadia that promotes diversity and cultural awareness, your support prepares another person to create change in the future,” observes student **Lawrence James**. “We all give back to each other. It’s a circle.”

Lawrence says he’s glad to have found Cascadia, where he has always felt respected, supported, and embraced. He tried a larger community college before coming to Cascadia, but said he prefers the close-knit feeling here. As a member of the college’s pluralism committee, founder of a new student club, and active presence in the college’s Center for Culture, Inclusion, and Community, Lawrence has made a big impact on the very community that has made an impact on him. “If I were at any other school, I wouldn’t be who I am today.”

Lawrence’s Cascadia experience has also helped him find his path in life. He says that sociology “chose” him when he stepped into a class with Cascadia professor Dr. Lindsay Custer. “It’s been an eye-opening experience. I’ve learned to embrace and enjoy so many people and cultures.”

Grateful for all he’s gained at Cascadia, Lawrence now wants to teach and give back, to help others experience the transformation he’s had. After completing his Cascadia courses, Lawrence plans to transfer to the University of Washington Bothell, then on to a Master’s and PhD.

He also believes that “every person who wants an education should have that opportunity, whether wealthy or poor,” which is why he is so grateful for his **Complete Your Dream Scholarship** from the Foundation. The scholarship empowered him to keep going in his critical last steps when financial aid was no longer available. “I wouldn’t have been able to finish the classes I needed to transfer and continue my journey without your help. Thank you!”



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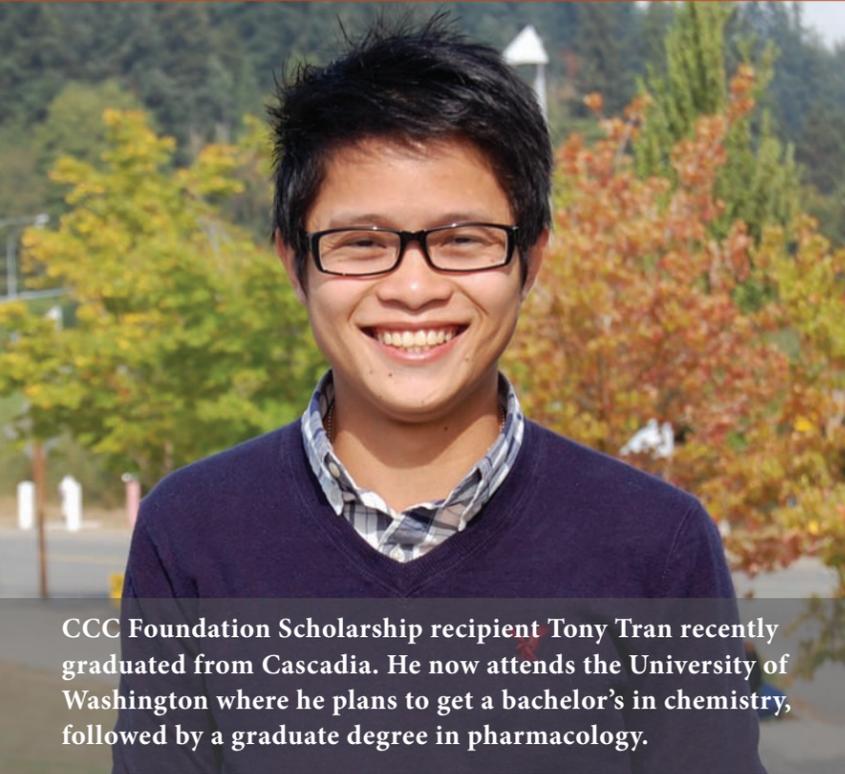
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“It really means a lot to know that someone who doesn't even know me cares enough to help me.”



CCC Foundation Scholarship recipient Tony Tran recently graduated from Cascadia. He now attends the University of Washington where he plans to get a bachelor's in chemistry, followed by a graduate degree in pharmacology.

The Gift of Education

“The greatest gift you can give someone is education.” This is the philosophy by which **Bob and Linda Tjossem** have lived throughout their lives. Now retired, Bob was a prominent Eastside attorney and was involved with higher education for over three decades. From helping to create the community college system in 1967 (while working in the state Attorney General's Education Division) to serving as a founding trustee for Cascadia Community College in the 1990s, Bob remained committed to ensuring that Washington students have access to top-quality education.



Bob and Linda Tjossem

Together with Linda, his wife of nearly 50 years, who was herself a school teacher, they committed to supporting higher education. After 30 years of living in Bothell where they raised three children, all of whom graduated from Bothell High School, Bob said they wanted to “give back to the community that has done an awful lot for us.” That's why they endowed and continue to support the **Tjossem Family Scholarship**, awarded annually by the Foundation to students in the sciences, math, or economics.

Donors like the Tjossems have made a remarkable impact on our community, and they are not alone. The college is growing and so are the needs of our students, but your gifts are opening doors for students every day. Each year the college shoulders the responsibility of educating thousands of individuals who go on to work in and give back to our community. The task is great, but with the help of Bob, Linda, and donors like you, the outlook is getting brighter every day!

Partnering for the Future

This spring, with the support of our many donors and partners, Cascadia's Global Learning and the Arts building will receive the highest level of certification for its environmental design and construction, the LEED Platinum designation. This achievement is noteworthy for several reasons. As the *first* LEED Platinum building in the City of Bothell, it is also just the *second* building in the state at a community college and only the *third* state agency to receive the honor.

It is also significant because it is the direct result of important, longstanding partnerships with industry collaborators. From our architects Miller-Hull, who infused “green” innovation into every aspect of their design, to Hoffman Construction, who ensured that our construction methods met the highest standards of social responsibility, each of our partners committed to helping Cascadia live its environmental values. The resulting building is a model of environmental stewardship that reduces our carbon footprint while

providing our students a firsthand look at the impact of different technologies on water and energy conservation.

Our energy services provider McKinstry, who is working with us on the solar project that will secure our platinum status, has also engaged with Cascadia at the “student level.” From providing student internships and project-specific shadowing opportunities to hiring our alumni full-time, McKinstry demonstrates the kind of symbiotic relationship that benefits us all.

With such partnerships, everyone thrives. Our partners benefit from the increased visibility we provide in the community, from extra staff support for special projects through student internships, and when the time comes, from access to the best qualified employees. Our students, in turn, benefit from unique, hands-on learning opportunities and exposure to real-world technologies and best practices. It is truly a win-win.

Partnerships are vital to the success of our region and we are grateful for yours. As employees, customers, volunteers, and business leaders, our students, alumni, and college community

are making an impact throughout the region. Through excellence in education and vital access to that education thanks to scholarships, grants, and loans from the Cascadia Community College Foundation, our students are better prepared to strengthen our community in the future. Your partnership and your support make that possible.

Thank you!



Dr. Eric Murray
President, Cascadia
Community College



Dave Hasslinger
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Foundation Impact by the Numbers 2011-2012

- \$43,822 in student scholarships awarded
~38 scholarship recipients
 - \$17,922 in grants distributed for GED testing and bus and parking passes
~252 student grants awarded
 - \$3,244 in book loans issued
~11 book loan recipients
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- **\$64,988 total provided in student support**

Full-time business student, part-time accountant, and Cascadia Student Government Treasurer Amanda Walker has her hands full! She is grateful for the Kirkland Rotary Scholarship through the CCC Foundation that has made her road to success a little easier.



“Juggling school and life is never easy, but with your help I was allowed to flourish at Cascadia with less worry and stress.”

Mission Possible... thanks to you!

The CCC Foundation supports the college's efforts to enhance student success and strengthen our communities. That is our vital mission, and **you make it possible.**

You can help strengthen the community we all share. Your gift to the Annual Fund ensures access to educational excellence for students across our region and empowers the next generation of community leaders. Including the Foundation in your estate plans is an easy way to make a big difference and leave a lasting legacy. Or create your own named scholarship or tribute fund to honor a loved one. Your support, in whatever way works best for you, will transform lives!

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www.cascadia.edu/foundation.

Questions? Give us a call at 425.352.8840.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca Hastings
Executive Director,
Cascadia Community College Foundation

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