

United for Opportunity



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First

*The Campaign
for Opportunity*

FINAL REPORT





Dear PCC Friends, *We did it!*

Portland Community College's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, *The Campaign for Opportunity*, has been a tremendous success! Kudos to the PCC Foundation, Campaign Committee, Foundation Board and the entire college community for your efforts. You have made a tremendous difference for the college and, most importantly, for our current and future students.

When we began this journey five years ago, we never dreamt that we would raise over \$46 million! Our first goal was \$25 million, then \$30 million, but your support surpassed all expectations. You really did "Think PCC First." Reaching this milestone required passion, persistence and PCC pride.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives and has deeply impacted our community. It has shown us how vulnerable we all are and has reminded us of our roots as a community college.

Today, we are more dedicated than ever to our mission and its focus on equitable student success. We are committed to creating a college where every student belongs and can thrive.

United as a college and community, we are working to shift the paradigm from a focus on helping students to become more college-ready, to making our college more student-ready. We believe that everyone has strengths and abilities and the capacity to learn, grow and be successful. While talent is universal, opportunity is not. The door to opportunity is now open for thousands of current and future students.

With your support, *The Campaign for Opportunity* ensures that PCC will continue to be there for our community, no matter what the future holds.

Most sincerely,



Mark Mitsui
President, Portland Community College



Dear PCC Supporters,

Life in our community, among our PCC students, staff and faculty and in our homes looks so very different now than it did a year ago – let alone five years ago when we started *The Campaign for Opportunity*. We have all made significant changes in our lives since then.

We are proud of and grateful for the success of *The Campaign for Opportunity*. Funds raised during the campaign will ensure that PCC students receive the support they need as they pursue their educational dreams:

- Scholarships offer financial support so students can work fewer hours and spend more time with their families.
- Programs like Future Connect provide personalized support for first-generation college students.
- Career opportunities and training develop students' skills and lead to family-wage jobs.
- And, PCC's emergency grants and food pantries will take care of urgent needs so that students can focus on their education.

It's been a beautiful journey together though the campaign. Thank you for all of your support.

We look forward to that time when we can gather again and celebrate together *The Campaign for Opportunity!*

Warmly,



Chris & Tom Neilsen
Co-Chairs, *The Campaign for Opportunity*





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More than \$46 million raised for PCC students!

The Campaign for Opportunity gives Oregonians a better chance at success.

In December 2015, the PCC Foundation launched its first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign. The goal was to raise \$25 million to work towards closing the equity gap and to open the door to a more sustainable future for individuals, families and for Oregon.

You, our supporters, saw the need and responded. We were able to increase our goal to \$30 million for the campaign's public launch in April 2019. Then, you responded again with tremendous generosity, elevating *The Campaign for Opportunity* to new heights, giving more than \$46 million for student success.



3,002

New donors
during campaign



32,351

Total number of gifts
in campaign



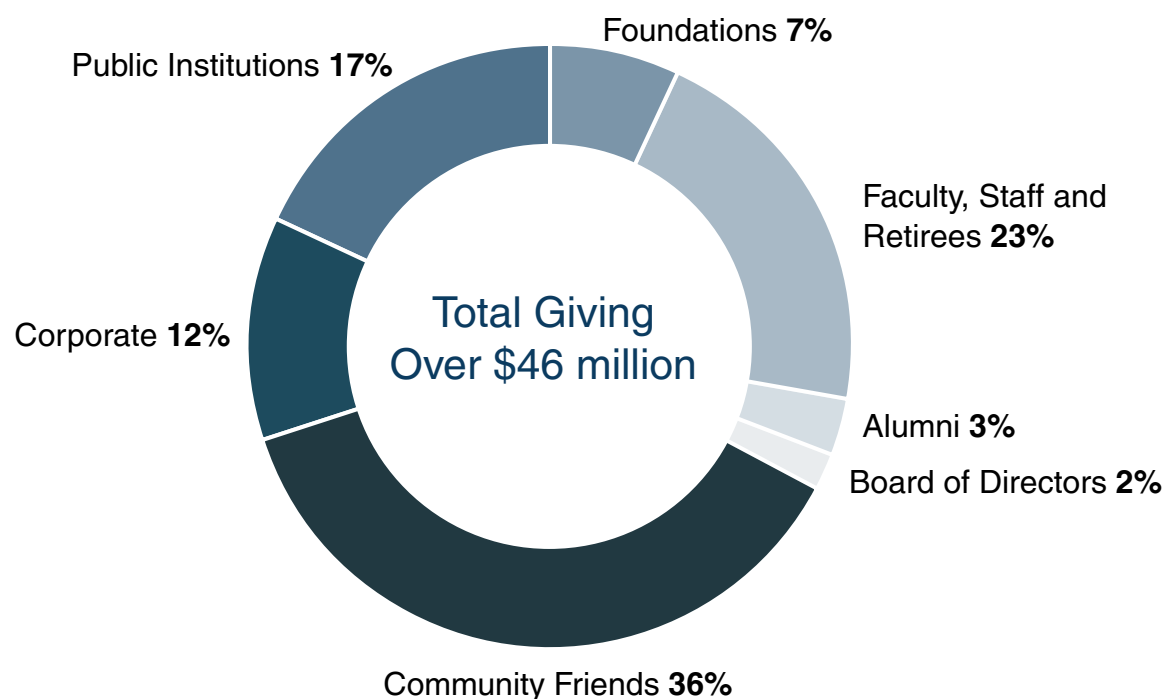
5,889

Total donors
during campaign



More than 50 people
(mostly PCC retired faculty
and staff) shared estate
gift intentions totaling
more than **\$12.4 million**

Campaign Snapshot



During *The Campaign for Opportunity*, the Foundation received both the largest cash gift and the largest estate gift in the organization's history, as well as eight gifts of **\$1 million**, all of which will have a transformational impact for our students.

Events Unite Community Support for PCC

Giving Tuesday

The PCC community rallied around our students during five years of Giving Tuesday fundraisers, donating nearly \$84,000 for our campus food pantries and urgent student need.

Big Give Day

The PCC Foundation launched its first-ever day of giving, Big Give Day, in 2019. In the past two years, this day of support has raised \$256,000 to support student success.

An Evening for Opportunity Gala

From steampunk to the Grand Lodge, from Paris to the eye of a storm, PCC's annual *An Evening for Opportunity* galas raised almost \$2.2 million for student scholarships and more.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For many students, affording college, even with PCC’s purposefully inclusive tuition, can feel impossible. PCC welcomes every student who wants to learn and we are supporting their access and success with the over \$29.2 million raised for scholarships throughout *The Campaign for Opportunity*. This was nearly double our goal of \$15 million!



Since the beginning of *The Campaign for Opportunity*, the Foundation has awarded nearly **8,000 scholarships!**

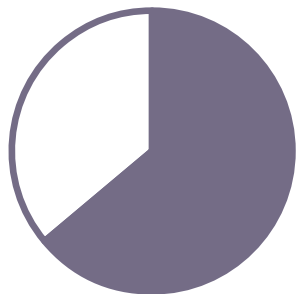


We’ve almost doubled the amount of scholarships awarded, giving out a record-breaking **\$2.1 million** in awards to 1,500 students for the 2020-21 academic year.

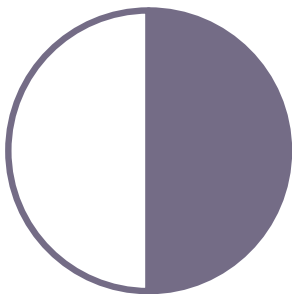


Our generous donors created 43 endowed scholarships totaling **\$9.3 million** that will support scores of students for years to come.

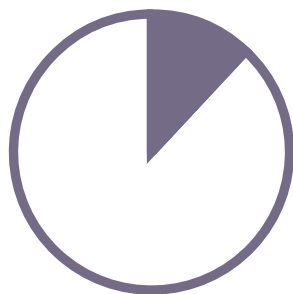
Our Scholarships Serve



64% first-generation college students



50% students of color



12% single parents

Diane Hardiman Smith

Retired PCC Faculty and Scholarship Donor

“ I don’t have children and I’ve always lived modestly. A couple of years ago I experienced a sudden health issue, and it made me start to think about my life and what I wanted my legacy to be. Though I recovered quickly, I continued to think about what mark I would leave on this world. My life’s work as a dental hygienist and instructor inspired me to support PCC students.

Through discussions with my financial advisor, I learned that I had saved enough money to create a scholarship. I’ve also designated PCC as the primary beneficiary in my estate plans so that the Diane Hardiman Smith Scholarship will be permanently endowed and live on for many generations beyond my lifetime.

I’ve been lucky to meet my scholarship recipients, like Ali Kresse, and it brings me such joy. It feels wonderful to relieve some of their financial burden so that they can focus on their studies. Hearing the stories of what they’re learning inspires me too.

The work of a dental hygienist is about much more than simply cleaning teeth and treating oral disease. Hygienists work closely with patients, developing trusted relationships and deepening the opportunity for education.

I taught in the PCC Dental Sciences program for 28 years. I loved preparing students for their careers. During my time at PCC, I also did a lot of community outreach, forging deep connections with clinical facilities, schools and public health agencies.

I’m so proud of the PCC Dental Sciences program. I truly believe in the difference these students will make and I’m delighted to support them.”



Diane Hardiman Smith pledged a generous estate gift to establish an endowed scholarship supporting PCC Dental Hygiene students. Diane taught in PCC’s Dental Sciences program for nearly three decades.



Ali Kresse

Diane Hardiman Smith Scholarship Recipient and Dental Hygiene Student

“ I’ve had the same dental hygienist for 20 years. Her name is Sue.

I only see her twice a year, but I’ve always connected with her. She’s a really peppy, kind person. Whenever I’m at the dental office, she makes a point to catch up with me about my life. Making that personal connection with your patients is so important. She’s seen me go from age 6 to 26. And when anyone watches you grow up, they have a special perspective on you. Not a lot of people can say that, you know?

Sue was on my mind when I thought about pursuing dental hygiene as a career. I graduated from the University of Oregon with a speech pathology degree. I love working with kids. But after shadowing a speech pathologist in an elementary school, I wanted more of a long-term connection with the kids. Dental hygiene seemed like it would give me that. And, I’m a type A kind of person. In this career, you have to be on time and detail-oriented. When you’re cleaning someone’s teeth, you’re working with millimeters. Our instructors always say our world is very small.

I grew up a mile away from Sylvania Campus – I actually took driver’s ed there in high school – but I’d never really looked into it. I knew I wanted to stay in Portland, so I met

with an advisor about dental hygiene and the program seemed like a perfect fit. We have some great instructors. It’s a really rigorous program, but being in a small cohort of 20 supportive people – where we can all laugh and commiserate with each other – makes it easier.

When I got the Diane Hardiman Smith Scholarship, I thought it was so cool that someone who had walked the same halls that I do now wanted to give back and help a new student. It was really touching. And I got to meet Diane at the PCC Foundation Scholarship Reception. It was nice to talk to her about the things I was having a hard time learning – things she expressed she’d had a hard time with, too. She also had a lot of advice and tips about being a clinician. She told me, ‘You know much more than you think.’ And that’s motivated me to keep going.

There’s a huge demand for dental hygienists right now. I’m hoping to work in a pediatric office one day so I can still work with kids. I want to watch them grow and be a positive influence on their lives – just like Sue was for me. ”

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Dr. Eugene and Bonnie Skourtes with their son, Dr. Nick Skourtes, at the original Willamette Dental Group location in Goose Hollow.

Willamette Dental Group

Fifty years ago, Willamette Dental Group began with a new approach to dental care, focused on prevention and holistic care instead of traditional fee-for-service treatment. Now a leader in the dental industry with 50 locations in the Pacific Northwest and more than 1,300 employees, Willamette Dental Group remains committed to supporting its communities.

“Willamette Dental Group is fortunate to be able to support the PCC Dental Sciences program as we would like to help improve access to education and provide career growth opportunities within our community,” says Nick Skourtes, DMD, Vice President of Willamette Dental Group and The Skourtes Institute. “Financial burdens can often be a barrier to education and we believe that assisting students will help allow for sustainable opportunities within the field of dentistry. PCC graduates are consistently well trained and willing contributors to our dental teams, and we look forward to growing our long-standing support of their Dental Sciences program.”

Willamette Dental Group and The Skourtes Institute’s gift of \$1 million will support dental assisting students completing a certificate program that qualifies graduates to begin work as soon as they complete the program.

“Access to education is a highly held value at Willamette Dental Group, and creating this scholarship was one way to invest in the future



PCC’s Dental Sciences Department will be located at the new 4th and Montgomery Building, shown above.

of individuals and the region,” says Eugene Skourtes, DMD, CEO and President of Willamette Dental Group and Chairman of The Skourtes Institute. “Dental Assisting students will graduate with hands-on training and practical experience, making a positive impact in the field of dentistry while earning a family wage job.”

PCC’s Dental Sciences Department will be moving into the new 4th and Montgomery Building in downtown Portland in early 2021. This location is a unique collaborative partnership with the City of Portland, Oregon Health & Science University and Portland State University.

“The generosity of the amazing gift will help students enter the oral healthcare field in a way that allows them to focus on their studies, without the worry of the economic hardships that paying for college brings. The Skourtes Institute and Willamette Dental Group’s dedication to the fields of dental assisting and dental hygiene ensures that more aspiring dental professionals will have access to this high demand career pathway,” says Josette Beach, Director of Dental Sciences and an alumna of both Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs at PCC.

Largest Campaign for Opportunity Gift: Poet Carolyn Moore Leaves Estate to PCC

Through a generous bequest gift from the late award-winning poet Carolyn Moore, PCC was selected as the recipient of the Carolyn Moore Writers House and Carolyn Moore Writing Residency to support literary arts and education. This \$5.5 million gift is the largest philanthropic gift in PCC Foundation's history. The log cabin and surrounding acreage represents the largest gift made during *The Campaign for Opportunity*. This creative writing retreat, to be led by PCC's Humanities and Arts Initiative, will become the first such program in the nation to be hosted at a community college.



Carolyn Moore saw stories all around her. An award-winning poet and creative writing professor at Humboldt State University, Carolyn was known as the keeper of family history among loved ones. She was also an explorer who traveled internationally to unique locations, and a woman who stood up for the most marginalized.

Carolyn's family recalls her as always seeking understanding – whether of other people, cultural histories or the sciences.

“My aunt Carolyn had a love of learning,” her niece Erica Klassen says. “She had over a thousand books in her library, and there was nothing she was more proud of.”

Carolyn lived in California most of her adult life, but her roots were in Oregon. Last year, she passed away from cancer. In her will, Carolyn stated a desire to bequeath her house to an institution to be used as a writers retreat. Located in the center of the PCC service district – just miles from the PCC Sylvania Campus – the lush land was “a deep part of her identity,” says her family.

A handful of colleges and organizations sent in proposals to vie for The Carolyn Moore Writers House. Carolyn's trustee Terry Hauck chose PCC as the recipient, citing PCC's long-term commitment to honoring Carolyn's legacy and for the depth of writing programs available for students. The estate gift includes a 2,500 square foot log cabin

on an urban oasis of more than eight acres and a fund to support its operations for at least 20 years. Its total value of \$5.5 million makes it the largest gift of *The Campaign for Opportunity* and to date, in the PCC Foundation's history. It also holds another distinction.

“To the best of our knowledge, PCC's Carolyn Moore Writers House will be the first such program in the nation to be hosted at a community college,” says PCC Foundation Executive Director Ann Prater. “More importantly, it will provide a bridge to student success, through literature, for students who otherwise might never have such an opportunity.”

PCC has the largest creative writing program in Oregon. Each year, 30 faculty members teach more than 70 classes of creative nonfiction, fiction, poetry, screenwriting and editing/publishing to 1,200 students. PCC faculty have won numerous awards and fellowships, published more than a dozen books and have had their work appear in many national journals.

A number of PCC graduates have also gone on to successful writing careers, including Rebecca Skloot, author of “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” a New York Times bestseller and winner of The National Academies of Science Best Book of the Year Award; and Mitchell S. Jackson, author of



The Garden of Enormous Language by Carolyn Moore

“One thing about those Olson women:
hard-workers, year in and out” –
overheard at the Scholls Grange Annual
Chuckwagon and Craft Bazaar

Olson women worship planting and sausage.
We stuff seeds in casings of moist, spring soil.

In summer, we mothers of gorgeous sweat
water, week, and hoe all the hot sky long.

We knead allspice, pepper, into raw, chopped meat.
Talk healing. Smear peach pulp on winter aches.

As we heap food on work's altar each fall,
vine maples slough scarlet leaves at our feet.

There are so many strong and capable student writers here at PCC with powerful stories to tell. The Carolyn Moore Writers House will support them in shaping and sharing those stories – by giving them access to inspiring and diverse authors and allowing them to imagine new possibilities for themselves in a larger community of writers and in the world at large.



“The Residue Years” and “Survival Math,” and a recipient of the Whiting Award for fiction.

Yet while we celebrate these successes, too often writing is seen as an opportunity for those fortunate enough to have financial resources. The Carolyn Moore Writers House aims to confront this privilege and provide access for those who are often overlooked or left out of the literary canon. The idea is to bring the literary community to PCC, rather than students needing to seek it out elsewhere.

Rebecca Petchenik is a second year PCC creative writing student and professional playwright originally from North Carolina. Carrying a notebook wherever she goes, Rebecca is always

writing and says she wants her books to be what she needed as a “young queer, trans kid growing up in the South.” She sees the writers estate as a way for PCC students to become part of an artistic community beyond the classroom.

“I have a soft spot for the queer kid. They have a voice that’s just beautiful, and it’s being nurtured by the great professors here at PCC,” she says. “But having something like a writers house will really allow them to go from being writing students to writers.”

Programming will begin within the next year and will be led by PCC’s Humanities and Arts Council, an interdisciplinary arts committee

created in 2016. The Council's Co-Founder and Co-Chair Andrew Cohen says that he hopes to host visiting writing residents from diverse backgrounds around the country who are willing to engage with students in meaningful ways – through class visits, campus readings, mentoring student writers and more.

“There are so many strong and capable student writers here at PCC with powerful stories to tell,” says Andrew. “The Carolyn Moore Writers House will support them in shaping and sharing those stories – by giving them access to inspiring and diverse authors and allowing them to imagine new possibilities for themselves in a larger community of writers and in the world at large.”

PCC creative writing student and poet Mylena Panelli knows firsthand the power of representation. Of mixed Native American heritage, their poems engage with belonging, identity and intergenerational trauma. They say PCC is the first place where they've gained confidence in their writing, and felt it was worth pursuing professionally. Mylena recalls one poetry class where the professor brought in two Black women poets to speak to students. “When I think of people who have really successfully made it as writers, it's statistically white men or women,” Mylena says. “But seeing successful writers of color in front of me, even though they didn't grow up privileged, was very validating.”

Writing can be a lonely endeavor, but Andrew hopes that The Carolyn Moore Writers House will foster a community of writers at PCC and within the larger Portland metropolitan area. Not only will the sanctuary cultivate and grow a home for PCC's literary arts where before there was none, it will also honor and remember Carolyn Moore.

“My aunt was someone who rooted for the underdog. She was keenly aware of her privilege and sought to make things better for those who had less time and resources than she did. So the program that PCC is able to set up as a result of receiving this gift is perfect,” her niece Katie Marquez says. Katie's sister, Erica, agrees. “This would have meant the world to her.”



Rebecca Petchenik is a queer writer, actor and organizer originally from North Carolina. Her most recent play “KAIT,” which centers the voices and experiences of trans women through the lens of speculative drama and sci-fi, premiered in Portland as part of the Fertile Ground Festival in 2019.

WORKFORCE

PCC is a pathway to opportunity for thousands of people working toward their dreams. We are a critical talent pipeline providing skilled professionals to support our region. Thanks to your support, we met our \$5 million *Campaign for Opportunity* goal, helping PCC continue to educate Oregon's next generation of workers, who are especially vital as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.



Generous gifts from Renaissance Foundation, Anne Naito-Campbell and JP Morgan Chase Bank helped grow PCC's Pathways to Opportunity program, which will help some of the **442,000 Oregonians** who are underemployed receive training for living-wage jobs.



Scholarship contributions to PCC's Career Pathways support students earning short-term, stackable certificates with over **50 options** that lead to a degree and a job.



Thanks to PCC's Pathways to Opportunity SNAP Training and Employment Program, in the last year alone we were able to issue:

- **\$405,000** in scholarships
- **\$70,000** in supportive services (books, tools, transportation)
- **\$20,000** of technology to loan to students



A **\$200,000 grant** from Bank of America will help the Willow Creek Opportunity Center retrain people enduring job loss from the COVID-19 pandemic.



Anne Naito-Campbell, daughter of the late real estate developer and civic leader Bill Naito, made a generous \$1 million gift to support the Pathways to Opportunity program at PCC. This donation will help ensure that students who face barriers to education are connected with success coaches, resource navigators and internship opportunities as they earn short-term certificates in high-demand industries, leading to family-wage jobs and economic mobility.

Anne Naito-Campbell

Civic Leader

“In Japanese culture, the word *ikigai* means ‘a reason for being.’ I’ve been blessed lately with realizing that my purpose in life is to give back.

More than 100 years ago, my grandfather moved from a tiny village in Japan to America. I’m the third generation of the Naito family to be lucky enough to invest in the growth of Portland – the city my family has called home since 1917.

When the pandemic hit this spring, I thought of all the people affected who were just like members of my own family. People who had worked hard and struggled to build something, to achieve a dream, and watched it slip away as a health crisis became an economic crisis.

Small businesses are the foundation of Oregon’s economy. I thought of them and workers in industries that seemed to evaporate overnight. I thought to myself, what will they do? And two thoughts came to mind. First, if there was ever a year to step up, this is it. There’s more need now than ever before.

My second thought was, Portland Community College is the place to start. As the largest college in Oregon, PCC serves the region, representing individuals from around the globe. Many of Portland’s small businesses are immigrant-owned. And PCC has been instrumental in supporting the workforce in Oregon for decades.

When I learned about PCC’s Pathways to Opportunity program, I knew this is what displaced workers needed – short-term programs designed to help people get trained, certified and back to work in family-wage jobs, with the support of success coaches.

My father, Bill Naito, taught me that a person can achieve anything with hard work, intentionality and an education. He also taught me the importance of giving back. Between him and my Uncle Sam, they were on almost all of the nonprofit boards in Portland. They were never on the same board at the same time, so they were able to double up on their work in the community. That was their *ikigai*.

Now I’ve found mine, and PCC is a part of it. It’s going to be a lot of hard work and struggle, but we will bounce back from this pandemic. There’s a beauty in Portland that it can’t destroy.”

PCC is how I became who I am. It gave me the courage to have dreams and the confidence to pursue them. Because of PCC, I'm not afraid anymore.

Diem Tram

Pathways to Opportunity Scholarship Recipient and Alumna

“In Vietnam, my family used to say that I have healing hands.

Ever since I was young, I loved helping others. Whenever anyone in my family would get sick, I'd take care of them, and they'd quickly get better. I have a special skill.

I've always tried my best at whatever I do. At school, my grades were always top of the list. I finished high school and went to college, but only for one year. I had to come home to help my parents take care of our family business.

Then, my husband and I had the opportunity to come to America. This country has the best education, and I wanted that for my two kids. My husband also had family here. When I got to Portland, I was afraid of everything. I was scared to go anywhere because my English wasn't good.

I found out that my husband's younger siblings had gone to PCC. So both my husband and I decided to attend PCC too. At the beginning, my only goal was to learn to speak English so I could communicate. I never thought I would have the chance to get into a career. Then, I learned about the Pathways to Opportunity program through one of my English for Speakers of Other

Languages classes. When I finished Level 7 English, I applied and got into the healthcare program.

The program became my second family. The instructors are very thoughtful and considerate. When I had some hardships, they understood and tried their best to help me. One instructor showed me how to apply for food stamps. Another instructor saw my ability to learn and encouraged me to keep going. I might've given up if it wasn't for them.

Having scholarship money also helped. Without it, I would've had to work more and wouldn't have been able to focus on school. I never missed any classes. I was never late with my assignments. I never thought I would get a 4.0, but I did.

Now, I've got a job that I love as a pharmacy tech at Fred Meyer taking care of people. At the beginning, I showed them my resume with my experience (I'd worked at a drug company for two years) and also my Healthcare Certificate. I was able to use the skills I learned at PCC to negotiate a higher salary.

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FUTURE CONNECT

Future Connect collaborates with regional high schools to provide opportunities to first-generation, low-income students. Students enter PCC after graduation, and with the aid of scholarships, personalized coaching and each other, persist to the finish line with much greater success than peers not enrolled in this nationally-acclaimed program. More than \$10.2 million for Future Connect was raised in private and public contributions during the campaign, exceeding our \$9 million goal.



During *The Campaign for Opportunity*, Future Connect served more than **5,000 students** through active outreach and direct service.

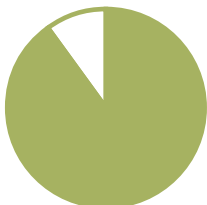


Future Connect students have a **77% higher retention rate** in returning for a second year of college, compared to less than 50% who persist nationally.



Our public partners continue to stand up for Future Connect, with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the cities of Portland, Beaverton and Hillsboro all increasing their support for first-generation students during the campaign.

Future Connect currently benefits 1,000 students annually



90% are low-income



80% are first-generation college students



72% are students of color



Ashley Champion

President, The Johnson Charitable Trust

“I met Josh Laurie, Future Connect Program Manager, over a decade ago. When we learned what he was developing with Future Connect, we knew this was the perfect organization for The Johnson Charitable Trust to support. My fellow trustees – Greg Chaillé, Traci Rose and Matt Semler – agree unequivocally that Future Connect is a model that ought to be replicated far and wide. It works. It sets the bar high and launches students into better futures.

We noticed that students were coming into Future Connect from other nonprofits that we admire and support. The college years are so pivotal, and even the most supported youth coming out of high school face challenges. We believe in standing by these youth on their journeys. We are investing in them and helping ensure their success.

Future Connect epitomizes what we are trying to do at The Johnson Charitable Trust. It provides the teflon threads needed to weave a strong fabric of support to help students overcome barriers.”

The Johnson Charitable Trust awarded a \$75,000 grant to pilot and support Future Connect Plus, an innovative hybrid program based on PCC’s highly successful Future Connect program. Future Connect Plus serves students from a variety of community-based organizations including New Avenues for Youth, Rosemary Anderson High School and Portland Tennis and Education, among many others.

“We believe in standing by these youth on their journeys. We are investing in them and helping ensure their success.”

I chose PCC because of all that Future Connect had to offer. Future Connect is more than a scholarship. Being a first-generation college student can be difficult, especially for immigrants like me.

Nasim Salih

Future Connect Scholarship Recipient and Future Pharmacist

“When I was 13 years old, my family left Eritrea because of the oppressive government that didn’t allow for any job or education opportunities. My mother and sisters were approved to become refugees, but I had to flee, walking 16 hours alone to Sudan where I took shelter in a refugee camp that was known for being one of the most dangerous places in East Africa. For three months, away from my family, I lived under a leaky roof and slept on the ground without a blanket.

I was incredibly relieved to be reunited with my family in Sudan and shortly after we were able to move to America as refugees. My grandma was already here and I couldn’t wait to see her.

When we arrived in Portland, I entered eighth grade. I spoke Tigrinya and Arabic but not English. I learned quickly though. I was the first person in my family to graduate from high school and now, thanks to Future Connect, I’m the first to attend college. My parents didn’t have the opportunity to pursue education because they grew up during a war.

I have two younger sisters who are 12 and 3. As the eldest son in my family, I carry the responsibilities of being a role model and parent to my sisters. My mother works a graveyard shift as a caregiver. It is physically demanding and financially constraining.

I am often left to comfort my 3-year-old sister who wakes up in the middle of the night crying

for our mother. It can take one or two hours, but I wait as long as it takes until she falls asleep, because I know the sacrifices my mother makes for me and my siblings. Sometimes by the time I can get her back to sleep, it’s time for me to start my day and walk my other sister to the bus stop. It’s been challenging to juggle school and my family duties. I get overwhelmed, but I work hard to stay focused on my education so that I can pursue my dream of being a pharmacist. In Eritrea, pharmacists are heroes, helping the country stay healthy, and I want to help people like that.

I chose PCC because of all that Future Connect had to offer. Future Connect is more than a scholarship. Being a first-generation college student can be difficult, especially for immigrants like me. Sometimes our parents don’t have the knowledge to help us. I learn so much from my coach, Joshua, and having him on my team makes me feel supported. He helps me find the resources I need to stay in school, and is currently helping me work on my application to transfer to Pacific University.

The scholarships I receive make it possible for me to attend PCC and be part of Future Connect. I’m so appreciative of the people who give to make that possible. They invest in us so we can go out and help the community. It means the world to me.”



URGENT STUDENT NEED

The PCC Foundation reacted quickly when COVID-19 hit. Too many students are one flat tire or medical bill away from being unable to stay in school, even in the best of times. Research from 2019 showed that two in three community college students experience food insecurity, approximately half are housing insecure and 14% experience homelessness. We know the pandemic has only worsened this situation. We were able to exceed our \$1 million urgent need goal, raising \$1.5 million to provide vital support to students.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation has provided more than **\$1.1 million** in emergency food, technology and grant support to nearly 4,500 students. This came from the PCC Foundation Board's allocation of \$750,000 in "rainy day" reserve funds, generous grants and \$350,000 from our #PCCTogether COVID-19 relief fundraiser.



Food insecurity = **2,700**
students supported



Emergency grants = **975**
students supported



Computers/internet = **806**
students supported



Total students served
by PCC's COVID-19
Response Fund = **4,481**

Campaign support for PCC food pantries helped students persist. Compared to their peers, students who accessed PCC food pantries saw a 50% higher retention rate and completed 16 more credit hours during the academic year.

PCC Foundation established Champions for Opportunity (*see page 40*) to create a **\$1 million** endowment for critical support so that our students can focus on what matters most: succeeding at PCC.

Jeffery Temple

Director of Corporate Affairs, Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.

“I was having coffee with my friend Cole Chatterton, a PCC business instructor, in spring of 2019. He was telling me about his students, how many came to class hungry and how some were even sleeping in their cars. I knew we had to do something.

Cole and I got together with leaders from PCC and the Oregon Food Bank to discuss what it would take to end hunger at PCC. Fred Meyer and our parent company, Kroger, are committed to ending hunger in the communities we call home as part of our Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Social Impact Plan.

We chose to invest in PCC because when we help a student meet their basic needs, we can ensure they stay on their journey and

complete a certificate or degree. PCC is committed to serving their students holistically, ensuring they have access to food without ever compromising their own dignity.

We're proud of the work we're doing with PCC. We're expanding students' access to food, connecting them with more stable resources like SNAP benefits and cultivating student-led solutions to address food insecurity for the entire student body.

And it's working. Students who benefited from this grant are staying enrolled and completing more credits than their peers. They don't have to make the choice between putting food on the table for their family or paying their tuition bill. ”



Jeffery Temple is pictured above (to the right of Mark Mitsui). Last December, as part of Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Initiative, Fred Meyer granted the PCC Foundation \$300,000 to support anti-hunger initiatives. This grant is the largest single investment for urgent student need received during the campaign. The funds improved access to food, expanded campus pantry infrastructure and supported the hiring of student food justice advocates.



Adi Velazquez Espinosa

PCC Foundation Emergency Grant Recipient and Exercise Science Student

“When the pandemic began, I was already stressed because it was one week before finals. Then PCC went remote. The restaurant I worked at closed. The aquatic center I also worked at closed. I got very depressed. I’d wake up, get a coffee and put some alcohol in it, then continue on my day. I was stuck at home doing nothing other than cleaning. I changed my furniture around three times in one month. I was restless and having a really hard time.

I’d enrolled in PCC’s Exercise Science program because I want to help more people get active and healthy. I discovered this when I started exercising on my own. I felt good. People then started working out with me, and I enjoyed it. I realized it could be a career.

Now here I was, during the pandemic, not being healthy. I passed my online classes, but I was coping the wrong way. I didn’t see any light, honestly. Nothing had meaning. I didn’t have much food in the fridge. All my savings went to bills and rent.

I didn’t know how I was going to finish at PCC. I reached out to my Exercise Science program advisor, Barbara, and told her, “I don’t know what I’m going to do. I can’t continue. I have no money. I have no job.” She pointed me toward the emergency grants from the PCC

Foundation. It was a lifesaver, and gave me hope that I could still keep going. Without it, I would’ve dropped out.

The emergency grant was also a beam of light that got me into a better mood. I stopped drinking. I told myself, ‘Okay, you got this. You’ll figure it out. You’ll be fine.’ And I was.

I’ve worked so hard to get here, and I didn’t want to give up. I have family members who I want to make proud. My parents are immigrants. They’ve always had to work. And I know that all this hard work I’ve put into school is paying off, because I’ve got this amazing job where I get to help the community members of Hillsboro be healthy in a time when we really need it. I saw what COVID-19 did to me, and I want to help others be well not just physically, but spiritually and mentally, too.

Now I’m back enrolled full time at PCC and at the aquatic center as a fitness instructor. I’m happy to see my clients again. At the end of each class, I encourage everybody to say, “I’m awesome!” It’s hard nowadays to look at the bright side. But if I can just do that little thing, make people smile for just a couple of minutes, I feel like I’m doing my part. ”

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Champions *for Opportunity*



As a capstone to ***The Campaign for Opportunity***, the Foundation is looking for 100 Champions for Opportunity, who will ensure that PCC has the resources to be responsive to the needs of students today, tomorrow and long into the future.

With 100 donors coming together and each contributing \$10,000, we can establish the Student Success Endowed Fund, a \$1 million endowment to fund student scholarships, coaching, educational programs and emergency assistance grants so that our students can focus on what matters most: succeeding at PCC.

Please consider becoming a Champion today! You can become a Champion or you can donate in honor of someone who is a champion to you. Contact the Foundation for more information at 971-722-4382.

Champions For Opportunity

Thank you to these donors who have committed to supporting PCC students.
To learn more and to read the stories of our Champions, visit pcc.edu/champions.

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Leaders, Friends and Champions

The PCC Foundation has been lucky to have four incredible leaders – Betty Duvall, Chris Neilsen, Kimberly Cooper and Marion Levitan – united in their desire to elevate fundraising at PCC. Each one of these women has served as President of the PCC Foundation board, and all are now Champions for Opportunity. Through this journey, they've become good friends.

Below, they talk about their work together and reflect on the friendships they've formed.

This conversation has been edited and condensed for clarity.

The four of you are not only Champions for Opportunity, but have served on the PCC Foundation board at various moments in time. How did you come to PCC, and how did your work intersect?

Betty: When I was Executive Dean at the Rock Creek Campus in the early 90s, I was invited to join the Foundation board. That's when the Foundation started to be more proactive in fundraising. That has really grown and prospered thanks to this group. Probably the most important contribution I made to the Foundation was to lure Chris to become a member of the board.

Chris: I would follow you anywhere, Betty. I was delighted that you asked. My superb accomplishment was when Kimberly said yes to join the board. Betty got the seeds started, we grew them for a while, and Kimberly came

along and really poured on just the right stuff. I'm grateful for that.

Kimberly: It's so fun to get to work with all of you. When we recruited Marion to take over as board president, that's when things leveled up even more. The four of us really got together as women leaders at the Foundation. We felt a special bond with this sisterhood.

Marion: Without the vision of every single person before me, I would not have been able to do what I did in 2015 and launch *The Campaign for Opportunity*. That's what I feel I gained from the three of you. I was able to really start thinking about some of the goals people had wanted to pursue for a decade, such as moving the Foundation forward so we could serve more students.

I felt the Foundation was too important not to succeed. PCC provides a bridge to a lot of opportunities for students, and that's what inspires me to work for PCC.

What opportunities does PCC provide for our community, and why is it important now more than ever to be united for opportunity?

Betty: So many opportunities. PCC views education holistically – it looks at the whole person, not just what kind of grade they get.

Kimberly: We all know that talent is equally distributed and opportunity is not. And so I think what you find in all of us is that we want to help others arrive at their potential. PCC provides an opportunity to do that. We see education as an elevator.

Chris: I have always felt that when I come to PCC, there's a kind of diversity and kindness that I would like to find in our wider community. It's a wonderful thing. In this time, it shows that if we can do it in one place, we must have the tools to do it in other places as well.



Kimberly Cooper, Tom and Chris Neilsen



Marion Levitan



Betty and Richard Duvall

Marion: We need more kindness and compassion and grace.

Why is being a champion meaningful for you?

Chris: It's a way to own my commitment that's visible.

Betty: The first time I heard someone explain what a community college was, I bought it hook, line and sinker. It's so satisfying to know that you have done one small part of making the community what you described Chris, what we would like our community to be.

Kimberly: For me, it's about giving back to all the champions in my own life who've really paved the way for my own opportunities for growth and development. That of course includes Chris and Betty. It's neat to be in a position where you can open up doors for other people.

Marion: I have to thank Chris for the fact that I am a champion.

Chris: You are a champion! You don't have to thank me for that. I know I've told the three

of you maybe five times how much I value my relationship with you, and how in my mind you are all champions. I didn't know how to thank you. And I thought honoring you would be a way to thank you.

Marion: This type of recognition is really a way for each of us to be able to reach out to other people who we know, and continue in our pursuit of raising funds for PCC. That's meaningful to me.

How did the pandemic reinforce the need for the PCC Foundation?

Kimberly: When we were all on the board, we learned about the needs around student hunger and housing. If you're hungry, it's hard to study. If you don't have gas money to get to campus, that's a barrier. We were really in tune with that as we were planning for *The Campaign for Opportunity*.

When the pandemic hit, we knew these things were already hanging in balance for many students, and this would tip them over. Private support became a vital bridge to people's lives and livelihoods.

Marion: I think that it also reflected the ability of the Foundation to work hand-in-hand with the college and business partners to provide vital resources for students.

Chris: The campaign helped with today's urgent needs. We're concerned about tomorrow's.

What have these friendships meant to you?

Marion: We're partners in a common cause.

Chris: Well said.

Betty: I agree.

Kimberly: We enjoy each other's company, and we talk about lots of things besides PCC. But we come together around a common purpose and passion for PCC. It's really special to have a team of friends who are also your colleagues in this important work.

Here are some of the donor milestones that helped make the PCC Foundation's first-ever comprehensive campaign, *The Campaign for Opportunity*, an unequivocal success.

2015

The Campaign for Opportunity kicked off with an **anonymous bequest of \$1 million**, the largest estate gift in PCC history. This estate gift pledge will one day create an endowed scholarship to support students who face financial barriers to higher education.

In combination with a gift from her family's foundation, **Brigid Flanigan** generously contributed PCC Foundation's largest cash gift at the time to support PCC's Future Connect Program – funding two Future Connect coaches.

2016

Former PCC Foundation board member **Cheryl Burgermeister** provided a generous bequest to expand an endowed radiography scholarship in memory of her husband, Dr. George Burgermeister.

The **Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission** awarded a \$1.3 million community

college success grant to strengthen PCC's Future Connect program. This support came in addition to generous grants from the **cities of Portland, Hillsboro and Beaverton** to ensure a bright future for the region's residents.

Terry and Mary Owen pledged both an annual scholarship and a generous estate gift to support students who live in affordable housing. Terry, who taught electrical engineering at PCC for 17 years, and Mary, who co-founded Community Partners for Affordable Housing, also endowed a scholarship in 2020.

Robert Wimmer and Howard Butzer named PCC as the primary beneficiary of their estate. Bob helped establish the foreign language department at PCC where he taught for more than 30 years.

JPMorgan Chase Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to the PCC Career Pathways Expansion and Outreach Project to support first-generation college students, students of color and other students facing financial barriers.

PCC Foundation board member and planned giving committee chair **Michael J. Gentry** pledged \$100,000 through an IRA beneficiary designation to support students and programs for years to come.

Hillsboro Elks Lodge #1862 made an initial gift of \$25,000 to establish a career technical education endowed scholarship and went on to contribute an additional \$125,000 to ensure this fund would support more students for years to come.

Former PCC Foundation Board President **Chris Neilsen and her husband, Tom Neilsen**, made a \$280,000 pledge to create an impact endowment that will provide scholarships for scores of future students for the next 20 years. Chris and Tom were among the earliest champions of *The Campaign for Opportunity* and would go on to become co-chairs of the campaign's steering committee. (See page 30 for more from Chris)

2017

In the first-ever philanthropic naming of a building, **Patricia J. Reese** made a \$380,000 gift in memory of her late husband, who was a licensed pilot. The Michael D. Reese Aviation Hangar at PCC Rock Creek Campus will ensure that aviation students soar for generations to come with an endowed scholarship that provides full tuition assistance for two first-year aviation maintenance students.



Giving Milestones: The Campaign

Longtime PCC employee **Rebecca A. Meier** pledged an estate gift to support the general scholarship fund, providing financial assistance to students for years to come.

A generous \$306,000 estate gift from the **Stephanie S. Keyes Trust** allowed PCC's Disability Services program to fund technology and testing that helps students with brain injuries to complete their education.

PCC Foundation Board President **Marion Levitan and Howard Werth** continued their longtime support through the Werth Family Endowed Scholarship honoring Howard's parents, Dean and Pat Werth. Through their donations totaling more than \$250,000, Marion, Howard and family create opportunities for students to explore their interests – from singing to science. *(See page 30 for more from Marion)*

PCC alumna and retiree **Susan D. Gillette '83** pledged a \$740,000 estate gift to establish an endowed scholarship supporting underrepresented students pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields.

Intel Corporation continued its long-standing support through a generous donation to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Pathways outreach and education.

Former PCC Foundation board member and generous supporter **Cheryl A. Hinerman** made a \$100,000 estate intention to support Future Connect, as well as STEM and STEAM programs.

PCC retiree **Michael Morrow and Ruth Peterson-Morrow** expanded their generous support by establishing a charitable annuity and creating a new endowed scholarship for first-generation students. The couple also continue to give and campaign for the John L. Evans ROOTS Memorial Scholarship.

Peter and Dana Bauer committed to a \$100,000 IRA estate gift that will create pathways for current and future students for many years to come. Peter also helped create the **Foundation's Emeritus Board**, a dedicated group of former PCC and PCC Foundation volunteer leaders.

The **Oregon Immigrant and Refugee Funders Collaborative** awarded \$50,000 to help launch Oregon's first DREAM Center at PCC Rock

Creek Campus to provide outreach, mentorship and emergency funding for students of all immigration statuses. The Funders Collaborative represents a partnership between **The Collins Foundation, MRG Foundation, The Oregon Community Foundation, Pride Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust.**

2018

Longtime PCC employee **Ric Getter** and his wife, **Shigemi Getter**, made provisions in their will for a generous scholarship endowment that will continue their support of students in perpetuity. Ric has worked in IT and Media Production at PCC since 2006.

Through the generosity of the **Craig H. Neilsen Foundation**, \$379,500 was contributed throughout the campaign to empower students living with spinal cord injuries to access education and gain independence.

Former PCC District Board member **David Squire** established a scholarship in memory of his wife, Carol Squire, to provide financial support for students who need assistance beyond traditional scholarships. An estate commitment from David will further support this fund.



For Opportunity

Meyer Memorial Trust continued its partnership with PCC by awarding a \$175,000 grant to create Workforce Connect, an innovative pilot project designed to improve career readiness for first-generation and low-income high school students.

Ross M. Lienhart and the **Edwards Lienhart Family Foundation** pledged a generous \$100,000 gift to the Sheila Lienhart Memorial Endowed Scholarship, which supports first-generation college students.

The City of Portland celebrated Pioneer Black Firefighters Month by honoring Portland's first Black firefighter. In conjunction, the **Gus S. Waterford Memorial Scholarship** was created to support first-generation Fire Protection Technology students.

2019

Led by local philanthropists **Irving Levin** and **Stephanie Fowler**, the **Renaissance Foundation** made a powerful gift of \$500,000. The funding helped to expand PCC's Pathways to Opportunity program, which provides coaching and wraparound services to students eligible for food assistance.

In Spring 2019, *The Campaign for Opportunity* entered its public phase, with **campaign kickoff festivities** at each of PCC's four campuses and five work centers to thank faculty, staff and retirees for their support.

Future Connect supporters **Michael and Alice Powell** continued their ongoing support by awarding their 75th Powell's Scholars award to provide coaching and other wraparound services for Future Connect students. Michael and Alice also generously gave their time to serve as honorary chairs of *The Campaign for Opportunity*.

PCC retiree **JoAnn Albrecht** pledged a thoughtful estate gift to endow the New Beginnings scholarship, an annual scholarship she has supported for years that helps students who were formerly incarcerated.

The **James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation** made a gracious \$350,000 gift to establish a new scholarship for students in career technical education.

PCC retiree **Lynn Mayer** pledged a generous estate gift in support of the Humanities and Arts Initiative for scholarships and program funding.

Janet L. Rash, PCC Foundation Emeritus Board Member and Diamond Alumni Award recipient,

generously established the Future's Doorway Endowed Scholarship for single parents. Janet also pledged an estate gift which one day will further support her scholarship.

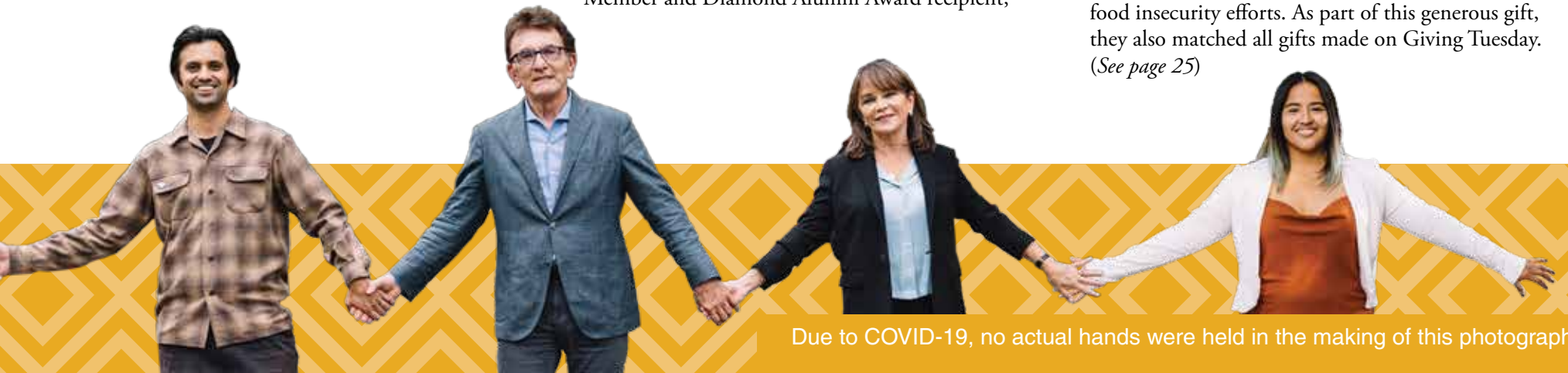
The **Johnson Charitable Trust** awarded a \$75,000 grant to pilot and support Future Connect Plus, an innovative hybrid program based on PCC's highly successful Future Connect program. (See page 21)

PCC alumna and U.S. Navy veteran **Debra S. Peterson** named PCC as the designated beneficiary of her IRA and insurance accounts in honor of her late husband, who also attended PCC and was a Navy veteran. This estate gift will endow the Pete and Espo Scholarship to support PCC students who served in the U.S. military.

PCC retiree **George Staley** and his late wife, **Marie Staley**, endowed the Endeavor Scholarship and pledged a generous estate gift to support this scholarship in the future. An accomplished poet, George taught creative writing for 25 years at PCC Rock Creek Campus.

More than 500 friends attended the PCC Foundation's eighth annual gala, *An Evening for Opportunity: Voyage to Success*, which raised a record-breaking \$636,604 and kicked off the public phase of *The Campaign for Opportunity*.

Fred Meyer, as part of Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Initiative, made a \$300,000 grant to support food insecurity efforts. As part of this generous gift, they also matched all gifts made on Giving Tuesday. (See page 25)



Due to COVID-19, no actual hands were held in the making of this photograph.

2020

Pink Martini bandleader and honorary campaign committee member **Thomas Lauderdale** hosted the largest campaign mixer, opening his home to more than 150 guests to learn more about *The Campaign for Opportunity*. Thomas was joined by honorary campaign committee members **Governor Barbara Roberts**, **Senator Margaret Carter** and **Michael and Alice Powell** for the festive occasion.

Comcast generously became the first \$50,000 level presenting sponsor of the PCC Foundation's annual gala. When a global pandemic moved PCC to remote operations and instruction, Comcast's Internet Essentials program helped provide students with low-cost internet access so they could continue their education.

PCC Retiree **Diane Hardiman Smith** pledged a generous estate gift to establish an endowed scholarship supporting PCC Dental Hygiene students. (See page 7)

As a longtime partner with PCC Bioscience Technology program, **Genentech** provided a \$100,000 grant through the **Genentech Foundation** to support PCC's COVID-19 Response Fund for Students.

Dr. Patricia J. Baker created an endowed and annual scholarship to support students who attended Cornelius Elementary School, where she taught, and pledged an additional \$275,000 for future student support through her charitable remainder trust.

The Oregon Community Foundation made a \$35,000 gift to the COVID-19 Response Fund for Students, continuing its longtime support. During *The Campaign for Opportunity*, OCF grants and donor advised fund gifts to PCC totaled almost \$490,000 in addition to \$335,000 from the **OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation**.

More than 650 PCC alumni, faculty, staff, retirees and friends came together on PCC's second **Big Give Day**, donating nearly \$170,000 to support student scholarships, emergency grants and programs. The **Schlesinger Family Foundation** generously matched the first \$50,000 in contributions.

Anne Naito-Campbell made a generous \$1 million gift to establish the **Naito Family Fund for Opportunity** at the PCC Foundation. (See page 17)

Through a generous bequest gift from the late award-winning poet **Carolyn Moore**, PCC was selected as the recipient of the **Carolyn Moore Writers House** and **Carolyn Moore Writing Residency**. The more than \$5.5 million donation is the largest philanthropic gift in the PCC Foundation's history. (See page 12)

Willamette Dental Group and **The Skourtes Institute** partnered to donate \$1 million that will endow a scholarship for PCC Dental Sciences students. This support comes at a pivotal time as the Dental Sciences program prepares to move into a new home in downtown Portland in 2021. (See page 10)

Columbia Pacific Foundation continued its generous support for students who are single parents by contributing \$175,000 to create a new scholarship endowment.

Bank of America continued its long-standing support by awarding a historic \$200,000 Neighborhood Builders grant to fund PCC's Willow Creek Opportunity Center, providing unemployed and displaced workers with training opportunities to help speed the region's economic recovery. Bank of America generously donated an additional \$150,000 throughout *The Campaign for Opportunity*, including gifts to the COVID-19 Response Fund for Students and Future Connect.

To mark the imminent conclusion of our first comprehensive campaign, friends of PCC gathered remotely for 30 minutes on June 30 to celebrate student success. The online campaign event included a musical performance by **Thomas Lauderdale** and **Sofia Von Trapp**, messages from PCC leaders including former District Board Chair **Kali Thorne Ladd** and PCC Foundation Board President **Karen Kervin**, inspiring student stories and a virtual toast to all of our generous donors, volunteers and friends.

Thank you to all who made
The Campaign for Opportunity
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*“The Future Connect coaches gave me the confidence to push through and keep trying. Now I’m at Portland State University and **I hope to someday return to PCC as a Future Connect coach.**”*

– Adan Uribe

PCC Alumnus and PSU Social Work Student



Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society



Dr. Amo DeBernardis, or “Dr. De” as he was known at the college, served as PCC’s founding president from 1961 until 1979 when he retired. His vision of access to higher education for all still guides our work today and many of his founding concepts remain integral to PCC’s mission.

Donors who remember the PCC Foundation through a bequest, life income plan or other type of planned gift, whether intended or received, become members of the Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society.

We thank this group for their thoughtful generosity.

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