Letters
FROM THE
Heart

2016-17 PCC FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPY REPORT
Dear Friends,
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION. While the concept might seem utopian, it’s a goal we are actively pursuing at Portland Community College. We believe every student in our region should have access to higher education or professional training, and a brighter future. The PCC Foundation and our supporters join in this pursuit year after year.

We know that an educated community thrives. A recent economic impact study conducted on behalf of the college found this to be true and confirmed that PCC is a great investment. This study proves that every dollar invested in PCC returns $12.50 to our community in social savings.

Aside from the practical reasons people invest in our college, we know that our community of supporters give because, well, it feels good. We are thrilled when our students begin to believe in themselves and their success. It touches our hearts when students share their experiences that wouldn’t be possible without philanthropic support. We humbly marvel at the gratitude students express not only for their scholarships, but for the individuals who contribute their hard-earned dollars to provide that support. We celebrate when we see a student’s confidence soar.

It’s pretty incredible to see just how powerful the impact of philanthropy is here at PCC, and we are proud to share our annual philanthropy report and these achievements which you help to make possible. With every gift, we are one step closer to seeing our vision of equitable access and success come to life. We thank you for all you do to #thinkPCCfirst.

Yours for PCC,

Mark Mitsui  
President, PCC

Marion Levitan,  
2015-17 President, PCC Foundation Board of Directors
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THE MOST MEANINGFUL gifts are always from the heart. What follows are letters inspired by the stories of donors, students, staff, partners and friends whose profoundly personal connections to PCC have sparked some of the year’s most memorable philanthropic contributions.
Years ago, an Afghani woman in my class wrote an essay that began: “The fifth time my house was destroyed by bombs, my father decided it was time to leave the country.” I’ve never been able to forget that sentence. She was six years old then, but now thanks to college scholarships she has a good job here in America. When I taught at PCC, I’d wake up before the alarm went off each day, excited to get to campus because of dreamers just like her. Now that I’m retired, I miss that morning moment... but because of you, I am still able to go on supporting the work of my heart. It’s been 25 years, and your continued sharing of this conviction that education changes lives still energizes me. Thank you standing with me. You get it, and you get me. You always have.

Love always,
Michael

MICHAEL MORROW worked at PCC for 17 years in various roles: coordinator of child care services, scholarship coordinator, America Reads coordinator, Sylvania ROOTS financial aid liaison, and much more. His wife Ruth is a former elementary school teacher at a Title I school in Lake Oswego. Together, they are creating a new endowed scholarship for first-generation students. This fund will also be supported through their estate via a charitable gift annuity. The couple also gives and campaigns generously for the John L. Evans ROOTS Memorial Scholarship.
When I was in foster care, I had to learn to speak up for myself. I never imagined it would be a professor at a university in Peru who would get me thinking about using that skill in a new way. Getting to travel to Peru as a PCC student gave me the courage I needed to pursue social work as a career, and a vision to one day help people like me. On our first day in Lima, you told us that if we were ever lost, all we needed to do was look up and the hotel would guide us. But you guided me to so much more. You were funny, confident, and unafraid to speak up. I still remember what you told me: “No matter who you are or where you are, we all need each other.” You taught me to advocate for everyone. And even though we’re thousands of miles apart, I know you’ll be cheering me on.

Hasta pronto,
Sadé
PATRICIA AND MICHAEL REESE were married for 56 years. Michael was a local businessman, beginning his career at Standard Oil, and also a licensed pilot. To celebrate Michael’s life, Patricia created an endowment to provide two-year scholarships to aviation maintenance students. In recognition of this generous $380,000 donation, the aviation hangar on the PCC Rock Creek Campus has also been named in Michael Reese’s honor. It is the first philanthropic naming of a building in the history of Portland Community College.

My Dearest Mike,

The last years of your life, you were happy as a clam mowing the lawn down at McKinnon Airpark. As long as you were even close to the planes, it was a dream come true—you loved to fly that much. The airplane was your second home, but you always made sure our family came first. I remember flying to Canada, just the two of us, to go fishing on the lake. Or going down to San Diego with the kids to see their grandparents. It’s been hard with you gone. When I’m outside and hear the roar of airplane engines in the sky, I look up. Always. You achieved your dreams. That’s why I want to help students achieve theirs. That day we dedicated the aviation hangar to you, all I kept thinking was: You’d be so proud.

Until we meet again,
Pat

PCC SCHOLARSHIP DONOR Patricia Reese
To the older student,

We’ve been where you are. We know what it’s like to wonder if this was the right decision, to doubt whether there is courage or ability enough to make a change. We’ve worried about how to juggle school, work and family. You might not know us, but our paths began much like yours. We had our first child when we were in college, and spent many years afterwards finishing our education, taking night classes and working multiple jobs to get it done. And what we want you to know is... we did get it done. It may not have been the future we pictured for ourselves when we were young, but it’s been a wonderful life. So know this: You’re as bright as bright can be. Surround yourself with supportive people, and walk with your head held high. Your story has only just begun.

We believe in you,
Chris and Tom

CHRIS AND TOM NEILSEN owned Salem-based Neilsen Manufacturing Inc. before retiring to Portland nearly a decade ago. Chris, a social worker specializing in children and families, was Foundation board President from 2012-2013. She and Tom are using their mandatory IRA distributions to create an impact endowment that will provide scholarships for hundreds of future PCC students for the next 20 years.
To my four amazing kids,

I wanted to be the mom who showed up no matter what. When you were growing up, I made sure I was there for every game, every tournament, and every competition. When I got divorced and we got kicked out of our house, I was determined to shelter you even if it meant camping out in a friend’s backyard. Then the breast cancer happened. I went to work with a smile, radiation coursing through my body, because the most important thing to me was supporting you. You kept me young. You kept me striving to be better. Each time you accomplished something, you showed me I can do more. So that’s why I’m in school... because as it turns out, you’ve been the ones to show up for me. You’ve helped me be a successful mom, and now I believe I can become a successful businesswoman. This scholarship isn’t just for me. It’s for all of you.

See you on Sunday,
Mom

DONNA BENNETT has held many jobs from a bookstore owner in Germany to a car dealership saleswoman to a marketing director at a senior assisted living community. She is a recipient of the Oregon Community Foundation’s Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation scholarship and is currently pursuing an associate degree in marketing at PCC. Donna is the first in her family to go to college.
To Oregon’s future employees,

As head of this part of the bank, we get a lot of thank you letters. But today I want to write YOU a thank you. Thank you for believing in yourself. Thank you for sticking with it despite the challenges. Thank you for investing in your future, and for all that you’re going to do for our city and region. Employers like my company are counting on you to continue to enrich the Pacific Northwest as skilled workers—and that’s why we’re going to make sure you keep getting all the resources you need to succeed. There are hundreds of employers out there like us who are ready for you to join them. When can you start?

Congratulations on your achievement!

Mike

MICHAEL HURLEY is the Market Executive of Middle Market Banking for Oregon & SW Washington at JPMorgan Chase. He’s been in the banking business for nearly two decades and is a father of four future college students. The JPMorgan Chase Foundation supports PCC through a multi-year grant to the Career Pathways Program, which provides workforce training for low-income students and youth of color.
To the undocumented student,

I see you. I see your strength, your love for community, your resilience. You’re a fighter like me. I know it hasn’t been easy. I know because I’ve been there. I came to the U.S. when I was 15 years old, without papers and unable to speak English. I felt isolated. I didn’t want to continue with school. Then my mom took me to the Multicultural Center. It was there I first said the words “undocumented” aloud to a stranger. There was no judgment; they understood me. We want to do the same for you. We want to help you regain your voice. We want to connect you to the right resources to make your dreams happen. We want to celebrate your beautiful culture. Consider room 118 your second home. Come in anytime. You belong here.

Con mucho cariño,
Liliana

*LILIANA LUNA* is the Multicultural Center coordinator at the Rock Creek campus. She is a community activist for immigrant rights, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) recipient, and the driving force last year in an effort that resulted in raising more than $46,000 for a scholarship fund for PCC DACA students and the creation of a DREAMer Center—the first of its kind for undocumented students in any Oregon college or university. She is currently studying for a master’s degree in counseling at Portland State University while holding a graduate assistantship.
Dear Sam,

You know it was almost 70 years ago that my family and I ran for our lives out the back door of our home in Czechoslovakia. WWII had ended but the persecution had not. We made it to America and built a new life. Education was the key. That’s why I was so worried when you told me you wanted to leave high school... but once I understood that your plan was to finish at PCC, I knew it would be OK. You see, son, I know about changes in pathways. I’m so glad you found yours.

Love,
Dad
PCC FOUNDATION

Giving Report
SPECIAL THANKS TO THE donors, business partners and community leaders who have given from the heart this year. Your gifts to PCC have supported scholarships, workforce engagement and student success programs—and have made a profound difference in the lives of students, their loved ones and our community.
2016-17

Financial Snapshot

THE PCC FOUNDATION is dedicated to expanding access to higher education by addressing the wide range of student needs at Portland Community College.

Foundation audited financial statements are available at pcc.edu/foundation/who-we-are/mission.html

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY

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LAST YEAR, THE PCC FOUNDATION AWARDED NEARLY $1.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS—MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.

IN 2016-17, THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS RESULTED IN AN 11% INCREASE IN DONORS AND AN 8% INCREASE IN AWARDS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
ACROSS OREGON AND BEYOND, PCC Foundation donors helped ensure that all students in our region have access to an excellent PCC education and the support needed to succeed. Here are a few of the year’s many special stories.

SUMMER

- THROUGH THE CONTINUING GENEROSITY OF THE CRAIG H. NEILSEN FOUNDATION, nearly $130,000 in scholarship support was awarded to empower students affected by and living with spinal cord injuries.
- PCC ROCK CREEK FACULTY MEMBER DAVID WALLACK and his wife, PCC alumna Kaori Wallack, established an endowed student scholarship to support students in allied health professions and physical sciences. David was inspired to create the scholarship, named in honor of his parents, after years of seeing firsthand the dedication of his students.
- MENTOR GRAPHICS FOUNDATION, WHEELER FOUNDATION, QORVO SEMICONDUCTOR, FEI, AND VIEWPOINT INC. joined the PCC Foundation for the annual PCC Robotics Summer Camp Luncheon. Their combined investment of $30,000 supported PCC’s annual Robotics & Rapid Prototyping Summer Camps, designed to engage and inspire the next generation of advanced manufacturing leaders. PCC’s Machine Manufacturing Technology program partners with the Oregon Robotics Team Outreach Program (ORTOP) to put on the summer camps.

FALL

- CITY OF PORTLAND, CITY OF BEAVERTON AND CITY OF HILLSBORO contributed almost $800,000 to support PCC’s Future Connect program, which provides individual coaching and support for low-income, first-generation students to help them complete their education and successfully enter the workforce. Now in its sixth year, the Future Connect program has served more than 1,600 students thanks to support from these municipalities and more than $2.3 million in gifts from private donors.
- US BANK AND JUAN YOUNG TRUST WESTERN DIVISION provided $25,000 to support PCC Fostering Success, a pilot program that provides support and individual coaching to help students who have experienced foster care complete their educational goals.
- HILLSBORO ELKS LODGE #1862 contributed $26,500 to establish the Hillsboro Elks Lodge Career Technical Endowed Scholarship. This generous financial assistance will support students from Hillsboro, North Plains, Aloha and Cornelius who are pursuing an associate degree or certificate in a PCC Career Technical program.
PCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP recipients and their families were celebrated during the yearly scholarship reception, which highlighted 1,300 students who received annual and endowed awards totaling $1,500,000. Oregon Senator Margaret Carter, a PCC Foundation Board member and PCC Diamond Alumna, served as keynote speaker.

PCC EMPLOYEES participated in the annual Faculty, Staff and Retiree Giving Campaign, which raised almost $450,000 in cash gifts to support student scholarships and programs. The successful Together We CAN! campaign led to an additional challenge gift from Whole Foods Market, which provided $5,000 in nutritious food for ASPCC student food pantries on Giving Tuesday.

WINTER

JOHN AND JENNIFER GROSVENOR made a generous gift to establish the Sylvania Bridge Fund. This first of its kind fund helps PCC Sylvania students manage emergency needs that could otherwise impact their ability to remain enrolled without immediate financial assistance.

TEC EQUIPMENT, the largest multi-point truck and trailer dealership on the West Coast, donated a 2015 Mack truck engine and a Class 8 2011 Volvo truck to the PCC Diesel Service Technology Program at the Rock Creek Campus. The industry leader, formerly known as Thompson Equipment Company, also will provide diagnostic software and technical support to help students prepare for careers as skilled diesel mechanics.

REBECCA A. MEIER announced a significant estate gift to support the general scholarship fund providing financial assistance to PCC students for years to come. A longtime PCC employee who has worked at the College for more than 30 years, most recently at the Willow Creek Center, she also gives her time as a volunteer scholarship reader for the PCC Foundation.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, LARRY P. COOPER contributed $25,000 to establish a scholarship endowment named in loving memory of his wife. The Marilyn Cooper Memorial Nursing Scholarship will provide financial support for students in PCC’s Nursing Program.

MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST awarded an $85,000 leadership development grant to create a Servant/Leadership Collaborative at PCC’s Rock Creek Multicultural Center. This grant will coordinate and leverage multiple leadership programs within PCC to build capacity and help students of color become leaders in shaping a community where everyone’s voice is heard.

PCC DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARK MITSUI welcomed 15 new Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society members at a reception that included the unveiling of a commemorative donor wall placard for each PCC campus. Newly declared estate gifts totaling $2.4 million will support student scholarships and programs.
SPRING

- **NEARLY 500 FRIENDS OF PCC** attended the PCC Foundation’s sold-out gala, raising a record-breaking $511,000 to support more student scholarships than ever before. Generous contributions from top event sponsors Pamplin Media Group, The Renaissance Foundation, Howard S. Wright, NW Natural and Working Waterfront Coalition combined with individual gifts from Marion Levitan and Howard Werth, The Honorable Chip Shields, Robert Quillin and Vanessa Morgan, and John G. O’Neil ’96 along with many others to make An Evening for Opportunity: Grand Lodge Gala an outstanding success.

- **A GENEROUS $306,000 ESTATE GIFT FROM THE STEPHANIE S. KEYES TRUST** will allow PCC’s Disability Services program to conduct research and implement new technology that helps students with brain injuries complete their education.

- **PCC ROCK CREEK** held two successful fundraising events. The second annual DREAMers Gala raised $46,000 in scholarship assistance for DACA and undocumented students at PCC. Rock Creek Art Night raised more than $10,000 for Arts and English programs, with PCC Foundation Board member and longtime PCC ceramics potter Carol Lyons serving as keynote speaker.

- **FORMER PCC FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER CHERYL A. HINERMAN** made a $100,000 estate gift to support Future Connect as well as S.T.E.A.M. programs at PCC. Cheryl also continued her longtime support for PCC’s Robotics program and annual summer camps.

- **THE SECOND YEAR OF THE MAYBELLE CLARK MACDONALD FUND CHALLENGE MATCH** helped the PCC Foundation raise $500,117 in major gifts for programs and scholarships, nearly $100,000 more than last year. We are grateful to the MCM Fund for its leadership in supporting our efforts to increase the capacity of our major gifts program and raise almost $1 million over two years.
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S founding president Amo DeBernardis was a fearless champion for equitable student success who believed in quality education for all.

Honoring his legacy are the members of the Amo DeBernardis Legacy Society, who are making a lasting and transformative impact on the lives of PCC students by committing financial contributions through their wills or estate plans. We thank this group for their thoughtful generosity.

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Richard and
Glenda Worthington
"Roger E. Wulf

(* deceased)

If you have left PCC in your will or estate and would like to be listed in our Legacy Society, please contact our office at 971-722-4382
THE FOLLOWING HONOR ROLL of donors recognizes gifts received between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

We make every effort to maintain an accurate list. If you find an error, please let us know by calling 971-722-4382 or emailing pccfoundation@pcc.edu.

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