

Washington State Community College Foundation



Annual Report  
2005-2006



"Man's mind stretched  
to a new idea never  
goes back to its  
original dimensions."

*Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*



Washington State

**35 YEARS**  
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#### FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Washington State Community College enjoyed a banner 2005-2006 academic year. Fall enrollment reached an all-time high of 2,279 students and tuition costs went up only a slight one percent, making Washington State one of the more affordable community colleges in Ohio. Diesel truck systems, American Sign Language, chemical operator online, and health and wellness programs were added to our growing list of programs of study. Seventeen new online courses were added to our expanding distance learning program and the College

worked closely with area high schools to encourage student interest in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical curricula.

In addition to pursuing funding sources to move forward with Phase II of our campus Master Plan, the College consolidated offices to increase classroom space, updated and modernized the biology lab, installed a kitchen for on-site food preparation and built a playground at the Evergreen Child Development Center, and completed essential physical plant renovations and repairs. The Workforce Development program was reorganized and a five-year business plan was created to aggressively pursue a strategy designed to produce a significant increase in programs and trainings tailored to the needs of industry and the community. As a result, 4,000 business and industry students benefited from the training programs offered during the past year.

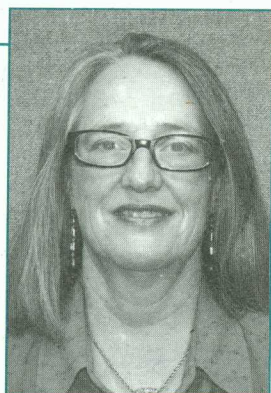
These are both exciting and challenging times. We are ready to face the opportunities that lie ahead and we are grateful to all those who continue to support our present and our future. Without the generosity of our friends and neighbors, we would be unable to accomplish our goals.

*Charlotte R. Hatfield*

Charlotte R. Hatfield, Ph.D., President  
Washington State Community College



WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION EXISTS SOLELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. BY SEEKING EXTERNAL FUNDING AND GRANTS, THE FOUNDATION WORKS TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE'S MISSION, TO PROMOTE ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND TO ENHANCE ITS INSTITUTIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.



#### FROM THE FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

Our mission in the Foundation is to support and enhance the College's institutional goals and objectives. It is also our purpose to enhance the quality of life of those living and working in our community through educational opportunities. Because of the generosity of our friends, faculty, staff, alumni, and corporate partners, students from all walks of life and of all ages have gained the skills and knowledge necessary to enhance their lives, the lives of their families, and the quality of the communities in which they live and work.

The scholarships and funds established in the Foundation by thoughtful donors have a significant impact upon the lives of bright, determined students whose greatest obstacles to attaining an education are personal and family financial concerns. One recent scholarship recipient, who left her full-time healthcare related job to enroll in the teacher transfer program at Washington State, went on to a baccalaureate degree program. It was a struggle for her to start over again, but as she said, "Thanks to the support of wonderful people...I have learned to follow my heart and know that the impossible can become possible. I hope to one day be able to share that support and teach this lesson to area students and help them realize their dreams and potential." Each gift to the Foundation is magnified, over time, by those whose lives have been forever changed.

During the past year, the Foundation has embarked upon a three-year strategic fund raising plan, has helped to make the Engineering Wing expansion for the diesel technology program a reality, has added five new scholarships, and has supported internal building renovations. In the end, however, we could have accomplished nothing if it were not for the contributions of those who, like Marian Wright Edelman, feel strongly that, "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

*Tanya Wilder*

Tanya S. Wilder, President  
Washington State Community College Foundation Board

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006, 2005 AND 2004\***

	2,006	2005	2004
<b>Revenues</b>			
Operating revenues			
Private Grants and Contracts	\$ 162,117	\$ 194,364	\$ 41,378
Total operating revenue	<u>162,117</u>	<u>194,364</u>	<u>41,378</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating expenses			
Educational and general			
Instructional	121,417	20,836	2,471
Academic Support	53,767		
Institutional Support	17,501	9,500	24,350
Scholarships and fellowships	7,500	5,100	
Other expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>200,512</u>	<u>35,436</u>	<u>26,821</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(38,395)</u>	<u>158,928</u>	<u>14,557</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>			
Investment income	<u>4,097</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>87</u>
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>4,097</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>87</u>
Income before other revenues, expenses, gains, or losses	(34,298)	159,402	14,644
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(34,298)</u>	<u>159,402</u>	<u>14,644</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>197,246</u>	<u>37,844</u>	<u>23,200</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 162,948</u>	<u>\$ 197,246</u>	<u>\$ 37,844</u>

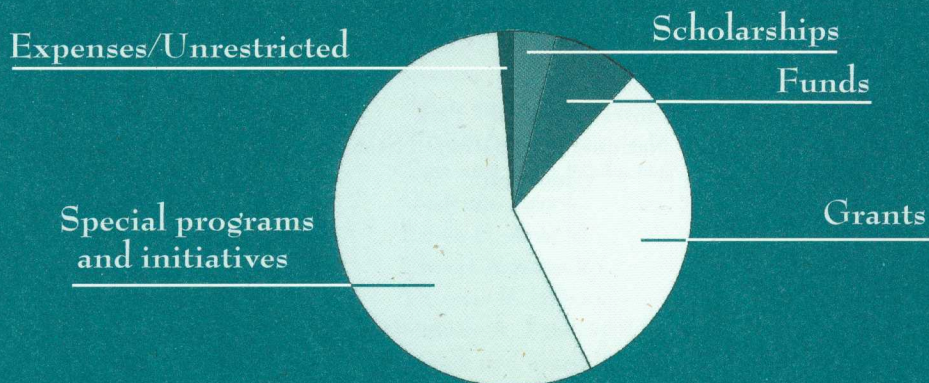
\*A copy of the audited financials is available through the Washington State Community College Foundation at 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, OH 45750; 740.568.1942.



**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**JUNE 30, 2006, 2005, 2004**

	2006	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 158,155	\$ 197,435	\$ 62,194
Pledges receivable	1,651		
Other assets	3,175		
Total assets	<u>162,981</u>	<u>197,435</u>	<u>62,194</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	<u>33</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>24,350</u>
Total liabilities	<u>33</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>24,350</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Restricted- non expendable			
Scholarships and grants	30,936		
Restricted - expendable			
Scholarships and grants	93,005	182,083	0
Capital projects	8,406	0	0
Unrestricted	<u>30,601</u>	<u>15,163</u>	<u>37,844</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 162,948</u>	<u>\$ 197,246</u>	<u>\$ 37,844</u>

**HOW GIFTS AND GRANTS WERE USED**





## WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF OUR DONORS

On behalf of the Board, faculty, staff and students of Washington State Community College, we thank all those who have generously contributed their support through the Foundation.

This list represents gifts made between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. The level of gift, as listed, is based on the actual receipt. Pledges are not included in determining a level. Matching gifts are counted when the matching gift form is received.

Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the listing. Please notify us at 740.568.1942 if your name or organization has been listed incorrectly, misspelled, or omitted. If an error or omission has occurred, please accept our sincerest apologies.

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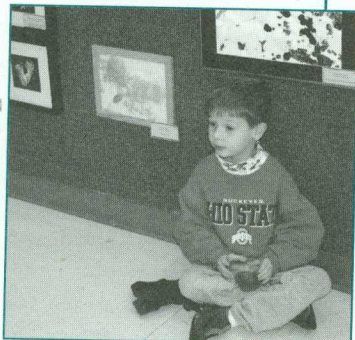


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### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN — MARIETTA BRANCH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to provide partial funding for women students in good academic standing at Washington State who need financial assistance and are enrolled full- or part-time in courses in their major leading to an Associate Degree.

American Association of University Women  
- Marietta Branch

### FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

Keith H. Bishop  
Edward and Carolyn Flinn

### GRETCHEN S. FELDMAIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to honor Gretchen's lifelong love of teaching and connecting with her students. While teaching non-traditional students at Washington State, Gretchen encouraged, and empathized, with adult students who were going to college for the first time or changing their career paths. This fund is intended to provide grants to those non-traditional students who, upon graduation from Washington State, are furthering their studies by pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a four-year institution. Although not a requirement for this scholarship, Gretchen's wish was that this student would consider establishing a career in Marietta, or its environs, and become a productive member of his or her community.

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This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Hales' family of educators who inspired her as a teacher and in her career. Their dedication to motivating students to meet high expectations through hard work, their caring and compassion for valuing students as unique individuals, and their sincere desire to help their students excel and succeed were the hallmarks of their teaching philosophy and careers.

Dr. Jeanette E. Hale



### JOHN STEVEN CORDRAY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to perpetuate the memory of John Steven Cordray through a merit-based scholarship to a matriculated student in the fine arts transfer degree program at Washington State Community College.

James Fuller

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### LYNNE ZOLLER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

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Paula Thomas Beldyk

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Peoples Bancorp Foundation established this scholarship to support the academic pursuits of seniors graduating from a Washington or Morgan County high school as an investment in our youth, the keystones of our future and the growth of our communities.

Peoples Bancorp Foundation

### SHIRLEY VON BROCK WYLIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Wylie Family established this scholarship in memory of Shirley Wylie who taught in Ohio schools for many years. The scholarship provides tuition assistance to an outstanding second year student in the education transfer program who intends to become an elementary, middle school, or secondary teacher.

Carole Wylie Hancock

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<sup>1</sup> In memory of George R. Steckel

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### ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to support the academic pursuits of single parents who have custody of their children and who are enrolled in an allied health curriculum.

Rev. Faith C. Perrizo

### TINA K. SCHAAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Tina Schaad by loving lifetime friends and colleagues who treasured her ready smile, willingness to help, thoughtful consideration of everyone she met, and conscientious devotion to her family, her job, and those she met along life's way. Tina retired from Washington State in 2005 after thirty years of devoted service.

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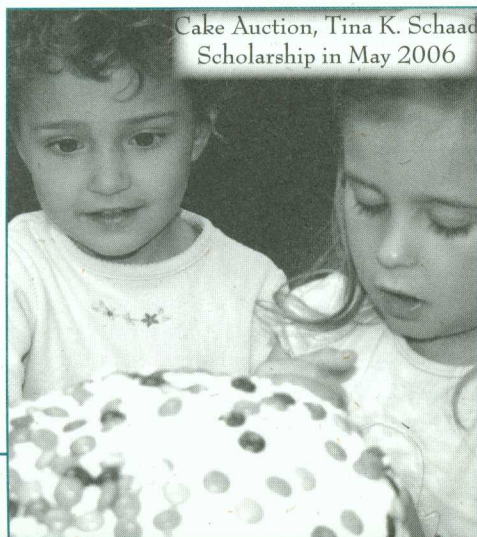
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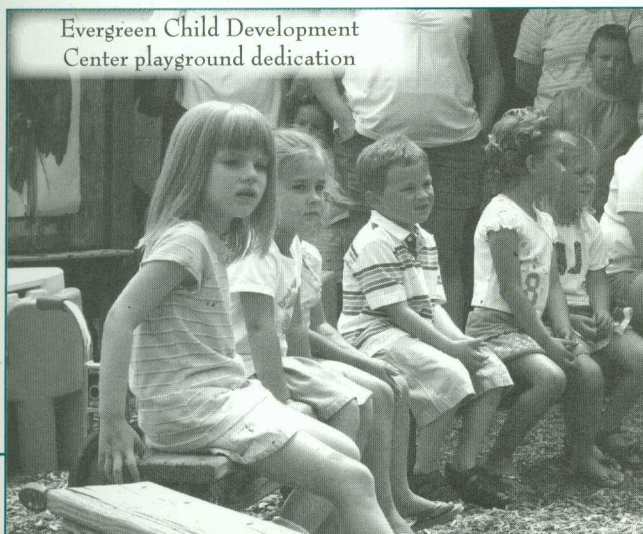
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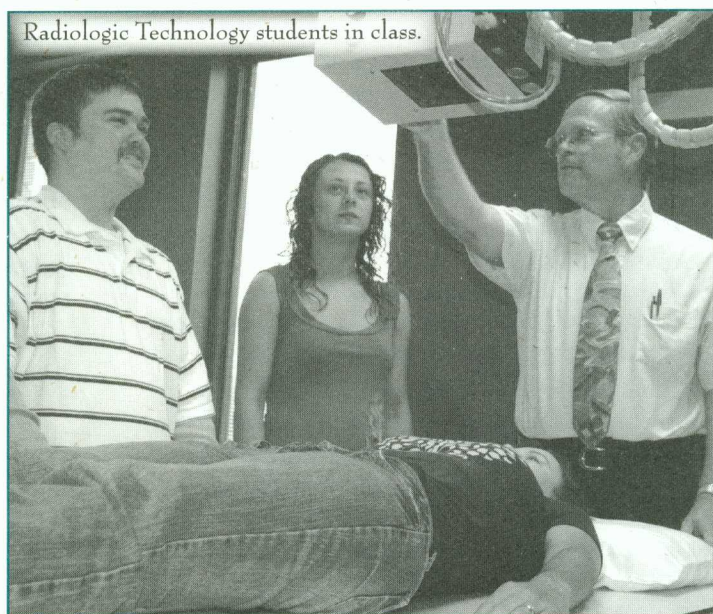
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Nomination forms are available on the Washington State web site ([www.wscc.edu](http://www.wscc.edu)), by email at the Foundation's address ([foundation@wscc.edu](mailto:foundation@wscc.edu)), or by telephone (740/568-1942). Everyone is welcome to submit a nomination.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is April 6, 2007, and may be done via email or by mailing the form to: Washington State Community College Foundation, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, OH 45750.

## 35 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

During academic year 2006-2007, Washington State Community College will be celebrating its 35th anniversary and its transformation from a small technical institute of 60 students holding classes in the basement of an elementary school, to a highly respected, accredited community college of over 2,000 students, four academic buildings, and a child care center nestled in 180 acres of rolling, wooded hills. There were four students in the first graduating class of 1973. There were 362 graduates in June 2006. From three to over 50 degree and certificate programs, the College has expanded to meet the needs of the community and industry. Celebrating our 35 years of academic excellence is a commemoration not only of a successful educational journey, but also an acknowledgment of all those whose accomplishments helped build a sturdy academic foundation that has enhanced the lives of nearly 6,000 graduates.

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, community colleges in this country serve over 11.6 million students. That is nearly half of all the nation's undergraduates. Although community colleges today are an attractive educational opportunity for many high school graduates in the top ten percent of their graduating class, the average age of a community college student is twenty-seven. Many of these students enroll in classes or degree programs to acquire marketable job skills, to change careers, or to start a career path that will provide a better life for themselves and their families. About a third of community college students are parents, have an annual income of less than \$20,000, or attend school part-time. Over half of all community college students work full-time while taking classes and about forty percent are first-generation students. How many of us have the courage to enroll in a college degree program while working a full-time job and raising a family on a strict budget? Yet thousands of community college students do it every year and become highly productive and respected members of their communities.

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