



Cultivating Education Through Philanthropy

Annual Report 2008

Foundation Mission

The Washington State Community College Foundation is committed to shaping the future and promoting the continuous development of students, faculty, staff, and alumni by providing philanthropic assistance to support the college's mission and objectives and by positively impacting the communities we serve.



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Message from the Foundation President


In the four years since the Washington State Community College Foundation Board of Directors was seated, it has become stronger and more successful in creating an environment that encourages philanthropic support for our students, our faculty and staff, and our institution. We are confident that, in the long run, our mission to support the needs of the College will not only enhance the future of the College but also positively impact the community as a whole.

This past year, the Foundation performed a study to determine community awareness of the College and the Foundation in order to develop appropriate strategic plans for future fund raising. Sixty-five people including business people, volunteers, community leaders, faculty, and staff were part of confidential interviews conducted by an outside consultant. Although we still have some work to do, we were pleased to learn that the College is perceived positively. Interviewees felt our strengths include reaching an underserved population, offering a quality education at an affordable price, and meeting the needs of business and industry. As one community member concluded, "It has changed countless lives. It serves many people that wouldn't have a future without them."

Through the generosity of our friends and neighbors, we now have twenty-eight scholarships that offered over \$70,000 in financial assistance this past year. The endowment has grown to \$270,000 in nonexpendable funds, the impact of which will be felt in the lives of our students and in the communities where they work and raise their families. The number of scholarships designed to encourage non-traditional students and those who desire a career change to learn a skill in a field where jobs are available are growing steadily. In time, the benefits will be felt by the community which will retain displaced workers; have qualified workers for its hospitals, businesses, shops, and schools; and reduce reliance on public assistance.

The Foundation continues to garner support for campus capital projects, new academic programs, community outreach initiatives, and alumni recognition. In a short time, we have enjoyed passing on nearly \$340,000 to the College. We could not have done it, however, without the support of our donors and the many dedicated members of the community who share our vision for the future of the College by sharing their time and talents as members of our Foundation Board steering committees and as volunteers for our projects.

We are grateful for the generosity of our donors, for the support of the community, and for the enthusiasm of all those who understand the importance of a quality, accessible, and cost effective education close to home.



Larry E. Holdren, President
Washington State Community College Foundation



Financial Report

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets for Five Years Ended June 30, 2008*

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Revenues					
Operating Revenues					
Private Grants and Contracts	\$ 156,022	\$ 517,294	\$ 162,117	\$ 194,364	\$ 41,378
Total Operating Revenues	<u>156,022</u>	<u>517,294</u>	<u>162,117</u>	<u>194,364</u>	<u>41,378</u>
Expenses					
Operating Expenses					
Educational and General					
Instructional	24,741	3,127	121,744	20,836	2,471
Academic Support	0	0	53,767	0	0
Institutional Support	81,644	28,066	17,501	9,500	24,350
Scholarships	<u>21,185</u>	<u>21,684</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,100</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>127,570</u>	<u>52,877</u>	<u>200,512</u>	<u>34,436</u>	<u>26,821</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>28,452</u>	<u>464,417</u>	<u>(38,395)</u>	<u>158,928</u>	<u>14,557</u>
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)					
Investment Income	(12,768)	24,400	4,097	474	87
Refund of Grant	<u>0</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Non-operating Revenues	<u>(12,768)</u>	<u>(10,600)</u>	<u>4,097</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>87</u>
Income before other revenues, expenses, gains, or loss	<u>15,684</u>	<u>453,817</u>	<u>(34,298)</u>	<u>159,402</u>	<u>14,644</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>15,684</u>	<u>453,817</u>	<u>(34,298)</u>	<u>159,402</u>	<u>14,644</u>
Net Assets					
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>616,765</u>	<u>162,948</u>	<u>197,246</u>	<u>37,844</u>	<u>23,200</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u><u>632,449</u></u>	<u><u>616,765</u></u>	<u><u>162,948</u></u>	<u><u>197,246</u></u>	<u><u>37,844</u></u>

Financial Report

Statement of Net Assets for the Five Years Ended June 30, 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 150,388	\$ 239,000	\$ 158,155	\$ 197,435	\$ 62,194
Pledges Receivable	600	4,050	1,651	0	0
Other Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	150,988	243,376	162,981	197,435	62,194
Noncurrent Assets					
Investments	<u>481,786</u>	<u>394,264</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>481,786</u>	<u>394,264</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	632,774	637,640	162,981	197,435	62,194
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	325	0	33	189	24,350
Due Other Governments	<u>0</u>	<u>20,875</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	325	20,875	33	189	24,350
Net Assets					
Restricted - Nonexpendable					
Scholarships	270,000	180,000	30,936	0	0
Restricted - Expendable					
Scholarships	129,396	127,364	93,005	182,083	0
Capital Projects	202,857	260,334	8,406	0	0
Unrestricted	<u>30,196</u>	<u>49,067</u>	<u>30,601</u>	<u>15,163</u>	<u>37,844</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>632,449</u>	<u>616,765</u>	<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.

With Grateful Appreciation to Our Donors

All of us at Washington State Community College sincerely thank those who have generously contributed their support through the Foundation.

This list represents gifts made between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. 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 accuracy. Please notify us at 740-568-1942 or foundation@wscc.edu 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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Message from the College President

The current economic downturn is a subject of conversation everywhere you go these days. There is no getting around it. Everyone is feeling the pinch.

That's why Washington State Community College is even more important than ever. Bringing quality, affordable education close to home and training competent workers to meet the needs of business and industry is what we are about. Our skilled graduates positively enhance the local workforce, impact the economic development of the region, and bolster the economy of area communities. Everyone benefits.

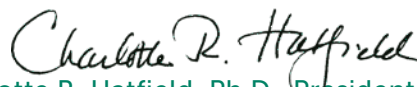
To underscore the importance of a community college education, lawmakers on both state and national levels are taking notice and placing more and more emphasis on the community college's role in educating today's workforce, especially those who must manage a full-time job, dependents, and acute financial limitations while attending college. Community colleges like Washington State are ideally suited to the challenge – they have been doing just that for nearly 100 years. But we can't do it alone.

Prominent philanthropists and foundations, like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Kellogg Foundation, are making unprecedented changes in their giving guidelines to include grants and funding to community colleges. Closer to home, the University System of Ohio's new strategic plan for higher education includes the philanthropy of our friends and neighbors to keep tuition affordable and to assure funding for scholarships, new academic programs, and technology upgrades. The route to funding education has changed.

When the economy dips and discretionary resources are limited, donors look very carefully at the long term impact of their gifts. There is no shelf life for a good education. It can never be lost and its value is shared generation after generation as a legacy to those whose generosity made it possible.

Our donors have a significant impact upon the quality of education at Washington State – an impact they can see for themselves every time they visit the campus. They see their scholarships change student lives. They see equipment and capital improvements that their gifts made possible. They see and enjoy arts and community outreach programs that could only be possible through their gifts of time and financial support. Our students improve their lives and their communities – our donors make it possible.

Thank you for your support.



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



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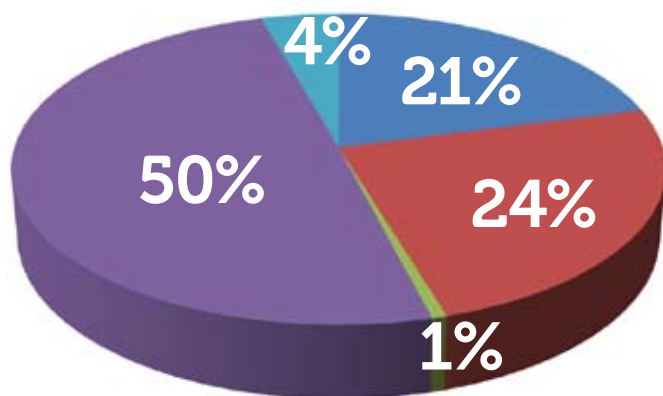
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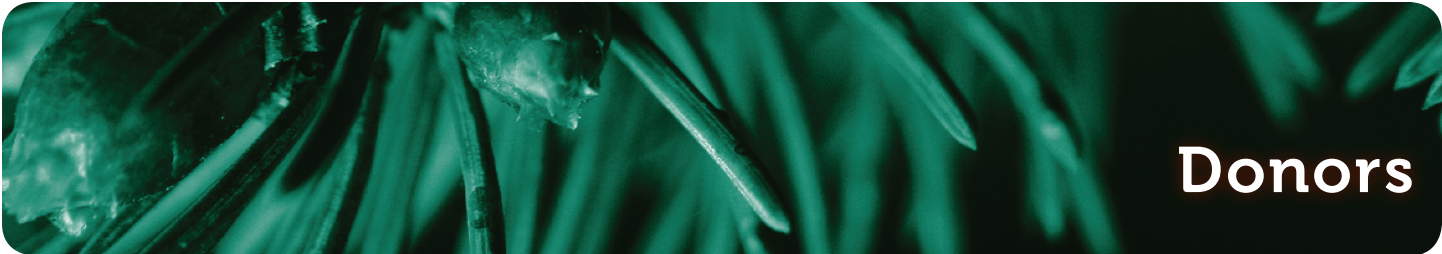
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"What a man does for others, not what they do for him, give him immortality."— Daniel Webster

The Heritage Society

The Heritage Society Honor Roll

Daniel K. Graham & Family

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The Washington State Community College Foundation established the Heritage Society to recognize and thank those who generously entrust a Planned Gift to the college's future.

For many, deferred gifts and bequests are attractive options in planning long-term financial and retirement programs that not only enhance the lives of the donors and their beneficiaries but also positively influence and shape the future of the College. A Planned Gift to the Foundation may also provide the donor significant tax advantages.

Donors of charitable gifts are urged to consult a financial professional or attorney to explore the ways in which a gift made in their lifetime may be advantageous not only to them and to their heirs, but also to Washington State Community College.

If you have already included Washington State Community College in your plans, we welcome you as a member and ask that you let us know of your intentions. In that way, you not only help us with future planning, but also allow us the opportunity to thank you properly.

Those considering a gift to the Foundation may do so in the name of "The Washington State Community College Foundation." Additional information, in confidence, is available by contacting:

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Dr. Jeanette Hale

Educator, Donor, Volunteer

The mother of three grown children, the wife of a successful businessman, and the grandmother of three, Dr. Jeanette Hale is also a dedicated teacher, an active community leader, and a generous donor to the Foundation.

Growing up, Dr. Hale saw clearly how family educators were dedicated to motivating students to meet high expectations through hard work, to valuing students as unique individuals, and to helping students excel and succeed. To honor and recognize all those in her family who are educators, Dr. Hale established and endowed the Jeanette Ellis Hale Educational Scholarship in 2006 to support the education expenses of students enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree Transfer Program. It is important to her that applicants for the scholarship possess leadership skills, have a strong sense of consideration for the educational needs of others, volunteer in the community, and participate in extra-curricular activities.

"I am pleased to be able to assist these scholarship recipients as they pursue their academic careers," said Dr. Hale. "I am happy knowing that the Foundation can use the money our family has provided to advance students' dreams of becoming teachers and to generate quality educators who will truly inspire future leaders."

Currently Vice President and Nominating Committee Chairwoman of the Washington State Community College Foundation Board, Dr. Hale has served on the board since it was first seated in 2005. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the College in the Speech Department. In addition, Dr. Hale is past president of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta, former Kiwanis board member, and a volunteer in club activities; past president and current board member of the Washington County Harvest of Hope; and a volunteer at Christ United Methodist Church.



Dr. Jeanette E. Hale (first row on end at right) and her family enjoy time together on holiday.

Scholarships

*New in 2007-2008

Endowed Scholarships:

AAUW - Marietta Branch Student Scholarship

Established to provide partial funding for women students in good academic standing who need financial assistance and are enrolled full- or part-time in an Associate Degree program.

The Archer Family Scholarship

Created to encourage an education in Engineering & Industrial Technologies, to increase awareness of employment opportunities in a rewarding career, and to produce valuable and productive members of the local workforce.

J. Ryan Graham Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Ryan Graham by his parents to recognize their son's desire to study and establish himself in a career through an Engineering & Industrial Technologies program.

Dorothy Fouss Greacen Memorial Scholarship – LPN

Is a full, in-state tuition, merit-based scholarship for a student entering the Practical Nursing Program who is active in community service.

Dorothy Fouss Greacen Memorial Scholarship - ADN

Is a full, in-state tuition, merit-based scholarship for a student entering the Associate Degree Nursing Program who is active in community service.

Jeanette Ellis Hale Educational Scholarship

Established in recognition of Dr. Hale's family of educators and their dedication to motivating students to meet high expectations, their valuing students as unique individuals, and their sincere desire to help students excel and succeed.

Jack G. Ingram Memorial Scholarship

Established to support the academic aspirations of non-traditional students enrolled in an AAS, AAB, or Licensed Practical Nurse program who demonstrate participation in community service.

Deb Patrick Nursing Scholarship*

Established for students accepted into the ADN or LPN to ADN Completion Program with the expectation of entering the workforce as a Registered Nurse upon graduation.

Tina K. Schaad Memorial Scholarship

Established for students enrolled in a service oriented degree program who graduated from a Washington County school. Preference is given to non-traditional students.

Shirley Von Brock Wylie Memorial Scholarship

Created to provide tuition assistance to an outstanding second year student in the education transfer program who intends to become an elementary, middle school, or secondary teacher.



The annual Tina K. Schaad Memorial Scholarship Cake Auction attracted participants of all ages. Children from the Evergreen Child Development Center made and donated their own cake for the fund raiser.

Tara Thompson

Soldier, Employee, and Student

Tara Thompson attended St. Mary's High School in St. Mary's, West Virginia, and then went straight into the workforce, putting aside her dream of attending college because her mother was seriously ill. She worked in shipping and distribution at area companies for a while and then took a press operator position at Magnum Magnetics. She found she enjoyed the detailed work and the precision needed to produce a custom metal product.

Tara's father, who had been a master sergeant in the Army, died when she was sixteen and the idea of being in the military had always appealed to her. As a result, in 2005, she joined the United States Army Reserves, eventually became a machinist, while continuing her job at Magnum Magnetics.

Tara still dreamed of going back to school, but her mother became ill again in 2006 and she felt an obligation to stay close to her. In 2007, Tara's mother passed away and her thoughts returned to getting a college education for two important reasons - she was the only person in her military unit who was a machinist and she wanted to learn as much as she could about the skill to be successful and, secondly, she had wanted to go to college for a very long time.

So, in the fall of 2007, Tara enrolled in the Associate of Applied Science degree program in industrial technology and became the first person in her family to go to college. She has maintained a 3.2 grade point average in the program while working 20 to 30 hours each week at her job, giving a weekend each month and two weeks each summer to the Reserves, and spending at least 45 hours a week in class or doing course work. In 2008, Tara won both the J. Ryan Graham Memorial Scholarship and the Archer Family Scholarship for outstanding achievement in the engineering and industrial technologies program. Above all, she truly enjoys her busy and rewarding life.

When asked what motivates her to work so hard, Tara says: "I want to have a better understanding of the industry so I will be a more valuable employee. I love to build, create, and fix things, but feel that with a degree I can do more for the company that chooses me to work for them. As a woman in a typically male environment, I feel a degree will give me a better chance of succeeding in my field."



Tara Thompson (center) is congratulated by her brother, Darren Thompson (right), and his fiancé, Janet Alkire (left), for earning two Foundation scholarships

Scholarships

*New in 2007-2008

Named Scholarships:

Alpha Rho Gamma Scholarship

Established to provide partial funding to a full- or part-time Phi Theta Kappa member who is enrolled in a degree program and active in campus and/or community service.

John Steven Cordray Scholarship

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.

Gretchen S. Feldmaier Memorial Scholarship

Established to provide funding to non-traditional students who, upon graduation from Washington State Community College, pursue a baccalaureate degree at a four-year institution.

Louise Eagleson Holmes Business Scholarship*

Established to purchase required course texts for matriculated women students in a business curriculum.

Wanda McKown Memorial Scholarship

Established for students enrolled in the second level of the ADN program who expect to enter the workforce as a Registered Nurse upon graduation.

Peoples Bank High School Scholarship

Created to support the academic pursuits of seniors graduating from a Washington or Morgan County high school who are enrolled full-time in a degree program.

Anthony J. Popp Memorial Scholarship

Established by Advantage Bank for graduating seniors attending Washington County high schools who are enrolled as full-time students in a degree program.

Tiffany Raber Memorial Scholarship*

Established to support the academic aspirations of single parents with custody of minor children who are enrolled full-time in an AAS degree in Social Services Technology or in the Social Sciences Transfer degree program.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Scholarship

Created to support the academic pursuits of single parents who have custody of their children and who are enrolled in an ADN, LPN, Radiologic Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Respiratory Therapy, or Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Nancy Jo Spear Memorial Nursing Scholarship*

Established to support the academic and professional endeavors of non-traditional students and/or those seeking a career change who are enrolled full- or part-time in an ADN, LPN, or LPN to ADN program.

Upward Bound Parent Association Scholarship*

Established to provide scholarships to Upward Bound alumni who participated in the Upward Bound Academy at Washington State Community College.

Lynne Zoller Nursing Scholarship

Created to provide tuition assistance to a full-time, matriculated student in the ADN program or the part-time evening LPN to ADN completion program.

Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs Scholarship

Established to provide tuition assistance for non-traditional women students enrolled in summer quarter classes.

Program Managed by the Foundation for the benefit of WSCC Students:

Washington County Dept. of Job and Family Services Grant-in-Aid Scholarship

Established to support the academic pursuits of students who are pursuing a degree in and have been accepted into the Licensed Practical Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing, Radiologic Technology, or Physical Therapist Assistant program

The Shirley Von Brock Wylie Memorial Scholarship

A Legacy for the Generations

Dr. Carole Wylie Hancock, currently a professor in the Education Transfer program at Washington State Community College, has taught for thirty-four years and still loves going to school every day. Her grandmother, Mildred Von Brock, started teaching in the early 1950s after her children were out of college and taught third grade while going to Baldwin Wallace in Cleveland. Then she earned a master's degree in Spanish from Case Western and taught Spanish until she was seventy years old. When she retired to Florida, she volunteered as a part-time bilingual education teacher for another twenty-three years. She never stopped teaching until she was ninety-three and then lived to be one hundred.

Dr. Hancock's uncle, Robert Von Brock, was a school principal in Glen Ellen, Illinois, earned a doctorate in School Administration and Law, and then became a professor at Louisiana State University where he stayed for over twenty years.

Shirley Von Brock Wylie, Dr. Hancock's mother, graduated from Bowling Green in 1950, taught secondary social studies and English, and substitute taught middle school social studies and high school English while her children were young. She taught English and social studies at the Florence Crittenton Home for Girls as well as at several public schools in the Toledo area. When the family moved to Circleville, Ohio, in the late

1960s, she taught special education and served four years on the school board.

The newest generation of family teachers is Brenda Wylie, Dr. Hancock's niece, who recently started teaching middle school math and science at Frederick Douglas Academy in Harlem, New York, as part of the Teach for America Program.

When Shirley Von Brock Wylie passed away in 1999, family and friends created a memorial scholarship in her name at Washington State Community College because they knew it would have a significant impact upon the lives and futures of our students. Over the years, family and friends continued to contribute to the Wylie Scholarship and when Dr. Hancock's father, Dick Wylie, passed away in 2004, the Scholarship became the beneficiary of additional memorial gifts. After a long and fulfilling life, Mildred Von Brock passed away in 2006, leaving a bequest that assured the scholarship for many, many generations to come.

The Shirley Von Brock Wylie Scholarship was created with love and built up over the years until today when it provides \$1,000 scholarships to students in the education transfer program at Washington State. It stands as a tribute to a family dedicated to education and is a legacy of love for all those who aspire to become teachers.



(l. to r.) Shirley Von Brock Wylie, Dr. Carole Wylie Hancock, and Mildred Von Brock

Funds

*New in 2007-2008

Associate Degree Nursing Program Enhancement Fund*

Established to support the Associate Degree Nursing Program, its students and faculty, program enhancements, events, equipment and material acquisitions, and capital improvements.

Automotive & Diesel Trucks Department Fund

Established to purchase program equipment, materials, and supplies; to support program initiatives and special events, student enrichment, faculty and staff development and training, and capital improvements; and to underwrite scholarships and student emergency needs.

Carson K. Miller Library Enhancement Fund

Used exclusively to benefit the Carson K. Miller Library; the students, faculty, staff, and community members using the facility; the preservation, enhancement, and expansion of the library's collection; and capital improvements.

Chemical Operator Online Certificate Fund

To provide funding to purchase and develop appropriate course content, to support technical course delivery, and to purchase program related equipment for the Chemical Operator Online Certificate program.

Evergreen Arts & Humanities Fund

Created to exclusively benefit the development, growth, maintenance, and perpetuation of the Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series of Washington State Community College.

Evergreen Child Development Center Fund

Supports the Evergreen Child Development Center and its initiatives, tuition assistance, capital improvements, equipment purchases, staff development, and training.

Faculty/Staff Endowment Fund

Supports the mission of the college through campus-wide grants for educational initiatives, scholarships, capital improvements, and other needs as determined by an oversight committee of faculty and staff at Washington State Community College.

Non-Traditional Student Computer Lab Fee Fund*

Supports students 60 years or older who are enrolled in BUSM 160, CSGT, or CSTL classes who are not eligible for financial aid or governmental grants or assistance.

President's Innovation Fund

Created to support innovative faculty, student, and community development programs; academic/business liaisons; enrollment expansion opportunities; school-to-work projects; and capital improvements.

River Cities Film Series Fund

Raises funds from corporations, individuals, and granting organizations to maintain, sustain, and perpetuate the River Cities Film Series of Washington State Community College.

Student Emergency Fund*

Established by the Foundation Board to assist students in crisis.

Student Travel Fund

Established as a resource for campus student groups and organizations to acquire funds necessary for college related travel expenses.

Unrestricted Fund

Charitable gifts to the Unrestricted Fund are disbursed by the Foundation Board of Directors to benefit the greatest need of the college and/or the Foundation.

Washington State Community College Alumni Association

Created to encourage Washington State Community College Alumni to take an active part in the life and future of the college.

The Washington State Community College Memorial Fund

Established to accept *in memoriam* gifts to the College when a specific named fund is not designated as the beneficiary, but the total sum of the memorial gift is designated for a specific campus purpose.

"There is one pleasure that the human being cannot tire of and that is the pleasure that comes from helping someone who really needs you." — Unknown

Schwendeman Agency

Corporate Friend of the Arts & Humanities

The Schwendeman Agency, Inc. in Marietta has been serving the insurance, employee benefit, and financial services needs of individuals, groups, and businesses in southeastern Ohio since 1929. Brothers Mark Schwendeman, agency president, and Larry Schwendeman, vice president, are very successful businessmen who strongly believe in serving the community well and providing support through community service. It is this commitment that drew them to the College's Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series.

The Series began in 1999 with a \$1,000 budget, a dedicated leader, volunteers from the college and the community, and the great dream of bringing quality arts and humanities programs to campus that were open to everyone and free of cost. Over the next five years, the community enjoyed well presented musical, theatrical, and educational programs that drew a group of appreciative and devoted attendees.

In 2004, the Series decided to expand its programming to become more diverse, to draw upon the talents of both the local and global community, and to increase its appeal to extend beyond the immediate area. To accomplish that and continue to offer programming at no cost to the public, the Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series needed patrons and sponsors. In 2005, the Schwendeman Agency, Inc. became the Series' first Presenting Sponsor and has supported the growth of the Arts & Humanities Series ever since.

Larry commented, "Mark and I believe it's important to be involved in community projects

and activities. We encourage our associates, who work with us, to contribute in donations of their time and resources to support our community. We are proud to be a sponsor of the Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series."

Today, with the backing of the Series' sponsors and patrons, the Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series has a budget of \$26,000; offers international entertainment such as Tripsichore Yoga, Ragamala Music and Dance Theatre, Ziva's Spanish Dance Ensemble, MorrisonDance, the African dance troupe Thiosanne, the Japanese mime and music Kuniko Yamamoto, and Dancing Wheels; concerts by Bruce Dalzell, Ethel Caffie-Austin, and the Local Girls; lectures by experts, award winning authors and journalists on topics of social significance, the arts, the environment, and history; and children's theatre and storytelling. The Series also has expanded its audience, attracting attendees from as far away as Cincinnati, Ohio; Kokomo, Indiana; and Sandhill, Florida.

Because of the community minded spirit and generous support of the Schwendeman Agency, Inc., and those who believe in the vision and potential of the Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series, more families now have an opportunity to enjoy exceptional and varied events right in their own back yard. The Series has successfully moved from the realm of enjoyable to the realm of outstanding and memorable.



Schwendeman Agency, Inc. owners Larry Schwendeman, vice president (left), and Mark Schwendeman, president (right), are committed to community involvement and support.

Distinguished Alumni



**2008
Distinguished
Alumna
Outstanding
Community
Service**

Louise Eagleson Holmes '77

In 1974, Louise Holmes was working in the Marketing Department of the Marietta, Ohio, Division of BF Goodrich. She had been with the company for seventeen years and felt she was doing just fine with her high school diploma. Then word came from Akron headquarters that if she wanted to keep her job, she had to have a college degree.

Being a single mom, she could not leave her job to attend a four-year college. Fortunately, Washington Technical College offered evening classes tailored to people in her situation. She started school immediately and graduated in 1977 with an Associate of Applied Business degree in General Business Management Technology and a 3.8 grade point average. "That was my milestone," she said. "Now, three decades later, I can attribute a lot of what I have

accomplished since then to those years of education."

Louise did not move to Akron with the Marketing Department. Instead, she accepted a position at Magnetic Specialty, Inc. in Marietta where she and fellow former BF Goodrich employee, Gary Braddock, met Glen Hale with whom they partnered in 1981 to form Flexmag Industries, Inc., which today is an international magnetic corporation. The partners sold the company in 1989.

In addition to being an astute business woman, Louise's undeniable organizational skills, ability to focus and act decisively, and strong work ethic also serve her well as an advocate for community service. She is an active member and vice president of Kiwanis, where she contributes her skills



**2008
Distinguished
Alumnus
Outstanding
Professional
Achievement**

Andrew J. Strauss '96

By the time he was 12 years old, Andy Strauss had a lawn mowing business with 23 customers. Today, he is the Team Leader of the Logistics Department at Thermo Fisher Scientific, the world leader in serving science for laboratory equipment. Located at the Marietta, Ohio, site of this multi-million dollar international corporation, he is responsible for 11 employees, \$2.5 million of inventory, and all functions of the finished goods warehouse which ships out approximately \$200,000 of product each day.

The road to success, however, had a few obstacles and detours. It was Andy's focus, work ethic, and drive that paved the way.

Although an excellent math and science student, Andy was diagnosed with a reading comprehension disability in the eighth grade. Later, when he spoke to his tenth grade guidance counselor about entering the Post Secondary Enrollment Program at Washington State, he was told he was not college material and that he should set a goal for himself to graduate high school and find a menial job.



Distinguished Alumni

to a variety of community service activities. She is keenly involved in literacy projects for needy children, helped raise funds for the West side Picnic Shelter Project, and is the author of the children's book, *Miss Sadie and the Good Life*.

She served on the board of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley for nearly 20 years; volunteers for Harvest of Hope food pantry and the Gilman United Methodist Church soup kitchen and annual clothing distribution to the needy; was instrumental in raising funds to install air conditioning in a local high school auditorium; and established an Academic Opportunity Fund, which provides financial assistance

to qualifying high school students who wish to participate in academic extra-curricular activities.

In 2005, she joined the Marietta Community Foundation Board where she sits on the Grant Allocations Committee and manages a donor-directed fund. Most recently, she served her alma mater as a member of the Feasibility Study Steering Committee for the Health Sciences building.

"There is no way I could have [made my way to where I am today]," Louise states firmly, "without the positive influence of other people, the opportunities that have been afforded me, the educational resources that were available,

and the constant support and encouragement of my husband and family." For those who want an education, she has sage advice. "You will have many decisions to make and problems to solve. Meet these challenges with self-confidence. Believe in yourself. Tell yourself, 'I can do anything if I have to, and I can do it well.' Visualize yourself as the success you want to be. Learn as much as you can. Make the most of what you have learned and remember to share your abilities, your resources, and your knowledge. Weave yourselves into the fabric of your community and commit as much time as you can to serving others."

Not to be dissuaded from his dream of a college education, he enrolled at Washington State Community College after high school, earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive & Diesel Truck Systems Technology, and graduated in 1996 with a 3.1 grade point average. He started at Thermo Fisher Scientific right out of college as a fork truck driver and worked his way up to his current position where he is highly

respected by his co-workers and uses his experience and education to improve productivity, increase efficiencies, and enhance morale.

His commitment to achieving a college education could not be deterred because his inner voice always reminded him, "Yes I can!" And, he points out strongly, "The instructors need to know that they inspired me to reach goals that would not have been possible without their help. I can honestly

say that Washington State gave me the tools and skills needed to excel in my current job and life in general. Thankfully, I had great parents who encouraged me to never accept what others thought and to follow my dreams."



Distinguished Alumni Award

Two Distinguished Alumni Awards are offered annually for exceptional achievement in a chosen field or in volunteerism/service to the community at-large.

Nomination forms are available on the college web site (www.wscc.edu), by email at foundation@wscc.edu, or by telephone (740/568-1942). Everyone is invited to submit nominations.

The 2009 deadline for nominations is April 10th. Nominations may be submitted via email or by mailing to: Washington State Community College Foundation, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, OH 45750.



Nurturing the Future through Philanthropy

The Washington State Community College Foundation invites donors to consider the ways in which a charitable gift given during their lifetime may not only be advantageous to them and their loved ones but also provide much needed support for the college.

Giving opportunities and options are varied and may be tailored to suit the desires and objectives of individual benefactors. Gifts may be designated for a specific purpose, or may be given without restrictions. In addition to knowing that your gift will be appreciated and have a positive impact

upon the future of the College, income tax deductions and capital gains exemptions are just two of the possible additional benefits.

Those considering charitable contributions are encouraged to consult their financial advisor, accountant, or attorney to explore ways in which a gift today may help not only the College and its future but also generations of students to come.

Please call or visit the Washington State Community College Foundation office for further information and conversation.

A detailed close-up photograph of a tree trunk, showing the intricate, scaly texture of the bark. The bark is composed of numerous overlapping, irregular scales in shades of grey, brown, and reddish-brown. Some areas appear smoother, while others are deeply fissured. A few small, thin, brown pine needles are visible, tucked into the crevices of the bark.

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