CHEMERTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2015
Dear Friends,

I take great pleasure in presenting our 2015 Chemeketa Foundation Annual Report. It affirms how, together, we are helping deserving students make their educational dreams and personal aspirations a reality. When you give to scholarship funds, you aren’t just supporting individuals, you are investing in all the ways our students will make a positive difference in their families, communities and careers.

In 2015, 2,002 students applied for Chemeketa Foundation scholarships. 507 scholarships were awarded. $4,227 was the estimated cost of attending Chemeketa for one term (tuition, fees, books, rent, transportation, personal expenses, etc.). $1,200 was our average scholarship award.

Education is the best investment we can make. You can be certain that your support is creating the community you hope for. Thank you for keeping the Chemeketa Foundation on your list of philanthropic priorities.

Sincerely,

Rich Duncan
Foundation President
“Attending Chemeketa was the best decision for me. After high school, I knew I wasn’t ready to handle a full university load. Neither of my parents had finished college, and I knew I needed the time to acclimate to a college atmosphere. While many of my friends took the university route, I knew it wasn’t my plan. Chemeketa is like the foundation of a house. I am learning the tools that will allow me to be successful when I transfer to a four-year school. There is a strong feeling here that the college really cares about unity, diversity and student success.

Chemeketa is my life-line to fulfill my family’s dream and create my own along the way.”
Chemeketa is a college community enriched by the diversity of our students, staff and community members. We are proud that our students have the opportunity to learn from people of different backgrounds, experiences, preferences, life stages and worldviews.

"BEING A FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN AND HAVING SOLE CUSTODY WHILE GOING TO SCHOOL FULL TIME MEANS THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY RIGHT NOW. THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS TRULY BEEN A BLESSING."

JOSH L, GRETCHEN SCHUETTE STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
“I was overjoyed when I was accepted into the Dental Assisting Program at Chemeketa. I chose Chemeketa because of their dedication to diversity and their celebration of culture and community. Growing up wasn’t easy for me, but education was always very important. My mother came to this country with nothing. She had very little education and is deaf. My mother is my everything, and I want to be able to take care of her. I will be the first in my family to have made it through college.

I want to show my mom that dreams do come true with determination and hard work.”

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STUDENT PROFILE

PAUL AND CAROL MANKA ESTABLISHED THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP SUPPORT FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE. PAUL WAS A FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT, AND BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS DURING COLLEGE THAT LED TO THEIR SUCCESS.
The Chemeketa Foundation supports a wide range of student needs including scholarships for students in specific programs, student parents, first-generation college students, incarcerated students and emergency student relief funds like the food pantry at the Salem and Yamhill campuses.

GIFTS BY DESIGNATION
100% of all donations received go directly to supporting students and programs.

- Scholarships and program support
- Major gifts
- In-kind gifts
- Unrestricted gifts
- Estate/bequests

SCHOLARSHIP INVESTMENT FUND
The Foundation Board of Directors oversees scholarship and program investment funds.

FOUNDATION FINANCIALS 2014-2015

- Contributions $755,500
- Gifts to endowments $225,000
- In-kind donations of equipment $224,117
- Scholarships, student assistance, program support $650,705

- Foundation investment holdings $5,101,200
- Restricted funds $4,891,698
- Unrestricted funds $209,502

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT SUPPORT
In 2015 over 2,000 students applied for Chemeketa Foundation scholarships. We were able to award more than 500 scholarships thanks to the generosity of our donors.

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“After I received my degree in welding from Chemeketa, I knew I wanted to return to further my education in machining. I fell on hard times and was homeless for a short time. Chemeketa was my way out. I take pride in my dedication to my educational goals. My first term, I had no transportation to school, so I rode the bus. I would stay in the library to do my assignments online after school. Most days I would catch the 7 am bus to campus and take the 6:27 pm bus home. I am so grateful for the assistance this scholarship provides.

Thank you for helping me get back on my feet — toward a better life and career.”
academic programs

Chemeketa’s variety of academic programs allows students to find the path to fit their needs.

Whether their goal is to finish their first two years of college, take career and technical training needed to qualify for a job, or finish their high school education—Chemeketa can propel students toward their future.
“I feel very honored and privileged to be attending Chemeketa. Growing up, my father had a strong passion for education. However, living in Mexico, he always had to put his family first, working from sunrise to sunset with his father just to make ends meet. When he was given the opportunity to move to the United States, he wanted us to know that education was the highest priority. That’s why my education is so important to me. Attending Chemeketa and receiving this scholarship is such a blessing and helps me on my path to becoming a mechanical engineer.

I can’t wait for the day I will hug my parents as a college graduate.”
Foundation events in 2015 raised more financial support than in previous years. This is due to the generosity of our sponsors, and the support of individual donors, employees, businesses and organizations throughout the community.

**Making college possible**

The Chemeketa Foundation supports hundreds of students each year through more than 120 unique scholarship funds and awards. Since its inception in 1973, the Foundation’s budget has grown from $3,000 to awarding more than $600,000 in student scholarships.
“This past year, I was a full-time graphic design student, working two part-time jobs at the school, and raising two young children at home. I want my children to see that hard work and perseverance can bring success. I am so thankful for this scholarship, because it means I have more time to read to them, bake with them, and play with them at the park — all without the added stress of finances.

Now I can pursue my passion and have a healthy balance between school and family.”
Our 2015 annual report only scratches the surface of all we do at the foundation and all the lives being supported with the support of scholarships and student assistance. We owe our thanks to the generosity of all the donors listed within these pages.

I had the privilege of reading every letter of thanks from more than 500 of our scholarship recipients. The stories, the sentiment, the incredible challenges that many of our students face and how they overcome adversity is truly inspiring. The one element that remains constant is how their scholarship has made all the difference in being able to continue their education.

Thank you for helping our students move forward into their future.

Nancy Duncan
Executive Director
"I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO FINISH MY EDUCATION, BUT KNOWING THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS MADE ME WORK EVEN HARDER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION WAS WELL INVESTED."

CONNIE H, FAMILY FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT