Dear Friends,

The year 2020 was an unprecedented and tremendously difficult year for our world, country, state, and region. The Chemeketa community weathered the storm of the COVID-19 pandemic, social unrest, nearby wildfires, and, in early 2021, a debilitating winter weather event. The college was challenged too, beginning with the transition of 1,684 face-to-face courses into a remote format within a two-week period, but made it through these many months in a way that makes me extremely proud: putting students first, innovating and growing, and caring for others.

I see Chemeketa as a reflection of our giving community, providing more for those who are most vulnerable, championing education so that students may reach their goals, and feeling keenly what it means to play a role in a community of support. Our faculty went to extraordinary lengths to engage students in multiple modalities. Tutors, advisors and counselors utilized online “virtual spaces” to meet students, triage their needs, and provide support. The Bookstore mailed out materials to students free of charge. We extended wifi from various campus locations for student users; free “hotspots” and laptops were provided to students and staff. In addition, we managed to continue our CTE cohorts in a face-to-face environment, particularly in fields like Nursing, Paramedic, Medical Assisting, and Fire Suppression, so that we could meet the pressing needs of our community.

Our biggest concern throughout the past year has been for the well-being of our students. Their challenges pre-pandemic only grew with the many dimensions of instability brought on by the public health crisis. Thankfully, with your response to our Covid appeal, students were able to access emergency funding. This allowed them to address housing and food insecurity and continue with their studies. Their future is inextricably linked to their ability to stay engaged in college, and, especially during these extreme times, your support has made the critical difference.

Thank you for making Chemeketa students a part of your caring community. Thank you for helping make Chemeketa a place where students can succeed.

Sincerely,

Jessica Howard, Ph.D.
Chemeketa President/CEO
“I currently work with Jet Industries as an HVAC technician. I’ve learned a lot in the two years that I’ve been employed there. It has been great to pair that experience with classroom instruction through Chemeketa’s Apprenticeship Program. I am in my second year of the program, and being able to work and earn a steady income for my family, while receiving training to become a skilled worker has been so important. This path has allowed me to provide for my wife, my son, and our second baby on the way.

I found the HVAC-R program has been a perfect fit for me and is my true passion. I am a very social person; I enjoy working with my hands and being part of a team. My overall goal after completing this program is to be a successful HVAC technician and a great employee.

I was thrilled to be accepted into the program, but I was even more thrilled when I was awarded this incredible scholarship. I can focus more on my education, my career, and my family because of the generosity of donors like you. On behalf of my growing family, thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting students like myself. You have inspired me to work hard and help others along the way.”

STEFFENSEN APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by a gift from Kathi Steffensen to support students in Chemeketa’s Apprenticeship Programs. These scholarships support first- and second-year students pursuing careers in HVAC, Sheet Metal, Plumbing, and Electrical. Our apprenticeship program combines part-time instruction and full-time on-the-job training with industry partners.
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.

3 out of 11 students are first-generation college students.

33% are students of color.

56% are 25 and younger.

8,643 full-time student enrollment.

Students attended Chemeketa from 63 countries.
Agriculture is a major industry in the Mid-Willamette Valley, and in 2016 Chemeketa sought state funding in response to a growing demand for education, training and resources related to this important economic driver. In 2020, Chemeketa broke ground on a 5.5 acre site to develop a complex to serve as a hub of Agriculture and Technology innovation. Completed in spring of 2021, the hub features classroom space, garden/farm demonstration fields, an ornamental yard, and beneficial insectary. It will house the college’s Agriculture, Horticulture, and AgriBusiness Management Programs along with space for partners, Marion Polk Food Share (MPFS), industry consortia, and local school districts.

Though a greenhouse was in the original plans for the Agricultural Hub, construction costs prohibited the college from moving forward. When Northwest Farm Credit Services heard of the college’s difficult decision to cut the greenhouse from the plans, they surprised college officials with their generous gift.

Holly Nelson, Dean of Regional Education and Academic Development who has been at the core of the Agricultural Hub’s development stated, “Chemeketa is extraordinarily grateful for the significant investment gift by Northwest Farm Credit Services in Chemeketa’s Agricultural Hub. This sizable donation shows their true commitment in supporting the local community and creating a vibrant agricultural industry in the Mid-Willamette Valley.”

College President Jessica Howard echoed that sentiment, “We cannot thank Northwest Farm Credit Services enough for their trust in Chemeketa, and we look forward to serving the agricultural industry with greater workforce training opportunities, a gathering place for the agricultural community, and robust opportunities for students for years to come.”

Future development includes a tree specimen garden, xeric garden, and conservatory which will further enhance services for the community.

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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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
In 2020, just under 1,800 students applied for Chemeketa Foundation scholarships. We were able to award nearly 400 scholarships thanks to the generosity of our donors.
“I am currently in my second year of Chemeketa’s Nursing Program and have loved every minute of it. I have so much pride having gone through this program, and am so impressed with the preparation I have received from my amazing instructors. I plan to graduate in June 2021 and hope to continue working on my current unit as a Registered Nurse.

When the pandemic hit, I was working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in the Cardiovascular Care Unit at Salem Health. My plan was to work as much as possible this year to help lessen the financial burden of going back to school. As an unscheduled CNA, I had no guaranteed hours and relied on picking up shifts when available. With all elective procedures being removed from surgical schedules, the need for extra staff was rare, and I didn’t know how I would be able to afford my final year in the program.

The relief of stress I felt upon hearing that I had been awarded this generous scholarship from the Hillside Foundation was indescribable. My goal is to continue my education and earn my bachelor’s degree in nursing. I hope to one day work in Intensive Care and help open-heart patients recover after arriving from the operating room. Thanks to your support, I am one step closer.”

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student profile

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HILLCESIOD ENER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Hillside Foundation in support of second-year nursing students at Chemeketa. For nearly 20 years, the Hillside Foundation has provided support through nursing scholarships and contributions toward medical equipment needs. Chemeketa was ranked #2 on the 2019 Best Nursing Schools in Oregon list thanks to our dedicated students, skilled faculty, and the support of our longtime community partners like the Hillside Foundation.
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 a bachelor’s degree, take career and technical training needed to qualify for a job, or finish their high school education—Chemeketa can propel students toward their future.

**Arts and Communication**
- American Sign Language
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- Biology
- Chemistry
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- Mathematics
- Physics
- Wine Studies

* Degree/certificate available online
+ Programs of other colleges located at Chemeketa

For a complete list and more information, visit [go.chemeketa.edu/programs](http://go.chemeketa.edu/programs)
Receiving this scholarship is a huge honor. Representation matters, and as a young black woman and a member of the LGBTQ community, I am grateful to be a role model for students like me who are working to make a difference. This last year highlighted many hardships for the black community, and I am honored to be chosen as one of the first recipients of this memorial scholarship.

I was told by friends that community college was a better way to start their college journey, and I was so happy to find how true that was for me. I really valued my time at Chemeketa not only because I feel well-prepared to transfer to Oregon State University next fall, but also for the time I spent as part of the cross country and track teams. I gained important leadership and team-building skills that I will take with me in my future.

Although this year looked different, my time at Chemeketa has been amazing and this scholarship reinforced that I made the right decision to start my journey here. I am excited to continue rounding out my education at OSU next year. My goal is to major in sociology and minor in animal science. Thank you for being an important part of my story.”
Although our events for 2020 were canceled, we are grateful to these organizations and supporters who allowed their sponsorships or ticket purchases to be turned into donations in support of students in need. We are hopeful 2021 will allow us to celebrate in person again.

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**THANK YOU**
A few years ago, I had been involved in a car accident and found myself in and out of jobs while I was trying to find the right fit for my future. When our son was born, my wife and I decided I would be a stay-at-home dad for the first few years. When it was time to re-enter the workforce, I trained as a barber, but couldn’t envision that as my career. I thought about my future and made the decision to go back to school and pursue my passion of working with electronics.

My father owned a computer business for 15 years, so I grew up having always been interested in technology. I enrolled at Chemeketa with the goal of completing a degree in cybersecurity. It wasn’t an easy transition, but I have powered through and am now halfway through with my degree and have landed on the honor roll and the president’s list.

It has meant so much to me knowing that there are people contributing to help parents go back to school. It has been especially meaningful this year taking classes remotely full-time while balancing child care for our five-year-old son. Knowing I have the support of my family and this incredible scholarship has made it easier to push through obstacles on my way to achieving my dream.

The Chemeketa Foundation was founded in 1973 when a small group of dedicated community members joined together offering small loans to student-parents trying to earn their degree. They believed in education and saw the need to help student parents attend college. These scholarships have remained a priority for the Foundation. For the past several years, we have committed to offering up to $100,000 in Child Care Scholarships to student-parents in need.
IN MEMORIAM

We are sorry to have lost these beloved friends and supporters of the Chemeketa Foundation in 2020.

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SELMA PIERCE

In December 2020, we lost long-time Foundation Board Member, Dr. Selma Moon Pierce. Selma was a passionate supporter of the mission of Chemeketa’s Foundation and worked tirelessly to make higher education accessible to all students. As a retired dentist, Selma was instrumental in establishing Chemeketa’s Dental Hygiene Clinic which has helped launch the careers of hundreds of Chemeketa’s graduates. She also helped organize events which provided free dental care to underserved populations.

Her love of our community was evident in everything she did, and she is deeply missed.
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