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COCC Foundation Welcomes Zak Boone

It comes as no surprise to Zak Boone's mom, Sheri, that her son has made a career out of his love of connecting with people. As a toddler, he delighted in greeting friends and strangers alike with his favorite (and first) word "HI!" As Zak says, "She even bought me a shirt with 'Hi' on it in big, bold letters. From as far back as I can remember, I just loved meeting people."

While the route from saying "hi" to strangers to becoming Executive Director of the COCC Foundation was not a direct one, it is one that brings Zak to an ideal situation. "I love the people in the Central Oregon community because we really do get involved," Zak says. "People step forward and help however they can." And the COCC Foundation, he says, provides a perfect environment for what he does best.

"I like to connect people – connect our donors with the students we are serving," he says of his work on behalf of the College and the Foundation. "At COCC, this has been easy because our donors are so passionate about helping students and our students are so grateful for that help."

"We hear over and over from students that they know people believe in them and they then feel a duty to succeed. They will read that extra chapter at night, study harder for the exam, do whatever they need to succeed; they don't want to let down those who believe in them. The gratitude students feel is rewarding to the donors and to those of us who represent the COCC Foundation."



Zak Boone

Growing up in northeast Portland, Zak was a third generation graduate of Grant High School. After college, he decided to move to Washington, DC to study for the Foreign Service exam. While working toward the exam, he got a job with a small nonprofit incubator that had a mission of helping other nonprofit groups get organized. He realized he had found his passion and he was destined to have a career helping others. He then researched master's degree programs in nonprofit management and found the best one in the country – back home at Portland State University.

Zak returned to Portland and earned his master's degree in Public Administration/Nonprofit Management. After graduation he began working for his alma mater in the PSU President's Office, giving him his first taste of higher

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A Message from Dr. Shirley I. Metcalf



Dr. Shirley I. Metcalf
COCC President

I have been meeting with many community groups throughout Central Oregon and for the upcoming months will be continuing to spread the good news about COCC and the COCC Foundation. I love to tell the COCC story but what is often most impactful is when members of the audience share their version of the story.

It is heartwarming to hear about the personal experiences community members have had with our great College. Whether it was their own time as a student here – either last year or in past decades – or the stories of their children and grandchildren finding success at COCC, people love to tell me about their experiences.

Some talk about the great events they have attended, whether it was one of our Foundation events like Taste of the Town or Meal of the Year, or a stimulating presentation at one of our Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program events. Others tell me how their lives were touched by the generosity of a Foundation scholarship or by being a donor themselves.

Each year, nearly one in 10 Central Oregonians takes a class at COCC. While many see us as a place for recent high school graduates to begin their college education, we are a step along the path of life for those at so many different stages of life.

You may have read recently of the woman in her 60s who returned to school to study early childhood education, following the birth of a granddaughter with Down Syndrome.

Or the student who struggled in high school and then came to COCC to become proficient at welding nearly 10 years later, and now owns his own business in Redmond.

There are those who use our noncredit continuing education program to enrich their personal and/or pro-

fessional lives. Hundreds of classes are offered each term allowing adults throughout the District to develop job skills, engage in a new hobby, improve their health or explore outdoor activities.

We also have the business owners and aspiring business owners who take advantage of the offerings of our Small Business Development Center to help them start, grow or improve the chances of them being successful entrepreneurs. One of our SBDC grads, Robert Powell of Fab-Tech in Prineville, recently received the 2015 Oregon Small Business Person of the Year award.

Yes, we do have our share of doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants and other successful professionals who started at COCC before transferring to other colleges and universities to continue their education.

I was inspired reading about one such student, Dr. Erin Zurflu, a Bend High graduate who is finishing her anesthesiology residency at the University of Colorado. She shared with us her experience, and I think you will find her words uplifting:

“Once admitted to medical school, I realized my educational path was very unique. Many of my classmates came from Ivy League schools and their stories of crowded classes, horribly competitive classmates and astronomical debt left me speechless. They spoke of office hours and classes led by teaching assistants with little access to their actual professors.

“I contrasted this with my experience at COCC where I learned from incredible professors who really cared about my education and my overall success. I thought of several of my professors from COCC whom I still consider important mentors and good friends, and I thanked my lucky stars that I stayed in Bend where I had so many opportunities to find my way with the support of so many incredible people.”

I so appreciate being able to share the stories of COCC and look forward to hearing your personal experiences when I see you in the community.

Mason Estate

The Power of Planned Giving

Philanthropy means different things to different people. Generally, we think of philanthropy as doing good work, giving back, or supporting a great cause. For some, recognition is an important aspect to philanthropy - whether that be seeing one's name on a donor list or having your business logo displayed prominently at a charity golf tournament. To former Bend resident Carol Mason, philanthropy was truly a part of her everyday life, and recognition for her many generous actions was simply not important.

Carol passed away in 2011, but the legacy she left behind was transformative for the COCC Foundation and in turn, will support student success for generations to come. She was blessed with resources in the form of real estate and knew the COCC Foundation would be able to use these assets to provide opportunities for the COCC students for whom she cared so deeply. Last September, the COCC Foundation sold the final piece of property from the largest planned gift in the organization's history. In sum, proceeds from the properties of Carol Mason's estate totaled more than \$3.3 million.

Carol was a Brooklyn, New York native who loved to travel the world – she climbed Kilimanjaro, backpacked solo through the islands of the South Pacific, and swam with sharks in Australia. This love of travel landed her (literally, as she flew herself all over the country after earning her pilot's license and buying her own plane) in Bend in 1995. She met and befriended many COCC students in the community, many as tenants of her properties, and she was routinely inspired by their stories.

At the COCC Foundation, we continue to be inspired by Carol's legacy and the foresight she had to commit so much of her personal fortune to help so many pursue their dream of education. For Carol, philanthropy was a core value, yet one she did not feel the need to promote. She did not attend galas or expect her name on plaques in support of the latest capital campaign. Despite owning a dress-making business in the 60s and having her wares

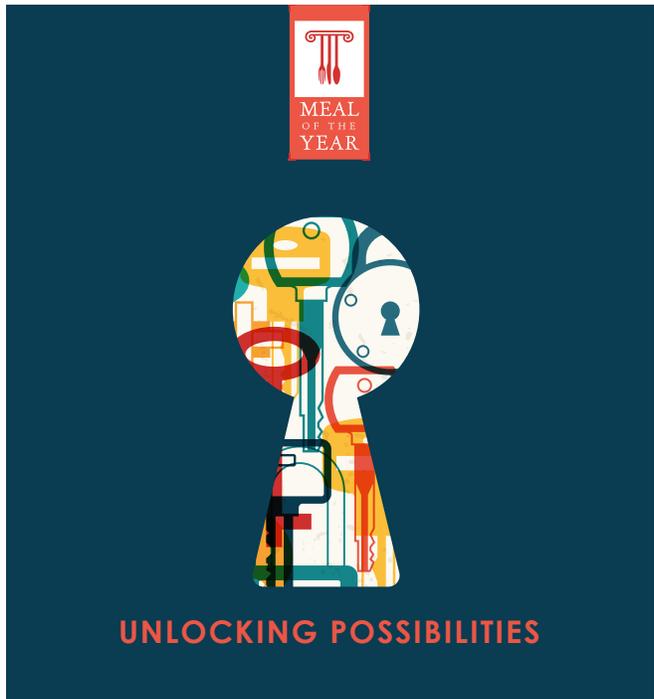


Carol Mason

featured in Seventeen and Cosmopolitan magazines, she bought her clothes at Goodwill and saved her money for travel and real estate. She was quirky and funny and loved meeting new people.

As with many estate gifts, Carol's final philanthropic act occurred after many were able to thank her personally. This year alone, the projected endowment return on her estate will provide full scholarships for 75 students! So while we might not be able to thank her now, we can all quietly say thank you in our hearts, and simply marvel at her own unique version of philanthropy.

2016 Taste of the Town and Meal of the Year Purchase Your Tickets Now for the 38th Annual Event



Taste of the Town - Friday, February 26, 6 to 10 p.m.
Meal of the Year - Saturday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.
Tickets - www.coccfoundation2016.eventbrite.com



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MEAL OF THE YEAR

Saturday, February 27th, 2016

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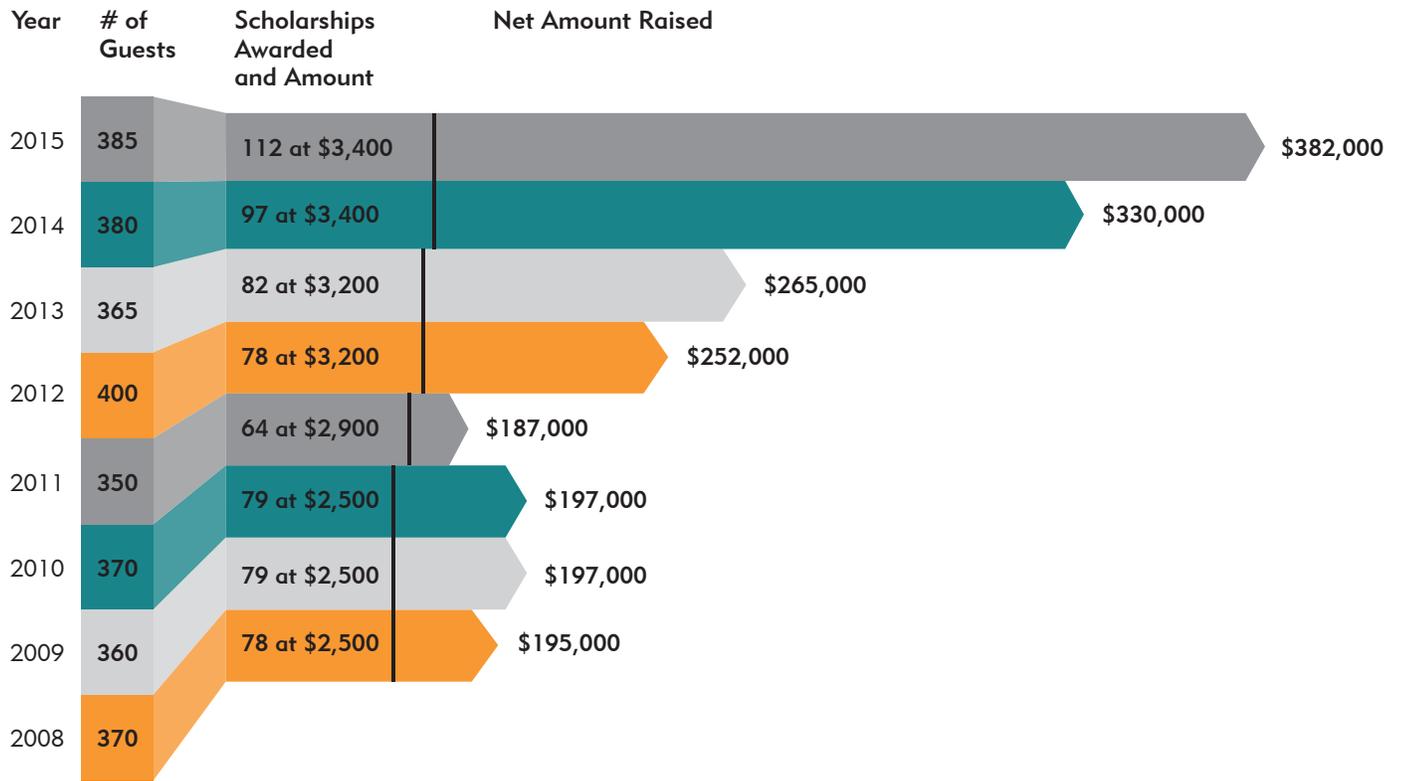
2016 Meal of the Year Honorees Greg and Patricia Moss



Patricia served on both the COCC Board and the COCC Foundation Board, and both she and Greg have been strong advocates for COCC for over 40 years. Greg worked for the Department of Army as a civilian assigned to the Oregon National Guard from 1974 until he took early retirement in 1998. Patricia worked for Bank of the Cascades from 1975 until she retired in 2012, and she served as CEO of Cascade Bancorp & Bank of the Cascades from 1998 until 2012. She currently serves on the Board of Directors as Vice Chairman. She also serves on the boards of MDU Resources, Aquila Group of Funds and Oregon Growth. In their mutual retirement, Patricia and Greg love to travel, cycle, golf, hike and spend time with their family.

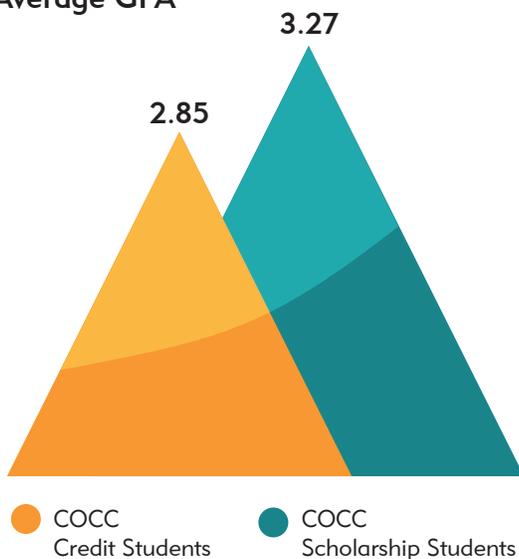
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How Meal of the Year Revenue Contributes to Scholarship Funding

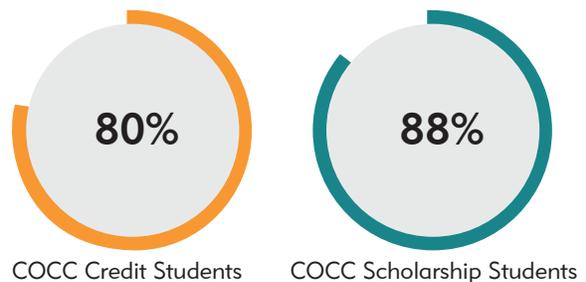


Success in the Numbers Scholarship Recipient Data

Average GPA



Complete Courses with a C or Better



Average Credits Earned Per Term



Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program Bringing Diverse Perspectives to the Community



photo courtesy of Amanda Conde

its broad mission to offer a balanced and multi-faceted scope of topics, this well-regarded program brings scholars and other speakers to Central Oregon to present a variety of diverse perspectives, offering something for everyone.

The program was established in 1985 by the late Robert W. Chandler, Sr. in honor of his wife, Nancy Renne Chandler. Robert Chandler was the editor and owner of the Western Communications newspaper chain that includes The Bulletin.

Mrs. Chandler lived in Bend for 35 years where she and Bob raised six children. Their home was always open to guests with various ideas and perspectives. To this day, Nancy's friends recall the much anticipated dinner get-togethers at the Chandler home in the company of visitors from all over the nation and the world. As such, one of Nancy's lifelong passions was to bring new ideas home to Bend.

Today, the intent of the Visiting Scholar Program is to continue in this spirit – to carry on the tradition of bringing different ideas and perspectives into the community and to continue to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for all Central Oregonians. In doing so, the hope is to encourage stimulating conversations that broaden our community's perspectives and perceptions.

One of the best things about living in Central Oregon is the breadth of educational programming available to the community. At the COCC Foundation, meeting the demand for lifelong learning opportunities has been a focus for decades and is annually met through the amazing offerings of The Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program. With

The span of topics that have been covered range from genetics to geology; from water rights to civil rights; and from surviving the Struma to ascending Mt. Everest. Presenters have come from many disciplines, including a fine artist, geologist, doctor, lawyer, presidential historian, satirist, journalist, anthropologist, linguist, and even an astrophysicist, to name just a few.

Charlotte Gilbride took over the role of Visiting Scholar Program coordinator in July of 2014. "I feel very lucky to be part of the COCC community and to meet and work with the renowned thinkers we bring to Central Oregon," says Gilbride. With a background in advertising, marketing and event planning, Gilbride is hoping to continue to grow the number of programs offered each year.

Originally from Nashville, Tennessee, Gilbride has been in Bend for 22 years and when not running the Visiting Scholar Program, is busy with her husband Scott raising two active kids.

"I continue to be humbled by the community support for our events, and the number of sold out talks we've had in the past year," said Gilbride. "This has only strengthened my belief in the program's many merits and continues to motivate me to bring the best and brightest minds to Central Oregon."

Stay Informed

If you would like to receive emails about these and other events of the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program, please contact Charlotte Gilbride at: cgilbride@cocc.edu or 541-383-7257. Visit www.cocc.edu/foundation/vsp or like us on Facebook for current event information and updates.

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Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program Upcoming Events

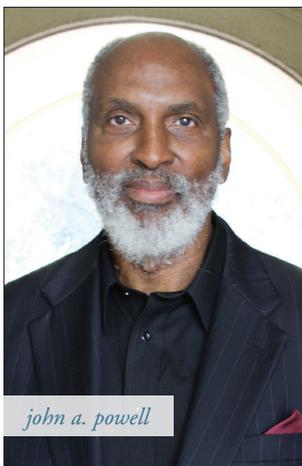


john a. powell

Director, Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society
at UC Berkeley

Wednesday, January 27

Wille Hall, COCC Coats Campus Center
COCC Bend Campus



john a. powell

Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Expanding the Circle of Human Concern*

Professor powell believes no person should be outside the circle of our human concern. Join us for a conversation and discussion with Professor powell about our duty to practice respect and care for all people, not for all their ideas and beliefs, but for their humanity.

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Opening the Question of Race to the Question of Belonging

Professor powell will discuss his recent work related to the global movement of Othering & Belonging and will share some deep insights to help us understand the issue of race in our society. He will talk about new science that reveals race is relational and plays out in our unconscious minds, and will offer this new learning to the audience as a form of everyday power.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program, The Old Mill District, Deschutes Brewery, Deschutes Cultural Coalition, COCC Multicultural Activities, ASCOCC, OSU-Cascades Student Fee Committee, OSU-Cascades Diversity Committee and the COCC Social Science Department.

Julia Hammond

Owner of FolkLala
Oregon Humanities' Conversation Project Leader

Thursday, February 11

Wille Hall, COCC Coats Campus Center
COCC Bend Campus

6:30 p.m.

How Much Inequality is Acceptable?

Inequality seems a natural consequence of rewarding excellence and innovation in a capitalist economy. But the level of inequality changes with the times. Some economists have recently suggested that we, in America, are now living with the largest income gap in the history of the world.

As of 2013, one tenth of American households earned almost half of all income. In this conversation, writer and educator Julia Hammond will explore our beliefs and values around income inequality. Is it an incentive for hard work and invention, and an acceptable part of community life? Or does that story no longer make sense? At what point, if ever, is the gap too large?

This event is being co-organized by COCC Multicultural Activities

This program is made possible by the generous support of Oregon Humanities, The National Endowment of the Humanities and the Oregon Cultural Trust.



Julia Hammond

Both events are FREE and open to the public, but we encourage you to RSVP to reserve your spot at:
www.cocc.edu/foundation/vsp

Deidre Allen Gratitude Fuels Motivation

Deidre Allen clearly recalls the first time she learned about the COCC Foundation Scholarship program.

“My writing instructor stressed to the class that there was absolutely no reason that each one of us shouldn’t apply,” she remembers. She finally applied several terms later, but did not think she had much of a chance because she thought there were others who were having a tougher time than she was.

“When I first heard that I had received the scholarship, I was in shock. I had to reread the email twice,” she says. “It was a moment I can clearly say that I was proud of myself, truly proud.”

Being awarded a Foundation scholarship has allowed Deidre to continue as a full-time student while remaining available to raise three active teens. “I am grateful beyond words for this opportunity to continue as an involved, single parent in my children’s various stages of growing up,” she says.

“Thank you to the scholarship donors whose generosity has allowed me to focus on my educational goals without the pressures of trying to figure out ways to pay for college and raise my family,” says Deidre. “The complete impact of having such a generous donor represents a lifting of a financial burden. I feel honored to have been given this gift.”

In addition, she says this award has also helped build her confidence to make her goals a priority: “Another positive effect of this scholarship is feeling good about myself, and how that looks to my daughters and son is invaluable.”



Deidre Allen

As a matter of respect to her donor, Deidre says she wants to achieve her goals and complete her degree. “It has motivated me to make sure I convey to the Foundation that they made a good choice by putting their faith in me,” says Deidre. “I am certainly not going to let them down.”

Deidre is working on a degree in Criminal Justice and sees it as a way that she can give back to her community. “I have a strong desire to work directly with juveniles and at-risk youth here in Central Oregon,” she says.

“I simply cannot say enough about how uniquely blessed this community college is to have dedicated and active donors who care about Central Oregon as a whole,” she says. “Again, I am grateful to the Foundation that awards scholarships that truly do have a direct effect on enhancing lives.”

Would You Like to Receive Legacies Electronically?

The Legacies newsletter is now available for distribution via email. To sign up for this option, please contact the COCC Foundation office at 541-383-7225 or foundation@cocc.edu.

Charles Asigri

No Challenge is Insurmountable

Born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, Charles Asigri grew up in a family of six children. After his father retired, simply putting food on the table became difficult. “Despite all of this, I am so proud of my parents because they made sure all of us graduated from high school,” he says.

In 2010, Charles moved to the U.S. He began working full time as a warehouse attendant at Wilson’s Furniture. Without a degree, he says, it was hard for him to find a family-wage job.

He decided to enroll at Central Oregon Community College to further his education and find a better-paying job. Seeking help from the Financial Aid department to complete his financial aid application, he was told about the Foundation Scholarship program and was encouraged to apply.

“Receiving this scholarship means the whole world to me; it’s the most amazing thing that has happened to me since I came to the United States,” says Charles. “It means my future. I was so stoked and full of joy. I thanked God for the blessing.”

With the assistance from his Foundation Scholarship, Charles says he is able reduce his hours to part time, pay his bills on time and take the time needed to study for his courses.

“I would like to tell the scholarship donors that they are life savers and life givers,” he says. “They are blessing so many students at COCC and helping to make their community a better place.

“As a recipient of the scholarship, I am honored to help them fill their vision for the students of COCC. Their



Charles Asigri

generosity has allowed me to realize my dream of higher education and become the first person in my family to earn a college degree.”

Charles is working on a degree in nondestructive testing and inspection, learning techniques for detecting internal or external defects, which will lead to jobs such as inspecting gas pipelines.

“I know attending college will not be easy, but I am up for the challenges that are ahead of me,” says Charles. “My main motivation to finish my degree is my son. He is my inspiration; he keeps me going.

“Once I complete my degree, I believe I will have a greater opportunity to find a job that will support me and my family. And it will be an inspiration for my son and other family members to do the same.”

Gift Specification

If you decide to benefit Central Oregon Community College through your estate plans, please be certain the gift is specified to come to the Central Oregon Community College Foundation (or COCC Foundation). To discuss this or any other aspect of the Foundation, please contact Brittany Nichols at 541-383-7582 or bnichols@cocc.edu.

COCC Staff and Faculty Support the Foundation

Many of the staff and faculty of COCC have found various ways to support Foundation scholarships. Some have personal experience with the critical importance of a scholarship and others know the value of scholarships through their students' experiences.



Evelia Sandoval

Evelia Sandoval, coordinator of the Latino program, supports the COCC Foundation as a donor and as a volunteer at events because—if not for scholarships—she may not have been able to attend college.

“I come from a proud immigrant family who instilled in me the importance of hard work and education, but they

had no means of sending me to college without scholarships and other financial aid,” she says. “As the oldest in my family, I knew that if I was going to go to college, I had to find a way to pay for it, and I would be a role model for my younger siblings too. We did not have a computer at home, so I stayed after school to fill out the scholarship applications.”

Evelia started donating to the COCC Latino Program scholarship fund because she sees the needs of Latino students first hand in her work. “As the Latino Program Coordinator and community member, I meet amazing students who could go far if they had access to scholarships,” she says. “I wish I could support each one personally, but I can’t.

“Many undocumented students are not eligible for federal aid and other scholarships, so I wanted to donate to a fund that would support students who I believe have the least access to resources like academic and need-based scholarships.

“I have seen the importance of Foundation scholarships first hand,” she says. “They are at least life altering—and I believe at times—life saving. The return on the investment of a scholarship is impossible to measure. It not only changes the life of the recipient, but also impacts those around that individual.”



Mark Eberle

Mark Eberle, professor of biological sciences, and his wife donate through payroll deduction and by offering desk pen sets for the Meal of the Year silent auction. They also attend the Taste of the Town event. In addition, Mark gave his popular presentation about the plague for a group of donors and prospective donors last year.

It was Jack McCown who inspired him to start donating to the scholarship fund.

“The need is always there; I see it all the time in my students,” says Mark. “It is hugely important. Student debt has become a crisis. In effect, students are paying the taxes that citizens no longer pay in support of higher education. It wasn’t like that when I was a student. I was able to finish my education without debt.”



Cindy Jeffreys

Cindy Jeffreys, systems integrator in the Information Technology department, supports the Foundation through payroll deduction and the staff band, FnA, which raises money for scholarships through their concerts. Cindy likes to support the scholarship fund because she has the resources to do so.

“COCC has given me the opportunity to provide for my family at a level I never would have dreamed,” she says. “To help others to do the same is my goal. It helps students worry less about costs and debt so they can concentrate more on their education.”



Charlie Naffziger

Charlie Naffziger, professor of mathematics, was also inspired to support the Foundation by colleague Jack McCown.

“He told me about the good work the Foundation does, and I was hooked,” says Charlie. “My education changed the direction of my life so I am a believer in the power of a good education

to open doors for people. I want to do what I can to help others obtain their education.”

Charlie supports the Foundation as much as possible with both time and money. He uses payroll deduction to help fund the staff endowment. He also attends as many functions as possible, including the Taste of the Town and the Meal of the Year, and donates homebrewed beer to various events.

In addition, Charlie volunteers as a trustee on the Foundation Board. “I get to see some of the inner workings of the Foundation, and I know the staff is totally committed to students,” he says. “I know the trustees on the Foundation Board, and I am so impressed by them. I am simply proud to be associated with them and all the good work they do for students.”

? DID YOU KNOW

In December, President Obama signed the *Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015* legislation that includes a

permanent extension of the IRA charitable rollover. **Donors age 70½ or older can now make tax-free charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 per year directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts to eligible charities, including colleges and universities.**

Since it was first enacted as a two-year provision in 2006, educational and charitable sector colleagues have urged lawmakers to make the IRA charitable rollover a permanent part of the tax code. Until last month, Congress frequently let the provision expire, often retroactively extending the IRA charitable rollover almost a full year after it expired. The annual uncertainty made it difficult for college, university and school fundraisers to promote the provision and for donors planning their gifts. Now, Congress and the President have removed the uncertainty surrounding the IRA charitable rollover. The provision now applies to IRA distributions made in taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2014. If you have additional questions about how this provision might work for you, please contact your tax or financial advisor. If you have questions about how an IRA donation to the COCC Foundation would positively impact students, please contact Zak Boone: zboone@cocc.edu or 541-383-7212.

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education philanthropy. He was then encouraged by a family friend to apply for the job of Executive Director at the Ronald McDonald House in Bend. At first he said no, but after a second inquiry, he decided to apply and got the job. “They took a leap of faith when they hired me as I had not led an organization before.” When he first moved to Bend, he was living at his in-laws’ house while his wife was still in Portland, with a toddler and newborn, living with his mother. After about a year, the family was reunited in Bend and has now lived here for eight years.

Zak spent four years with the Ronald McDonald House and then four years with the Deschutes Land Trust before being hired at the COCC Foundation. Zak says his time at PSU instilled in him the value of private philanthropy for education. Once he moved to Bend, he came to admire the work being done on behalf of students at COCC and the COCC Foundation. “It’s a mission that speaks to me personally.

“Being part of the COCC Foundation is humbling,” he said. “The number of people involved over the years, the stories, the accumulated effort. The COCC Foundation has a tremendous history that made it what it is today.”



Zak’s wife, Jennifer, is a native of Bend. They have two daughters – Sofia, 14, a student at Bend Senior High School; and Vivien, 10, at Jewell Elementary School. Zak said he and Jennifer are thrilled with the quality of education in Bend.

As for what he likes outside of work, Zak has a passion for college sports and, interestingly enough, meteorology. He once considered a career as a meteorologist and still does amateur weather forecasts for friends and family. Depending on your interest, you can reach Zak at the Foundation at zboone@cocc.edu or [@highdesertcloud](https://twitter.com/highdesertcloud) on Twitter.