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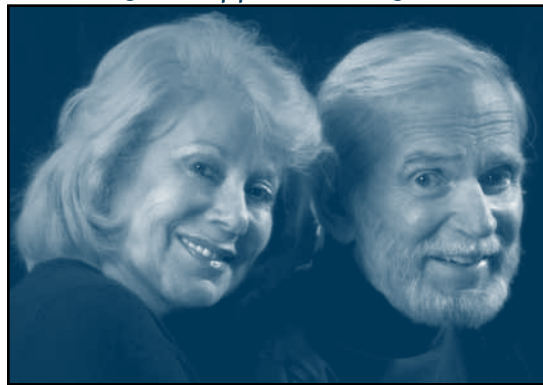
Raising funds for scholarships takes a village of donors. This issue of Legacies introduces a few people who represent familiar as well as new donors. Bend Research, Inc. has been a supportive ally for decades. This year new contributors Ed Donohue, a Bend native; and Marjorie Carmen, a transplant from the East Coast, have enlisted in the effort to help the burgeoning number of students who need financial assistance in this difficult economic climate.

## Marjorie Carmen

### A Calling to Support Nursing Education

This year, The Carmen Foundation, established by Milton and Marjorie Carmen, has contributed \$20,000 to the COCC Nursing Scholarship program to ensure that those called to this challenging career will have some of the financial support they need. At this year's Meal of the Year fundraising event, Marjorie added one more scholarship to the couple's commitment.

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*"On August 10, 2009, an angel of mercy (pneumonia) wafted in our bedroom window and reclaimed my precious husband, a Yale graduate and highly successful Massachusetts businessman, releasing him from his seven-year war with neuro-aliens. To the very end of his victory, his innate intelligence remained intact...such is the mystery of the brain."*

## COCC Alumni/Donor

### From Stockboy to School Principal

"Are you going to stack cans all your life?" asked his former elementary school teacher when she bumped into Ed Donohue at his part-time job at Erickson's Market in the late 1950s.

"I don't know what would have happened to me if Mrs. Smith hadn't



*Ed Donohue shown here in his COCC yearbook photo.*

inspired me to continue my education," says Ed. "I'd probably be still sweeping floors. I didn't see my potential."

While Ed attended COCC, he played "everything but center" on the school's basketball team, and has especially

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## Miller Challenge Grants Inspire 40 New Scholarships

Two years ago, The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, initiated a \$1.5-million transformational challenge to all 17 Oregon community colleges with two goals. The first was to encourage students to attend Oregon's community colleges. The second was to help those community colleges increase their capacity for generating scholarship support. In its first year, 1,062 Oregon students from each of those community colleges received scholarships to work toward their goals of attaining a college education.

With the success of the first year's challenge, The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation offered an additional \$1.5-million challenge grant for a second year to all of Oregon's community colleges to further increase fundraising for student scholarships.

The COCC Foundation is pleased to announce that it has met the \$50,000 challenge for a second year. Combined with increased fundraising, the grant will provide 40 full scholarships of \$2,500 each for the 2010-11 academic year.

"The Foundation is grateful for the support of the James F. and Marion L.

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## Construction Projects Underway This Year

from the President



*Dr. James Middleton  
COCC President*

At Central Oregon Community College construction crews will soon be busy, with three major projects underway later this year. With enrollment up more than 80 percent over the past three years, the buildings should prove to be a huge benefit to finding spaces for all the needed classes.

Thanks to your support—and that of thousands of others—voters in the COCC District approved a bond measure to help meet the needs of the increased enrollment. The first project will be a new health careers building, with construction to begin this fall. Housing the College’s nursing, dental assisting, medical assistant, massage therapy and pharmacy technician programs, this building will provide modern lab space for these critical areas.

Next year, the College will begin construction on a science building, adding labs, classrooms, faculty offices and other student learning spaces for the burgeoning science programs.

The bond will also pay for buildings in Madras and Prineville,

a technology center on the COCC Redmond campus and renovations on the Bend campus.

Also this year, construction will begin on a new facility for COCC’s Cascade Culinary Institute. Funded primarily by your private donations, this new building will help expand the popular culinary program and provide an easily accessible restaurant. Located off Mount Washington Drive near the Shevlin Park Road roundabout, it will also be the anchor for our new Campus Village, a mixed development being created for COCC by William Smith Properties.

Construction will begin soon on a new classroom wing, south of the Mazama Gymnasium. Funded by the 2009 Oregon Legislature, this five-classroom addition should help ease the space crunch as the College’s enrollment continues to grow.

The Legislature also allocated \$2.8 million for smaller projects at COCC, to help keep and put Oregonians to work. Most of these projects are complete, and by spring COCC had employed

197 workers for nearly 20,000 hours. Of those workers, 196 were Oregonians and of the 39 contractors hired, 35 were Central Oregon firms. We are pleased to be able to be putting Central Oregonians to work.

COCC is creating an area on its web page where you can monitor progress on the many upcoming construction projects. It can be viewed at <http://about.cocc.edu/construction/>.

While construction projects and new facilities are visible evidence of progress, the most important outcomes are increased opportunities in Central Oregon: jobs created through the construction projects, expanded student enrollment, greater access in COCC District outlying areas, new academic programs, and improved long-term economic vitality through a more prepared work force. COCC is proud to partner with the community as part of the solution to current economic and personal challenges.



*Enjoying the Meal of the Year festivities are the 2010 honoree, Shirley Ray, her niece, Polly Gribskov Lisle (l), and sister-in-law, Marie Gribskov (r). The event raised \$198,000 for COCC student scholarship assistance and related Foundation activities. The 2009-10 COCC Foundation Scholarship Program provided 540 students financial assistance totaling more than \$750,000. A full scholarship for last year was \$2,500.*

## What is a Gift Annuity?

The following is reprinted with the permission of the American Council on Gift Annuities (<http://www.acga-web.org/whoare.html>). Gift annuities are available through the COCC Foundation, offering a source of income that is especially attractive if funded through appreciated assets.

### What is a Gift Annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a contract (not a “trust”), under which a charity, in return for a transfer of cash, marketable securities or other assets, agrees to pay a fixed amount of money to one or two individuals, for their lifetime.

A person who receives payments is called an “annuitant” or “beneficiary.” The payments are fixed and unchanged for the term of the contract. A portion of the payments is considered to be a partial tax-free

## Gift annuities are available through the COCC Foundation

return of the donor’s gift, which is spread in equal payments over the life expectancy of the annuitant(s).

The contributed property (the gift), given irrevocably, becomes a part of the charity’s assets, and the payments are a general obligation of the charity. The annuity is backed by the charity’s entire assets, not just by the property contributed. Annuity payments continue for the life/lives of the annuitant(s) no matter what the investment experience of the gift annuity fund.

The gift annuity rates suggested by American Council on Gift Annuities (whose rates the COCC Foundation follows) assume the entire gift will be invested and only 1 percent (100 basis points) of the remaining fund balance will be expended annually for expenses.

The ACGA suggested rates assume that the entire gift is invested and held in reserve until the termination of the contract, at the death of the sole or surviving annuitant. The

remaining portion of the contribution at that time is called the “residuum.” The ACGA suggested rates also assume that the residuum will be at least 50 percent of the initial gift amount, if the annuitant(s) live only to their life expectancy.

You should discuss estate planning with your tax advisor as COCC cannot offer tax advice. There may be tax advantages if a gift is structured with annuity payments.



*Jim Weaver*  
Executive Director  
COCC Foundation

### *Estate Planning and the COCC Foundation*

If you have decided to benefit Central Oregon Community College through your estate plans, or if you should decide to do so, please be certain the gift comes to the Central Oregon Community College Foundation (or COCC Foundation).

To discuss this or any other aspect of the Foundation, please contact Jim Weaver at 541-383-7212 or [jweaver@cocc.edu](mailto:jweaver@cocc.edu).

### GIFT ANNUITY CURRENT SAMPLE RATES

Age in years	Percentage rate
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#### SINGLE LIFE

65-66	5.5
72	6.0
79	7.0

#### TWO LIVES, JOINT AND SURVIVOR

65-67	5.1
70-73	5.3
78-80	5.7



## Marjorie Carmen: Support for Future Nurses

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“In 2002, Milton announced to me that he was “losing words,” remembers Marjorie. “We began searching for the whys and what nexts. Five neurologists later, we heard the words: Parkinson’s, Lewy Body Dementia and Alzheimer’s, but nobody was specific or hopeful.”

After Milton had been diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease – and possibly something called Lewy Body Dementia, Milton and Marjorie moved to Bend in 2007 from Lexington, Mass., to be close to Marjorie’s daughter during Milton’s impending decline.

Marjorie explains that one of the issues in caring for someone with a neurological disorder is that the medical community remains unaware that each patient is different...as are the effects of available drugs on each individual victim. “It is a ‘crapshoot’ as to what works to offset the myriad of symptoms that accompany each neurological disorder.”

There was a time when people who began “losing words” or started to forget to turn off the stove were labeled with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and treated with approved medications. Diseases such as Parkinson’s and Lewy Body Dementia were hardly known by the general public and misdiagnoses were rampant.

“When I was asked to talk to COCC nursing students, I jumped at the chance...seeing that room filled with potential nurses gave me goosebumps,” says Marjorie. “There in front of my eyes was the future of nursing care.”

“Who, besides the family, has intimate contact with someone facing the ravages of dementia in all its names? Who administers medications and is witness to their side effects and reactions? NURSES!”

Milton had initially created The Carmen Foundation in 1990 to support Massachusetts General Hospital’s Clinical Cardiology Scholarships because he had been a cardiology patient for many years. After his new diagnosis, the couple expanded The Carmen Foundation to include neurological laboratory research projects, launching The Milton Carmen Brain Health Initiative through Massachusetts Institute of Neurodegenerative Diseases (MIND).



### The Carmen Foundation

The Carmen Foundation is committed to 21st century neurological research and collaborative solutions. The logo is made up of four green intersecting circles, creating a dark green centerpoint representing the CURE for a vast variety of neuro-illogical—Marjorie’s play on the word neurological—disorders plaguing so many families today.

*The COCC Foundation scholarship made it possible for me to go to nursing school without a job so I can fulfill my dream of one day opening a free resource center for teenage mothers. I, myself, was a teenage mother and know first hand what struggles threaten any dreams one might have. I am proof that you can do anything you put your mind to, and, with the gracious help of many Foundation scholarship donors, I am one step closer to my own dream. Thank you.*

—Desirae Garrett  
Nursing Major



## Andrea Mathews Lives Each Day to the Fullest

### A life-saving scholarship

Believing college beyond her grasp, Andrea Mathews entered the work force after graduation from high school. Working at a variety of jobs, from retail sales to construction, she finally found a good fit in human resources.

In May 2007, a diagnosis of stage-four melanoma crashed into her world. After several surgeries, she started a grueling year of Interferon chemotherapy. She continued to work through her treatment, taking time off only when absolutely necessary. One week before her therapy was complete, she lost her job—and her health insurance.

“I did some soul searching and came to the conclusion that I was going to live each day to the fullest and do the one thing I had always dreamed of—go to college,” explains Andrea.



*Andrea Mathews expresses her thanks to donors at the 2010 Meal of the Year.*

She applied for a COCC Foundation Scholarship and vividly remembers the day the award letter arrived: “When I saw the envelope, I had to open it right there on the side of the road. I read it and literally started jumping up and down, running back home waving the letter in the air. I could not wait to tell my husband.”

At this year’s Meal of the Year fundraising event, she told the audience, “To everyone who has donated to the scholarship fund: It is because of your selfless giving that I—and many others—are able to pursue our dreams. You have become part of our journey. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Andrea is about halfway toward her goal of a degree in business management and is on track to graduate next June.

“COCC has given me a new lease on life,” she reflects. “I’m learning new things, getting different perspectives and re-finding myself. When I leave each class and finish each term, I take a little piece of the instructors with me. It’s even better than I expected.”

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## Ed Donohue

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fond memories of history professor Orde Pinckney and Louise Jennings, who taught English. He graduated in 1961, the year state legislation was passed that led to the formation of Oregon community colleges.

He then earned a bachelor’s degree from Sacramento State University and spent the next 20 years serving as a teacher and elementary school principal. Later he started a mortgage company. Presently he’s retired and living near Sacramento.

“I have always kept close track of COCC because it gave me a chance,” says Ed. While attending the Meal of the Year fundraising event this year for the first time, he was inspired by Andrea Mathews’ speech about how her battle with melanoma inspired her to pursue her dream of attending college (see related story above).

“I was really impressed and motivated by her perseverance,” he says. “I lost my wife to cancer two years ago.” During the event, he donated \$2,500—the cost of a full year’s tuition and fees—toward the scholarship fund.

Although he has designated the COCC Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of his estate, Ed says he plans to continue supporting the scholarship fund in the interim. “And I’m looking forward to coming to the Meal of the Year again.”



## Students Express Gratitude for Scholarship Assistance



*“My dream of becoming a helicopter pilot would not have been realized without the support and encouragement from my family, friends and*

*instructors. I am especially thankful for the generosity of the many Foundation scholarship donors at COCC. Their contributions have made a direct impact on my success in the program and will continue to open opportunities for students to come. I hope to one day pay them back by saving lives as an AirLife helicopter pilot.”*

—Sean Graves  
Associate of Science—  
Aviation



*Maggie Skyler, Austin Smith and Emily Schmid (left to right) were the student speakers featured at the President’s Scholarship Luncheon.*

## Bend Research and CEO, Dr. Rod Ray,

Bend Research, Inc. was awarded the 2010 President’s Scholarship Award in May for its commitment to educational advancement and the subsequent growth and sustainability of the community.

The philosophy that the business community needs to be connected to the larger community was an ideal that Rod learned at an early age from his mother, Nancy, and stepdad, George Zahl. He says he is committed to continuing the ethic that his parents lived.

George Zahl served as COCC’s director of student life, dean of students and director of the Foundation from 1966 through 1980.

There he met Rod’s mother, Nancy, who was the head of the College’s health sciences department. She developed the Registered Nursing program’s curriculum. They married in 1970.



*Bend Research CEO, Dr. Rod Ray, accepts the 2010 President’s Scholarship Award for support of the community and education.*

“George was larger than life, and everybody just loved him,” remembers Rod. “Everyone in Central Oregon knew him in those days when this was a much smaller place.

“He was a down-to-earth kind of guy who connected instantly with everyone—from the millworker to the president of a university. He was a good listener and related well to everyone.”

Rod remembers when he was 12 or 14 years old, he would go to work with George and also accompany him to grange meetings, where he would raise funds for scholarships.

“As leaders at COCC, both my mom and my dad were aware of COCC’s importance to the community, and especially sensitive to the importance of the vocational programs,” he recalls.

Rod says that through his parents, he has understood from an early age how COCC has helped people change their lives, especially those with families or those who are the first in their families to access higher education.

# Carry On a Tradition of Philanthropy

Bend Research Inc. specializes in the research and development of novel pharmaceutical-delivery technologies in its research, pilot and manufacturing facilities in and near Bend. The 35-year-old company has a diverse staff that includes chemists, biologists, physicists, pharmaceutical scientists, chemical engineers and mechanical engineers.

The company has a long history of wide-ranging support for COCC as part of its philanthropic mission to foster interest in science and math in Central Oregon students.

## Scholarships

Bend Research funds four COCC scholarships, including a chemistry scholarship and three Nancy Zahl nursing scholarships. The first of these nursing scholarships was funded in 2005; two additional nursing scholarships were added in 2007.

## Laboratory Equipment

Bend Research has donated used laboratory equipment and provided funds to buy and refurbish equipment for student use.

## Event Support

Since 1994 Bend Research has sponsored the annual COCC Math Contest, which brings together high school students from throughout the region to compete in math skills events each spring. The company provides funding to run the program and purchase the T-shirts for contest participants.

## Internships

Bend Research has provided paid internships for COCC students, making possible hands-on laboratory experience. One of those interns, Fred Jordan, completed his work at COCC and then finished a four-year degree at the University of Oregon. Jordan is now a Bend Research employee.

## Student Recognition

Bend Research provides money for gift certificates to recognize top science students.

## Mentorship

Bend Research scientists visit the COCC campus for the presentation of the chemistry students' posters at the annual posters contest at the end of spring term and host organic chemistry students at their facilities for a laboratory exercise involving the nuclear magnetic resonance equipment. The company also provides tours to COCC classes to expose them to a working laboratory and provide information on careers in science.

## Faculty Support

Dr. David K. Lyon, vice president-physical and biological sciences, serves on COCC's chemistry program advisory group council.

COCC is thankful for all the ways in which Bend Research is connected to the support of higher education, the campus community and the students of Central Oregon.

*"The COCC Foundation Scholarship helped me to finish my associate's degree, which in turn made it possible for me to then pursue a bachelor's degree. This is something I have always wanted to do, but financially it just didn't seem possible. Now that a bachelor's degree is within my reach, I feel like no door is closed to me. The opportunities are endless, and I am so grateful for the help I received that has allowed me to pursue my dreams!"*

—Amanda Hildebrandt  
Social Science major



*"I was both surprised and honored to receive the Foundation Scholarship. I appreciate your confidence in me and willingness to contribute to my education in Automotive Technology. We are blessed in Central Oregon to have the professors and the automotive program that COCC offers. It is a great learning environment—plus a lot of fun."*

—Bill Hosier  
Automotive Technology major



*Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.*  
—Seneca



# LEGACIES

Central Oregon Community College Foundation

## Donors Investing in Community

The following individuals, businesses and foundations are generous friends of the Central Oregon Community College Foundation who gave cash gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2009. We have worked to have an accurate list, but encourage you to call Andrea Gibson at 541-383-7582 if you find an error. Most of all, to those who give: thank you!

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