

The Swifts and Athena Wallace

Lives Cross... and Cross Again

Almost two years ago, Jim Swift underwent total hip replacement at St. Charles Medical Center. The evening after the surgery, his wife Ardyce spoke to the student nurse coming on duty about her husband's need for extra assistance due to his poor eyesight. The nurse reassured her that she would check on him frequently during the night. As Ardyce left, she noted the name on the badge: Athena.



Athena Wallace

Returning home that evening, she had a message from Jim Weaver of the COCC Foundation, hoping the surgery had gone well. Ready for bed, thoughts of COCC and Athena intersected, and it hit her. She checked a folder of thank-you notes from recipients of the Swift

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The Luminary Fund

Shining Light into Dark Times

"Students striving to create a bright future against seemingly insurmountable odds are beacons for many others. This fund is meant to light their way with great hope that they may do the same for others in their own way someday."

Luminary Fund purpose statement

Although Judy and Gary Heck recognized the value of the COCC Foundation Scholarship program, they wondered about other ways to help. Investigating the circumstances that derail students from completing their certificates or degrees, they became aware of these students' on-the-edge vulnerability. This led them to establish a fund to help students overcome obstacles such as car repairs, state licensing fees, cutbacks in job hours and medical emergencies.

During the past two years, more than \$54,000 has been distributed to 28 of the 43 students who were recommended by a faculty member, administrator or an advisor who was aware of the student's circumstances. To be considered for the Luminary Fund, students must demonstrate fiscal responsibility, be on a solid education path with above-average performance and have clear and attainable goals.

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Chandler Visiting Scholar events

Tuesday, Jan. 15

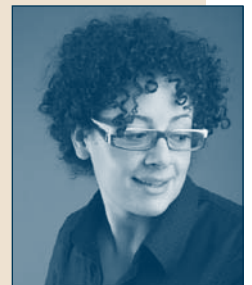
"Immigrants and the American Middle Class: Shared Interests, Shared Futures"
7 p.m. Tower Theatre, Bend

Tickets: \$10 general; \$5 student

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Andrea Batista Schlesinger, executive director of the Drum Major Institute, will analyze the immigration debate and the concerns of the squeezed middle class.

During Schlesinger's five-year tenure as executive director, DMI has released several important policy papers to national audiences; created its Marketplace of Ideas series, which highlights successful progressive policies from across the country; launched two policy blogs that reach several thousand readers

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Andrea Batista Schlesinger
Drum Major Institute

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Training health care workers to meet local demand

America's community colleges are critical assets for providing highly educated and trained workers for the health care industry.

COCC's most visible health care program is Nursing, where we have a long tradition of educating nurses, dating back to 1954. The program—limited to just 36 new students each year—is highly competitive for entrance and produces outstanding graduates who enter the field as registered nurses. Last year's graduates were an outstanding group, with all 33 passing the national exam, well above the state and national averages. COCC also educates certified nurse assistants (CNAs) and practical nurses (LPNs). We are proud of our faculty nurses who work tirelessly both teaching the students and updating the curriculum to keep current with today's changing health industry.



*Dr. James Middleton
COCC President*



*COCC nursing students benefit from hands-on training,
a factor contributing to this year's
100% pass rate on the national nursing exam.*

In the last decade, COCC has added six new health care programs. Earning degrees or certificates as a Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Massage Therapist, Dietary Manager or Radiological Technician are now options for students at COCC. Over the last five years, an annual average of 168 students have earned their credentials from COCC in health-related professions and joined the work force. Graduates of these programs are in high demand in our communities.

Like nursing, we would like to expand most of these programs. In addition, a recently completed long-range plan for Allied Health and Nursing identifies another half-dozen professions where COCC programs would benefit the local health care community. Possible new areas include dental hygiene, pharmacy technician and physical therapy assistant. However, both existing

and proposed programs are hindered by several factors: number of faculty, clinical placements for students as part of their coursework and—most pressing at this point—facilities.

A significant first step toward resolution of this problem was the allocation of \$5.8 million from the Oregon Legislature toward a new Allied Health and Science facility at COCC. However, the cost to build this new facility and complete renovations to the current space (in Ochoco Hall) to provide adequate facilities for our nursing, health and science programs will be in excess of \$30 million. Therefore, the COCC Board is working on a plan to place a measure on the November 2008 ballot that will ask local voters to approve funding of the remainder of this project, and assist the College in funding additional projects on the Bend campus and possibly in other locations throughout the District.

Important giving opportunity to expire

Take full advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006

For calendar years 2006 and 2007, Congress provided new charitable giving opportunities through the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Among the provisions:

- It allows individuals 70 1/2 years and older who have traditional or Roth IRAs to make tax-free gifts to qualified charities (these gifts may not be made to donor-advised funds, private foundations or supporting organizations)
 - Donors may make donations in any amount, without penalty, up to \$100,000
 - A couple with separate IRAs could each give up to that amount
- For more information, go to <http://taxes.about.com/b/a/257331.htm>.

Reflecting the light of giving

Donors change lives in so many caring ways

“There are two ways to spread light: one is to be the candle, the other is to be the mirror that reflects it.”

— Edith Wharton

As one who facilitates giving, I want to reflect that light onto our donors and supporters and deeply thank you all for the ways you change lives, not only for students at Central Oregon Community College but also throughout the community.

In my various fundraising roles over the last 20 years (United Way and Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, The Heart Institute of Spokane and now for the COCC Foundation), I have come to see the beautiful mosaic of the many ways that people care.

People are, quite simply, charitable to a number of causes. It is seldom if ever that one gives to a single cause and so, as a result, we have a culture of caring in America that is awe inspiring.

At this special time of year, we pause and appreciate the values that give meaning to our lives. As you reflect, please include an awareness of how your generosity changes so many lives, an impact that goes on forever because of the profound momentum of the giving heart.

Here's wishing you and yours the very best of the season!



Jim Weaver
Executive Director
COCC Foundation

Wallace and Swift Epilogue

Two stories with happy endings

Athena Wallace graduated from COCC last June with an associate degree in nursing. The next month she passed the nursing exam and began working at Madras Hospital as a nurse on the medical surgical floor, with occasional stints in OB and the ER. She logs three 12-hour shifts per week, commuting from Bend.

“I totally love it,” she says. “I work with the full spectrum of people from babies to the elderly.

“The scholarship was so appreciated. We just couldn't have done it without it. It was a struggle for us, and it's so nice to be on the other side. I am the first college graduate in my family.”

As for Jim, his surgery was a resounding success. As soon as the anesthesia wore off, he noticed that the pain in his hip was gone. He's been doing more work at their home near Terrebonne; in fact, this year he single-handedly rototilled their extensive gardens for the first time in seven years.

A coincidence?

Ardyce thought it was unbelievable

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Family Scholarship and found a letter from Athena Wallace expressing her gratitude for the help to continue her nursing studies.

When the shift changed at the hospital the next evening, Ardyce asked the student nurse if her last name was Wallace.

“Lots of hugging and crying followed,” says Ardyce. “It was unbelievable. She only cared for two patients two nights a week, and she was Jim's nurse. It felt like too much of a coincidence to be a coincidence.”

Swift Family Endowment

Ardyce Swift began attending COCC in 1971. For her second year, she received help from a COCC Foundation Scholarship. She finished her bachelor's degree at Western Oregon University and was the first in her family to earn a college degree. She served as the head librarian of the Redmond Library for 19 years.

After Ardyce graduated from college, the couple made \$100 to \$500 donations to COCC each year. Later the family concluded that they all had what they needed and decided to discontinue Christmas gift-giving. A daughter suggested giving to the college instead, and after donating several tuition scholarships, the Swift Family Endowment was created in 2004. The Swifts were presented with the President's Scholarship Award in 2005.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTATE GIFTING

If you wish to name COCC Foundation in your estate, simply direct it to Central Oregon Community College Foundation. To discuss this or any other aspect of the Foundation, please contact Jim Weaver, 383-7212, or jweaver@cocc.edu.

Earnest thanks

The Luminary Fund awarded me the funds to seek professional help for a learning disability. I have struggled over the past year... unable to keep up without many extra hours put into studying.

Your help...is a treasure I will keep within myself for the rest of my life...I will be living my dreams and goals long after I graduate.

I have worked very hard... to get my medical assisting certificate in one year, but my financial aid ran out just before my unpaid summer internship. The money you have generously supplied will go to... household expenses for one month and my state board examination.

You have made my dream of becoming a medical assistant possible.

"Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

—Scott Adams

Luminary Fund helps COCC students meet Judy and Gary Heck

In their own words

What motivated or inspired you and Gary to establish this fund?

We know that an investment in higher education is one that can provide endless returns to the individual, their families, the country and even globally.

Applying this philosophy to our local community, we saw a great opportunity to help individuals with sound academic records realize their dreams of a college education.

How would you characterize the purpose of the fund?

We concluded that the biggest social payoff from an investment in education would come from helping those who have the most difficult time staying in school to finish their educations.

Looking into this, we became aware of the daunting challenges that many community college students face: single parenting, working two or more jobs to pay bills and tuition, supporting other family members and various physical impairments. Despite their diligent efforts to balance school, work and family, circumstances arose in their lives that put them at risk for dropping out.

In most of these cases, additional financial support would help them finish their degree. So, our purpose evolved: to ensure that as many of these diligent, committed individuals as possible realize their dreams.

Is the Luminary Fund meeting the goals you set for it?

And then some! In the two years since its inception, the Luminary Fund has helped about 30 people finish their education at COCC, some of whom have moved on to four-year institutions.

It is our belief that this support will light the way for generations to come in the families of the individuals who benefit from the Fund, because it shows the children of our beneficiaries that they, too, can succeed if they remain determined.



daunting challenges to stay in school

As you read the profiles of the selected recipients, what is most surprising to you?

Our students have chosen not to see themselves as victims of circumstance, opting instead to find the strength to fight to stay in school. They do this under great pressure to surrender to circumstance. The happy surprise is that they reinforce our own beliefs about the human spirit.



Judy and Gary Heck

What is your reaction to reading the thank you letters?

It is very humbling to read these peoples' stories. It gives us great delight to know that, despite the odds, they emerge victorious. Their excitement about their futures, and their intentions to "pay it forward" are the best possible thanks we could ever imagine!

Luminary Fund lighting the way for students

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Vickery Viles, COCC's director of the Career Services, Advising and Personal Counseling Center, meets with the applicant and prepares a summary of the student's financial need, educational goals, academic performance, special circumstances, plans after graduation, plans if they do not receive the funds and other observations. The information is forwarded to the six-person screening committee that confidentially discusses each case and makes a decision within five days.

For information about how to contribute to the Luminary Fund, please contact the COCC Foundation at 383-7225.



With the help of Luminary Fund donors, I will be able to stay in college and graduate. I am excited about the future and look forward to it; I am grateful to be given the chance to excel.

I will do my best to live up to the expectation of those who have sacrificed as I move into the future.

You have no idea how much it touches me that someone out there is willing to give me help when I so desperately needed it. I have been so worried that I would never find someone to help me, and I almost gave up. This means so much to me!

I can not really find the right words to describe it.

I just received my letter saying that the Luminary Fund is going to pay for all of my tuition and books for spring term. I honestly cried when I got that letter...After all the hard work I have put into my education, it feels so great to be rewarded in this way.

I look forward to the day when I can give a helping hand to someone who needs help financially.

Cascade Culinary Institute program filling a need for Advisory committee contributes expertise

Local experts are instrumental in guiding and expanding the program

The 18-member culinary advisory committee first met in 1993 to provide a connection between COCC and the culinary industry. They have since been instrumental in guiding major curriculum changes, expanding the cooperative work experience portion of the program and including relevant writing and math courses to enhance student success in the program. They have also provided critical input regarding the layout, square footage and appropriate design elements for the proposed new culinary facility.

“This is a group of very talented professionals providing invaluable information to the COCC culinary program,” says Tim Hill, chair of the advisory committee and an emeritus business instructor.

“I have been a member of the committee for about three years now. I chose to be involved because I felt a strong need for culinary education in Central Oregon. I have been in Bend for about 12 years and have seen a major change in the culinary scene. Bend is becoming a destination town with destination dining, and the culinary bar is being raised daily. I

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—Mike Cooper



Marda Stoliar has been part of the Culinary Advisory Committee from its inception

along with other restaurant managers, owners and chefs have always had a difficult time finding a good supply of qualified kitchen staff. There has long been a need for increased culinary training, and I think that we can create a superior culinary school at COCC that will draw students from all over.”

Mike Cooper, General Manager, Deschutes Brewery

“I believe that I have been a part of the Culinary Advisory Committee from the beginning. I am so in favor of a world-class culinary program in Bend. Oregon needs a sound in-depth program that graduates world-class chefs. As an educator in baking and pastries and as a consultant, I know what it takes to make that happen. I wanted to be a part of a group of people that has the same vision. I am committed to helping in any way I can to see the project through to completion.”

Marda Stoliar, Director and Chief Instructor, International School of Baking

“I joined this committee about four years ago because I recruit at 11 culinary campuses around the US and bring in many culinary students. With the evolution of the culinary program, I do wish to continue to be a part of the process and feel that because I visit and I am a member of boards and committees at other schools, I have experience that may be used to the benefit of the new project.”

Chef Dingle, Executive Chef, Sunriver Resort



both local industry and students

Cascade Culinary Program

Makes the grade again

Last fall COCC's Cascade Culinary Institute was re-accredited for three more years by the American Culinary Federation Foundation Accrediting Commission, which is charged by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation with providing the regulatory oversight of culinary post-secondary institutions. Started 15 years ago, CCI became the first accredited culinary program in Oregon in 2003. Currently, it is one of four accredited post-secondary culinary programs in the state.

Culinary programs that are accredited by the ACFFAC have been reviewed against established standards. These programs undergo a self-evaluation and report their findings to the ACFFAC. The ACFFAC then authorizes a fact-finding team to visit the school to verify compliance with the standards. The self-evaluation, the report of the fact-finding team, and the program response to the fact-finding report, are studied. The ACFFAC then grants accreditation to programs that meet the published standards. After granting accreditation, programs submit detailed annual reports regarding the program curriculum, student success, faculty professional development and changes in other college resources.

The culinary advisory committee reviews the curriculum and is involved in the process by meeting with the accrediting team either in person or by telephone interview.



Student chefs prepare for luncheon

On the 'Recruiting Road' with Chef Dingle

National recruiting necessary to fill needs for culinary professionals

"I was in Denver last week for a couple days and am completing three days in Charlotte, N.C. today. I visit New York, Rhode Island and other places as well, only to interview students from Bend who have felt it necessary to go away to get a good culinary education. Not that COCC's Cascade Culinary Institute is not good, but the facility is "Third World" in my opinion, and we must do better for Julian and the students who want the education.



Chef Richard Dingle

"Another problem is that many of the people with desire and talent to be professionals in culinary are not interested in benefits but want the highest hourly wage and no benefits. So those of us who offer comprehensive benefit packages have difficulty competing for

these people. Who would think having good benefits would make hiring locally more difficult?

"In 2007 we will bring 48 students into the program at Sunriver Resort.

These truly are 48 people we could probably not find without recruiting at the 11 campuses we visit. It's not that we could not find some bodies who could fill a spot in the kitchen, but to find 10, let alone 48, who want to be culinary professionals or will share the goal of exceeding the guests' expectations would be almost impossible.

"Local talent does exist, at least as far as in Bend, but there is not nearly enough to fill all the new needs in Bend, let alone Central Oregon. A world-class facility and program is needed to help draw the people who wish to be professionals in the culinary and hospitality industries."

Chef Dingle, Sunriver Resort

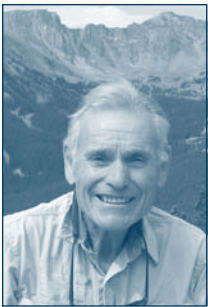
Volunteer scholarship readers share their experience

Student determination is a lesson to all

To apply for a COCC Foundation Scholarship, applicants must answer three essay questions. Their responses are read by three different volunteer readers and scored 1 to 5 based on the Foundation's criteria. The scores are then combined with the financial need score to create a total score.

"I've been reading scholarship applications for a year and have been impressed by the well-qualified pools of applicants. Their dedication to getting an education is inspiring. I was surprised at the wide variety of ages and educational goals. It's great that COCC provides help for all, right here in our own communities."

Wanda Coil



Roger Gildersleeve

"It's very enlightening to see what some of the students have been going through. I have been impressed with all the applications."

Roger Gildersleeve
retired COCC instructor and coach

"This is the first year we have volunteered as readers.

"We enjoy reading about where the applicants are in their educational pursuits, their hopes and their dreams. However, we also are very interested in the different paths their lives have taken to realize the importance of an education.

"The essays have such an impact! The determination of some is incredible!

"We feel honored to be a part of helping them realize that anything is possible with the right attitude and willingness to try to better their circumstances."

Bill and Judy Smith

"Reading the scholarship applications has given me a better understanding of the needs and challenges of some of our students. It



Charley Miller

gives me a greater appreciation for what the Foundation is doing. These people face some real challenges."

Charley Miller, member
COCC Board of Directors

I feel privileged to be deemed worthy of the funds, and I assure you that it is a decision well made.

Thank you again for your support; it has truly changed my life.

I feel very honored to be chosen for this award. My education has been a dream for a very long time.

This warms my heart to know someone else is interested in my education. Thank you, thank you and thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

I will always look back on your kindness and how it helped me.

I have always said that if I were able to achieve my dreams and be successful in life that I would donate funds so people like me can go to school. I will make a difference in this world, and you have helped me to do just that.



Applying for scholarships requires diligence

Students must meet timelines and show need

During the 2007-08 year, the COCC Foundation Scholarship Program is providing more than 400 scholarships with financial assistance totaling more than \$548,000. An application is required and can be submitted online.

- Students can apply online for the 2008-09 Foundation Scholarships as early as Dec. 15, 2007.
- The application includes three narrative essay questions, addressing leadership roles, personal accomplishments and/or personal adversity, extraordinary financial challenges, and education and career goals.
- All students must have need to qualify for Foundation Scholarships so must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine need.
- New students must submit a copy of their transcript from their previous high school or college attached to the Transcript Form.
- There are two deadlines: March 7, 2008, for Round 1 and July 29, 2008, for Round 2.
- Students who have submitted an application, a FAFSA and any necessary transcripts by the first deadline will have “complete” applications.
- The Financial Aid Office identifies “complete” applications and prints out their narratives. These narratives are scored by three volunteer readers based on criteria supplied by the Foundation. They are rated 1 to 5, five being highest.
- Each application is given a narrative score (maximum of 60 points) and a need score, which is based on FAFSA information (maximum of 40 points) that are combined to create the total score.
- Complete applications are then sorted with the highest scoring students considered first for scholarships and awarded according to the eligibility requirements of each scholarship.
- Students who are not awarded a scholarship in Round 1 will automatically be considered for Round 2, where the students’ narratives will be reread and rescored.

*Because of your generosity,
I will be able to become
a much more productive
member of the community.*

*Someday I hope to pass this
gift on by supporting the
COCC Foundation as a
grateful alumnus.*

*I am grateful for your
ongoing generosity in
supporting my education.
I will work hard this
coming year and beyond,
to prove myself worthy of
your trust.*

*Thank you for helping me
follow my dreams.*

*I can not tell you enough
how grateful I am to have
some of the financial
burden lifted off my
shoulders.*

*I work full time and go to
school, providing for my
entire family of five, as
my husband is disabled.
Thank you for all your
generosity.*

Ken Marks: Premie Son Prompts Second Career

My interest in nursing began with the difficult birth of my fourth child. He was an emergency premature C-section who required a long stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, as well as numerous subsequent visits to St. Charles and his doctors. He is in perfect health today, but I really appreciated the care he received as a baby. When I decided to pursue a second career, nursing was my first choice.



Ken Marks

I graduated in 2007 with a nursing degree and was very impressed with the quality of education at COCC and especially with the instructors. I received the First Presbyterian Scholarship through the COCC Foundation during my final year.

As a single parent with four children, the financial help was greatly appreciated, because by that time my resources were running on empty. Additionally, I found it very encouraging that the donors to the Foundation genuinely supported my efforts to succeed in a nursing career. Two precious ladies who headed the committee that provided the scholarship funds even took the time to take me out to lunch to find out who I was and what my plans were.

What I really like about nursing is having a positive impact on the lives and well-being of others. I have started an RN internship at St. Charles and am very excited about that!

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Vicky Hornback: Paying It Forward

Turning a one-time \$500 school loan into a \$6,000 annual scholarship

I have always wanted to be a nurse for as long as I can remember. I read all the books I could find about nursing, volunteered at the local nursing home and belonged to the Future Nurses Association while in high school. That is where I met Fred. He asked me to the prom.

When Fred and I were married in 1969, he was Airman in the Air Force, and I was a university student. Our monthly income was \$200 per month. We agreed that I would finish nursing school even if he was sent overseas. However, the total cost for the 30-month diploma program was \$500. That may as well have been \$50,000. I worked all summer as a checker at Krogers, and Fred worked nights selling hardware at Sears. We somehow managed to save an extra \$500 to cover the tuition.

When I enrolled that fall, we were told that I would qualify for a no-interest loan for the tuition. So we kept our \$500 in the bank to later repay the loan. We were able to find an apartment within walking distance of the school, and things went well until Fred received orders for 12 months of overseas duty. I was still six months from graduation, but the school graciously offered to let me stay in the dormitory for free until graduation.

Fred was able to sneak a short leave to see me graduate in January of 1972. We went to the school to pay off my loan and were told that the loan had been turned into a grant and that we did not owe anything.

We vowed at that moment to pay the loan back as a scholarship for some other nursing student. In 1989 we tried to donate \$1,500 to my alma mater for tuition and inflation, but the school had been absorbed into the state university soon after I graduated.

We were disappointed but decided to help nursing education locally. Fred



Fred and Vicky Hornback

established a State Farm Insurance Agency and learned of State Farm Companies Foundation Matching Gift Program. The State Farm Companies Foundation will match eligible donors' charitable contributions to qualified two- and four-year U.S. colleges and universities and Canadian universities up to \$3000 per year. We increased our donation to \$3,000—Fred loves a bargain.

This is the third year we have been able to make \$6,000 available to nursing student scholarships. The name of our scholarship is the Helen Sykes/Geraldine Hornback Memorial Scholarship in honor of our deceased mothers. My mother raised five children, and Fred's mother raised 12, so these are certainly women who gave all of themselves for others.

I have worked as a nurse for 35 years, working primarily in home health nursing for 28 years. The last 23 years have been at St. Charles here in Bend. It has been a fulfilling career.

It feels very good to be able to pay back the debt we felt we owed society in a way that will positively affect many people. It makes sense to us to help fund the training of nurses who are in such high demand as the U.S. population ages.



Winter 2008 Chandler Visiting Scholar events

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each day; and launched a national program to connect college students from under-represented communities to careers in policy. She studied public policy at the University of Chicago.

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy is a nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank movement that has been on the leading edge of the public policy debate. It was founded in 1961 by Harry Wachtel, lawyer and advisor to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

"The Idea of Justice"

7 p.m., Hitchcock Auditorium, COCC

Free and open to the public

Lani Roberts, assistant professor of philosophy at Oregon State University and an Oregon Chautauqua Scholar of the Oregon Council for the Humanities, will discuss the remarkable process of restorative justice, which came into focus in the 1990s as a group of South Africans tried to peacefully resolve

Speakers will cover topics from U.S. immigration to relief efforts in Darfur

the profound harms perpetuated by supporters of apartheid. This form of justice requires the perpetrator and victim to speak the truth face-to-face about what was done to whom so that dignity is restored to both parties and forgiveness and healing can begin. This process forms the basis of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa and is increasingly a part of mediation in the American justice system.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

"Diversity: from the Idea to the Practice"

Noon, Cascades Hall, Rooms 117 & 118

OSU-Cascades

Free and open to the public

Lani Roberts, who has been teaching "Ethics of Diversity" courses at OSU in Corvallis for 12 years, will explore how real or perceived differences combine with various aspects of power to create discrimination in the U.S. She will begin by talking about what she has learned about human nature that is relevant to these painful matters and why she thinks there is hope.

Thursday, Feb. 21

"Prospects for Darfur"

7 p.m., Tower Theatre, Bend

Donation suggested

Neal Keny-Guyer, CEO of Mercy Corps, will share his perspective on the current situation in Darfur and future prospects for resolving the humanitarian crisis. Mercy Corps has more than 200 staff dedicated to assisting the conflict-affected Sudanese, and Keny-Guyer has witnessed first hand the conditions in the refugee camps.

A native of Tennessee, Keny-Guyer joined Mercy Corps in 1994 as chief executive officer. The leading international relief and development organization supports ongoing operations in nearly 40 countries, a staff of more than 3,400 and an annual operating budget of \$229 million.

For information about ticket sales, check the Visiting Scholar Program's Web page (www.cocc.edu/foundation) or call 318-3770.

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Mark your calendars for Meal of the Year events

A weekend of gala activities to raise money for student scholarships and related activities

Mark your calendars for the COCC Foundation's 33rd annual Meal of the Year benefit in support of scholarship assistance for COCC students and related Foundation activities. Last year's events raised more than \$240,000.

MARCH 7, 2008

The Friday evening event, "Taste of the Town," features live music and sample portions of specialties from 25 area restaurants.

MARCH 8, 2008

Saturday evening guests are served a gourmet dinner prepared by the High Desert Chapter of the American Culinary Federation in collaboration with the COCC culinary program.



The High Street Band provides lively entertainment.

Live and silent auctions and raffles of donated items highlight the events. Participants also bid for full and partial scholarships. For further information, call 383-7225.

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