

CASCADIA  
COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION

Total  
**impact**

2024-2025

\$263,392

356 Students

“ *Cascadia’s support and opportunities helped me believe in myself and see new possibilities. I’m truly grateful for everyone who guided me along the way.* ”

- Leyli Merdanova



Cascadia College



## Letter from Dr. Eric Murray, Cascadia College President

Cascadia enters its 26th year stronger than ever. Our mission is to provide accessible, equitable and superior educational experiences to our community. So, if you're looking to find direction in a career, upgrade skills in math or English, or get on track for transfer into a top university, Cascadia is your destination.

As one of the smaller community colleges in Washington, Cascadia has made a name for itself by demonstrating that it has some of the highest transfer, retention, and student achievement rates in the state. Our personalized interactions with students help them feel comfortable and able to succeed on our shared campus with the University of Washington.

A large part of Cascadia's success has come from the years of support we have received from the surrounding community. More than ever, helping students achieve their goals helps our business and social communities thrive. Through student scholarships and support of academic programming, the Foundation has provided financial support to make the dreams of our college, and of our students, come true.

Thank you for supporting Cascadia College!



## Letter from Brittany Caldwell, Cascadia College Foundation Executive Director

This past year has been an exciting and meaningful time for Cascadia. The dedication of our staff and faculty continues to create a lasting, transformative impact on our community. It was inspiring to reconnect with so many passionate supporters of education (including many of our founding faculty!) and to celebrate the remarkable impact Cascadia has made over the past 25 years.

### A few highlights from the Foundation:

- We welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors, including our third Cascadia College alumnus.
- Our community funded six new scholarships, enabling us to award 118 scholarships that supported students from enrollment through graduation.
- Our generous donors contributed nearly \$250,000 to our endowment, strengthening our ability to support students for generations to come.
- Through our annual "Pay it Forward" campaign, we raised critical funding to advance high-impact programs across campus in the upcoming academic year.

Together, we are expanding access, strengthening resources, and removing barriers to higher education.

## Thank you!

### Foundation Board Members

- Ross Thomas, Chair
- Nate Hill, Vice Chair
- Jackie Hizzey, Treasurer
- Carmin Dalziel
- Justin Gillebo
- Jessika Groce
- Abubakar Ndemasi
- Scarleth Lever Ortiz
- Erin Price
- Deby Rourke
- Samantha St. John
- Jennifer Tennyson
- Dr. Eric Murray, Ex Officio Director
- Alex Lee, Director Emeritus
- Tom McAndrew, Director Emeritus
- And thank you to our former members: Alex de Golia, Rob Karlinsey, Stephanie Lizza, Gary Oertli, and Kelly Snyder!

### Foundation Staff

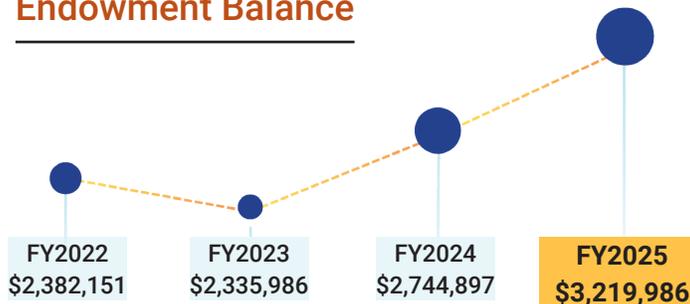
- Brittany Caldwell, Executive Director
- Mark Collins, Director of Operations

# Your Impact

## Endowment Contributions



## Endowment Balance



## Thank you to our Scholarship Donors

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Scholarship
- Ashler Masonic Lodge #121 Endowed Scholarship
- Biella Foundation Community and Technical College Scholarship
- Cascadia Scholars Scholarship
- CCF - Rosa Pielle Memorial Scholarship
- Complete Your Dreams Scholarship
- DK Sather Memorial Scholarship\*
- Founders & Trustees Endowed Scholarship
- Frances Bianco Memorial Scholarship for Peace
- Fred Jackson Memorial Scholarship
- Gillebo Family Annual Scholarship
- Herb and Roz Hill Annual Scholarship
- International Programs Scholarships
- John & Margaret Bock Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Julie & Grant Davidson Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Miller Hofmeister Endowed Scholarship
- Murray-Sandford Endowed Scholarship
- Nathaniel Jacob Allen Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Northshore Rotary Club Scholarships
- Ostroms-Wolfgang Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Puget Sound Energy Foundation Powerful Scholars Awards\*
- Richard E. Dakin Award for Cybersecurity Scholars
- Rourke Family Annual Scholarship\*
- Ryan and Jessika Groce Annual Scholarship\*
- Shawn Miller Memorial Scholarship for First Generation Students
- Tjossem Family Endowed Scholarship
- William Christopher Gateway Endowed Scholarship
- Wolfram Family Annual & Endowed Scholarship\*

\*Welcome new scholarships!

## Thank You to our Event & Scholarship Committee Volunteers

- Shannon Bath
- Matt Binder
- Shan Carpenter
- Lisa Citron
- Stephan Classen
- Lindsay Custer
- Carmin Dalziel
- Alex deGolia
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- Kelly Leahy
- Scarleth Lever Ortiz
- Stephanie Lizza
- Jasmin Means
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- Ross Thomas
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- Laura Vaca
- Gayle Waddle-Wilkes
- Mark Wolfram
- Kristina Young
- Chibwe Zimba



Cascadia Business graduates earn the most in the state:

**\$12,000**  
more per year\*

Cascadia IT graduates earn the most in the state:

**\$17,000**  
more per year\*

\*Six years after entering college, compared to graduates from other Washington community and technical colleges.

Our heartfelt thanks to the donors and volunteers who invest their time, talent, and resources in Cascadia students. Because of you, scholarships are funded, events come to life, and barriers to student success are removed.

# Testimonials

This scholarship is important to me because ...

*It validates the significant personal growth I've achieved while juggling full-time school, part-time work, and caring for my grandmother with Parkinson's. Receiving this award motivates my entrepreneurial spirit and belief in my potential to positively impact the world through business.*

*- Colin, DK Sather Memorial Scholarship*



*It shows me that investing in myself and my education is the right decision. That non-traditional students returning to college have something unique to offer the world. This scholarship brings me closer to my values of authenticity, personal growth, discipline, adventure and persistence.*

*- Chelsea, Richard E. Dakin Award for Cybersecurity Scholars*

## Emergency Grants

**\$64,612** provided to 79 students

These grants provide help to students experiencing financial emergencies, allowing them to focus on their education instead of worrying about basic needs. The funds may cover a variety of expenses including utilities, transportation, medical, childcare, food, and other essentials.

Cascadia's CARE Team can turn around Emergency Grant applications quickly – in just 1-2 business days!



*"Thank you so much. This is life changing for me. I really appreciate all of your help and support during this time."*

*- Emergency Grant Recipient*

# Testimonials

“  
The excitement I had when checking my email and seeing that they chose my essay for the Frances Bianco Memorial Scholarship, proved that my efforts were paying off. With absolute appreciation, thank you. Thank you for being the helping hand that I silently hoped for. - Stephanie

“  
The foundation scholarship significantly changed my whole college experience by covering tuition for 1-2 quarters, which was an enormous financial help, especially for me as a first-generation student. - Leyli

“  
I am truly grateful for receiving the Global Achievement Scholarship for leadership. At that time, I was expecting a baby, and this support meant more than words can express. It gave me encouragement to continue my studies, stay active in student leadership, and believe in my future. Opportunities like this inspire me to give back and lead others toward meaningful change. - Aizhan

Be part of what's possible at Cascadia.

Support Cascadia students through scholarships, grants, and programs that change lives.

Give today at [www.cascadia.edu/give](http://www.cascadia.edu/give) or scan the QR code.



# Thank you to our supporters!

Donations received July 2024 - Dec 2025

## Donors

### \$300,000+

- Robert Tjossem\*

### \$30,000+

- Mark Wolfram & Lynn Cash\*

### \$5,000+

- Matt Binder
- Ryan & Jessika Groce\*
- Eric Murray\*

### \$1,000+

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- Mark Collins\*
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- Justin & Allie Gillebo\*
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- Nate Hill\*
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- Melody S. Robidoux

- Deby & Martin Rourke\*
- Katrina & Daniel Sather
- Kelly Snyder\*
- Erik Tingelstad\*

### Up to \$1,000

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- Anonymous Donor

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- Alexa's Café & Catering
- Amazon
- American Association of University Women
- Ashler Masonic Lodge #121
- Banner Bank
- Biella Foundation
- Cascadia Community College Federation of Teachers

- Cave Moon Press
- Community Transit
- EvergreenHealth
- John Howie Restaurants
- Kenmore Air
- Kroger
- Ladd & Lass Brewing LLC
- MainStreet Property Group
- Mark Ryan Winery
- Microsoft

- Network for Good
- Norcliffe Foundation
- Northshore Rotary Club
- Ostroms Drug and Gift
- PayPal Giving Fund
- Puget Sound Energy Foundation
- Richard E. Dakin Fund
- Secure Space Self Storage
- Seattle Uncorked

- South Seattle College Foundation
- The Denver Foundation
- Timber Partners
- Together Center
- United Way of King County
- University of Washington Bothell
- Woodinville Chamber
- Woodmark Hotel

## Cascadia Team Giving

Cascadia College is a special place—so much so that those who know it best are inspired to give back.

\* indicates Cascadia Team Giving donors (current and former staff, faculty, and board members) who personally donate to support scholarships and programs across campus.

Thank you, Kodiaks!



# Connecting People & Possibility



## 25th Anniversary Celebration



On February 26, 2025 the Foundation had the honor of hosting Cascadia's 25th Anniversary Celebration. It was a heartfelt, inspiring event. Mobius Hall was packed with nearly 250 staff, faculty, students, alumni, elected officials, and community members to honor a quarter-century of innovation, educational excellence, and as the event highlighted – creating a space where every student is nurtured and feels like they belong.



## Scholarship Reception 2025



## 2025 Rosé Revival... and Cool White Wines event



# Annual Report 2024-2025

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Scholarships  
**\$170,171**  
awarded  
**118**  
recipients

## More Programs We Support

- Cascadia Scholars
- College & Career Foundations
- Emergency Support Grants
- International Programs
- Kodiak Cave Food Pantry
- Mobius Hall Art Gallery
- Running Start
- Sustainable Practices Fund

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