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Skagit Valley College provides opportunities for students in pursuit of their educational and employment goals, while contributing to the economic and cultural enrichment of our communities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome!

Since its founding in 1926, Skagit Valley College has earned distinction as a community leader by providing exceptional educational opportunities, offering workforce programs that support local business, and encouraging cultural enrichment activities throughout Skagit,

Island, and San Juan counties. By maintaining strong community connections and collaborations with business and industry, SVC serves as a hub for learning excellence.

Our strength as an institution is built upon outstanding faculty and staff who are committed to student success. Their dedication has created a vibrant learning environment that maintains high standards and a shared commitment to our guiding principles of integrity, respect, open and honest communication, and collaboration. As a result, faculty and staff have enriched the academic pathways for our students by creating and supporting opportunities to explore, engage, and achieve — in the classroom and beyond.

So, in this edition of Currents, please join me in celebrating our faculty and staff who are the cornerstone of this institution. The work they do each day at our campuses and centers reflects our commitment to student success and our engagement with the community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students, thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas A. Keegan, President

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Champions of Diversity Program in the spotlight

The Champions of Diversity Program (COD) was recently highlighted in the research report, "Investing in our Collective Future: Creating Prosperity in Washington State through Latino Higher Education Attainment." The report was compiled and written by a Report Development Team led by Frances Contreras, Ph.D. In addition to being recognized in the Latino report, Champions of Diversity was featured at the Association of Community College Trustees Fall Conference in Seattle. The presentation was titled, "Champions of Diversity" Ensuring Access for Underserved Populations.

The Champions of Diversity program honors 10th through 12th grade students from Skagit, San Juan and Island county high schools who have contributed to diversity on their campuses and in their communities. Given the demographics of the region, the majority of those recognized are Latino/a youth.

In addition to being honored by staff, faculty, and community members at the COD ceremony each fall, nominated seniors are eligible for scholarships offered by Skagit Valley College, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington - Bothell, University of Washington - Seattle, University of Washington - Tacoma, Washington State University, Western Washington University, and local businesses and organizations.

COD began in 2000 under the leadership of Anita Ordóñez, Director of SVC's Multicultural Student Services. Since that first year, SVC has collaborated with area high schools to select, recognize, and provide financial incentives for at-risk students to attend college. Counselors,



teachers, and community members nominate students who have shown cultural leadership skills, performed community service, and engaged in diverse school activities often in spite of significant hardships. Students have been recognized for starting school clubs to build understanding of others, for service in their communities, and for campus leadership.

The Champions of Diversity program is recognized as a national model for reaching out to underserved populations. It has attracted involvement and scholarship funding from every public university in Washington. The annual ceremony recognizes and encourages high school students to complete their high school diplomas and plan for college. All seniors selected for the event each year are offered scholarship support.



SVC named a Military Friendly School

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Skagit Valley College to the 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Throughout the academic year, SVC served over 1,100 service members, veterans, spouses, and their dependents at the Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses. Both campuses provide career guidance, support services, and networking opportunities through the Veterans' Education office and the Veterans' Club.

SVC has maintained a strong relationship with the military since the 1970s when Whidbey Island Campus was formed as a cooperative project with the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

For more information: www.skagit.edu/veterans

Skagit Valley College joins *Achieving the Dream* network



Achieving the Dream™

Community Colleges Count

Signifying its strong commitment to student success and completion, Skagit Valley College (SVC) was one of 30 community colleges nationwide selected for the Achieving the Dream network in 2011. SVC's selection was the result of a competitive grant application process and includes a \$250,000 grant award over the course of four years.

Achieving the Dream, a national non-profit organization, is the leading national community college reform network of 160 colleges committed to improving student success and completion, particularly students of color and low-income students. The

organization works on multiple fronts — including efforts on campuses and in research, public engagement, and public policy — and emphasizes the use of data to drive change.

Skagit Valley College has always been dedicated to student success. As an Achieving the Dream institution, SVC can tap into a network of colleges committed to improving the numbers of students completing their degrees and programs. SVC has pledged to coordinate student success efforts across different college departments, to use data to identify and prioritize barriers to student success, and to broaden efforts to help more students who may be struggling academically. In addition, the college has committed to assessing the effectiveness of these policies and practices, institutionalizing the approaches that prove successful, and sharing the findings widely.

In its first year, SVC will implement a program, “Gateways to Success,” to help ensure students receive useful and relevant academic planning when they first register for courses. Making sure students register in their Math courses is emphasized since data shows that students who wait to register for their Math courses are least likely to persist to a degree, particularly if they require pre-college level courses. The Math faculty is also working to revise their curriculum to provide additional ways for students to complete their Math requirements.

Through Achieving the Dream, SVC will have the opportunity to learn from other Achieving the Dream institutions, and receive assistance from experienced practitioners in building a culture of evidence campus-wide, using data to identify problems, setting priorities, and measuring progress toward increasing student success.

Yadira Rosales

Education Planner for Diversity and Multicultural Populations

During Fall Quarter, Skagit Valley College welcomed Yadira Rosales as SVC's new Education Planner for Diversity and Multicultural Populations.

Yadira will support Champions of Diversity (COD) scholarship recipients, new Latino students, and new first-generation students through the process of admissions, registration, and retention. She will also help them with identifying educational and career goals.

Yadira is a 2005 COD scholarship recipient and 2009 graduate of Skagit Valley College. She transferred to Western Washington University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Women's Studies in 2012. She is currently pursuing her M.Ed. in Continuing and College Education from WWU and will graduate next spring.



Kelli White-Mellish

Educational Planner and Outreach Liaison at SVC's South Whidbey Center

Skagit Valley College has selected Kelli White-Mellish, of Langley, as its new Educational Planner and Outreach Liaison at SVC's South Whidbey Center. She replaces Dr. Rick Stewart who retired last spring, after serving in the role for 11 years.

In her new role, Kelli White-Mellish will help South Whidbey students develop their educational and career plans. The South Whidbey Center is focused on the needs of the community, offering small class sizes and personal interaction with instructors. In addition, the Center also offers a free “Women in Transition” program that includes resume development, job search techniques, and life skills.

For information about higher education opportunities at the South Whidbey Center, contact kelli.white-mellish@skagit.edu or (360) 341-2324.



Committed to students & the community —

KSVR 91.7 FM turns 40!

KSVR 91.7 FM celebrated 40 years of providing valuable programming to the Skagit Valley community in October with a special open house and reception. The event took place at KSVR's newly renovated studios in Reeves Hall. Friends and supporters of the station who attended had the opportunity to learn about the history of KSVR from General Manager and Media Instructor Rip Robbins. In addition, staff and volunteers who work behind the scenes to produce the shows were on hand to celebrate the milestone.

KSVR 91.7 FM is a non-commercial radio station licensed to Skagit Valley College, providing public information, news, and music programming in English and Spanish. To learn more about KSVR, visit www.ksvr.org.



SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan and SVC Board Chair Lindsay Fiker chat with KSVR producer Juan Arreguin.



Committed to students of all ages —

SVC San Juan Center celebrates with an Open House

In celebration of the completion of the recent renovations to Skagit Valley College San Juan Center, as well as the 25th Anniversary of the acclaimed Elderhostel/Road Scholar Program, SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC Board of

Trustees, and SVC Foundation Board of Governors invited the public to a special Open House on November 21. Surrounded by beautiful evergreens and views of Griffin Bay and Mount Baker, the gathering was the perfect venue to enjoy casual conversation and refreshments.

Under the leadership of Center director Randy Martin and guidance from Advisor/Counselor Sandy Harold, the San Juan Center provides students with access to Academic Transfer degrees, career training, computer workshops, and community education courses, all on San Juan Island. In addition, the nationally acclaimed Road Scholar programming through SJC continues to be highly popular. The Road Scholar mission empowers lifelong learners to explore the world's places, peoples, cultures, which provides an opportunity for them to discover more about themselves. The program brings together instructors and participants from diverse backgrounds to foster dynamic interaction, engaging discourse, and warm camaraderie.

For information about SVC's San Juan Center or Road Scholar programming, contact Randy Martin, (360) 378-3220 or randy.martin@skagit.edu

CHARGED UP FOR THE FUTURE

Throughout Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties, the SVC Facilities department is focused on the complex physical environment that welcomes students and visitors alike to our campuses and centers. Their work takes them from the rooftops to the crawl spaces ... and everywhere in between.

With SVC's commitment to Environmental Stewardship as one of its Strategic Priorities, the Facilities staff recently installed the College's first electric vehicle charging stations. The two Blink brand stations are the result of a coordinated effort between the Department of Enterprise Services and the Department of Commerce. They are located in the parking lot just east of the Administrative Annex on the Mount Vernon Campus.

Here's how the charging stations work:

- In order to use the stations, you must first get a Blink membership. Visit <https://www.blinknetwork.com/membership.html#page=1>
- The charging stations and the parking spaces associated with them are reserved for students, staff, and visitors who have a valid SVC parking sticker or parking permit. There is no cost to use the charging stations.
- The parking spaces associated with the charging stations are for use only while a vehicle is charging. Motorists are asked to move their vehicle after it is completely charged.



Experience China 2013

By Ted Maloney, SVC Director of Global Initiatives

Committed to Student Success

Skagit Valley College is committed to Global Citizenship as one of its Strategic Priorities, with a shared commitment from our outstanding faculty and staff. As reflected in Experience China, they are enriching the learning environment for students by providing a unique academic opportunity to explore, engage, and achieve beyond the classroom.

The chorus “Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes” rings out again and again - both in English and Chinese - over the lush, sub-tropical valley of remote Yingpan village in Yunnan, China. The choir includes a diverse group: Chinese, African American, Latinas, a Dutch citizen, Jingpo minority children, young and old, all struggling mightily together to keep up with the ever faster pace of tapping with the song. After several rounds, the group dissolves into breathless, hysterical laughter and smiles, then arm in arm ascends into the hillside community center for more learning and fun.

This happy scene was just the beginning of nine days of volunteering by students, faculty and community members from Skagit Valley College as part of Experience China 2013. With leadership by Ted Maloney, SVC’s Director of Global Initiatives, this year’s study-service tour to China is the fourth trip in the last five years. Prior to arriving in the village, travelers were in Beijing where they listened to a lecture on China from a Chinese university professor, toured the famous attractions of the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Great Wall, traveled to the ancient capital of Xi’an and its Terra Cotta Warriors and Silk Road, and sampled the endless variety of delicious Chinese cuisine. But if you talk to these travelers now about their experiences, all they want to talk about is the people they met, the friendships formed, and the lives they touched – and that touched them.

The group of 13 travelers included eight SVC Early Childhood Education (ECE) students and Barbara Martinez-Griego, ECE department chair. The group visited a new early childhood education center in the northeastern capital of Beijing, shared lessons with primary school children in a village on the outskirts of Xi’an in central China, and lived and worked with Jingpo minority children in the small village of Yingpan, in western China’s Yunnan province. Bridging multiple cultural divides, this band of new and veteran educators poured their hearts into

their work, bringing the wisdom from their U.S. classroom lessons (including working in bilingual/bicultural English-Spanish settings), along with their own imaginative ideas, to strike just the right note with their young village learners.

Prop Roots, SVC’s partner in Yunnan, works with children of the Jingpo minority group, one of 55 ethnic minority groups in China. These children often experience prejudice when they leave for schools outside their village, leading many to turn to drugs and drop out of school. Prop Roots works with village leaders and families to reverse this trend, using art, music, and dance to reinvigorate the children’s pride in their Jingpo culture, so that they may better resist the negative messages they receive once outside. The new village community center where we lived and worked was just completed



Going to market in a neighbor’s tractor, the only vehicle that can navigate the steep and muddy village roads.

“You know what a thing you did? I don’t think it’s just a volunteer trip, it’s something more...”

Li Ning, Beijing guide for SVC’s Experience China 2013, email excerpt 9-30-13

in May, a labor of love by Prop Roots founders Li Yang, a Han Chinese lawyer, and her linguist/artist/musician husband, Dutchman Anton Lustig, who now live year-round in the village. Our group’s limited time in the village was to further the ongoing work of Prop Roots and the village leaders.

After returning to the U.S., students talk, sometimes tearfully, about the impact this trip has had on them. They mention the generosity and kindness of our hosts, our guides and the random delightful encounters with Chinese university students. After witnessing the importance of family in a village child’s life, one student is determined to change her teaching to focus more broadly on a child’s family. Other students talk about the increased self-confidence they gained from the trip, and a profound respect for the resilience of people in the developing world who face poverty and injustice on a daily basis. They now ask, if these people can survive and thrive in their challenging circumstances, what stops me from achieving great things with all the opportunities I have? Several hope to return to China soon for longer-term volunteer internships.

“Experience China” is devoted to establishing mutually beneficial, long-term relationships between Skagit Valley College and village communities in rural China.

Early Childhood Education students travel to China and support many!

By Barbara Martinez-Griego, Early Childhood Education Department Chair

I hoped our students would gain a better understanding of the life and culture of a developing country and develop a respect for the people who live and work in these communities. Not only did our ECE students gain this understanding, they now value the whole experience and want to continue to engage in a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with these communities and with other developing countries.

The incredible Skagit team included tour leader Ted Maloney, Barbara Martinez-Griego, ECE Department Chair, eight ECE students, one transfer degree-seeking student, and two community members:

Melissa Badillo • Carole Burton • Judith Garcia • Barbara Martinez-Griego
Maira Guerrero • Laurie Cumming Hansen • Cynthia Hayertz
Nichole Leiba Henry • Stephanie Kestler • Ted Maloney
Tiffani Randles • Ria Stroosma • Anika Teigen

I also spent time in Beijing working on Partnership or Teacher Training and Exchange Program with Next Generations Child Development Centers. Presently, there are three centers with plans for eight more over the next five years. Mr. Xie, the owner and CEO, has set a goal that over 200 of his teachers will earn certificates or degrees thorough our ECE program. Mr. Xie’s primary interest is implementing bilingual or dual language approaches in their preschool programs. SVC is particularly well suited to meet this goal. Our program integrates dual language curriculum models and instruction is provided in Spanish for entry-level classes, and support through the I-BEST model. SVC’s ECE department is recognized statewide and nationally as a leader in dual language/bilingual curriculum approaches and provides a practicum site for students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program.

I am very pleased with the outcome of the whole tour! Our students demonstrated their knowledge and their passion!

Student comments

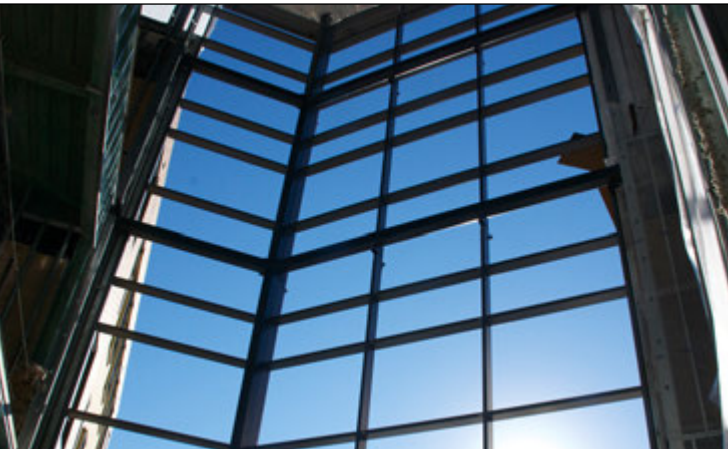
“... I came from a migrant family and I always thought that life was hard – but in the U.S., we can hope and make our dreams come true – with hard work! This is not true for these children.”

“... We have changed – for the better!”

(L to R): ECE students Maira Guerrero, Stephanie Kestler, Judy Garcia, and Melissa Badillo.



Committed to student needs for the future



In Memory of
Mrs. Eileen Lewis
"There is always time to learn."

CHARLES LEWIS HALL UPDATE

What an incredible summer we enjoyed this year! Blue skies ... warm temperatures ... and lots of progress on the new Charles Lewis Hall! Construction workers were very busy in many areas: roofing, interior walls, exterior masonry, the photovoltaic array, electrical, and plumbing.

Certainly, the campus and the community have been abuzz for months about all things Lewis Hall. Without a doubt, the building is taking shape as an anchor on the Mount Vernon Campus. At an amazing 70,000 square feet, it's now very visible as one travels up East College Way.

In support of Environmental Stewardship as one of SVC's Strategic Priorities, Charles Lewis Hall will include environmentally friendly amenities including rain gardens and underground retention tanks that reuse rainwater to flush toilets, recycled content and locally manufactured building materials, and smart lighting and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. In addition, the parking areas will have electric car charging stations and parking spaces for low emission vehicles.

When complete, the new Charles Lewis Hall will honor the legacy of Dean Lewis and extend SVC's commitment to continued innovation, active engagement, and academic success to future generations.

Clockwise from top left:

- 1) Window installation will let in lots of natural light;
- 2) Mrs. Eileen Lewis;
- 3) SVC Board of Trustees tour of the construction site (l-r): Doug Hamilton, Superintendent, Burke Construction; Keith Schreiber, Principal Architect, Schreiber Starling & Lane. From SVC: Mary Alice Grobins, Vice President of Administrative Services; Debra Lisser, Trustee; Dr. Tom Keegan, President; Lindsay Fiker, Board Chair; Christon Skinner, Trustee; Margaret Rojas, Trustee; John Stephens, Trustee; and Dave Scott, Director of Facilities and Operations;
- 4) Charles Lewis Hall from above;
- 5) Wood from the giant Sequoia that was diseased and taken down to make way for the building has been milled and is ready for installation.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

June/July

- Busy summer days with roofing, interior walls, masonry on exterior, the photovoltaic array, electrical, and plumbing, and other trades – it's all happening.
- The wood from the giant Sequoia that was diseased and taken down to make way for the building has been milled and finished and ready for installation.
- The Lewis Hall Art Committee gives final approval for the work that artist John Rogers will install in the atrium – it will extend from the ground floor to the atrium's highest point.

August/September

- The Parker House was demolished to make way for the new parking lot.
- Brick went up, window frames went in, glass was installed, sheet rock was hung, insulation was installed, and exterior metal panels were hung.
- The roof was finished, so the building would be protected from the elements.

October/November

- Lewis Hall is almost 75% complete!
- Almost the entire interior has sheetrock walls and some rooms are already painted. Work continues on the ceiling grids and light fixtures.
- Major progress was made during October on the building exterior including some spectacular glass walls on the central building core and the west-facing wall in the office wing.





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CARDINAL SPIRIT ON!**

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11th Annual Cardinal Sports Auction

The Skagit Valley College Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Men's Basketball, and Tennis programs hosted the 11th Annual Cardinal Sports Auction on November 2nd in the David DuVall Pavilion. The vibe that night was all Cardinals, with approximately 350 friends and boosters enjoying great food and bidding on amazing auction items. Your support of Cardinal Athletics provided important financial support for our programs and student athletes! *Thank you!*

GO CARDINALS!



(L to R) Tim Babcock, Dave Ryberg, Dr. Tom Keegan, and Jean Sigmar, wife of the late Wally Sigmar.

A tradition of excellence—

SVC Athletic Department unveils new Soccer Wall of Fame

In recognition of the long history of success achieved by its soccer teams, the SVC Athletic Department unveiled a new Soccer Wall of Fame on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Wally Sigmar Soccer Field.

During the ceremony, a plaque was unveiled to honor former SVC soccer coaches whose teams won Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championships: Dr. Tom Keegan, Tim Babcock, Dave Ryberg, Mike Witmer, and the late Dr. Wally Sigmar.

It all began in 1974 when Wally Sigmar brought men's soccer to the Cardinals, initially as a student club. Two years later, Skagit's first official team was organized, with Sigmar serving as coach. Since 1976, the Cardinals have won 12 NWAACC championships, more than any other NWAACC team.

Throughout the years, the Cardinals have maintained a long history of emphasizing quality individuals and academic success. "The expectation of excellence, as an individual and as a team, set the tone for our success," said former coach, and current SVC President, Dr. Tom Keegan. Former coach Tim Babcock added: "We had a great tradition of competing for championships, placing players into four-year programs and being part of a college program that demanded accountability of the players on the field and in the classroom."

CONGRATULATIONS!

LEADING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS ON AND OFF THE COURT: **BROCK VELTRI**



Just in time for the men's basketball Fall Season tip-off, the SVC Athletic Department welcomed new Head Men's Basketball Coach Brock Veltri to the Cardinal family.

Coach Veltri came to the Cardinals after four years at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. During his time there, the Saints won the 2010 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Frontier Conference Championship and advanced to the Sweet 16 at the National Tournament that year. Prior to his work in Montana, Veltri served five seasons as the head assistant coach at Seattle Pacific University, an NCAA division-II institution. While there, the Falcons won two Great Northwest Athletic Conference titles and reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association NCAA D-II Final Four in 2006.

In addition to making a difference on the hardwoods, Veltri will manage SVC's Cooperative Education and Learning Into Action programs. In that role, he will assist students as they meet their work-based learning requirement for their Associate in Technical Arts degree. In addition, he will work with local employers to identify, monitor, and assess student placement opportunities for their Cooperative Education experience.

"I am very humbled and excited to be leading the SVC Men's Basketball program," said Veltri. "I am also looking forward to helping students gain important job skills in my role as Cooperative Education Coordinator."

Skagit Valley College is a member of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC), which consists of two-year colleges in Washington and Oregon, and one college in British Columbia. NWAACC sanctions 15 sports; a majority of which are offered by Skagit Valley College.

For more information about Cardinal Athletics, visit www.skagit.edu/athletics.

Foundation receives \$100,000 anonymous gift to benefit SVC's Marine Technology and Composites programs

S kagit Valley College Foundation recently received a \$100,000 anonymous gift that will purchase new equipment for the Marine Technology and Composites training programs offered at SVC's Marine Technology Center in Anacortes.

"We are very appreciative of this generous gift," said SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan. "As one of our strategic priorities, the College is aligning its Workforce Education programs with regional and state economic development strategies. This gift will allow us to expand our programs and help students gain the professional credentials that employers need in today's workplace."

Composites technology is now used extensively in the areas of boat building and repair, aerospace, transportation, construction, energy and sports equipment. "This donation has a significant impact on our ability to provide the latest training in composites construction and repair: wind blades, vacuum infusion, tooling, and advanced composite manufacturing," said Dr. Mick Donahue, Vice President of SVC's Whidbey Island Campus. "Our faculty and administration are very appreciative of this monumental gift."

Based on recommendations from SVC Marine Technology faculty members Mike Swietzer and Mike Beemer, the equipment being purchased includes commercial vessel refrigeration systems, marine air conditioning, handheld thermal imaging units, and new Li-ion battery technology.



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Legacy Society Honors Estate Gifts to SVC Foundation

The Skagit Valley College Foundation officially launched its new Legacy Society in October with an inaugural SVC Foundation Legacy Society Luncheon to honor donors who have committed to provide planned gifts for Skagit Valley College. Sarah Deierlein, SVC Foundation Legacy Society member, hosted the luncheon at her beautiful home in Mount Vernon. A spectacular four-course meal was prepared by Skagit Valley College's Culinary Arts students and instructors.

The SVC Foundation Legacy Society was created to recognize donors who make planned gifts to benefit Skagit Valley College. Estate gifts make a tremendous impact on the lives of students and educational programs. You can direct gifts by naming the Skagit Valley College Foundation in your will or living trust, or as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plans. You may also give by creating a charitable remainder trust or a retained life estate. Legacy Society members create a permanent legacy that supports the future of students and programs at Skagit Valley College.

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS:

- **Maintain control of their assets during their lifetime**
- **Receive recognition as a Legacy Society member in SVC Foundation publications (if desired)**
- **Receive special invitations to SVC Foundation events**
- **Leave a legacy to help realize the dreams of future generations**

For more information on how you can make a planned gift and the SVC Foundation Legacy Society, call 360.416.7870 or email foundation@skagit.edu.

2013 New Endowments



CHARLES "CHUCK" CARROLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

THE FAMILY OF LONG-TIME SKAGIT VALLEY RESIDENT CHARLES "CHUCK" CARROLL recently created a new endowed scholarship to honor Chuck's passion for improving community and his love for the outdoors. The new Charles "Chuck" Carroll Memorial

Scholarship will provide scholarship assistance to Skagit Valley College students pursuing a career in environmental conservation or forestry.

Chuck was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley, attended the University of Washington before serving in the United

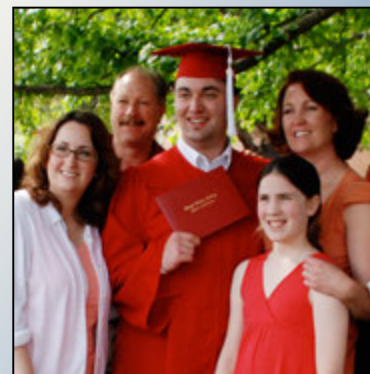
States Army in Italy during World War II. He established Carroll Mill and General Trucking Companies when he returned to the Skagit Valley. During his 45+ years in business, Chuck was actively involved in community activities throughout the Skagit Valley, including: Boy Scouts of America, Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Chuck's passion for improving community will live on through the many talented Skagit Valley College environmental conservation and forestry students who will receive much needed scholarship support. Thank you Carroll family for honoring Charles "Chuck" Carroll through an endowed memorial scholarship!

FERGUSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

THE FERGUSON FOUNDATION HAS BEEN GENEROUSLY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT for Skagit Valley College students since 2010.

Post-secondary education assistance is a top priority for this family foundation. The Ferguson Foundation created their first endowed scholarship during 2013 to assist working Skagit Valley College students pursuing a degree in science, computer science, math, or engineering. The foundation understands the challenges of working students as they juggle college coursework, employment and family responsibilities and wanted to create sustainable scholarship support for students through an endowed scholarship. Thank you Ferguson Foundation for understanding student needs and providing critical scholarship support for many, many years to come!



SVC Foundation Supports Classroom Innovation



I NSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION IS A CORNERSTONE OF QUALITY EDUCATION AT SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE.

The Skagit Valley College Foundation has been supporting exceptional faculty projects since 1995 totaling more than \$539,271 in support.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the following seven projects, totaling \$38,000 received awards:

- SVC instructor **Val Mullen** was selected for the 2013-2014 Exceptional Faculty Award for her work in extending learning and teaching beyond the classroom and into the community. Her passion for plants has significantly increased community and student activity in the new greenhouse. She has diligently procured donations for plants, arranged community tours, and learned the greenhouse computer-operated misting and temperature-humidity systems. In addition, she has organized several work parties to beautify the adjacent Dick Nowadnick Garden. Val's dedication to SVC's greenhouse has created a vibrant learning center.
- A Culinary Garden has been planted to introduce culinary students and employees to locally grown herbs, fruits, and vegetables and compare the taste and quality of locally grown produce to produce that is shipped from afar. This project also collaborates with **Dr. Claus Svendsen's** Sustainable Agriculture program teaching environmental stewardship. SVC Culinary instructor

Suzanne Butler, SVC Chef instructor **Gilbert Rodriguez** and SVC Food Services Manager **Lyn Highet** have created this dynamic project and work together to oversee the garden and related instruction. Local landscape designer Ani Gurnee has volunteered her wonderful expertise to design and help

maintain the garden.

- SVC instructors **Doris Dunn and Don Fotheringham** have designed a template for online instruction using Moodle 2.x and Quality Matters standards. This template will help create a consistent structure for online classes that reduces obstacles students encounter as they navigate various online classes. In addition, a Moodle orientation video will be created for student use and a how-to video for online course template development will be designed for faculty. Creating consistent online course templates that meet instructional standards will dramatically increase user efficiency for both SVC students and faculty.
- SVC instructors **Dr. Roxanne Hulet and Jennifer McFarland** have created "Thinking Through the Magic of Chemistry" demonstration kits to help strengthen student understanding of chemistry concepts. These "off-the-shelf" kits are designed to provide 25 complete kits stocked with all the necessary materials, instructions, safety guidelines and teaching strategies for easy instructional use. SVC instructors will be able to present students with unique chemical experiments that may not be appropriate for traditional lab settings due to cost or time constraints. These demonstration kits will also be used as "magic tricks" in community outreach activities designed to entertain and encourage K-12 students to foster an interest in science.
- SVC Multicultural Student Services Director **Anita Ordóñez** is creating an electronic and hard copy manual detailing the history of the award-winning Champions of Diversity Program she founded in 2000 and step-by-step procedures for others to follow for student advising, mentorship and preparation for the annual awards ceremony. The Champions of Diversity Program recognizes high school students who demonstrate leadership in diversity issues, engagement of peers in multicultural activities and participate in community service. Since 2000 Champions of Diversity has honored students with 750 awards, 450 scholarships valued at more than one million dollars and positively impacted 7,000 families, students, instructors and mentors in attendance at the annual awards ceremony.
- SVC Early Childhood Education Director **Barbara Martinez-Griego** is designing the Early Childhood Educators in China Program to provide teacher education for English/Chinese dual language programs using bilingual curriculum models and best practices for early childhood education instructors in China. Skagit Valley College's Early Childhood Education Program is nationally recognized as a leader in dual language/bilingual curriculum approaches. Martinez-Griego is working in partnership with the Healthy Living Program and The Next Generation Center in Beijing, China.
- SVC instructors **Dr. Diane Johnson and Dave Morrison's** vision is to provide SVC students with an amazing international theatre learning experience at the International Colleague Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland during Summer 2014. Skagit Valley College Drama Program was recently invited to participate in the festival—an honor in its own right. SVC Drama students will participate in planning, fundraising, show preparation and performing at the festival.