

Currents

THE SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE PREMIER MAGAZINE • FALL 2020

CONNECTED FOR
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INCLUDES: SVC FOUNDATION
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Focused on Equity: Access • Achievement • Community



Since its founding year in 1926, Skagit Valley College faculty and staff have eagerly welcomed students to campus each Fall Quarter. Throughout our history, our ongoing dedication to providing access to higher education for all who seek a better future is a commitment of which I am incredibly proud.

Although recent months have been challenging with COVID-19, serving students in Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties has continued without hesitation. The health and safety of the SVC community remain our top priority, so we are adapting our instruction, services, and resources to meet students where they are now.

In preparing to welcome students for fall classes, we did so with our Strategic Plan Core Themes of Equity in Access, Achievement, and Community at the center of our work. While most classes are being offered online, we are providing limited in-person opportunities in select Science and Workforce classes. Additionally, we have created many new wrap-around services through a lens of equity. They have been designed to reduce barriers for our diverse student populations, create a community where everyone belongs, and provide caring support to help every student succeed.

This edition of Currents will also showcase the great work of our SVC Foundation in their Annual Report to you. Many students reach their educational goals because of the leadership, support, and generosity you extend. Your gifts – whether they support scholarships, emergency funding, or instructional enhancements – continue to make a big difference in our students' lives.

On behalf of the SVC Board of Trustees, SVC Foundation Board of Governors, faculty, staff, and students, thank you for joining our commitment to offering higher education to all who seek a better future. By working together, we are helping students achieve their educational goals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas A. Keegan
President

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Powering up careers in the Marine trades: Marine Maintenance Technology

Sipping a hot cup of coffee on a chilly Northwest morning while working on a commercial vessel. Enjoying a gourmet lunch while docked at a picturesque marina. Experiencing a sunset dinner after a day of epic sailing. Life on the water is a huge draw for passionate boating enthusiasts, as well as for those who dream of a career in the marine trades.

As the West Coast's premier program, Marine Maintenance Technology at SVC is helping make those dreams a reality by preparing students for rewarding careers in the recreational boat, ship repair, and maintenance industries. Students power up their skills at the Marine Technology Center in Anacortes, Washington, in three areas: propulsion, vessel systems, and composites. Training with a faculty of industry experts, students learn in a facility with easy access to local marinas and support of industry partners. In addition to job training, Cruiser's College at SVC is designed for boaters who want to keep their vessel ship-shape and learn do-it-yourself techniques taught by marine pros, Department Chair Mike Beemer and Instructor Matt Mardesich.

Employers in this high-demand field expect their workers will have a blend of industry-focused skills and certifications. To help meet this need, SVC has increased program capacity, offering small class sizes, personal instruction, scholarships, and technology support to keep students on track. In June, the program's Associate in Applied Science degree was endorsed by Career Launch, a collaboration of industry, labor, education, and community leaders. Also, SVC received a Career Launch enrollment allocation from the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that provides \$480,000 over five years to support and grow enrollment. In addition to state and regional backing, local support from generous donors, advisory committee members, employers, and community partners ensure that SVC's Marine Maintenance Technology program will continue to be connected for success.



Learn more at:

Marine Maintenance Technology
skagit.edu/marine
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) Search for **SVC Skallywags**

Cruiser's College
cruiserscollege.org



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Connected For Success



Adapting to Meet Student Needs

On September 22, SVC was pleased to welcome students for the start a new academic year! Although recent months have been challenging with COVID-19, we continue to focus on meeting our diverse community of learners where they are right now. While classes are mostly online, we have created some face-to-face opportunities in select Science, Workforce, and Basic Education for Adults classes, with safety protocols in place.

In addition to transitioning to an online model, faculty and staff have created new wrap-around services and resources. They are strengthening our SVC community and providing access, support and encouragement to help students every step of the way. Among the exciting innovations are these highlights:

- **Quarterly Landing Page** — A one-stop information hub with links and resources on the SVC website.
- **College Success Skills 104** — This free, one-credit course, offered in English and Spanish, is designed to help students become successful online learners.
- **Financial Support** — Additional Financial Aid, scholarships, and emergency funds are available,

including Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities Act, and Washington College Grant.

- **Access to Technology** — The SVC Libraries at the Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses are loaning laptops, hotspots, and webcams. Also, expanded Wi-Fi access is available at several SVC parking lots.

- **Help for the Unemployed** — Our Worker Retraining program allows unemployed individuals to continue receiving benefits while attending SVC. The program covers tuition, books, and fees.

- **UChat** — Students can chat with Student Services, or a specific office, using SVC's real-time chat feature.



Equity in Achievement



ON THE ROAD Mobile Food Lab provides Culinary and Business training

Thanks to a Workforce Development Grant from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, student chefs in SVC's Culinary Arts program are enjoying hands-on training in one of today's foodie business trends: operating a food truck. The funds allowed the program to create its Mobile Food Lab, which helped fulfill a goal of adding this unique training experience to their students' portfolio.

Each week, the truck visits SVC's Cardinal Craft Brewing to greet the growing number of loyal customers. In addition to identifying and sourcing Skagit Valley ingredients for each menu option, students gain valuable experience in operating a successful mobile food business.

We invite you to learn more about, and stay connected with, SVC's Culinary Arts program and the Mobile Food Lab!

Web: skagit.edu/culinary

Facebook: Search for SVC Mobile Food Lab

Instagram: @svcmobilefood

Meet Roni Conley, Culinary Arts Student

I am earning an Associate in Technical Arts in Culinary Arts with an emphasis in restaurant management. I have truly loved my experience at Skagit Valley College. Chef Gil, Chef Dani, and Chef Shawwna were my main instructors throughout my two years at SVC. They are fantastic teachers and mentors.

After finishing my classes, I was given the opportunity to work on the College's newly opened food truck with Chef Young. It has been a fabulous experience. We have learned how to open a new business, how to market, and how to run the food truck. Social media and introducing ourselves to surrounding businesses was awesome and I have learned a lot. I am pleased with my experience and I am very appreciative of the opportunity to learn from the best. Chef Young has been very informative and supportive. I would recommend this program to anyone who needs or wants a new start. My future goal in the industry is to open my own food truck.



SVC Foundation Annual Report 2019-2020

People like YOU make a real difference at Skagit Valley College. No matter if you give your time, your talent or through generous donations, you are helping more students access resources and the confidence to help them succeed. Even as COVID-19 has changed the world as we knew it, your continued support fuels our work as we face the year ahead.

In this year's report you'll see impressive figures of dollars raised and monies disbursed. And you'll see our net assets have increased by over \$1.5 million. But more important than figures, you'll see stories and faces of students who have benefited from your contributions. Their stories are inspiring and they represent the hundreds of other students just like them who were touched by your generosity.

Together we are changing lives and making our community stronger.
Thank you!



Brad Tuininga
 Executive Director,
 SVC Foundation



Kathy Doll
 President,
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,678,860
Pledges receivable	\$33,672
Advances due from Skagit Valley College	\$35,777
Investments	\$16,004,154
Property and equipment, net	\$1,497,075
Other assets	\$20,958
Total assets:	\$19,270,496

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$45,235
Advances due to Skagit Valley College	\$312,642
Tenant security deposits and prepaid rent	\$29,001
Passthrough funds held as agent	\$40,389
Long-term debt, net	\$666,395
Total liabilities:	\$1,093,662

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
Board designated - endowment	\$2,328,987
Board designated - endow., operating reserv.	\$99,473
Board designated - Campus View Village	\$1,272,209
Board designated - Booster Club	\$266,233
Board designated - Cardinal Complete Prg.	\$5,000
Board designated - President's Dev. Fund	\$2,896
Undesignated	(\$39,198)
Total Unrestricted	\$3,935,600
Permanently Restricted	\$14,241,234
Total Net Assets	\$18,176,834
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$19,270,496

Over

\$1.9M

raised in cash, pledges
 & in-kind gifts



Over

\$340K

awarded to support
 vital College
 programs and
 campaign funds to
 students



Over

\$460K

in scholarships
 awarded
 to 335 students



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Community & Donor Impact Report

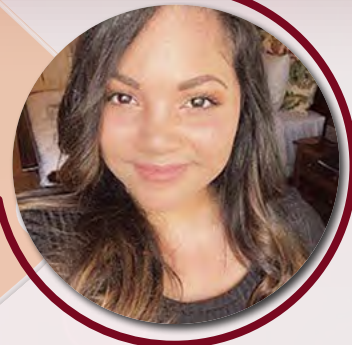
Student Scholarships

**\$461,977.26 AWARDED
TO 335 STUDENTS**



Meet Ashlee Johnson

Ashlee Johnson grew up in a low-income family where neither parent had more than a high school education. Although she excelled in school, graduating top of her class and getting accepted to her dream college, she couldn't attend because she was committed to her family. As she worked two jobs and raised her children, the desire to continue education never faded. But finances were always tight and she simply couldn't afford to go back to school. Thanks to the **James P. and Mabel Bishop Scholarship**, Ashlee is pursuing her dreams and now enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management program at SVC. Ashlee says, "Without the support of generous donors, and the scholarships they have selflessly donated, I would not be on my way to graduate with my bachelor's degree."



Meet Jasmine Shope

Jasmine Shope never dreamed she would become an inspiration to others, but that's exactly what's happened since enrolling in the Music program at Skagit Valley College. "Being a first-generation student in my family is a huge deal, I'm the first in our family to attend college, and I've inspired my family to pursue their education as well!" Jasmine is a single mother of three and a domestic violence survivor, and she came to SVC motivated by the promise of making a better life for herself and kids. When Jasmine received the **B. Hamilton McDearmid Scholarship Award**, it not only meant that she would receive financial assistance, but that someone believed in her as well! After graduating from SVC, Jasmine will continue her studies at Western Washington University to earn her Master's Degree in Music.

Meet Brandi Black



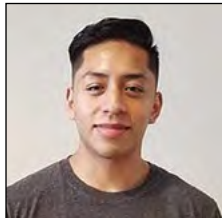
Brandi Black is a single mother who recently celebrated six years of sobriety. She became an addict after dropping out of the 9th grade, and she never intended to return. Although she knew completing her education would be the ticket to a better life, the thought of completing high school seemed insurmountable

and college wasn't even a thought. But Brandi persevered, "By the Grace of God, I was able to turn my life around and continue my education so I could better not only my life and future, but to enhance the lives of others who are still struggling with addiction." Brandi received her **GED** from SVC in 2017 and is in her last quarter to complete her **Human Services** degree. Brandi says, "The support I have received through SVC has been enormous in my success as a student. I am living proof that we all can make a difference in the world!" Brandi received the **Joseph T. Zyganski Scholarship**.

Champions of Diversity Scholarship

\$30,000 AWARDED TO 30 STUDENTS

Like any student who receives the **Champions of Diversity Scholarship**,



it comes as a big surprise and opens doors to new opportunities and pathways. **Alexis Rivera Ortiz**, who graduated in Spring 2020, is no exception. He says, "This scholarship gave me hope that I can pursue a degree in higher education. It reassured me that financial circumstances will not limit my ability to attain a bachelor's degree in Engineering. It also gave me a sense of pride and encouraged me to set big goals for myself." Like others who have gone before him, this scholarship uniquely makes education possible for students who never even had the thought of attending college. Alexis hasn't stopped after graduating SVC, he's now pursuing his dream of an Engineering degree at the University of Washington.

Athletics Scholarships

\$76,820 AWARDED TO 47 STUDENTS



For **Erick Santillan**, college was always a goal, one that was supported and encouraged by his family, but he always wondered how he could afford it. Erick had a passion for soccer. He excelled at the sport and he quickly

realized this could be his ticket. Thanks to Athletics Scholarships at SVC, Erick was able to pursue his dream. Erick currently plays on the men's soccer team and he is a first-generation college student. He's determined to set an example for his two younger siblings so, when they grow up, they can look at college as something that is doable. After graduating from SVC, Erick plans to continue his soccer career at a 4-year university.

Student Emergency Funding

\$35,000 awarded to 60 students

Catherine Murphy was working on her internship in the **Human Services** program at SVC and close to graduating when her car broke down. She knew she wouldn't be able to graduate without transportation. With no extra funds to repair her car, she wasn't sure how she would make ends meet. Catherine was soon forced to make a hard decision: pay rent or repair her car. Thankfully, a friend told her about the **SVC Emergency Assistance Fund**, so she applied. She was delighted to find out she was awarded funding so she could stay on track and pay her bills in time to graduate in June. "It is comforting to know that I have support here at SVC to help me succeed," Catherine said.

Student Childcare Assistance

\$22,500 to 10 students

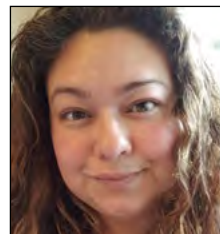


Like so many Skagit Valley College students, **Kathryn Redd** simply wouldn't be able to attend college without safe, reliable, and affordable

childcare for her daughter. Thanks to **SVC's Childcare Assistance Program**, Kathryn was able to enroll her daughter in a local childcare program where she is now thriving. "I am extremely grateful to have received SVC's childcare assistance. This opportunity has literally made my return to college possible." Within a year, Kathryn will have completed her direct transfer degree at SVC. After graduation, she plans to transfer to a university where she will pursue a degree in psychology.

Opportunity for Excellence

\$343,414 awarded for SVC programs, equipment and students support



SVC student **Susi Larsson** has been working on her Associate in Arts (AA-DTA) degree for the past 18 years. She

has taken classes whenever she could between caring for her husband, 3 kids, and working full-time. She enrolled in her final quarter of classes last spring, but COVID hit and finances became especially tight. Fortunately, she qualified for the **SVC Cardinal Complete Program**, which is funded by BECU and helps students-in-need cover their last 15 credits of college. Susi said, "This is the best news ever! Thanks to generous donors, I will graduate this fall! I've been working on this degree since my kids were babies and now it's finally going to be complete." After graduation, Susi plans to continue her education at Western Washington University in the Human Services Program.

Exceptional Faculty Awards

\$20,000 awarded to 5 SVC Faculty

Exceptional Faculty Awards are granted to faculty members who engage in noteworthy activities that lead to individual professional development or program enhancement at SVC. Faculty nominations are also made for distinguished accomplishments, recognized within the College or acknowledged by the local or larger professional community. Last year's Exceptional Faculty Awards went to:

Lars Antonsen (Composites Technology) for leadership in the development of the Advanced Composite education and training space in Reeves Hall, after the program was moved from Anacortes to the main campus in Mount Vernon.

Jacob Galfano & Laura Cailloux (Basic Education for Adults) for designing and piloting a 9-session Learning Community for faculty and staff designed to enable historically underrepresented populations foster a sense of belonging while contributing to their success.

Ron Schaffner (Automotive Technology) for securing National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) accreditation for SVC's Automotive Technology program.

Sunaina Virendra (Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management – BASAM) for her outstanding leadership in developing, promoting & delivering the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management degree, and to celebrate the first cohort graduating class in 2020.

Early Learning & Childcare Center

\$1,694,584.77 in funds raised (in 2019 - 2020)

In 2017, Sue Krienen stepped forward with a generous \$250,000 pledge to help Skagit Valley College address a community shortage in childcare facilities and hands-on training for Early Childhood Education students. Her vision was not only to build capacity and training opportunities, but to create a space that would serve as a community resource and network for continuing and family education throughout Skagit County. After receiving an \$800,000 grant from Washington's Department of Commerce in early 2019, we launched into a bull-blown fundraising effort to finish out the project. Today, we have raised



over \$3,000,000 in community donations and grants, including a \$1.5 million grant from Head Start. This project wouldn't be where it is today without Sue's leadership, passion and vision. To honor her commitment, SVC's Board of Trustees recently approved naming the building the Sue Krienen Early Learning & Childcare Center. We expect construction to be complete on this project in March 2022, after we break ground in May 2021.

In Memoriam

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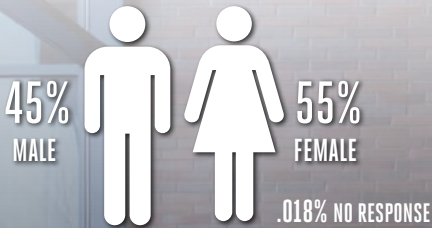
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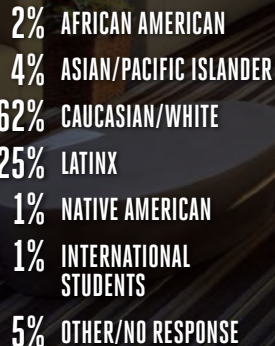
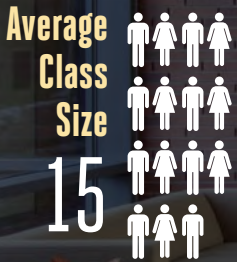
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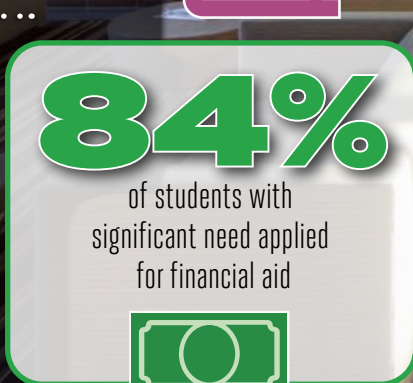
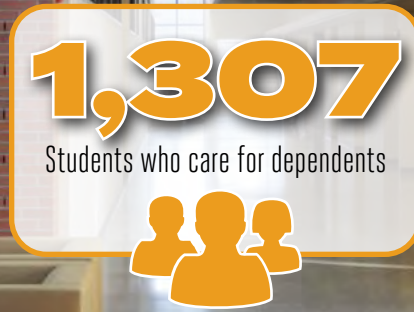
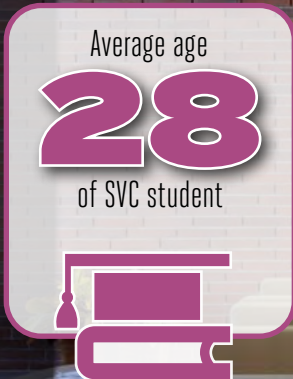
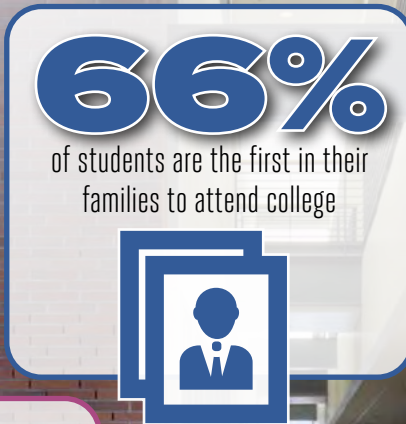
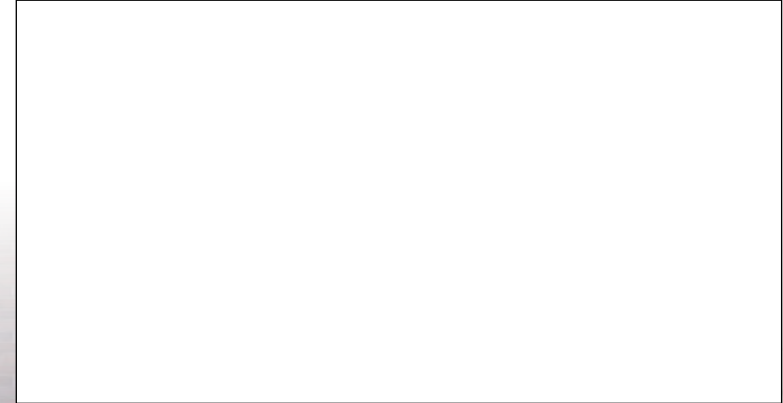
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