

BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Impacts



2023–2024

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES & STEWARDSHIP



BELLEVUE
COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

A large, stylized leaf graphic in a lighter shade of blue, positioned on the left side of the slide. It has a thick outline and several internal veins, creating a modern, abstract look.

The Bellevue College Foundation
brings together people and resources
across the community to invest in
BC students, faculty, and staff
to realize their goals and dreams.

Reflects

The BC Foundation is proud to support the great works of Bellevue College and the efforts of all of our students.



Melissa Johnson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To our Bellevue College Community,

This year has been nothing short of exceptional for the college foundation, marked by milestones that underscore this community's, and this team's, commitment to excellence and impact. Through the unwavering support of our donors, friends, and partners, we are increasing the impact, and the excitement for the coming year is growing daily.

Together, we have far exceeded fundraising goals, provided significantly more scholarship opportunities than in years past, and provided record-setting levels of support to the campus community. Our internal and external partnerships have expanded, fostering deeper engagement and collaboration within our campus and beyond. The many success stories of our graduates reflect the transformative power of education and the enduring impact of our community's generosity.

Looking toward the future, we are inspired by the possibilities that lie ahead. As we reflect on this year's accomplishments in our annual report, we celebrate not only the numbers but the profound stories of perseverance, achievement, and empowerment that define our mission.

With gratitude and determination, we continue to build a foundation that helps shape the future and enrich the lives of our students for generations to come.

We greatly appreciate your commitment to our students and the success of the Bellevue College Foundation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Melissa Johnson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Invests

Each year, the Foundation awards scores of donor-funded scholarships to students who contribute to our campus community with their diverse life experiences and unique perspectives.

Scholarship recipients in 2023–24 included:

The BC Foundation
awarded

\$721,813

to

508
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS



100
PROGRAM
INTERNSHIPS
totaling
\$50,000



39
BOOKS &
SUPPLIES
totaling
\$18,949



264
TUITION
& FEES
totaling
\$549,479



105
STUDENT
ATHLETES
totaling
\$103,385



"This scholarship serves as a steppingstone towards realizing my aspirations. It will provide me with the necessary resources and opportunities to pursue my dreams in the Tech field."

—Zoe,
Scholarship recipient



"For me, this is not just about financial assistance in college, it's about a community that is investing in me and believing in me! Thank you for trusting in me and investing in my education!"

—Yelena,
Scholarship recipient



BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Connects

We engage our community to build strong relationships through communication and interaction. This connection is vital to the BC Foundation's ability to provide the services and support that our students and community need.

We had a great year
of growth and

INCREASED FOCUS ON STUDENT, ALUMNI, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

on campus and
in the community.

DONOR AND SCHOLAR RECEPTION

October 18, 2023

Each fall, we celebrate the exceptional BC Foundation scholarship recipients and the generous donors who make these scholarships possible.



FORWARD TOGETHER BREAKFAST

December 7, 2023

The BC Foundation, in collaboration with the President's Office, hosted over 200 community partners at the annual President's Breakfast. We formally introduced our new president, Dr. David May, and welcomed Joe Fugere, Founder & CEO at Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria, as our guest speaker.



Gala 2024

AN EVENING OF CONNECTION
& CELEBRATION



Monday, April 8, 2024

GOLF TOURNAMENT | AUCTION | BANQUET

BC FOUNDATION GALA

March 9th, 2024

BC ATHLETICS GOLF EVENT

April 8, 2024

This celebration of our community featured a cocktail reception and silent auction, plated dinner and live auction, music, mingling, and more! Our 2024 Gala was a huge success! We raised nearly \$400,000 for student success initiatives, setting a new milestone in Foundation fundraising.

Over \$29,000 was raised by Bellevue College supporters in an afternoon of friendly competition on the beautiful Glendale Golf Course. Nearly 100 golfers showed up on the drizzly morning, enthusiastic about the competition and putting for a good cause. Those who attended included local community partners, BC athletic alumni, coaches, and other BC staff.



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Connects



MIDLAKES UNITED COMES TO BELLEVUE COLLEGE

Spring 2024

Bellevue College is excited to be the new home of Midlakes United's pre-professional soccer team. After 10 months of planning, this partnership marks a milestone for both organizations, generating funds to support the college's mission. Hosting Midlakes United will enhance community engagement and help improve the college's athletic infrastructure, making it a hub for local sports and activities.



COMMENCEMENT BREAKFAST

June 4, 2024

For the first time in its history, the Foundation kicked off the commencement season by hosting a breakfast for its graduates and their families.

2024 GRADUATES



BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Partners



The Foundation and KBCS 91.3

Broadcasting from the BC campus, KBCS produces and airs a diverse lineup of music, news, and public affairs programming that brings underserved voices to the forefront of conversations in our community.

KBCS is a self-supporting program of Bellevue College. The Bellevue College Foundation accepts gifts on behalf of KBCS.

Thank You Donors

KBCS programming is made possible by the financial support of individual listeners, corporate underwriters, community and family foundations, and a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Through the support of our donors, KBCS raised over a million dollars in fiscal year 2024.

Community Powered

With over 40 community and student volunteer DJs, KBCS provides a unique opportunity for the public to take part in local media. The station reaches listeners in the Bellevue-Seattle-Tacoma region through its radio broadcast signal on 91.3 FM and worldwide through the KBCS website and mobile app.



Roots reggae artist Clinton Fearon



Tracy Yang, BC Digital Marketing student and KBCS DJ

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Rewards

Each year, the Foundation recognizes efforts of our faculty and staff through cash awards.

The BC Foundation
has awarded

\$400,000

to

180

faculty and staff
recipients

since this award
was created in

1984

Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards

These awards recognize outstanding faculty and staff members who demonstrate a commitment to excellence through their contributions to the campus and the community. Winners are nominated by faculty, staff, students, and trustees. Awards of \$2,500 each go to recipients in the four categories: Full-Time Faculty, Part-Time Faculty, Classified Staff, and Exempt Staff.

2023–2024 Nominees: (BC Foundation recognized 89 staff and faculty members this year)

Malini Ajwani
Tony Akhlaghi
Martina Almario
April Ambalina
Kyle Barber
Dan Beert
Jessica Berry
Jeanne Bogdan
Ernesto Bowie
Tamara Boynton
Howard
Nadescha Bunje
Jean D'Arc Campbell
Stephanie Campbell
Teaessa Chism
Shana Chung
Brian Cobb

Kathy Colasurado
Tessa Cornish
Michael Culpepper
Gregory Delia
Jonathan Diehl
Sandra Doyle-Wilson
Matt Edwards
Branden Ellsworth
Juan Esparza
Sara Farag
Jenna Fox
Charlene Freyberg
Jacqueline Gapinski
Minnat Hamada
Kari Hammond
Lisa Harris
Jabril Hassen

Vlasta Hillger
Varik Hoang
Aimee Hong
Carrie Horton
Bradley Huggins
Margo Ikegami
Danielle Jacobson
Amy Jing
Naomi Jones
Joceline Juarez
Michael Knarr
Supreetha Kumar
Sophie Leung
Michelle MacAuley
Ben Machado
Julie Malone
Rick Mangan

Ted Mansfield
Melissa Martinez
Jennie Mayer
Amy McCrory
Travis McKinney
Jennifer McMillan
Amanda Morris
Laëticia Nkinsi
Abner Pagunuran
Ilona Pitkanen
Peter Prescott
Ndayishimiye Priame
Jennifer Pritchard
Michael Pulido
Naeim (Ali) Rahmani
Hima Rami
Keith Rowley

Greg Schmidt
Fatma Cemile Serçe
Dan Shade
Melody Sierra
Elizabeth Stanley
Alicia Steenis
Brian Stephanik
Christine Taylor
Pavy Thao
Renee Tinsley
Patrick Torres
Yuping Yang
Betsy Zahrt Geib
Yelena Zlotnik
Sheere Zupan

Meet our 2023–24 Faculty & Staff Excellence Award recipients! ➡

MITCHELL BLAND

Classified Employee
Award

Maintenance



"Mitchell Bland brings a smile to the face of everyone on campus. He is the most delightful person to talk to and I am always happy when I see him on campus. He never fails to greet me and others with a big smile and an upbeat attitude. I also leave any interaction with Mitchell feeling like Bellevue College is a great place to work."

CHRIS BELL

Administrative Exempt
Employee Award

Social Science



"It has been delightful to work with Chris and learn under his guidance. He is such a great leader. The way he has led our division since 2019 has been admirable, and he constantly inspires me to do great work. He has worked hard to make our division a strong force on campus, and under his leadership, we have come to become a diverse pool of faculty members who always strive to make our classes inclusive, open, safe, and accessible spaces for all."

KARRIN PETERSON

Part-Time Faculty Award

English



"Her emphasis on the accessibility of quality learning support services ensures that students receive the necessary resources to thrive academically. Through her dedication, Professor Pete not only exemplifies BC's Core Values but elevates them to new heights. Her multifaceted approach to education reflects BC's mission to prepare individuals for academic success, employment, and lifelong learning. Professor Pete is undeniably an asset to Bellevue College and a true embodiment of its guiding principles."

CLAUDIA PAYNE

Full-Time Faculty Award

Basic and Transitional Studies



"Claudia is highly respected and trusted among the faculty and staff. In her interactions with colleagues and students, she handles herself in a professional manner and helps us to work better together by creating a welcoming and respectful space... She has effective strategies for handling the complexities of her Program Chair responsibilities... It is inspiring to work with a colleague and leader who is continually reflecting, innovating, and collaborating in service to the mission of our ESL Program and the college."

Excerpts from nomination forms

Supports

Each year, the Foundation lends financial support to innovative projects across campus through faculty grants.

Lockwood Foundation Grant for BC Faculty Excellence & Innovation

The BC Foundation awarded

\$15,000

in Lockwood Grants in 2024

and

\$26,848

in BC Foundation Mini-Grants

The Lockwood Foundation Grant, administered by the BC Foundation, is awarded to faculty members in support of new or ongoing projects that promote innovation in teaching and/or advance entrepreneurial models at the college. These grants, made available through a generous donation from the Lockwood Foundation, typically range from \$2,500–\$10,000.



CORVILIA THYKKUTTATHIL
(Parent Education) received a grant to expand the DEI Rotating Library that will serve our students, parents, and children, ages 0–7.



ANTHONY TESSANDORI
(Anthropology) received a grant to purchase non-human primate skull and skeleton models for use in the Biological Anthropology classes and beyond to other departments.



STEVEN MARTEL & YU-TING SU
(Counseling Center & Human Development) received a grant to provide no-cost psychological assessments to students with suspected Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), ADHD, and ASD.

BC Foundation Mini-Grants

Ranging from \$300–\$3,000, BC Foundation Mini-Grants are open to all faculty and staff and support ongoing projects, one-time projects, and new programs that may not be eligible for support through other college funding sources. Preference is given to projects that are consistent with the college's strategic plan, as well as the President's and Foundation's priorities. The program is funded by donors to the BC Foundation, including many BC faculty and staff. This year's recipients were awarded a total of \$19,016.

2024 MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

FLORESTAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE MINI-RESIDENCY

Brian Cobb
Music



SCALING UP STUDENT AIR QUALITY RESEARCH IN GENERAL CHEMISTRY

Sonya Doucette
Chemistry and Environmental Science



THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES AND SENSORY SENSITIVE PERFORMANCE SUPPORT

Tammi Doyle
Theatre Arts, Drama & Dance



NACDA CONVENTION AND BLEACHER IMPROVEMENTS

Jeremy Eggers and Mark Yoshino
Athletics



BC HOUSING BIKE RACK

Sara Holzknecht
Sustainability Office/Housing



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Sara Holzknecht
Sustainability Office



STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS: Assisting Running Start Students with College Access and Completion

Maria Paula McPherson
Center for High School Programs



FOOD PANTRY ENHANCEMENTS

Ranulfo Molina
Benefits Hub



MOUNTAIN BIKE FLEET

Peter Prescott
Wellness Center



PROSCI TRAIN THE TRAINER LEVEL 2

Maria Rivas
Information Technology Services



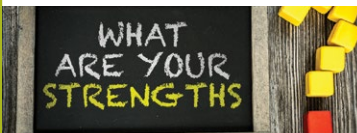
PROJECT REFRESH

Justin Sanders
Occupational & Life Skills



GALLUP CERTIFIED STRENGTHS COACH TRAINING

Warda Zaman
Human Resources



BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Protects

Each year, the Foundation provides emergency support for students and employees with unexpected needs.

The BC Foundation
made

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SAFETY NET
AWARDS

totaling

\$37,408

in the 2023–24
academic year

Safety Net Programs

The BC Safety Net program offers one-time, emergency help to Bellevue College students and staff who are dealing with unforeseen financial situations. Without this help, they might face long-term difficulties, trauma, injury, or might not be able to keep working or studying at Bellevue College.



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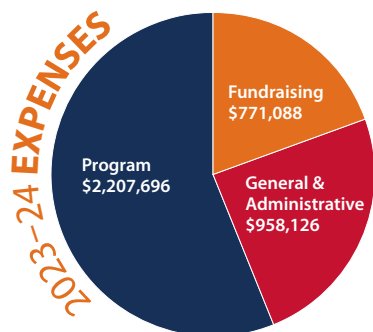
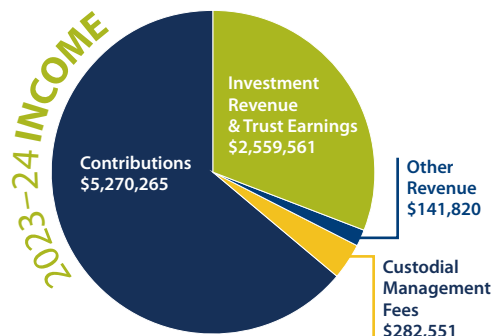
“The Safety Net support I received from Bellevue College was truly life-changing. Without it, I don’t know how I would have been able to stay in school and provide for my daughter at the same time. It gave me hope and allowed me to believe that a better future was possible.”

— BC Student

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Stewards

*A standing board Finance Committee
stewards performance and reviews
financial statements to ensure
transparency and compliance.*



Statement of Financial Position

THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2024

Assets

	2024*	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 701,317	\$ 929,463
Marketable securities	\$ 21,059,741	\$ 18,782,294
Contributions held in trust by others	\$ 2,670,868	\$ 2,986,851
Collected donations in transit	\$ 8,022	\$ 10,242
Pledges receivable, net	\$ 2,360,730	\$ 63,164
Prepaid expenses	\$ 24,036	\$ 22,883
Total assets	\$ 26,824,714	\$ 22,794,898

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 41,697	\$ 462,560
Grants payable	\$ 411,765	\$ 251,854
Total liabilities	\$ 453,462	\$ 714,413

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$ 3,923,177	\$ 2,741,126
With donor restrictions	\$ 22,447,794	\$ 19,329,744
Total net assets	\$ 26,370,971	\$ 22,070,870
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 26,824,433	\$ 22,785,283

*Preliminary, unaudited figures

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