



**BELLEVUE**  
**COLLEGE**  
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# 2014-2015 Annual Report



**STUDENT SUCCESS • ACADEMIC INNOVATION • BUILDING COMMUNITY**

It's  
Because  
of You!



**Thanks to the generosity of our individual, corporate, and foundation donors,** we are pleased to share with you the 2014-2015 Bellevue College Foundation Annual Report. Highlighted in this report are just a few of the achievements made possible by you, our valued partners.

As we plan the upcoming celebration of the college's 50th anniversary, we reflect back on BC's vast accomplishments for half a century, and look forward to even more exemplary achievements in our future. Just this past year two of BC's most innovative programs, Autism Spectrum Navigators (ASN) and Occupational and Life Skills (OLS), were replicated at colleges throughout the country.

On behalf of everyone at the college, our students, and the Foundation's dedicated and hard-working Board of Directors and volunteers, we extend profound gratitude for giving so generously of your resources this year. Each of you is a vital part of BC

and the long tradition of generosity and philanthropy that have been the hallmark of our exceptional college since 1966. Your remarkable support is making a true difference in the lives of BC students, and building a better future for our community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to BC!

Sincerely,

Signature of David L. Rule, Ph.D.

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*Bellevue College President*

Signature of Dale W. King.

Dale W. King  
*BC Foundation President*







# Your Impact

- **Increased scholarships offered by 35% for the 2015-16 school year.** More than 100 scholarships were awarded to BC students based on financial need, scholastic merit, or a combination of both.
- **Recognized four faculty and staff members through the Margin of Excellence Awards for their outstanding service to students and the college.** The Foundation recognized: Jennifer Conner from Information Technology, Chelsie Hanks from Applied Health, Keith Rowley from Business Technology Systems, and Nancy McEachran from the Developmental Education Department. Margin of Excellence Awards are a prestigious honor that includes an honorarium.
- **Hosted the 16th Annual Become Exceptional Luncheon and raised over \$255,000** in support of Bellevue College!
- **Awarded 12 Mini-Grants for creative, program-enhancing projects that would not be funded otherwise.** These Mini-Grants address diverse needs on campus, ranging from new technology (Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology's Circulatory System 3D Modeling) to course enhancements (Health Science's Medical Center Scenario-based Learning) to targeted teaching initiatives (Academic Success Center's Tutor Training for Math Students).
- **Administered two grants through the Lockwood Faculty Excellence Awards, given to projects that exemplify academic innovation.** Terry Hatcher from Diagnostic Ultrasound received a grant for "Vascular Modeling: Bridging the Gap to Sonographic Human Models." The second grant was awarded to Tim Jones, Chair of BC's Political Science program, to support The Northwest Social Justice Pilgrimage.



# Together, We Support



## STUDENT SUCCESS

BC supports the success of every student. The college is an open-access institution that prepares students to consider the next thing, not just do the current thing; to think critically, and to adapt to changing environments and emerging technologies.

- BC is the 3rd largest higher-education institution in Washington.
- At BC, students can save more than half the cost of the first two years of a college education compared to a traditional four-year institution.
- In 2015, 20 BC DECA students advanced to the national competition. The DECA organization prepares leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, and other business areas.
- BC assists specialized learners in the community with a variety of programs, including Running Start, English as a Second Language, OLS, Adult Basic Education, and Worker Retraining.
- BC will be constructing residence halls, set to open 2018, based on a growing need for on-campus student housing.
- Workforce Education students have a 77% job placement rate within 9 months of graduation.

## ACADEMIC INNOVATION

BC's adaptive teaching models, creative interdisciplinary courses, and adjustment of program and degree offerings address the emerging needs of students and the regional workforce.

- Based on the growing demand for technological skills in our region, BC will begin offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.
- BC completed construction on a 70,000-square-foot state-of-the-art health and sciences building, to provide students with great experiential learning opportunities and to meet the demand of our region's growing healthcare needs.
- Adaptive teaching models on campus include competency learning; project-based, hands-on environments; and cohort models.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

BC serves as a leader in our community by partnering with businesses, providing continuing education opportunities, and presenting community activities, programs, and public resources.

- BC adds \$172 million annually into the regional economy.
- BC works with more than 2,000 area businesses to shape the workforce in order to meet regional needs. In direct response to an expressed need, BC now offers a Bachelor of Science in Applied Accounting.
- BC is the largest provider of continuing education in the state system with over 1,000 classes serving more than 20,000 students each year.
- 80% of BC's professional and technical graduates accept jobs in King County. 100% of the employers surveyed said they would recommend hiring BC students.
- BC is home to many community events including Cycle the Wave and Aki Matsuri, and hosts K-12 students at Science Saturdays, the Central Sound Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and BC's Willard Geer Planetarium.

Become  
Exceptional  
Luncheon



**Thanks to our incredible supporters, the Bellevue College Foundation's 16th Annual Become Exceptional Luncheon raised over \$255,000.**

On April 14, 2015 nearly 700 of our community's most influential business, civic, and educational leaders and partners came together in support of quality education at Bellevue College. The event, emceed by former Seattle Seahawk Mack Strong, featured two extraordinary BC Foundation scholarship recipients. We also heard from faculty members and learned about two of BC's most innovative educational programs: the Autism Spectrum Navigators and the Civil Rights Pilgrimage.

The over a quarter million dollars raised will support student scholarships and innovative educational programs at Bellevue College. A sincere thank you to our sponsors, donors, speakers, leadership, and volunteers for making this event a success.

# From Dreams to Reality



## **Anastasia Corolenco was the 2014-15 recipient of the Debbie Killinger Scholarship for First Generation College Students.**

As a child growing up in Moldova, Anastasia often picked up prescriptions for her grandmother who was suffering from cancer. Instead of standing in line feeling bored, she observed the professionals behind the counter with great interest. It was then that she decided she wanted to help patients by working in a pharmacy.

Anastasia is currently taking pre-pharmacy courses at Bellevue College, with the goal of earning a four-year degree and becoming a registered pharmacist.

Like many students, Anastasia has a strong desire and drive to achieve her educational dreams, but lacks the funds to make it possible. Her family lives in Moldova and she has to rely on a part-time job to pay the bills. The Debbie Killinger Scholarship enables Anastasia to focus on academics and not worry as much about her finances.

BC Foundation scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic merit, or a combination of both. Throughout the years the Foundation has awarded over one million dollars in scholarship funds to deserving students.

*"My dream is to become a pharmacist, a specialist who will help people fight against diseases," explains Anastasia.*

***"I want to make the world a healthier and happier place."***

**92**  
scholarships  
totaling over  
**\$172,000**  
were awarded for  
the 2014-15  
school year

**The mission of the Bellevue College Foundation is to raise funds** to support quality education and learning opportunities for all BC students. Thanks to your support this past year, the BC Foundation has seen an increase in the funds that make BC's tremendous work possible.

**ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

**\$6,785,009**

**NEW GIFTS**

**\$1,356,513**



The BC Foundation supports many exceptional college programs, including...

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| Arabic Programs                                 | Margin of Excellence                |
| Arts & Humanities Division                      | Mathematics Department              |
| Athletics Boosters                              | Mini-Grants                         |
| Autism Spectrum Navigators                      | Model United Nations                |
| Bartschot Award                                 | Multicultural Services              |
| Bulldog Golf                                    | Nuclear Medicine Technology         |
| Bulldog Soccer                                  | Nursing                             |
| Bulldog Softball                                | OLS-Venture                         |
| Business Technology Systems                     | President's Office                  |
| Continuing Education                            | Radiation Therapy                   |
| DECA  | Science Division                    |
| Developmental Education                         | Science Fair                        |
| Diagnostic Ultrasound                           | Social Justice Leadership Institute |
| Early Learning Center                           | Social Science                      |
| Exceptional Faculty Awards                      | Staff & Faculty Safety Net          |
| Healthcare Technology & Management              | Tech Prep College Connections       |
| Hunger Relief                                   | TELOS                               |
| Institute for Business & Information Technology | Theatre Arts                        |
| Interior Design                                 | TRiO Student Support Services       |
| International Students                          | Undergraduate Research              |
| KBCS 91.3 FM                                    | Volunteer Literacy                  |
| Library Media Center                            | Women's Center                      |
|   | Workforce Education                 |

**# OF DONORS**

**FY15: 4,871**

**FY14: 4,465**



*Note: These are unaudited financials. For audited financials please contact us at (425) 564-2386 or foundation@bellevuecollege.edu.*



## From Homeless to Award-Winning Student

Alone in a new country, with no money, no job, and no English language skills, Allison Gilbert spent her days cleaning houses, her evenings at a McDonald's restaurant to keep

out of the cold, and her nights on the street. All of this adversity did nothing to dampen Allison's ambition to become a doctor, and she found a way to make her dreams a reality. She secured employment and enrolled at Bellevue College, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Receiving the 2014-15 Leona Hickman Educational Scholarship allowed Allison to continue on her path toward a medical degree. While at BC, Allison studied biology and worked as a math and science tutor. She graduated in spring 2015, and is now continuing her education at a four-year institution where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Allison's dream is to one day become a neurosurgeon.







## Ensuring that ALL BC Students Succeed!

In 2010 the BC Foundation awarded a Mini-Grant for seed money to launch the BC Autism Spectrum Navigators (ASN) Program. Since then, the program has grown and flourished, and in spring 2015 it was announced that BC's ASN would be replicated at Central Washington University (CWU).

"As a greater number of autistic students enter higher education each year, it is imperative that institutions are prepared with programs that work," said Sara Gardner, ASN program director.

Under the guidance of Gardner, ASN was created to support autistic students in accessing college programs and services. The program has seen great success for its students, including a near 95% retention rate, steady above-3.0-GPA cohort average across all three quarters, and an 86% class completion rate.

In addition to CWU, several other schools have shown their interest in implementing ASN at their institutions with more requests coming in regularly from across the country.



A few years ago, single parent and BC student Inedria Jackson realized she was working in a career she was not passionate about. She decided to return to school and pursue a

degree in criminal justice.

Inedria has long been an advocate for at-risk youth and understands the ins and outs of the criminal justice system.

Through her coursework at BC, she has gained insights on how society shapes

and is affected by criminal behavior, and she is better equipped to connect families, formal institutions, and the government to support children.

Inedria is a proud recipient of the 2014-15 Leona Hickman Educational Scholarship, the Naomi and Claude Newbury Scholarship, and the Norman and Camille Stromer Endowed Scholarship. Through the financial support of generous donors, Inedria will complete her degree in fall 2015. She is looking forward to moving into a field about which she is passionate, and for which she is uniquely suited.

## Single Mother Follows Her Passion

Twice annually, Dr. Tim Jones, chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, provides a unique opportunity for BC students to go beyond a traditional academic setting to learn more about social change and the American civil rights movement.

Jones guides students on a Civil Rights Pilgrimage through Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas to gain a better sense of the era and people who helped shape a movement.

The trips provide a hands-on opportunity to experience history outside of the classroom. The pilgrimages include visits to numerous historically significant sites and museums, including the

church where MLK gave his last speech, MLK's house, and the

bridge in Selma. Students also visit Little Rock Central High School, which was desegregated in 1957, and the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Garden, among others.

The highlight of the pilgrimage for most students and faculty alike is getting to know the activists from the movement who are still alive and active today, like Dr. Bernard Lafayette who was a Freedom Rider and helped desegregate the lunch counters in Nashville.

## Beyond the Classroom





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January 14 ..... BC's 50th Birthday

April 27 ..... Become Exceptional Luncheon

June 1 ..... Margin of Excellence Awards

June 17 ..... Commencement



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