

Bellevue College and Bellevue College Foundation

2010-11 Annual Report

Our community steps forward to Advance Student Success

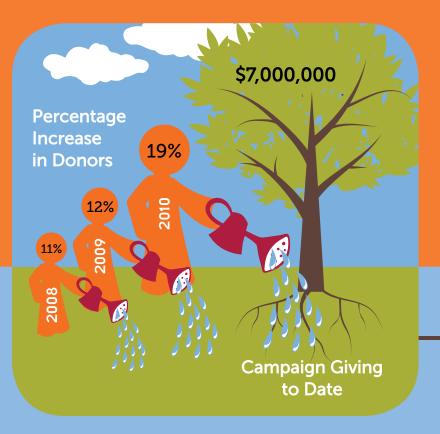


Striding Forward

In 2010, Bellevue College...

Surpassed our goals on the \$7 million community Campaign to Advance Student Success, thanks to the magnanimity of our friends and supporters.

- Earned baccalaureate accreditation. In addition to providing all the offerings of a community college, we now offer two applied bachelor's degrees in Radiation and Diagnostic Imaging and in Interior Design. Applied degrees provide work-related skills with a strong general education underpinning, degrees we believe are at the front wave of higher education's future.
- Received \$9.4 million in grant support from federal, state and private sources, including:
 - National Science Foundation and Dept. of Health and Human Services, to develop Health Information Technology (IT) certification standards and training curricula and expansion of Health IT training throughout 10 western states.
 - A Dept. of Education (DOE) award to help students facing financial and physical challenges.
 - Dept. of Education (DOE) funding to lower costs for students by renting out electronic textbooks on netbooks.
 - A Microsoft Corporation grant to help veterans complete their education and successfully move into a career.
- Acquired land in the Issaquah Highlands for future development as a Bellevue College East Campus and a building near Microsoft's Redmond campus as a permanent North Campus home for BC's Continuing Education programs, thus cutting an ongoing lease obligation from our annual budget.



- Partnered with the UW Bothell to launch a Bachelor of Business program with a concurrent admissions process for Chinese national students.
- Improved student retention and increased the number of degrees awarded.

Our Community Steps Forward to Advance Student Success

Dear Community Friends:

Rising to meet challenges is an exceptional characteristic in an individual, in an institution and in a community.

We were lifted by many positive developments at BC this year, including accreditation as a baccalaureate institution, inauguration of a new teaching and learning commons that was funded by one of our donors and acquisition of a permanent home in north Bellevue for our continuing education program that serves mid-career adult learners, one of the largest and most successful programs of its kind in the state.

In an extraordinary year that careened between the formidable challenge of deep funding cuts and excitement for new opportunities, far and away the most momentous development has been the exceptional increase in support we have received from you, our donors and volunteers in the community.



Through your generous support we have been able to offer extraordinary learning opportunities for students, such as the digital planetarium that permits astronomy students to experience our galaxy in three dimensions and "Sim-man," a portable and advanced patient simulator that enables nursing students to apply their knowledge and skill and get immediate feedback. We have also kept the door from closing on hundreds of students because of the scholarships you've made possible.

This year, in the midst of the economic turmoil that has impacted all of us, it certainly would have been understandable if our donors had withdrawn or cut back or if the college would have reduced its aspirations for high quality educational delivery as it reached out to serve an unprecedented number of students.

But that's not what happened.

With a surge of giving that sets you apart from your peers elsewhere, you and an increasing number of your neighbors in our community have stepped forward to contribute over \$7 million to our Campaign to Advance Student Success. And for our part, while the college has obviously had to scale things back to deal with our new reality, we continued to keep our eyes on our students' success and getting people back into the labor market as soon as possible. By supporting our campaign objectives, you have enhanced student learning by enabling us to employ new teaching methods and technology. And together we are building regional economic strength by infusing the workforce with the new skills and talent employers need right now.

Your gifts carried greater weight than ever before as we have needed your help to continue to provide high quality education that meets our students' and community's needs. Your generosity and your concern for our students have been overwhelm-ing — and humbling.

Because of you, many students, who otherwise would have been unable, continued their education; because of you students have had access to learning tools that enhance their knowledge and skills; because of you more students were able to reskill and get back into the job market; because of you more students succeeded.

You have risen to our call to keep the fire of learning burning in these most challenging times. Thank you, most profoundly, for all you do for Bellevue College

Sincerely,

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Champions of Student Success

The following pages feature lead donors to the Campaign to Advance Student Success, as well as a roster of all those who have stepped forward so far to give of their personal resources to help students succeed and improve the future for our community. David Nelson's entrepreneurial success is a model for the longterm business plans of BC student and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran David Zarate.

> "Scholarships change lives not just by helping students stay in school to complete their education. Moreover, students are motivated – knowing that someone else believes they have what it takes to succeed – a message that can make all the difference for a student just starting out." ~ Robin Nelson



Robin and David Nelson

Giving Back through Student Scholarships

Robin and David Nelson were fresh out of high school when they took classes together at newly founded Bellevue Community College. They cherish those days in college and are eager to give others the same experience. Robin joined the Foundation Board and our Scholarship Committee — which she has chaired for many years. The Nelson's Campaign gift funds scholarships for students pursuing studies in business and construction management.

Two Decades of Generosity

Al and Linda Courter's unflagging belief in the mission of community colleges has motivated their sustained generosity toward Bellevue College for two full decades. They have led capital campaigns, endowed an Interior Design student scholarship and funded numerous upgrades to our athletics facilities. In gratitude for their positive impact on so many BC students, we named our baseball field in the Courters' honor.

Al and Linda Courter and grandchildren

"I'm a community college graduate. I know the impact a college like BC has on individual lives. BC trains students to think, to know what's going on around them in the world and to work in teams with others – in the classroom, on the field and in the business world." ~ Al Courter

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> > Al and Linda Courters' generosity was publicly honored in 1994 when the BC Bulldog baseball field was named in their honor. Here, BC student Casey Bohlmann delivers a fastball for strike three!

New resources and new teaching methods built around advanced, technology-based knowledge, will be achieved through the new Teaching and Learning Center being made possible by the Rosens' Campaign gift. Here, BC Instructor Linda Walker teaches Animation 121 students the art of Adobe Photoshop.

"I never clicked with academic study in high school. It was Bellevue College, with its smaller classes and instructors who cared about me personally, that brought me face to face with my own abilities and inspired me to achieve." ~ Stan Rosen



Stan and Michele Rosen

Fulfilling the Virtuous Circle

Stan and Michele Rosen are passionately committed to the concept of the Virtuous Circle, the belief that creating opportunities in one's community is the best investment. The articulation of that "pay it forward" angle is reflected in their campaign gift that will fund a new Teaching and Learning Center. Creating future educational opportunities is a wonderful complement to their current support of many regional charities on both sides of Lake Washington.

An Entrepreneurial Approach to Giving

Mike and Pam Kalian, members of an entire family of entrepreneurs, understand the importance of being ready to seize unforeseen opportunities. So they designated their Campaign gift as "where needed most," giving the college the flexibility to apply it however it will best help students. In another reflection of their enterprising spirit, the Kalians' often take students under their wing personally, to support them directly as they launch their adult lives.

"Successful entrepreneurship requires an investment of faith in oneself and one's community. We support Bellevue College because it develops in its students the confidence, capabilities and civic awareness to invest successfully in themselves and their

~ Michael Kalian

Michael and Pam Kalian and daughter Tara

Unrestricted gifts such as the Kalians' afford the college the flexibility to target unforeseen opportunities and needs. Here, BC student Gina Ori learns complex chemistry from instructor Jacqui Drak with the aid of the ChemDraw Ultra program, a Mini-Grant purchase. Zulayko Alimova is dreaming big, studying Business Administration with plans to launch a successful entrepreneurial career. With perseverance and determination, Zulayko is overcoming the challenges of moving from Uzbekistan to the United States and she is already tremendously successful at school, maintaining a 3.73 GPA. The Norman and Camille Stromer Scholarship gives Zulayko the chance to work towards a new life filled with hope for a better future and to fulfill her dreams.

> "If someone wants to make a permanent impact on education, folks should consider a planned gift – such as a bequest or an annuity or life insurance. That way you can be assured that you will provide help to generations of deserving students to come." ~ Norm Stromer

Norman and Camille Stromer Scholarship

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When long-time BC donor Norm Stromer saw the effectiveness of his endowed scholarship being temporarily eroded by the economic downturn, the former combat pilot acted swiftly. Working creatively with his financial advisor, Doug McCallum, Norm gave the college an existing income annuity. That income is rebuilding principal in his existing scholarship endowment and funding 15 new scholarships for immediate use by deserving students.



Dear Friends of Bellevue College:

I am proud to be President of the Bellevue College Foundation Board. As a son, uncle, employer and neighbor of BC students, I have seen firsthand the positive impact BC can have on its students. Growing up across the freeway from the college, I was impressed by the ways BC gives back to our community. Let me say how impressed I have been this year by all that the community has given to BC. You have stepped up to help us and our students through the toughest economic times in the past 80 years, and your giving stands out as a national model of generosity and community engagement.

While giving to higher education has been falling nationally, your gifts to the Campaign to Advance Student Success have gone the other way – totaling \$7 million over the past two years! While the timing of our campaign unfortunately coincided with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, your extraordinary response indicates you understand education is the single most

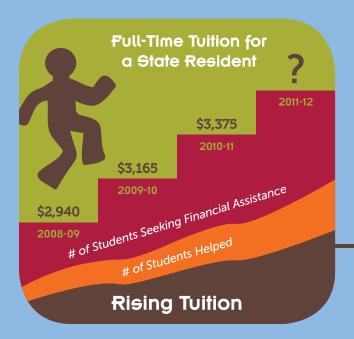


important resource we have for helping people overcome the challenges of life and our current economic situation.

As a result of our campaign, the college now has considerable new resources to help students succeed in school, to build educational strength by applying innovative, technology-based teaching methods and to purchase current equipment that prepares students for the workplace they will enter upon graduation.

Your annual support of Bellevue College Foundation provided in excess of 500 scholarships during the 2009-2010 academic year. BCF awarded 164 student scholarships providing assistance for full or partial costs of tuition, books and fees at Bellevue College. Emergency aid was awarded in 281 instances, allowing students faced with unexpected circumstances to stay in school. Through cooperative agreements with the Bellevue College Early Learning Center and 36 partnering preschools and daycares, BCF provided enhancements to program offerings and stipends to enable parents to be able to fully participate in school at Bellevue College and pursue their educational goals.

In the fall at our donor/scholar event I was so impressed by the story of Lara Kropp. The mother of three was holding down two jobs and working seven days a week while going to school full-time. She described sitting at the dining table with her older kids as they all worked on homework together. I was touched to learn that a BC Foundation scholarship allowed her to give up her weekend job and spend more time with her family. To quote Lara, "It sounds like a lot, but what's really cool about it is knowing as my children grow up, they watch and learn from my dedication. I find my children acknowledge my hard work and in turn, they work hard at school as well. Receiving a scholarship has also given me another sense of purpose and a sense that someone else out there is rooting for me and my educational success. And one day, I hope my career in genetic



research will be able to improve lives and give back to others."

On behalf of everyone at the college, our students and the Foundation's dedicated and hard-working directors and volunteers, I extend our profound gratitude for giving so generously of your resources this year.

Your exceptional support is making a true difference in the lives of BC students, and building a better future for our community.

Sincerely,

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Our community is stepping forward in greater numbers than ever before to support the college's Campaign to Advance Student Success. Gifts to date total more than \$7 million. The profound gratitude of Bellevue College and the Bellevue College Foundation go to all of our generous donors and hardworking campaign volunteers.

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