

2015-2016

# *Annual Report*

Celebrating 50 years of...



Student Success, Academic Innovation, & Building Community



## *You Make it Possible*

Since 1966 when Bellevue College opened its doors, we have grown to become a leader in higher education by evolving to meet the growing needs of our community. We are proud to play an integral role in strengthening the region's social and economic success with great appreciation of the generosity from you, our donors.

**This has been a landmark year at BC as we celebrate our 50th anniversary of continuing excellence in higher education** and ensuring that BC is a place where students, faculty and staff, and the community are able to achieve personal and academic success.

**In following our own precedence, BC is responding to the growing demand** for technological skills in our region and will soon offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

**We also celebrated with our partner institution, Complexe Scholaire Bellevue, in Lubumbashi,** Democratic Republic of Congo at their official ribbon-cutting ceremony. The school is expected to be one of the largest and most modern secondary schools in Central Africa.

**Today we are proud to share how your contributions to the Bellevue College Foundation** have served this past year's endeavors in educating and empowering BC students and the impact that resonates in our community. We were extremely encouraged by your support of BC as we launched We are BC, a fundraising campaign to highlight what connects us – from students to faculty to staff to community partners to parents and family of students – We are BC.

**From all of us at the college, thank you for believing in and supporting student success, academic innovation, and community.** We look forward to what we will collectively accomplish in the next 50 years.

Sincerely,

Laura Celis  
BC Foundation President

Dr. Ata Karim, Vice President of Student Affairs, celebrates the opening of our partner school in the DRC, Complexe Scholaire Bellevue.





# We are BC!

## STUDENT SUCCESS

} With an annual enrollment of over 33,000, including 1,700 international students from 65 countries, BC is the third largest higher education institution in Washington.

} BC graduates had the highest median wage (\$48,200) compared to all Washington colleges and universities for those earning a bachelor's degree in 2012.\*

} BC's Interior Design program was named among the top 20 programs in the world according to Webneel.com and top 10 in the nation by Study.com.

## ACADEMIC INNOVATION

} BC offers research experiences for students in their first two years of undergraduate work that are not readily available even at the big four-year institutions.

} BC is a nationally recognized trailblazer in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education.

} BC offers OLS (Occupational and Life Skills), a specialized associate degree program designed for adults with cognitive disabilities, the first of its kind in the nation.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

} BC is the largest provider of continuing education in the state.

} 100% of managers surveyed said they would recommend hiring BC graduates.

} 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.

*\*Analysis conducted by the Education Research & Data Center*

1962

Voters pass a \$575,000 levy to establish a college.

1966

The college opens its doors to its temporary home at Newport High School.

1967

Ground is broken for the first phase of campus construction.

## Rising to the Challenge

In honor of BC's 50th anniversary, the BC Foundation's Board of Directors raised a special pool of funds in support of 50 new student scholarships. The "50 for the 50th" Scholarships would not have been possible without the support and driving force of donors Berthe and Stanley Habib. Berthe, a former Foundation Board member, has seen firsthand the need for financial support for BC students; for 28 years, she taught mathematics at BC.



**"One of my beliefs is that Higher Education helps change one's life," explains Berthe. "What worries me most, however, is the high cost of college today. The only barrier for many prospective students to receiving a quality education at BC is the cost of tuition."**

The Foundation reached out to 22 high schools in our district and asked for nominations of graduating seniors. We also invited each of the six BC divisions to nominate the students they felt were most deserving.

In addition to championing the "50 for the 50th" Scholarships, in 2005 Berthe and Stanley established the Habib STEM Scholarship which has helped numerous BC students throughout the years.

Thank you to Berthe and Stanley Habib and the rest of our dedicated Foundation Board for contributing the funds for the "50 for the 50th" Scholarships, and to all of our donors who have supported BC students by giving to scholarships!

## Achieving her Dreams

Marleny Monterrozo-Carmelo was the 2015-2016 recipient of the Dreamers Scholarship.



Single mother Marleny is the first in her family to attend college. When she was young, her parents immigrated to the United States from Guatemala in hopes of creating more and better opportunities for their children. Marleny has every intention of pursuing these opportunities and creating a bright future for herself and for her son.

As a recipient of the Dreamers Scholarship, she has been able to pursue her education with fewer concerns

1978

BC Foundation  
is founded.

1984

Margin of  
Excellence (MoE)  
Awards established  
for faculty & staff.

1993

A period of  
construction  
begins that will  
nearly double the  
square footage  
of campus.

about finances. Marleny will earn her associate's degree from BC and then transfer to a university, where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in communication. Her dream is to become a successful public relations professional and to provide a better future for her son.

The BC Foundation actively supports the dreams and success of BC students by providing scholarships. For the 2016-17 academic year, the Foundation has awarded \$296,450 to 164 deserving students, based on financial need, merit, or a combination of both.

## Broadcasting from BC: 91.3 KBCS

The BC Foundation is thrilled to partner with 91.3 KBCS. Broadcasting from the BC campus, KBCS is public radio providing Puget Sound with essential music and news. Listeners tune in to hear an unparalleled mix of new and classic worldbeat, folk, and jazz, in addition to unique and vital news and analysis.

Beginning on July 1, listeners heard a new vibe on weekdays when KBCS shifted and streamlined its schedule. Listeners now enjoy news and talk radio throughout the morning and a variety of music from noon through the evening.

KBCS leadership made the schedule change based on a two-year study of audience surveys and listening data. By bundling news and talk in the morning, and music from noon until 5 a.m., the station hopes to provide listeners with an even better listening experience.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- } 91.3 KBCS is the Eastside's only public radio station.
- } Over 150 volunteer hosts, producers, and journalists deliver much of the music and news heard on the station.
- } KBCS went live in February of 1973, with a tiny 10 watt transmitter and equipment donated by KING-FM.

2000

First annual  
Become  
Exceptional  
Luncheon is held.

2005

100 MoE  
awards given to  
date. Funds raised  
for new instructional  
equipment for BC's  
Willard Geer  
Planetarium.

2009

BCC becomes  
Bellevue College  
and begins  
offering bachelor's  
degrees.

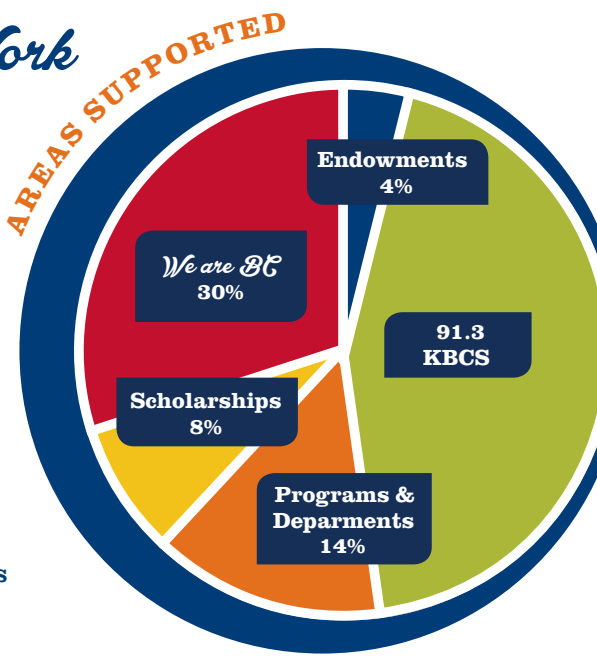


# Your Dollars at Work

The mission of the Bellevue College Foundation is to raise funds to support quality education and learning opportunities for all BC students.

**TOTAL RAISED**  
**\$1,461,324**

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



**The BC Foundation proudly supports many exceptional college programs, including:**

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



# Together Making a Difference

## BC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

**} Nearly doubled the number of students awarded scholarships for the 2016-17 school year.** 171 scholarships were awarded to 164 deserving students based on financial need, scholastic merit, or a combination of both.

**} Administered two grants through the Lockwood Faculty Excellence Awards, given to projects that exemplify academic innovation.** Fernando Perez from the English department received a grant for expanding experiential learning opportunities through the BC Student Art Walk. The second grant was awarded to Kyle Barber of Marketing to support Bellevue College's national award-winning student DECA program.

**} Recognized four faculty and staff members through the Margin of Excellence Awards for their remarkable commitment to students and the college.** The Foundation recognized: Zak Yousuf from TRIO Student Services, Rusty Wire from Athletics, Frances Jurcik from Nursing, and Eric Nacke from ESL Developmental Education. Margin of Excellence Awards are a prestigious honor that includes an honorarium.

**} Awarded 13 Mini-Grants for creative, program-enhancing projects that would not be funded otherwise.** Mini-Grant awards address diverse needs on campus, including new technology, such as Biology's purchase of two compound microscopes and two muscled arm models. This technology will better prepare students who pursue careers in health care or research. The Anthropology department was also awarded funds for a 3D printer, which will allow students, especially those with visual impairments, to produce low-cost models for use at home when enrolled in an online course.



**Top:** 2016 Margin of Excellence recipients Zak Yousuf, Frances Jurcik, Rusty Wire, and Eric Nacke  
**Bottom:** A display at the BC Art Gallery

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2016-2017 Board Membership

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 2016

**Oct. 10-15**.....Homecoming Week

**Oct. 15**.....BC Quarterly

**Nov. 9**.....Donor & Scholar Reception

**Nov. 14**.....Washington State  
Supreme Court Visit to BC

### 2017

**Jan. 7**.....50th Anniversary Gala

**Feb. 10**.....BC Quarterly: Corks & Canvas

**April 14**.....Scholarship Read Day

**April 26**.....Become Exceptional Luncheon

**June 7**.....Margin of Excellence Awards

**June 16**.....Commencement