



**2018–2019
Annual Report**

**BELLEVUE
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FOUNDATION

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I would like to express my deep gratitude for your support of the Bellevue College (BC) Foundation this past year. Your investment supporting BC is powerful because it has a direct impact. You provide funding for student scholarships, curriculum development and innovative technology in the classroom.

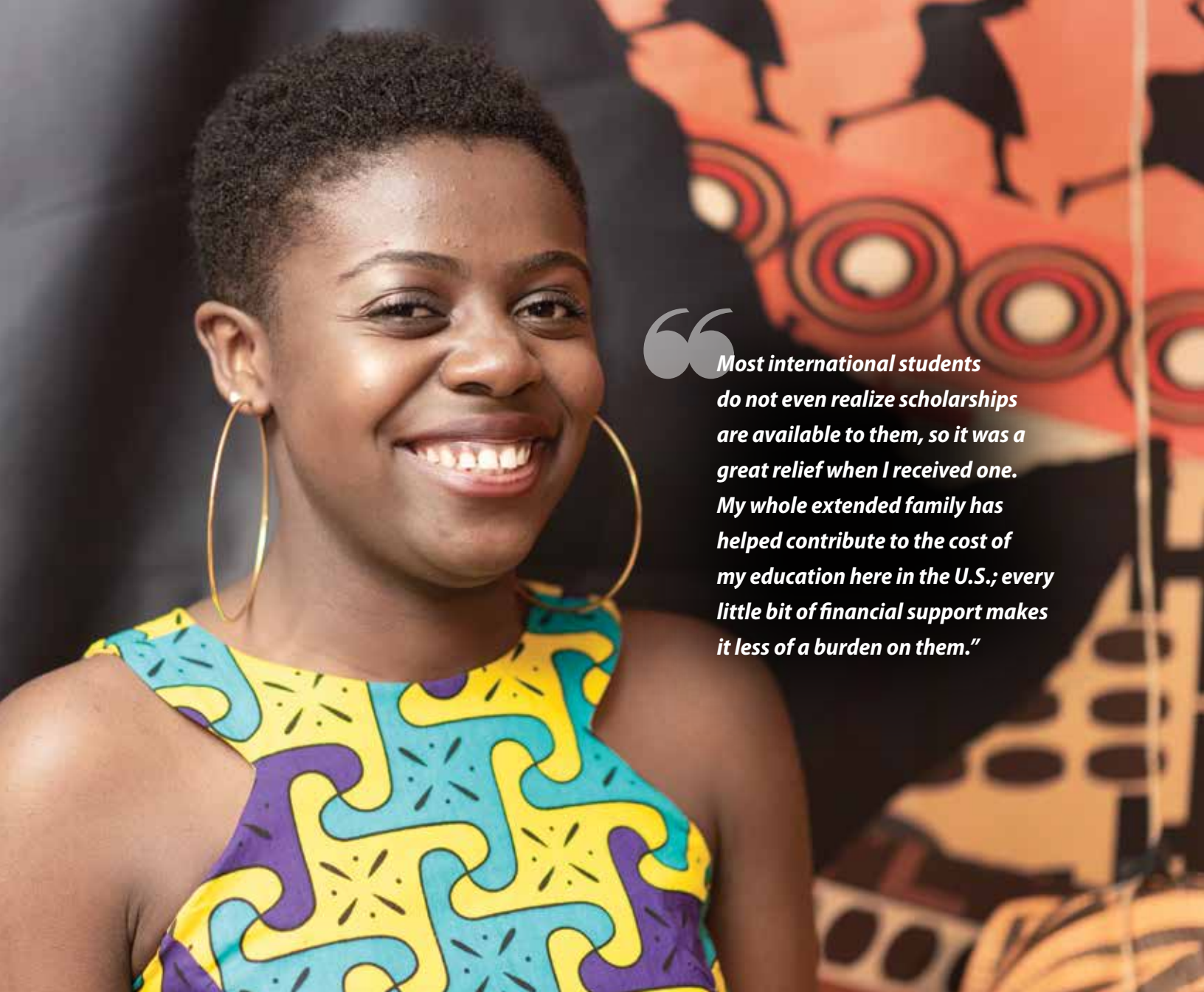
Your support made it possible for us to have one of our most impactful years to date. Thanks to our partners like you, we awarded \$364,000 in scholarships—\$87,300 more than last year! This is just one of the accomplishments highlighted in this report—all made possible by you.

Through your gift, you not only contribute to the vitality of the BC campus, but you also bolster the overall vitality of our community. Graduates from BC are our community's engineers, teachers, nurses, designers, computer programmers, business managers and so much more. Thank you for providing them with the skills to be competitive in the workforce and part of a community that celebrates their achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim R. Chesemore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jim R. Chesemore
BC Foundation President



“Most international students do not even realize scholarships are available to them, so it was a great relief when I received one. My whole extended family has helped contribute to the cost of my education here in the U.S.; every little bit of financial support makes it less of a burden on them.”

Natalie Murumbi

OUR FUTURE CPA

Natalie Murumbi is an international student from Zimbabwe. She received her Associate in Business Degree in Spring 2019 through the transfer program at BC.

“Coming to the U.S. to study is a difficult and challenging endeavor, such as visa hurdles and being so far away from friends and family in a new country, and learning about a new culture. The added stress and pressures of paying for college can be daunting, to say the least.”

Natalie believes that her advisors at BC also were integral to her success, from the first time she met with an advisor who listened and helped her navigate the process, to their last meeting. She knows that her advisor deeply cares about her success.

We checked in with Natalie this summer and she has been accepted to Seattle University where she will pursue her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and work to fulfill her dream job of becoming a certified public accountant (CPA).

Because of the generosity of our donors, the BC Foundation awarded \$364,000 in scholarships to 175 students last year. More than 40% of all students at BC received some sort of financial aid last year. Our students and their families continue to count on donors like you to make higher education an attainable dream.

“ASN gave me useful strategies to problem-solve when I ran into a roadblock with a class or professor and helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses. BC had a more professional atmosphere than where I’d studied before and the classes were at a higher level, but at the same time there was a lot of support too. It was a great mix.”



Erik Uri

FULFILLING HIS DREAMS AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Erik Uri received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Spring 2018 from Bellevue College. BC is the only college in the Washington State Community and Technical College system to offer a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Erik credits the faculty in the college's computer science program, as well as staff in BC's ASN program, for helping him attain his dream job as a software engineer shortly after graduation.

The ASN program, now called Neurodiversity Navigators, offers individualized advocacy and access services, as well as educational opportunities for autistic students. BC's ASN program started with seed funding from a BC Foundation Mini-Grant. ASN is nationally recognized and ranked 25th in the nation by CollegeChoice.net.

The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$86,320 in May 2018, which was higher than the median annual wage for all occupations of \$38,640.

U.S. BUREAU OF
LABOR STATISTICS



I wanted to keep learning and conditioning myself so that when I could afford to go to school, I could just jump right in. Finally, I looked into community colleges and found a perfect match, Bellevue College. BC has great science labs, student resources, and the tuition is one-half of what the university's was."



Stephanie Torres

BECOMING A VETERINARIAN

Stephanie Torres is in the transfer degree program at BC and plans to continue her education at the University of Washington, where she will pursue her bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. She will then pursue a master's degree in Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. Stephanie's career goal is to become a veterinary doctor of exotic animals.

Stephanie credits much of her success at BC to receiving the Costco Student of Diversity Scholarship through the BC Foundation, which allowed her to focus more on her studies. Receiving this scholarship helped reduce her financial need and remove a barrier to her success. Stephanie has also utilized many student resources at BC, such as TRiO and the Academic Success Center. With help from the scholarship and these programs, Stephanie has been able to maintain high grades and exceed her initial expectations and goals. Stephanie feels strongly that a key to success is to have clear goals and a plan for achieving them—and BC fit perfectly into her plans.

More students like Stephanie are choosing to obtain their associate transfer degree at Bellevue College because their tuition rates are 51% less than the national average public four-year tuition of \$7,056.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION'S 2017-2018
AND 2016-2017 IPEDS
SURVEY RESPONSE



Through the Running Start program, I had the incredible opportunity to take Astronomy in the planetarium at BC, which only fortified my passion for the subject. This scholarship gave me more academic confidence and knowing that I have been given this scholarship has encouraged me to finalize my post-high school plans at BC."

Brenna Bruce

HAS HER EYES SET ON NASA

Brenna Bruce was in the Running Start program at BC as a high school student and is currently pursuing her Associate in Arts & Sciences Degree with an anticipated graduation in 2020.

BC Foundation awarded Brenna the Biella Foundation Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship has allowed Brenna to focus more on her studies and reduce her worries about paying for college. She now has more confidence and this financial support has helped her finalize plans for her academic future.

Brenna's dream is to work as a science communicator for NASA. Whether it is teaching, writing or working in the media, she wants to help make the public more scientifically literate and inspire a new generation of scientific thinkers.

Running Start allows 11th and 12th graders to take college courses tuition free, while earning their high school diploma. Students are still responsible for fees, books and transportation. Your support of the BC Foundation can help a Running Start student accelerate their progress through the education system.

\$3,240

**National average cost for
fees, books + transportation**

2018–19 College Board estimate



DEDICATED TO STUDENT SUCCESS



In August 2018, the Bellevue College community and local leaders celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Student Success Center. Slated for completion in early 2020, the project will create an integrated and seamless service experience for students by housing multiple support programs in one state-of-the-art facility. It will be prominently located at the main entrance to the college, making it easy for new students, and visitors, to get more information about the institution.

Your Dollars at Work

- Our donors gave \$2,197,306 in support of BC students and programs last year
- Awarded 24% more for scholarships than the previous year
- Provided funding for innovative programming and equipment impacting 20,132 students

Serving the Community

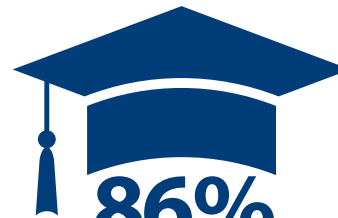
- Largest open access institution of higher education in Washington, serving nearly 30,000 students
- BC employs 1,548 faculty and staff members
- We welcome students from across the Puget Sound region and from more than 60 countries

Why Bellevue College?

- 81% of all enrollments are in programs leading to a degree or certificate
- 86% of graduates are employed within 24 months of leaving BC
- Nationally ranked 20th in Best Community & Career College by Salary Potential in PayScale.com's College Salary Report 2018–19



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2017

2018

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24% INCREASE

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OCTOBER 10

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2020

MARCH 27

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MARCH 30

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