



# LEGACIES

Central Oregon Community College Foundation

August 2011

## *John and Betty Gray Scholarship Grant* Supporting Early Childhood Education Students

The COCC Foundation has been receiving the John and Betty Gray Scholarship Grant since 2005 in support of Early Childhood Education (ECE) scholarships. This scholarship fund comes from the Betty Gray Early Childhood Development Endowment Fund at the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and is distributed to all Oregon community colleges that offer ECE programs.

Through this grant, the COCC Foundation has supported 12 students since 2005 and has received more than \$17,600 in funding from this program.

The Gray family's goal was to improve the quality of early childhood education in Oregon by making parenting education, early literacy and professional development for those who work in the child-care field more available across the state.

Funds from the John and Betty Gray Early Childhood Initiative and the Betty Gray Endowment - Early Childhood Development Fund have allowed OCF to  
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*Dr. Amy Howell instructs COCC Early Childhood Education students.*

## *Miller Match Summary*

Thanks to generous donors, the COCC Foundation was able to meet the \$50,000 matching gift challenge from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation for all three years that it was offered. The COCC Foundation selected the Miller Scholarship recipients based upon financial need and students' demonstrated promise. A total of 46 scholarships—each for \$2,500—was awarded from 2009-11.

The Miller Foundation's objective was two-fold: first, encourage students to attend Oregon's community colleges; second, to help those community colleges increase their capacity for generating scholarship support.



*Gene Fritz, the new head chef and director of the Cascade Culinary Institute, began his term at COCC participating in service at the Foundation's annual Meal of the Year benefit.*



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## A Thank You to All Who Help Build COCC

from the President

The coming 12-month period will truly be transformational here in Central Oregon. The opening of academic facilities in Madras and Prineville, along with three instructional buildings on the Bend campus, will mark major changes in higher education here in our region. With each of these buildings, we have many individuals and organizations to be thankful to, and I want to acknowledge them as I update you on our progress.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY

In Jefferson County, we have the Bean Foundation that provided a donation of up to 45 acres of land for COCC. We are now nearing completion of our first-ever COCC-owned building in Jefferson County. We also thank the voters throughout Central Oregon for their support and vote of confidence in passing the November 2009 bond measure that is helping to fund this and many of our other construction projects. And, finally, we thank the Jefferson County Commissioners who have allocated additional money that helped us fully fund a larger community room that can be used for both classrooms and community meetings, seating up to 100 people.

### CROOK COUNTY

In Crook County, we continue to work with our partners at the County, OSU-Extension and OSU-Open Campus on our 12,000-square-foot building that includes seven flexible meeting rooms and classrooms and offers 65 wired and wireless public computer stations. The 2009 bond is providing \$1 million toward this building with the rest coming from

a successful grant obtained by the partnership from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Broadband USA initiative. That grant will also help fund some of the current and future courses we will be providing to assist residents of Crook County.

While both of these projects produce physical buildings, more importantly, they build new opportunity. They create broader options for residents of the more rural parts of our District to seek advice, to explore college and to begin changing their lives. For individuals and for these communities, the fall will truly be an important milestone in shaping their futures.

### BEND

In Bend, we are extremely excited about the opening of the Jungers Culinary Center. You should soon be hearing about the long-anticipated grand opening, and we hope you will be able to join us. In addition to Frank and Julie Jungers, we thank the many donors who have made this building a reality. Culinary advocates and students have dreamed of such a facility for years. We will now see significant expansion of the instructional program and the opening of *Elevation*—the facility's restaurant which provides a learning lab for our students.

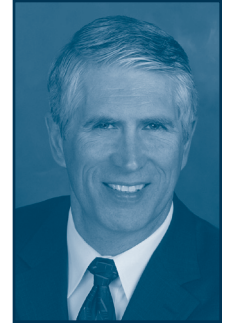
Finally, progress continues with two other critical instructional buildings in Bend. The health careers building will house the nursing, medical and dental assisting, massage therapy and pharmacy technician programs. It will have a tremendous impact on the future of hundreds of health care

professionals in our region. This facility is an impressive structure coming to life along College Way, just across from the Barber Library. It should be complete sometime in the spring. The science building—near the middle of campus—is just a few months behind the health careers building and will propel us forward in helping to educate future scientists, engineers, medical professionals and others with updated labs and a 21st-century learning environment.

These two buildings were funded primarily by the bond measure, with an additional allocation from the 2007 Oregon State Legislature. I also want to thank the many faculty members and members of our construction office for their tireless work on assuring that these facilities will serve us well for decades to come.

As I said at the beginning, this year will be a transformational one for Central Oregon. Twelve months from now, we will look back in amazement of all that we have been able to accomplish, thanks to the support of so many Central Oregonians, many of whom are your fellow donors to the COCC Foundation. Your commitment, your vision and your support have truly made a transformational difference.

*Thank you!*



Dr. James Middleton  
COCC President

# Individual Retirement Accounts and Insurance

Two ways of giving that are often overlooked

If you have interest in benefitting a charity or charities through your estate plans, there are two vehicles that are often overlooked: gifts via an Individual Retirement Account and gifts via life insurance. Here are brief thoughts on each.

## INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

When an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is established at least one beneficiary is required to be named who will receive the assets upon death. Although most named beneficiaries are individuals, the beneficiary can also be a charity—which offers tax and philanthropic benefits:

### Assets Pass Tax-Free

Designating a charity as the IRA beneficiary means that assets are not taxed as they pass to the beneficiary upon death. On the other hand, if

an individual is designated as beneficiary then ordinary income tax is leveled on any withdrawals from the IRA (which generally must begin immediately upon transfer).

Unlike regular taxable investment accounts, assets in an IRA do not “step-up” in basis but rather the entire amount of a traditional IRA is fully taxable at ordinary income tax rates.

### Avoidance of Estate Taxes

Though the assets in the IRA technically remain as a part of the taxable estate when the beneficiary is a charity, the estate will be entitled to a charitable deduction in the amount




*Jim Weaver*  
Executive Director  
COCC Foundation

of the donation. This means that the estate is not liable for estate taxes on the amount of the IRA designated as a charitable contribution.

## GIFTS OF EXISTING INSURANCE

This can be a significant vehicle when you have a life insurance policy that is no longer needed. By naming a charity or charities as the beneficiary, you are able to make a significant contribution while also removing the assets from the taxable assets of the estate. To do so, all you need to do is contact the insurance provider and request the appropriate change of beneficiary form to fill out, sign and return.

To discuss these or other estate planning possibilities, or to discuss the COCC Foundation, please contact Jim Weaver at 541.383.7212 or [jweaver@cocc.edu](mailto:jweaver@cocc.edu)

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## Meal of the Year Honors Dr. Paul & Kathie Eckman

Event raises more than \$187,000

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation's 36th annual Meal of the Year and Taste of the Town benefit events raised more than \$187,000 for scholarship assistance for COCC students and related COCC Foundation activities.

"We thank all the wonderful people who made this possible," said Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation. "The success of these events will allow us to do the important work of awarding full tuition and fees scholarships for very deserving students for the next year."

The 2010-11 COCC Foundation scholarship program provided 320 students financial assistance totaling more than \$750,000. A full scholarship for last year was \$2,500.

This year Dr. Paul and Mrs. Kathie Eckman were honored for their longtime support of the COCC Foundation scholarship program as well as many other causes in Central Oregon and beyond.

The COCC Foundation hosted its two scholarship fundraisers March 4 and 5 on the Bend campus. Taste of the Town featured samplings from more than 20 restaurants in Central Oregon, as well as live music from local favorites The River Pigs and MOsley WOtta. The Meal of the Year event featured a gourmet four-course dinner created by the High Desert Chefs Association and a live auction. Guests enjoyed acoustic guitar and original music from singer-songwriter Gary Fulkerson.



*Dr. Paul and Kathie Eckman accept award from COCC president James Middleton*

## Campus Band Rocks, T-shirts Benefit Scholarships

Faculty and administrators entertain while supporting students

A year ago, five members of the multifaceted COCC faculty and administration pooled their talents to form a campus band, dubbed "F'n'A," to headline such prestigious engagements as the Bookstore's sidewalk sale and the all-campus meeting.

Members of the band include Tom Barry, associate professor of sociology, lead guitar; Aimee Metcalf, director of admissions, guitar; Kevin Multop, director of financial aid, bass guitar; Gordon Price, director of student services, vocals and drums; and Sean Rule, assistant professor of math, drums and vocals.

"Sean started talking about doing T-shirts for fun, and we quickly realized we might be able to raise some cash for the Foundation," explained Aimee. "Sean actually did the screen printing himself in his garage." T-shirt sales netted \$600 for the COCC Foundation's scholarship fund.



*Backed up by band members from COCC's faculty and administration, Sean Rule rocks on vocals.*

"Any little bit we can do is a big plus for us," said Sean. "If even one student is helped, then we've made an impact. Stay tuned as we work on our first EP (short for extended-play musical recording); all profits will go directly to the COCC Foundation as well. Rock on!"

## Meet Head Chef Gene Fritz

Impressed with community enthusiasm

Eugene Fritz, former director of education at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Seattle and a chef and culinary arts instructor at several of the top culinary arts programs in the western United States, started as the director and executive chef of the Cascades Culinary Institute last February.

“During my first months at the Cascade Culinary Institute, I have been overwhelmed with hospitality. I am impressed with the solid foundation of passionately engaged faculty and students,” says Chef Fritz. “I have never seen a community rally with such enthusiasm and support for a culinary arts program in my career.”



*Chef Gene Fritz*

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*“I have never seen a community rally with such enthusiasm and support for a culinary arts program...”*

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Chef Fritz has worked in restaurants, restaurant management and culinary education for the past 25 years. Most recently, he provided leadership for the academic, career services and facility operations for Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Seattle, from 2008 through 2010.

Prior to that, he was executive chef and culinary arts instructor at Colorado State University in the Restaurant and Resort Management program, director of culinary operations at the Johnson and Wales University College of Culinary Arts in Denver, and culinary educator and executive chef at the School of Hospitality Business Management program at Washington State University.

Chef Fritz received his initial culinary training at the Culinary Institute of America’s flagship campus in Hyde Park, NY, where he later served as graduate fellow and chef de cuisine at one of the institute’s teaching restaurants.

“Chef Fritz brings passion to the job and a clear dedication to students,” COCC President Jim Middleton said. “He also brings balanced understanding of the community college mission, awareness of university-level hospitality options and sensitivity to ‘bottom line’ business outcome—assets that will strengthen our program and skills he can impart to COCC students.”

## Feast at the Old Mill

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Anthony’s at the Old Mill District will host its seventh annual “Feast at the Old Mill,” a benefit for Central Oregon Community College’s culinary program, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

“We so appreciate Anthony’s involvement with the COCC Foundation, and in particular our culinary program,” said Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation.

Since the first fundraiser in 2005, this event, sponsored by Anthony’s Restaurants, has raised more than \$118,000 to benefit the COCC culinary program.

Tickets are \$100 each, which includes a fabulous riverside reception, four-course dinner with specialty wine pairings and an exciting silent auction and raffle. Reservations may be made by calling 541-383-7225 or emailing [sdosier@cocc.edu](mailto:sdosier@cocc.edu). Invitations will be mailed in August.

Anthony’s at the Old Mill District specializes in fresh Northwest seafood, Northwest wines and local microbrews.



On this page you'll find two COCC students who are grateful for the generosity of the Grays.

## Twist to Bend

And bumps along the way

Since graduating from high school six years ago, I have been on a journey with many twists, turns and bumps along the way.

I have taken undergraduate courses at five different colleges and spent countless hours in early childhood classrooms.

There were times I did not know where my journey was taking me, but the constant was my desire to teach.

My life ended up moving me from Eugene across the mountains to Bend, where I stumbled upon the Early Childhood Education program at COCC.

The time I have spent in classes focusing on children, ages birth to age eight, has been the most eye-opening experience of my college career.

I have found my niche.

—Meagan Golden  
Early Childhood Education student  
COCC Foundation  
scholarship recipient

## Investments in Student Scholarships

### Let Them Know

#### Let them know...

...how valuable the scholarship is to those of us who need the financial help in order to pursue our educational goals.

#### Let them know...

...how, as a result of receiving the scholarship, it generates in me a feeling of others believing in me, in my abilities, and as a further result, encourages me to put forth my best.

#### Let them know...

...how very grateful I am to receive this award.

#### Let them know...

...it is money well spent, because it is giving me an opportunity to become a better teacher because of the education that I am receiving.

Barbara Hogstad, COCC Early Childhood Education student  
COCC Foundation scholarship recipient



Barbara Hogstad

## Gray Scholarships to Promote ECE

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make investments totaling more than \$6.3 million in early childhood programs. The Gray family's investments are helping Oregon build a stronger early childhood system, with a commitment to best practices and an emphasis on high quality.

Betty Neuner Gray taught home economics at West Linn and Grant high schools. She earned a master's degree in counseling and became dean of students at Corvallis High School. Betty's primary focus for most of her life was creating a nurturing home for the couple's five children. Through her teaching and extensive volunteer work, Betty developed an understanding of the importance of the early years in childhood development. She passed away in 2003 at the age of 81.

John Gray graduated from Harvard Business School with honors and returned to Oregon to begin his manufacturing career at Oregon Saw Chain Corporation, which later became Omark Industries. Later in his career, Gray helped to create some of the Northwest's signature resort properties: Salishan in Gleneden Beach, the Sunriver Resort in Sunriver and John's Landing in southwest Portland.

At age 92, he remains an active and engaged philanthropist alongside his children and grandchildren. Last year, John said, "I received a lot from the public in terms of education. Someplace in those early years, I got the idea that you should pay that back, which I have tried to do many, many times over."

# s Have Far Reaching Effects

## *Note from a Nursing Graduate*

It is hard to express my overwhelming feelings of gratitude and appreciation for helping me continue on in COCC's RN program and realize my life's dream and goal. Because of the generous scholarship gift I received, I will be able to help others as well as support myself and my daughter.

## Always wanted to be a nurse

Since I can remember, I wanted to be a nurse. I started volunteering at age 15 with the elderly, and the mentally and physically challenged and continued through high school. Helping people makes me happy and feel whole.

However, during my high school years, I was abused by a family member, and it took its toll on me. Then my parents divorced my senior year, and no plans were made for college. I took a full-time job working with the mentally challenged. Two years later, I married and a baby followed the next year.

When my daughter started grade school, I did register for college classes, but my husband was not supportive, and I didn't attend. Later, I took classes at a community college, but as the abuse escalated, I knew I had to get us out. It was my love for my daughter that saved us both.

I withdrew from college and made plans to move to Prineville to be near family. My husband decided to teach me a lesson one last time, but luckily friends helped me leave, and it wasn't as bad as it could have been. My daughter and I have been through counseling, and I have done a lot of soul searching and healing both mentally and spiritually.

## At last an opportunity to attend COCC

After working three years at a teen rehabilitation center, I started attending COCC. I paid for the first year, but then lost my job and was divorced from my second husband. If it were not for the Luminary Fund, I would have had to defer the second year while I worked and saved enough for tuition.

Being a student here at COCC has helped me to be a more confident and holistically healthy person. I am a better mom, better student and human being. My daughter tells me I am the strongest person she knows. That means the world to me. I have worked long and hard to get here and now because of you, I will accomplish my goal—I will continue to serve my community as a nurse!

*Thank you so very much!* I cannot thank you or express my gratitude enough.

*Crystal Cox, COCC Nursing program graduate*



*Crystal Cox, pictured with her daughter at Commencement 2011.*

## *In Their Words...*

COCC Foundation scholarship recipients

"I have decided to get a bachelor's degree in exercise science. I will be able to work with kids and adults...to heal bodies and minds.

"I have seen the effects of positive living through a healthy mind and body, and I believe in it.



*Jim Sears*

"So thank you all, thank you for the possibility this scholarship has given my daughter and me."

*Jim Sears*

*Exercise Science major*

"I am so grateful for the scholarship that I received through the COCC Foundation. I've never before been the person that needed help. But I want you to know that you helped more people than just me with this scholarship.



*Teresa Garcia-Villanueva*

"I never thought college was possible for me, but my boys will never think that it is NOT. They WILL go to college. My mother has enrolled in college preparation classes too! So you see, your gift has helped so many more people than just me."

*Teresa Garcia-Villanueva*  
*Criminal Justice student*



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## Donors Investing in Community

The following individuals, businesses and foundations are generous friends of the Central Oregon Community College Foundation and Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program who gave cash gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2010. We have worked to have an accurate list, but encourage you to call Andrea Gibson at 541-383-7582 if you find an error. Most of all, to those who give: thank you!

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Julian Darwin was the founder of the Cascade Culinary Institute and his commitment to serving the students and community over the past 18 years has been unwavering. Julian remains involved today as the program coordinator and has been an inspiration to many.

The Foundation's goal is to raise \$50,000 or more by the end of 2011 to be held in an endowment at the COCC Foundation to fund one student scholarship annually in Julian Darwin's name, recognizing his contribution to the Central Oregon culinary community. To date, nearly \$40,000 has been contributed toward this scholarship fund.

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