



# LEGACIES

Central Oregon Community College Foundation

Summer 2012

## Ray Haertel: Honoring an Influential Man

“It’s been 10 years this June, and I still find myself missing his company,” says Jack McCown, referring to Ray Haertel, his colleague in the college’s math department for 26 years. “In my mind, there is no more deserving person than Ray to profile in Legacies. He was a real gem.”

Jack started teaching mathematics at the college in 1966, after a few years at a middle school in Seattle. He officially retired in 1995, but continued teaching part time at the college for the next several years.



Ray Haertel

“When I came to the college, Ray had only been at COCC for 10 years, and yet he was one of a handful of most admired and trusted faculty members,” recalls Jack.

“He helped to develop many of the policies and procedures that administered faculty governance, tenure, promotion and professional improvement. (continued on page 9)

## The Turners: Empathy Born of Early Hardships

When Bob and Peg Turner graduated from high school in 1931, the depression was in full swing and money for college was nonexistent. After struggling to work their way through school, they both earned degrees in education and married in 1937. “We didn’t have two nickels to rub together,” Peg often told friends about those years.

Bob served in the Navy during World War II, earning a Bronze Star for valor in action, while Peg taught high school English and drama. After the war, they moved to Pasadena and started an advertising and printing business, which grew as Southern California grew.

According to friends, the Turners deeply valued their own educations and profoundly believed in giving back. They were both determined to make it easier for others to attend college than it was for them. (continued on page 9)

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## Save the Date! Farm to Table Dinner

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation is hosting Farm to Table, a benefit for the college’s Cascade Culinary Institute, on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Jungers Culinary Center.

“The Farm to Table dinner event is the culmination of a two-week intensive culinary course during which students work on a local farm,” says Chef Thor Erickson. “Through this experience, students gain insight into not only where and how food is grown, but also the science, economics, utilization and overall importance of practicing sustainability in their future careers in the hospitality industry.”

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## *A Community Effort for our Campus Transformation*

from the President

We have just concluded one of the most transformational years ever at Central Oregon Community College – and are ready to enter one equally exciting. We began this fall with new campuses in Madras and Prineville and the state-of-the-art Jungers Culinary Center here on the Bend campus. It was the support of people like you that made all of this possible, those who supported the bond measure that provided most of the money for the two new campuses and those who donated to the COCC Foundation Culinary Campaign to help fund the Jungers Center.

And the timing couldn't have been better. We had just finished our fourth straight year of huge enrollment increases – we were among the 50 fastest growing community colleges in the country three years in a row. We had, over that four-year period, doubled credit enrollment, moving from a small community college to a mid-sized one with an annual enrollment equivalent to 7,000 full-time students.

It was so heartening to see the community support thousands of students in a time of such great need. Despite everyone knowing and feeling the effects of the recession, area residents passed the bond measure to tax themselves in order to increase capacity and support students. And Foundation donors, again aware of their own economic pains, opened their hearts and donated resources to fund the construction of the facility for the Cascade Culinary Institute.

This fall, the Bend campus will see the opening of two of the largest and most significant additions to COCC ever. Both funded primarily by proceeds from the same bond measure that created the new campuses in Madras and Prineville, we will add 97,000 square feet of space. The Health Careers Center will provide modern and expanded facilities in programs such as nursing, dental assisting, medical assistant, massage therapy, pharmacy technician and veterinary technician – preparing the future health

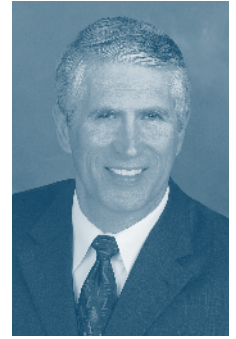
careers workforce for Central Oregon and beyond.

The Science Center will add state-of-the-art labs and equipment for students

taking science courses in order to transfer to four-year universities, and those with needs to enter the health careers programs.

While buildings are important, we are even more proud of the exciting teaching and learning that these facilities will house, made possible through this expansion.

We are truly excited – and extremely thankful to you – to be providing these new facilities to our students and helping prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. I hope you get a chance to come and see how you have helped us transform this college.



*Dr. James Middleton*  
COCC President

## *New Campus Facilities*

The Health Careers and Science buildings are nearing completion on the Bend Campus. The majority of the construction funding comes from a \$41.58-million bond measure approved by voters in 2009.

The 48,000-square-foot Health Careers Center will provide up-to-date classrooms and labs for the following programs: RN and LPN nursing programs, pharmacy technician, medical assistant, dental assisting, licensed massage therapy and soon, veterinary technician. The general contractor is HSW Builders. The 49,000-square-foot Science Center is on schedule to be completed by the start of fall term. Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company is the general contractor.



## Decades of Commitment From Our Community

Among the not-so-enjoyable experiences is to discover that you have made a mistake. Among the enjoyable experiences is when that mistake leads to something positive—and in this case—to celebrate.

During the first weekend in March, the Central Oregon Community College Foundation hosts its annual Taste of the Town on Friday night and then the Meal of the Year formal gala on Saturday night. It is the oldest gala event in Central Oregon—taking place annually for well over 30 years—and most importantly, raises major dollars for scholarships. Since those scholarships are awarded based on significant financial need and applicants' demonstrated promise, they are literally life transforming.

At one point during the Saturday event, the guests have an opportunity to raise their auction bid cards to bid, not on personal chef services or an Italian villa, but on education: they give various amounts that go directly to scholarships. It is a very moving and meaningful experience every year because as card after card goes up, and more and more dollars are raised, the scholarship recipients who are volunteering that night are

visibly touched as they witness firsthand this outpouring of generosity.

My mistake was in not getting a bid card to the Bank of the Cascades table, and thus not giving them the opportunity to have the full scholarship they were giving publicly celebrated . . . I called the following week to apologize and to share that I wanted to celebrate their generosity in this newsletter.

One of my favorite aspects of living in Central Oregon for 10 years is the sense of community that permeates through individuals and businesses that are so caring and engaged. I knew that Bank of the Cascades was intimately engaged with the Foundation, but in looking at the records, I saw their commitment goes back prior to 1984, the earliest date in our electronic database records. What a rich legacy!

So I then looked to see how many of our tables at Meal of the Year have a connection that goes back as far as our records reach and found Carlson Sign, William Smith Properties, US Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. And then, measured in decades: Sunriver Resort (1987), Bend-

Broadband (1988), Bend Memorial Clinic (1988), Bryant, Jarvis and Lovlien (1992), Avion Water Company (1995), Kirby Nagelhout Construction (1996);

and measured in years, Ron and Sandy Federspiel, Bob and Pat Fulton, C.E. Lovejoy's Brookswood Market, Northline Wealth Management, PEO AI, PEO DE, Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, PC, Judy and Bill Smith, St. Charles Medical Center, Sundowner Capital Management, UBS Financial and Umpqua Bank.

One of my favorite quotes is by Scott Adams, who wrote, "Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." Let's celebrate the ripples made by many, many organizations and individuals whose giving over many years and decades is an expression of who they are.

Let us celebrate what they make possible and what so many of you reading this make possible. To all involved, thank you!



*Jim Weaver*  
Executive Director  
COCC Foundation



*Anthony's Feast 2011*

## Save the Date! Anthony's Feast at the Old Mill

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation and Anthony's at the Old Mill presented the first Feast at the Old Mill in June of 2005. Since that date, this event, sponsored by Anthony's Restaurants, has raised more than \$135,000 to benefit the college's culinary program.

The date for the 2012 Feast at the Old Mill is Tuesday, Oct. 2. Tickets are \$100 each which includes a fabulous riverside reception, four-course dinner with wine and an exciting silent auction and raffle. Appetizers will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:15 p.m. For more information call 541-318-3783.



## Meal of the Year and Taste of the Town Benefit Sets Record

Taste of the Town 2012

A record number of attendees at the recent Central Oregon Community College Foundation's Meal of the Year benefit set a 37-year fundraising record: \$252,000 was donated for scholarship assistance for COCC students and related Foundation activities.

"I think people were inspired by the promise of our scholarship applicants," says Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation. "They understood that COCC scholarships are based not only on need, but that our scholarship applicants have demonstrated leadership, a clear direction and perseverance in the face of adversity."

The record amount raised this year is good news, but the need is still great. Last year the Foundation received about 500 scholarship applications, but was able to fund only 200 scholarships. "We're still not able to award as many scholarships as there are worthwhile candidates," Weaver noted.

This year's benefit included The Taste of the Town on March 2 and the Meal of the Year dinner dance and auctions on March 3. The Friday event featured signature selections from 24 local restaurants, live music by Pressure Point, dancing and a silent auction. Four hundred people attended the Saturday dinner, which featured a four-course gourmet dinner created and served by Cascade Culinary Institute students and chefs as well as live and silent auctions.

At this year's event, Eileen and Bruce



McLellan were honored for their numerous contributions to the Central Oregon community, and for Eileen's service as a COCC Foundation Trustee and chair of the capital campaign to build the Jungers Culinary Center.

Richard and Joanne Donaca with President Jim and Susan Middleton



*"Our scholarship applicants have demonstrated leadership, a clear direction and perseverance in the face of adversity."*



## *Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program Provides Stimulating Perspective*

### *How Did We Get Here? Human Origins, Evolution and Migrations*

#### *Oregon's Earliest Inhabitants: Archaeological Investigations at the Paisley Caves*

What can 14,000-year-old human dung tell us about ourselves? To help answer this question, Dr. Dennis Jenkins will share his insights into the scientific processes and results of archaeological and paleogenetic investigations at Oregon's Paisley Caves. Jenkins will bring the audience up-to-date information about the evidence for the association of humans and now-extinct Pleistocene mammals in Oregon's high desert country more than 14,000 years ago. Jenkins and his collaborators used radiocarbon dating and sophisticated DNA analysis of bones, tools, twigs and dried human feces to show that the ancient peoples living in these caves were contemporary with, and likely hunted, camels, horses, mastodons and bison at the end of the last ice age. This colorful slide show takes the audience through the scientific processes employed in proving the case for pre-Clovis (more than 13,000 years ago) human occupations at the world-famous Paisley Caves.

#### ***Dennis L. Jenkins***

Ph.D, Senior Research Archaeologist  
Museum of Natural and Cultural History  
University of Oregon

**6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, August 17**

Pozzi Education Center,  
Sunriver Nature Center

This series is a joint endeavor of the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program and the Sunriver Nature Center.

Advance sales from the Sunriver Nature Center:  
541.593.4394 or 541.593.4442

Limited free student tickets available by contacting  
Karen Aylward at [kaylward@cocc.edu](mailto:kaylward@cocc.edu)

\$10 general admission

\$8 Sunriver Nature Center members

\$3 students with ID

#### *What Makes Us Human?*

##### *How Studying Primate Genomes Helps Us Understand Our Own Biology and Evolution*

People used to believe that humans were distinct from all other animals because of traits such as tool making, language and culture (learning and sharing information with others and across generations). But the list of differences has shrunk as discoveries continue to show that other species make and use tools, have some language abilities and even pass along learned behavior to their young and other members of their family or social group. And yet every species is distinct and special. Dr. Sterner uses a combination of comparative genomics and molecular biology to understand the genetic basis of distinctive human traits. She is especially interested in what genetically distinguishes humans from other primates and mammals. Her research focuses on questions such as why we get sick and the basis of immunity as well as how human brains evolve. Sterner's lecture will draw upon her own investigations and collaboration with the Molecular Evolution Group at Wayne State University and the work of others at the cutting edge of this fascinating field.

#### ***Kirstin N. Sterner***

Ph.D, Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
Associated Faculty  
Institute of Ecology and Evolution  
Associated Faculty  
Institute of Cognitive and Decision  
Sciences, University of Oregon

**6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 27**

Hitchcock Auditorium, Pioneer Hall  
COCC Bend Campus

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If you would like to learn more about the Visiting Scholar Program or receive emails about upcoming presentations, please contact Karen at 541-383-7257 or [kaylward@cocc.edu](mailto:kaylward@cocc.edu)



## Students Achieving Thanks to Generosity

### Tammi Jo Virgil



Tammi Jo Virgil graduated in June with an associate of applied science degree in nursing.

“What the scholarship meant for

myself and my two girls, ages 11 and 8, was a chance to stress less about money and focus more on studying and family time.

“I was very thankful for the scholarship and showed my two daughters that with hard work and dedication, they too could benefit from the same opportunities. I am very excited to start a new chapter in my life as a professional RN and am happy I can model this behavior to my children. We all benefited from such a tremendous gift! My whole family says, ‘Thank you!’”

(above) Tammi Jo Virgil  
(right) Jamie Pray

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-Scott Adams

### Jamie Pray

For eight years, Jamie Pray worked for Cessna Aircraft in Bend. When they closed their doors in April of 2009, Jamie and 200 fellow workers joined the unemployed.

“One of the benefits of losing my job there was that I finally had an opportunity to pursue one of my many dreams—to work in the medical field,” she says. “So when the opportunity arose, I jumped at the chance to earn a degree in medical assisting.”

A counselor at the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council told Jamie about scholarship opportunities through the COCC Foundation and encouraged her to apply.

“Receiving the scholarship money has been a blessing in our home and has really helped to offset the financial drain of childcare and gas these past few terms,” she says. “I am forever grateful.”

Jamie will graduate with an associate degree next June. “My family has really motivated me to keep going,” she says. “I have a lot of love and support from my two daughters and hard-working husband, and they encourage me to do my best.”

Jamie has earned a 3.98 cumulative grade-point average so far: “I feel that once you take on a commitment to do school, you need to follow through with it and do your best, and that is exactly what I have done. I have had a fabulous experience here at COCC.”



## Students Achieving Thanks to Generosity

### Kimberly Honeycutt

As a high school student, Kimberly Honeycutt decided to take advantage of the Advanced Diploma Program offered at Redmond High School. While attending high school, she took classes offered at COCC in math, writing and biology. After graduating from high school in 2010, she enrolled at COCC with about 25 college credits, giving her a head start on her college career.

“COCC has excellent opportunities and resources for its students, which has lead to a great experience,” she says. “This includes diverse class selections, dedicated faculty and an outstanding tutoring center.”

Anatomy and Physiology was the class that opened the door to the medical field for Kimberly. Dissecting a sheep’s eye as part of a lab, she became fascinated with the eye. Her goal is to transfer to Oregon Institute of Technology, where she will finish with a bachelor’s degree in health sciences and then continue on to graduate school to become an optometrist.

Kimberly has been working at a convenience store in Redmond for almost two



years, averaging 25 hours a week while attending COCC full time. She found out about the Foundation scholarships when she saw the link to the application on her online services account. “The scholarship that I received paid for almost half of my tuition and books for the year. I greatly appreciate this generous award as it helps me to continue with my goals and ambitions.”

She is the first one in her immediate family to attend college. “I am motivated to continue my education because I want to expand my opportunities for my future,” she says. “I would like to be able to give back to the community that I grew up in by providing a service necessary for everyday life such as optometry.”

### Sara Pohle

While participating in Bend High School’s “School to Work” program, Sara Pohle discovered her interest in dental assisting. “But being a young person, I really didn’t take it very seriously,” she recalls.

Later, after many years in retail sales, she decided to follow her earlier interest in the dental field.

“I decided to attend COCC because I have two little boys, and I want a career that will allow us to afford to send them to college when the time comes,” she says. “My motivation is purely my children.”

Sara says she was very nervous about taking college classes. “I didn’t do so well in high school. My experience at COCC has been really good; everyone is helpful and encouraging.”

Through an email from COCC, she learned that Foundation scholarships were available. “The scholarship has made my life a lot easier,” says Sara. “The tuition and book money I receive really helps me to be able to pay for childcare while I am in classes, and it has also really helped when my husband was laid off. I appreciate it very much.”

Sara plans to transfer to Lane Community College in fall of 2013.

(above) Kimberly Honeycutt  
(right) Sara Pohle





## Students Achieving Thanks to Generosity

### Ruth Yao

Sizhe (Ruth) Yao is definitely on her way, thanks to her hard work, dogged persistence, a scholarship from the COCC Foundation and an internship at Bend Research.

A native of China and a single mother, Ruth has been working hard to make a new life for herself and her young son in their adopted county.

Ruth Yao



“I want to be a good role model for my son: a mom who has the ability to provide for him,” says Ruth. “I believe with a good education, specialized skills and a disciplined work ethic, I will be able to achieve a life of independence and support my son and myself.”

After first arriving in the US, she worked long hours—often without breaks—as a courtesy clerk: “My supervisor took advantage of me, but I

learned from her negative example that leaders should appreciate their team members’ hard work. I also learned never to be defeated by adversity. No matter what kind of job I do, I always do my best.”

In 2007 Ruth began taking classes at COCC and has earned a 3.9 cumulative grade-point average. Microbiology instructor Mark Eberle, who has known Ruth for three years, says of her: “She is a brilliant student, one of the best I have worked with, and she has succeeded in spite of many hardships.”

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“Ruth is a very proud and serious young woman, who has met numerous challenges as a young mother and continues to impress and inspire us with her determination, strength, endurance and academic abilities,” according to Christine Ott-Hopkins, instructor of plant biology.

On the strength of faculty recommendations, Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation, recommended Ruth for an internship at Bend Research, a local company that specializes in the research and development of novel pharmaceutical-delivery technologies. For the last year, she has been working 10 to 20 hours per week assisting with tests for drug potency,

purity, stability and dissolution. She has found her coworkers to be a great group of professionals and also very kind and helpful.

“The internship not only helped me financially, but also, and most importantly, it strengthened me spiritually,” reflects Ruth. “Jim Weaver and Dr. Eberle are two angels that God sent into our lives. Now, I am confident I can overcome any difficult situation. They have surely made a difference in our lives. I am grateful.”

Working at Bend Research has confirmed Ruth’s decision to seek a career as a lab technologist: “It is a perfect fit for me.” She has won acceptance to a joint program of Oregon Health Sciences University and Oregon Institute of Technology for clinical laboratory science. After earning a bachelor’s degree, her goal is a career in a hospital or pharmaceutical lab setting.

Ruth was one of two students chosen as COCC’s members of the 2012 All-Oregon Academic Team. She was one of the keynote student speakers at a luncheon in the scholars’ honor and met with Governor Kitzhaber at the state capitol this last April.





## *Ray Haertel: Honoring an Influential Man* (continued from front page)

He could also be trusted and counted on to represent the faculty's views and concerns when interacting with the administration and the board of directors.

"The advice that I got from Ray on day one was the same advice I gave to every full-time mathematics faculty member whom we hired when I was department chair: 'If you really want to make your reputation as a first-rate teacher in the mathematics department, teach the developmental classes and make sure that the students know that those classes are as important as college algebra and calculus. If you can't, you shouldn't be teaching; if you won't, you shouldn't be at a community college.'"

Charlie Naffziger, who started teaching the year Ray retired, concurs: "An important influence Ray had on me was the expectation of the pursuit of excellence in the classroom. Ray continually strived for perfection, and he expected everyone else to do the same. Everyone working to find the way to reach the most students in the best way—that is essentially a legacy that he and others have left for the

COCC math department."

That he genuinely cared about his students couldn't be hidden from them during his classes and office hours, says Jack. "His students knew that he loved the material, that he loved sharing it with them, that he believed that they needed to know this material, that they could and would learn this material, that he was going to make certain that he would do all he could to help them learn the material.

"He loved watching students learn mathematics. He truly did believe that if his students would come to class, do the daily work, come to the office for help, and practice – practice – practice, that they could learn mathematics. He preached it and he lived it because he believed it. And it worked for him and his students."

"I know he loved mathematics and that appreciation of it came across to his students," says Charlie. "He showed that he truly loved all levels . . . to Ray, it was all good, and he loved helping people understand how and why it all worked.

In short, he was a very bright mathematician as well as teacher."

"He was such a geek . . . and he knew it . . . and he reveled in it," remembers Jack. "I mean, really, who else straps their calculator case to their belt (granted, it did have a belt loop on it) and wandered about as if he is 'packing'? There are so many memories that always get me to smiling and often times laughing aloud."

"Even toward the end of his battle with cancer, he still had a great sense of humor," says Charlie.

Ray and his wife Viki set up an annual math scholarship through the COCC Foundation.

"When we look for a recipient, we try to find a student who simply loves math—regardless of their level or even how good they are—because that stuff did not really matter to Ray," explains Charlie. "He loved to see students engaged and enthusiastic about math regardless of their current level. To me, that is the person Ray would have chosen."

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## *Bob and Peg Turner: Empathy Born of Early Hardships* (continued from front page)

To honor their wish to ease the struggles of today's students, an emergency fund was established through the Robert E. and Margaret H. Turner endowment in December 2005 to help students with unexpected setbacks that threaten their continuing with their education. Short-term emergency expenses, such as extra child care costs; unexpected car repairs; sudden expenses for long-distance travel to and from school; and testing fees, uniforms, fees or other items needed for classes associated with students' majors, are considered.

A committee of three financial aid specialists thoroughly reviews the documented expenses outlined in the student's application. Students learn about the fund primarily from the COCC website, but also from the staff, according to Kevin Multop, COCC's director of financial aid. About 40 percent of requests for funds are approved. Awards do not exceed \$1,000. So far this year, 49 awards have been distributed, totaling more than \$30,000.



## Haertel Memorial Scholarship Recipient: John Myers

### Bend Research

Bend Research and COCC share some common history. Bend Research President Rod Ray's mother, Nancy Zahl, was director of health sciences at the college in the late 1970s and wrote the college's original registered nursing curriculum. Ray's stepfather, George Zahl, served as the college's dean of students. In addition, Zelda Ziegler, associate professor of chemistry, is a former Bend Research employee. Ray and numerous Bend Research employees have attended classes at COCC.

It's not surprising, then, that Bend Research has a long history of wide-ranging support for COCC as part of its philanthropic mission to foster interest in science and math in Central Oregon students.

### Scholarships

Bend Research funds four COCC scholarships, including a chemistry scholarship and three Nancy Zahl nursing scholarships. The first of these nursing scholarships was funded in 2005; two additional nursing scholarships were added in 2007.

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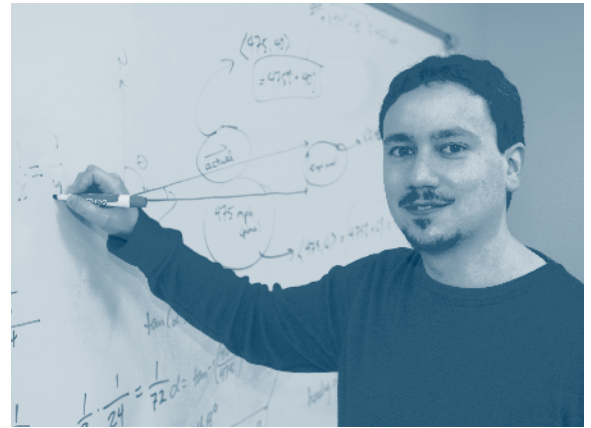
John Myers, one of the recipients of the Haertel Memorial Scholarship this year, says that he enjoys mathematics because it is "elegant, concise and precise."

"The idea that we can understand nature through such a concise language is a powerful display of human ingenuity," says John. "I have always been intrigued by the concept and

utility of mathematics—that a series of logical, foundational steps should lead us to a better understanding of the world around us. This elegant interplay between nature and mathematics is what inspires me to push myself and gain more knowledge."

John, who is majoring in chemical engineering and possibly also in math, said that the Haertel Memorial Scholarship has eased his financial stress, enabling him to focus more on his studies.

"I am truly thankful for the kind and generous gift I have received through such generous donors. It is truly an honor to be recognized in such a manner."



*John Myers*

## Sunriver Generously Fulfills Pledge

In January Sunriver Resort announced the sale of two lots in the Caldera Development near Sunriver. The proceeds of these sales, approximately \$250,000, were dedicated to fulfilling the resort's pledge to the Central Oregon Community College Foundation's culinary campaign.

The COCC Foundation's culinary capital campaign raised \$3 million for the construction of the Jungers Culinary Center. The state-of-the-art teaching facility, which opened in September 2011, is home to COCC's Cascade Culinary Institute.

Pictured are Krista Miller, director of resort operations; COCC Chef Gene Fritz; John Fettig, director of real estate; Tom O'Shea, managing director; and Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation.



## Turner Emergency Fund Scholarship Recipients

### Vickie Riddle

Vickie Riddle had been working as a waitress for the better part of her life, a job that she honestly enjoyed. After two surgeries for a painful spinal condition, waiting tables was no longer possible, and she looked into community college classes “to take me in a positive direction.”

At the end of summer term, Vickie earned her associate’s degree in general studies, at age 49, becoming the first of her six siblings to earn a college degree.

But dental work was an unexpected expense that was a roadblock.

“When I needed a root canal for one of my front teeth, I found a dentist willing to pull my tooth, and put a temporary “flipper” in place so that I wouldn’t be toothless, for \$463, which is far less than the cost quoted from other dentists,” explains Vickie.

“The difference the Turner Emergency Fund made is that I am no longer suffering from excruciating pain,” says Vickie. “Plus I feel confident when I

talk and smile when I am in the public. This will allow me to continue my education with confidence, and improve my self esteem.”

Vickie’s long-term goal is to work with children who have experienced abuse: “It has been in my heart for years to make a difference in the lives of these children,” she says. “I hope to earn my bachelor’s in a field that would allow me to work with children.”

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### Internships

Bend Research has provided paid internships for COCC students, making possible hands-on laboratory experience. One of those interns, Fred Jordan, completed his work at COCC and then finished a four-year degree at the University of Oregon. Jordan is now a Bend Research employee.

### Mentorship

Bend Research scientists visit the COCC campus for the presentation of the chemistry students’ posters at the annual posters contest at the end of spring term and host organic chemistry students at their facilities for a laboratory exercise involving the nuclear magnetic resonance equipment. The company also provides tours to COCC classes to expose them to a working laboratory and provide information on careers in science.

### Event Support

Since 1994 Bend Research has sponsored the annual COCC Math Contest, which brings together high school students from throughout the region to compete in math skills events each spring. The company provides funding to run the program, T-shirts for contest participants and the occasional volunteer judge.

### Laboratory Equipment

Bend Research has donated used laboratory equipment and provided funds to buy and refurbish equipment for student use.



### Darcy Gerhart

After working for a company that treated its employees unfairly, Darcy Gerhart decided to change careers.

“I was passionate about my employees and wanted to give them a voice, so I have been motivated to get my degree in Human Resources,” she says.

When cold weather resulted in a \$400 gas and electric bill, she was caught off

### Darcy Gerhart

guard. She remembered one of her instructors telling the class that the Turner Fund was available for unexpected emergencies.

“I was able to continue to go to school without stressing about how I was going to get through the winter and was able instead to concentrate on my schoolwork and upcoming tests,” says Darcy. “Sometimes little things happen when going to school that are unexpected, and this fund is a blessing.

“The help that I received has inspired me to ‘pay it forward’ and I plan on lending a helping hand either with an organization such as the Turner Fund or starting one of my own after I graduate.”



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Central Oregon Community College Foundation

## Donors Investing in Community

The following individuals, businesses and foundations are generous friends of the Central Oregon Community College Foundation who gave cash gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2011. We have worked to have an accurate list, but encourage you to call Brittany Nichols at 541-383-7582 if you find an error. Most of all, to those who give: Thank you!

### Organizations

Advertising Federation of Central Oregon  
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 ASCOCC  
 Avion Water Co. Inc.  
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 Bank of the Cascades  
 Barbara Emily Knudson Charitable Foundation  
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 Bend Memorial Clinic  
 Bend Research  
 Bend/Sunrise Lions Club  
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