

# Lake Tahoe Community College Donor Investment Report

Fall 2018

**Thanks to support from you and fellow donors, the LTCC Foundation ended the fiscal year on June 30 with more donations than the previous year!**

Your support positively impacted students' lives through scholarships, access to field trips, life-changing experiences, and the annual scholarship awards ceremony.

Specifically in scholarship support, donors provided \$150,000 in awards to 91 transferring and continuing students, a 29 percent increase in scholarships from 2017!

Donor support also enhanced campus physically with the installation of a bronze coyote statue and the completion of the Lisa Maloff University Center!



## Helping First-Generation Students

### Student Profile: Claudia Manzano

Claudia was the first in her family to earn a high school diploma and her dream ever since was to return to college. As a single mom and caretaker for her family, Claudia first put her daughter and sister through college, then it was Claudia's turn. After her daughter earned a bachelor's degree, Claudia enrolled at LTCC in April 2017, and received her associate's degree just 14 months later in June 2018, while working full-time!

Throughout Claudia's schooling, two LTCC teachers, Tere Tibbetts and Catalina (Cata) Goralski were strong supporters and mentors. She explained,

*"[I] said to Tere, I want to finish school fast. I want a four-year degree as fast as I can to transfer. I also want to represent my culture."*

Together with Claudia's family, Cata and Tere supported Claudia through receiving her associate's degree in Spanish. For her hard work she also received two scholarships; one went to Humboldt and the other to books.

She has since transferred to Humboldt State to complete a bachelor's degree program. Ultimately, Claudia plans on receiving her master's degree from Berkeley and working as a lobbyist for change on behalf of women and other underserved populations.



Superintendent/ President Jeff DeFranco awards LTCC graduates Claudia Manzano, Juan Garcia, and Jason Reum with scholarships to four-year colleges funded by anonymous donors.



Brian Grajeda, Counselor Tere Tibbetts and fellow scholarship recipient, Fatima Dominguez, being recognized by fellow students and donors at the spring scholarship awards ceremony.

## Student Profile: Brian Grajeda

Brian Grajeda is the first person in his family to graduate from community college and is committed to proving that dreams can become realities! A Psychology and Spanish student at LTCC, he plans to continue on to earn a bachelor's degree at Sacramento State next year, then get into politics in the capital. He believes higher education will help him accomplish this goal.

During his time at LTCC, Brian has seen the best of our community. He received a scholarship to help him cover the cost of books and the Foundation recognized Brian at the scholarship awards ceremony for his hard work. At the grand opening of the university center, Brian witnessed our caring community again. He says

*"LTCC gave me access to the scholarship awards ceremony and the Lisa Maloff University Center grand opening where I saw the generosity of our community. I've never experienced events like those."*

## Contributing to Your Community

### Four-Year Degrees Now Available to Students on Tahoe's South Shore!



LTCC hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August to celebrate the grand opening of the Lisa Maloff University Center and to recognize donor Lisa Maloff.



Donor Lisa Maloff with 29-year LTCC employee Danny Masellones at the University Center grand opening.

Thanks to the Angel of Tahoe Lisa Maloff's \$5.8 million donation, crews completed construction of the University Center in time for the scheduled August grand opening. Thank you Lisa Maloff for your generosity!

Classes for advanced-degree programs from Brandman University and Sierra Nevada College began in August, and starting in the winter quarter, Washington State will offer a Hospitality Management Degree Program at the center.



LTCC Trustees Kerry David, Karen Borges, Brian Grajeda, Nancy Dalton and Michelle Sweeney at the University Center's ribbon cutting event to recognize donor Lisa Maloff and celebrate the availability of four-year degrees on Tahoe's South Shore.



# Student Success Grants Fund Field Trips and Experiences

Your donations to the LTCC annual fund made Student Success grants possible to give education-enhancing experiences to students. One grant allowed members of the Future Business Leaders of Tahoe Club (FBLT) to visit San Francisco Bay and Reno area companies and organizations including Adobe, Facebook, Tesla, The Alzheimer's Association, and Intuitive Surgical.

Jordyn Story, the president of FBLT, said of the support, "The field trips of 2018 were very beneficial for me, but in a different kind of way than other students in the club.... Touring these various companies allowed for an eye-opening experience into the world of business and collaboration. Very worth it thanks to the foundation!"

*"There was a lot to take in and I was motivated by what I saw. The visits helped me to understand that I am capable of getting this far if I want to!"*

— Jordyn Story, FBLT President



Your annual fund donations gave LTCC students first-hand experience at San Francisco Bay and Reno area businesses and organizations including the Alzheimer's Association.



LTCC student Audrey Kolkana learned about herbal medicine and experienced a life-changing traditional Mayan energy healing from a village healer thanks to the scholarship she received.

A second student success grant made a hands-on marine biology trip to Belize a reality for three students who otherwise could not have afforded the trip.

Audrey Kolkana, one of the scholarship recipients, wrote about the experience in her blog, saying "During our stay...we snorkeled daily to learn about the Lion Fish, the invasive species that has been decimating reef systems. We didn't see a Lion Fish until the day before we left.... In about 10 minutes, we found four Lion Fish, and realized just how much they could affect one area."

During her trip, Audrey also had a chance to learn about the amount of plastic in the ocean. This inspired her and a friend to start an environmental club at LTCC to raise awareness for this problem.

Stay tuned for updates on Audrey's new environmental club and the impact it will have on her fellow LTCC students!



Donor-funded Student Success Grants sent three students on a field trip to Belize where they visited the rainforest and the coast and spent time in the classroom and out in the field.

# Donor Support Exceeds Campaign Goal and Brings Coyote Statue to Campus!

Donations to the Coyote Legacy Plaza Campaign exceeded the original goal of \$60,000 and brought a bronze coyote statue to campus. This statue brings public art to the South Shore community and serves as both a special photo backdrop and on-campus gathering place today and for many years to come!

Donations for the engraved pavers covered the entire cost of the new statue and provided additional support to LTCC students. Donations that went above the amount needed for the statue will support the Lake Tahoe College Promise, a program that provides a tuition-free year of college to graduates of Lake Tahoe Basin high schools attending LTCC full-time for the first time.

Engraved pavers are still available as a donation



Donor contributions made the installation of this beautiful statue possible

option! The funds from these pavers will provide additional support for the Lake Tahoe Promise Program. Contact the Foundation office for more information!

**Give today and help graduates of Lake Tahoe High Schools afford college, continue their education, and give back to the community!**

## Save the Date!

Saturday, July 20, 6 - 9pm in the Demonstration Garden on the LTCC Campus – Join us to enjoy live jazz, food, wine, and beer while meandering through the garden paths and supporting LTCC students!



On a beautiful Tahoe summer evening in the garden friends enjoy jazz, wine, beer and food while supporting student success!