

Lake Tahoe Community College Donor Investment Report

Spring 2018

Supporting Student Success



Thanks to your donation, Oswaldo Reyes (left) received support to purchase course materials to successfully complete his fall classes and receive Dean's List recognition from LTCC President Jeff DeFranco.

Student Profile: Oswaldo Reyes Lucero

Oswaldo is a first generation college student who started taking classes at LTCC this past fall after graduating from George Whittell High School last spring. He is exceling as a business major and made the Dean's list for the fall quarter with a 3.73 GPA! When asked about his educational goals, Oswaldo replied,

"I am aiming to become a paramedic so I can help others. I have become an EMT already through the LTCC course and I would like to keep my education going."

As a Nevada resident, Oswaldo receives limited financial aid and his tuition is higher than California residents' tuition. The higher costs are a hardship for Oswaldo and his family. Thanks to your donation, Oswaldo received support through the emergency book fund with the purchase of access codes to online course materials to complete his business class assignments for the fall and winter quarters.



Bryan at the 2017 LTCC graduation ceremony. Your donation provided Bryan with a scholarship that helped him make a successful transition to Humboldt State this fall.

Student Profile: Bryan Puleri

Bryan Puleri is currently at Humboldt State studying tectonic geomorphology, the interplay between tectonics and surface erosional processes. Bryan earned a 3.0 GPA for the fall quarter at Humboldt after graduating from LTCC in the spring with three AA degrees! Those who knew Bryan in high school would probably be surprised to know where he is today. Bryan was a self-described "wild child" who took drugs and didn't care for school but eventually graduated from Mt. Tallac Continuation High School that serves at-risk students.

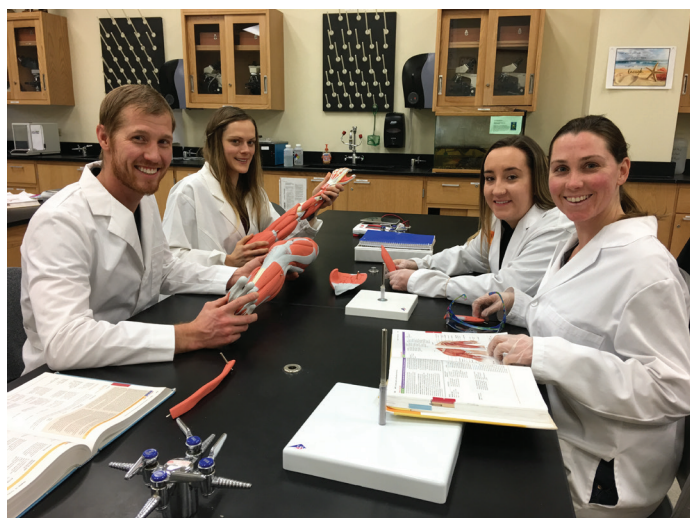
Bryan says,

"When I first walked into LTCC everyone was so friendly, I felt like I was in the right place and it changed my life."

All of us here at LTCC are particularly proud of Bryan and look forward to his continued academic success!

2017-18 Student Success Grants Made Possible by Your Generosity!

Department	Project	Amount
Anatomy/ Physiology	Human limb and head models with muscles	\$4234
Art - Visiting Artist Series	A visiting artist demonstration and hands-on class for students and community members	\$900
Biology-Marine Belize Ecology Program	Partial scholarships for student field trip to study marine ecosystem and Caribbean culture	\$1,600
Business	Field Trip to Bay Area companies including Facebook and Adobe.	\$2,724
Work Experience - Site Tours and Job Skills Development Workshops	Three field trips to local businesses. Students learn about local job opportunities, hiring procedures, resume writing, how to interview well and networking skills.	\$3,425
Emergency Book Fund through the Equity Program	Books and online access codes for students in need	\$2,000
	Total awarded	\$14,883



Students in Anatomy/Physiology class learning the musculature of the human arm funded from your donation that supported the **2017 Student Success Grants!**

“The models are very helpful for understanding the different layers of muscles – Thank you!”

Chelsea – Anatomy/physiology student

Paying it Forward!



Andrea Wagner receiving a scholarship from LTCC Foundation Board Member Deanna Brothers, DDS. Thanks to your donation, Andrea attended the work experience field trip where she got excellent advice and made connections in the environmental industry.

Student Profile: Andrea Wagner

Andrea Wagner is on track to graduate in June with an Associate's Degree in both Wilderness Education and Environmental Technology and Sustainability. For the fall quarter, she made the President's List with a 4.0 GPA!

Andrea benefitted from your generosity this fall when she attended a work experience field trip to learn about internships in wilderness and environmental science.

Andrea commented,

"It took the intimidation factor away to get an inside look at the environmental agencies in Tahoe and talk with staff. I learned what they do and what would be a good fit for me."

Andrea and her fellow students also attended workshops where they learned to hone their application skills to successfully get a job.

Not only is Andrea a scholarship recipient, she is already paying it forward and donating to student scholarships! Building on her LTCC education, she plans to continue on to Sierra Nevada College or University of Nevada Reno for a bachelor's degree with the ultimate goal of living in the Tahoe Basin and working for one of the environmental agencies here. Good luck Andrea!

Donor Profile – Adele Lucas

Adele Lucas is a long-time Tahoe resident — she has lived here since 1971. Adele's first job in South Lake Tahoe was the director of the office of economic opportunity for El Dorado County where she started the senior center and the tiny tots program. Adele also was responsible for giving out food rations, counseling and worked with the Tahoe Youth Corps. Due to funding cuts, she lost her job at the office of economic opportunity. After



Adele Lucas

doing a number of different jobs, Adele launched a successful career in real estate. As someone who knows the ins and outs of the South Lake Tahoe community through her work, Adele recognizes the important role LTCC plays in our community. Graduates of LTCC programs enter fields such as environmental sustainability and fire fighting — many staying local and using their skills right here!

Adele has seen first-hand the value of an LTCC education, as

her son Chris received his Fire Science certificate in 2005. She donates to LTCC because it is important to her that her grandsons and their friends have an affordable option for higher education right here in South Lake Tahoe. She understands that it takes investment from the community for the college to be successful and for the sustainability of LTCC's quality programs. Adele is not only a donor, but also serves on the Foundation Board, volunteering her time to provide guidance to LTCC leadership. Adele said, "The college has helped so many people — I want to be sure it continues!"

Save the Date!



Saturday, July 21 6 - 9pm in the Demonstration Garden on the LTCC campus — Join us to wander the garden paths and enjoy live jazz, food, wine and beer with proceeds benefitting LTCC students!



Give online today: ltcc.edu/giving



Thursday, September 13 8:30 - 10am in the Duke Theatre on the LTCC Campus — State of the College Address — Join President Jeff DeFranco for an update on the exciting changes taking place on campus!



Fall 2018 date TBA — Ribbon Cutting for the Lisa Maloff University Center! Construction is 75% complete and the building is on track for a fall opening for students to take classes towards their bachelor's degree right here on Tahoe's South Shore!