

Lake Tahoe Community College Donor Investment Report

Education – A Gift that Lasts a Lifetime!

Fall 2020

Generous donors support a promising future for students persevering during COVID-19 challenges.

This year, LTCC welcomed 100 incoming students to LTCC's Lake Tahoe College Promise (LTCP) program.

"By the end of the year, we hope to enroll 125 first-year College Promise students," said Julie Booth, Director of the LTCP program.

These 100 first-year students 2020/2021 join nearly 100 second- and third-year LTCP students. Thanks to the generous support of LTCC donors, the Foundation will provide \$80,000 to support LTCP students in the 2021-2022 academic year, including tuition for Nevada Lake Tahoe students, and \$100 per quarter in book stipends and educational supplies. LTCP is the



Learning looks different this fall and has added challenges for students.

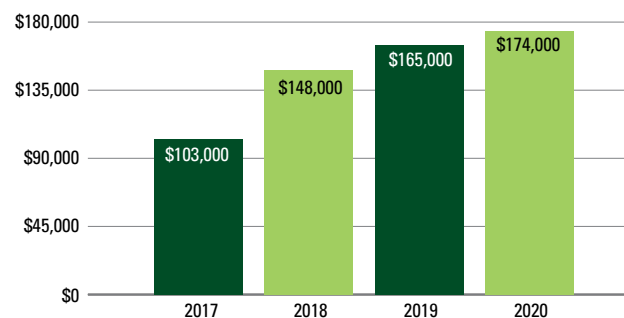
first College Promise program to provide tuition-free education and academic, financial and other support to students from both California and Nevada in their educational goals.



LTCC is shifting operations to better serve students during remote learning including drive-in registration, financial aid and counseling support.

Scholarship donors recognized for their commitment to making higher education accessible to LTCC students

For many community college students, lack of money prevents them from continuing school and earning a degree. Because of the generosity of our scholarship donors, the Foundation achieved our goal of increasing the number of scholarship recipients by giving \$174,000 in scholarship funds to 109 students in 2020. LTCC celebrated the generosity of our donors and recognized scholarship students at our August 2020 virtual awards ceremony.



Overcoming Challenges – Student Profile: Aylaliyah Assefa



Aylaliyah graduated with honors from LTCC’s Social Science program

Aylaliyah credits LTCC’s Incarcerated Students Program (ISP) as a life-changing opportunity.

“In a time and place where I didn’t think I had much choice, LTCC offered the most valuable and essential opportunity that helped shape my life significantly and opened many doors for my future.”

LTCC’s ISP serves inmates of California’s correctional facilities and promotes their educational success to provide a pathway to a more productive future and a greater likelihood of post-release employment. Incarcerated students earn their Associate’s Degrees for Transfer (AA-T) in Sociology through an enhanced One-On-One pedagogical approach.

In her hometown of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Aylaliyah, who goes by Liyah, grew up with four sisters and played volleyball, soccer, track and field, and swimming. However, after getting married and moving to the United States, Liyah found herself trapped in an abusive marriage.

“My effort to defend myself against an abusive man was considered as a criminal act, with no regard given to my circumstances,” Liyah explains.

While in prison, Liyah decided to make the days count toward something meaningful and

beneficial for her future. Liyah credits the faculty and staff of LTCC for providing the support and motivation she needed to embark on her educational journey and accomplish her goals.

“I wanted to turn the trials of my life into an opportunity to better myself and learn as much as I could.”

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and interruption of in-person learning, Liyah was supplied with all of the materials she needed to continue learning virtually, including a chromebook, calculator, and textbooks. In August, Liyah was awarded a scholarship from the LTCC Foundation and featured on the State of the College address.

“I was so honored to be nominated for such an event,” says Liyah. “Their acknowledgment for educational success is one of the driving forces for my own personal success.”

Aylaliyah graduated with honors from LTCC’s Social Science program and will earn her AA-T this Fall. She has been accepted to Sacramento State University, where she plans to earn her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology.

Student Profile: Christine Buchman

Christine has been a full-time student at LTCC since January 2019. Christine has maintained a 4.0 GPA which earned her a spot on the Presidential Honor Roll.

Christine plans to transfer to a 4-year university to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is particularly interested in pursuing emergency room nursing.

“I want to concentrate my training and skills in areas where people are critically sick or injured, and patients and their families are in need of compassion,” says Christine.

Christine also plans to continue taking sign language classes and eventually earn her license to become an American Sign Language medical interpreter.



Christine Buchman received \$5,900 in scholarship support to continue her education.

LTCC Foundation awarded \$42,000 in grant funds to support students through COVID-19.

Thanks to these organizations, the Foundation received \$42,000 in grant funding to support LTCC students and the greater Tahoe Basin through these unprecedented times.

- **AT&T Foundation:** \$20,000 to provide textbooks for California LTCC students and increase graduation rates for first-time, full-time students.
- **Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation:** \$15,000 from the TahoeTogether Community Support Fund to build resilience for the future by ensuring that the LTCC Foundation can provide scholarships and necessary support to students in need.
- **American Century Championship Golf:** \$7,000 to support the growth and stability of LTCC’s Lake Tahoe

College Promise program. Grant funds will help cover tuition costs for Promise students who need a third year to complete their degree. Especially this year, with the unexpected challenges of COVID-19, more students need the extra time to earn their degrees. Funds also support LTCC students from George

Whittell High School, one of LTCC’s longstanding partners on the South Shore.

- **Soroptomist International South Lake Tahoe:** \$3,200 in Safeway gift cards for the LTCC Equity Food Pantry, which provides food and essential items to students most in need during this difficult time.

You’re Invited!

Join LTCC’s #givingtuesday event on December 1st



Join LTCC on Tuesday, December 1st for our virtual Giving Tuesday event. You will hear from our students and learn about opportunities to give, collaborate, and celebrate LTCC Foundation’s work in supporting the academic goals of students. Details will be available after November 1 on the Foundation website at ltcc.org/giving.



FOUNDATION

Board Update

LTCC welcomes incoming President, Adele Lucas, who started her two-year term in July! Adele joined the Board in 2002 and is an active member of LTCC’s President’s Circle, where she contributes unrestricted funds annually to the LTCC Foundation to help the college fulfill its mission of providing support for quality instruction and student success.

Adele succeeds Bob Novasel, who served as president from 2011 to 2020. Under Bob’s leadership, the Foundation Board unanimously approved support of the Lake Tahoe College Promise program and has steadily increased annual scholarship funding over the past four years. Thank you to Bob for your leadership of the LTCC Foundation!

The Board also welcomes Dean Kallas, student representative. Dean graduated from South Tahoe High School in Spring 2020 and started at LTCC in the fall. Dean graduated in the top 5% of his high school class and received more than \$10,000 in merit scholarships, including an award from the LTCC Foundation! At LTCC, Dean is also a member of the student senate and plans to pursue a career in Medicine.



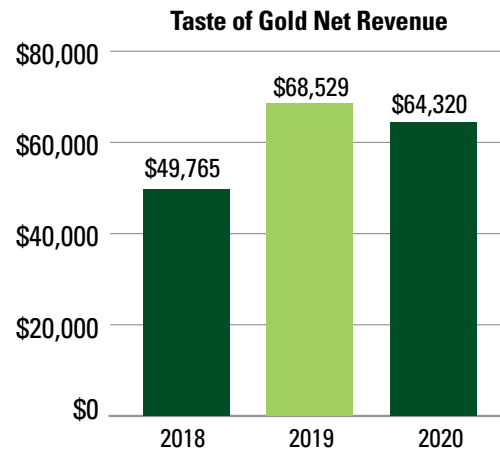
Student board member, Dean Kallas

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Thanks to generous sponsors, our first remote Taste of Gold event raised over \$64,000 to support LTCC students!



Save The Date: Taste of Gold (hopefully) returns to Demonstration Garden in 2021! Saturday, July 17, 2021

Enjoy an evening of live jazz, food, wine, and beer while meandering along the garden paths and supporting LTCC students. At this time, we are planning to once again host Taste of Gold in the LTCC Demonstration Garden, and we will continue to monitor safety protocols and update the LTCC community throughout the event planning process.