

## Generous donors invest in the future of Lake Tahoe through LTCC’s College Promise program.

Thanks to caring donors, LTCC’s Lake Tahoe College Promise program welcomed 89 first-year students and 63 second-year students this September. Now in its fourth year, LTCC’s College Promise program provides tuition-free education and academic, financial, and other support to first-time, full-time college students from both the California and Nevada shores of Lake Tahoe.

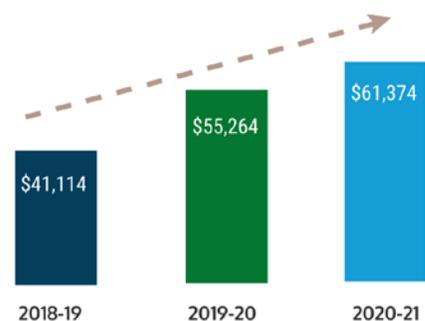
Last year, College Promise donors supported the LTCC Foundation by providing over \$ 54,000 to cover tuition and quarterly textbook stipends of

\$100 per Promise student. Most of the tuition cost is for students from our nearby communities of Stateline and Zephyr Cove, NV.

The College Promise program promotes college access among underrepresented and first-generation college students. Of the students in our fall 2021 College Promise class, 56% are LatinX and 35% are first-generation college students.

Your gift to LTCC’s College Promise program provides resources and support that are critical to empower students to stay in school and complete their degrees.

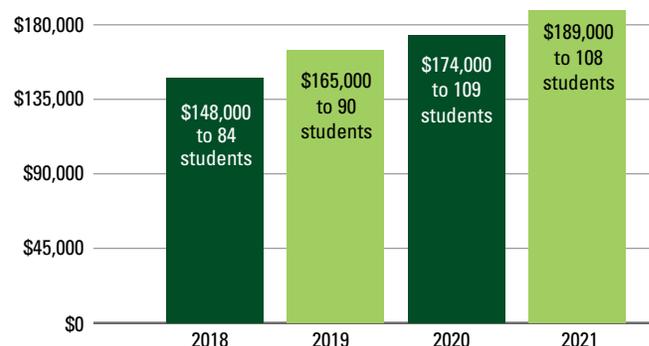
**Annual Fund/President’s Circle**



Donations to the unrestricted annual fund and President’s Circle support the Lake Tahoe College Promise.

## Donations Provide Scholarships to Help Students Learn and Succeed

This year, the LTCC Foundation awarded \$189,000 in scholarship funds to 108 students who are continuing at LTCC or are transferring from LTCC to four-year schools. The amount of scholarships we are able to award continues to grow each year, thanks to you!



# LTCC Foundation received \$82,600 in grant funds to respond to critical needs and grow the Lake Tahoe College Promise program

Thank you to the following generous organizations supporting LTCC students



**\*AT&T:** \$20,000 to support Lake Tahoe College Promise students.



**\*Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation:** \$15,000 to grow the capacity of the Lake Tahoe College Promise program, support LTCC's transition back to in-person classes, and expand LTCC's mental health and wellness program.



**El Dorado Community Foundation:** \$20,000 to provide mental health services to help LTCC students respond to COVID-19.



**Foundation for CA Community Colleges:** \$20,000 for the LTCC Wildfire Relief Fund to support current students impacted by the Caldor Fire evacuation.



**\*American Century Championship Golf:** \$7,600 donation to support the Lake Tahoe College Promise.

\*Second consecutive year of support!

## Student Profile: Mariela Jimenez

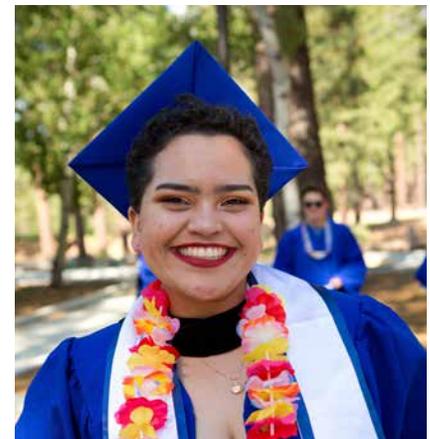
Mariela is a first-generation college student who was born and raised in Tahoe. Her parents immigrated to the US over 20 years ago, and they have worked minimum wage jobs ever since to provide for their three children. College tuition did not fit into the family budget. Mariela decided to pursue her degree when she learned about LTCC's Lake Tahoe College Promise program, which pays for 100% of tuition for first-time, full-time students.

***"I absolutely loved the College Promise program. Getting my tuition paid was such a blessing, and I couldn't have attended college otherwise."***

While a student at LTCC, Mari joined the Student Senate

and was elected President, where she worked to increase representation of diverse students; expanded access to mental health services to help students cope with the stress of COVID-19; and organized a virtual forum for LTCC students and community members to meet the candidates running for City Council in 2020. Mariela earned her Associate degree in Social Sciences in June 2021, and is now attending UC Davis this fall!

She is majoring in History at Davis, and plans to minor in Spanish. From there, she intends to pursue her master's degree in History while earning her California teaching credentials. Her dream is to become a high



Mariela Jimenez

school Spanish teacher because she feels education is important to our everyday lives and the infrastructure of our society. As a person of color, she feels it is important for students to learn history from someone who looks like them.

***"LTCC has so many resources and opened so many doors for me. I loved every second at LTCC."***

## Student Profile: Bruno Macias

Bruno is a second-year LTCC student who is currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

A first-generation college student, Bruno credits LTCC’s Lake Tahoe College Promise and Equity programs with supporting and empowering him to continue his education despite recent uncertainties and challenges. In Spring 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bruno graduated from George Whittell High School. Then the restaurant where his father worked closed. Bruno considered delaying college by a year to help save money for tuition, but the Lake Tahoe College Promise and Equity programs provided him with free tuition, textbooks, and academic support to start and complete his first year of college!

This year, just before the start of the fall quarter, the Caldor Fire

threatened the Tahoe Basin and Bruno’s family was among those who faced real uncertainty and financial hardship because of the mandatory evacuation and lost wages. Again, LTCC stepped in with its Caldor Fire Student Relief Fund, and Bruno’s advisors and peers in the Promise and Equity programs provided the emotional support he needed to stay optimistic and start his second year at LTCC.

In addition to his classes, Bruno is President of the Future Business Leaders of Tahoe, where he gains knowledge of the business world and encourages students to explore business majors and careers. Bruno is also President of the Student Senate, where he learns about student government and advocates for support for other Tahoe residents from Nevada.



Bruno Macias

Bruno plans to continue his education and is considering business programs at the University of Nevada, Reno; UC Davis; UC San Francisco; and UC San Diego. His ultimate goal is to become an entrepreneur, meet an untapped need, and give back to the Tahoe community.

***“If not for College Promise and the Equity programs, I don’t think I would have been inspired to give back to the community and help as much as possible.”***

## Student Success Grants Support Access and Success in Dual Enrollment Program

Thanks to generous donors, the LTCC Foundation provided \$3,000 in Student Success Grants to pilot a Peer Coaching program for Dual Enrollment students. Dual Enrollment enables local high school students to earn college and high school credits at the same time. Dual enrollment is especially important for addressing barriers faced by historically underrepresented students, because the program is free and does not require transportation. To help students succeed during remote learning, the pilot Peer

Coach program trained five high school students to support their peers while earning work experience college credit.

By the end of the 2020-2021 year, the program served 82 ninth graders in College/Career Readiness and Health, 17 Dental students, 19 English students, 26 Science students, and 54 Sports Medicine students. Of the 198 students, 93% earned passing grades.

Because of the pilot’s success, LTCC secured Federal Grant



funding to expand the program. The pilot also inspired the launch of the Bilingual Tutor Program, which will increase English Language Learner participation and success in Dual Enrollment.

# You're Invited!

Join LTCC for #givingtuesday and a Holiday Wine Tasting!



Giving Tuesday is an annual global generosity movement. In honor of Giving Tuesday, join LTCC for three ways to give!

- **Tuesday, November 30th, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM:** Equity Food Pantry Drive - Drive by campus to donate your perishable and non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies, and school supplies.
- **Friday, December 3 at 5:30pm: Grapeful Giving with Kasey DeFranco – A Hybrid Holiday Wine Tasting:** Join LTCC for a hybrid Wine Tasting with LTCC instructor and sommelier Kasey DeFranco! There are a limited number of in-person tickets and sponsorships available. To join remotely, visit the Foundation website at [ltcc.edu/givingtuesday](http://ltcc.edu/givingtuesday) to purchase your package that includes a bottle of chardonnay, a bottle of pinot noir, and accompanying cheese platter for \$60. You can pick up your package at the Cork & More, or donate \$40 to support LTCC students and Cork & More will deliver your wine tasting package to you! RSVP deadline is Tuesday, November 30th. Call the Foundation office at (530) 541-4660 x.245 to purchase you wine package or for more information!
- **Online Donations:** If you prefer to support the LTCC Foundation from the comfort of your home, please consider donating online at [ltcc.edu/donate](http://ltcc.edu/donate). Your gift will directly support the Equity Food Pantry's most needed items, or you can designate your gift to support other LTCC student needs.



Kasey and Jeff DeFranco at this year's Taste of Gold event.



This year's Taste of Gold fundraiser **SOLD OUT** and raised over \$100,000 to support students! We were so fortunate to have clear skies, warm temperatures, and to see so many friends and supporters in person!



Thanks to all sponsors, vendors and ticket purchasers who joined us!

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 23, 2022 – Taste of Gold live in the Demonstration Garden!**