Skagit Valley College Foundation Annual Report 2012





Dr. Thomas A. Keegan **SVC President**

am excited to be part of this great institution as we begin a new academic year! During my first few months as President, I have been impressed with the level of engagement between Skagit Valley College and our community. Many of you are proud Skagit alumni—as I am. Many others are volunteers, donors, or active partners with college programs. Often at community events, an enthusiastic graduate, a proud family member, or a loyal supporter will share a story that expresses their enthusiasm about Skagit. In fact, most people have more than one connection to the College and many of them are through the SVC Foundation.

For more than 30 years, the support and guidance provided by our volunteers, donors, and partners have helped make the SVC Foundation an important partner for the College. Many of our students depend on the assistance you generously provide. With your help, the future is a bright one for Skagit.

Thank you,

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Kathryn Bennett President SVC Foundation



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n behalf of the SVC Foundation Board of Governors. we are proud to present our report for the 2012 fiscal year. The Statement of Financial Position demonstrates our finances are sound and our assets are growing.

During the past year, members of our community established ten new endowments totaling \$162,733! Some other notable milestones reached during the year:

- · Raised a total of \$502,320 in cash, in-kind and stock gifts
- Received donations from 624 donors
- Added 304 first-time donors

Our most important achievement is allocating more than \$448,000 to student scholarships, faculty innovation and educational program support at SVC! Scholarships represent a potentially life-changing opportunity for local students whose dreams include higher education.

Thank you!

Community • Opportunity • Education • Stewardship

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2012

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$469,775
Investments	\$8,355,150
Receivables	\$38,164
Prepaid insurance	\$1,605
Property and equipment, net	\$1,834,110
Collections held for investment	\$4,584
Deferred bond issue costs, net	\$39,590
Total Assets	\$10,742,978

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$27,752
Accrued interest	\$17,754
Tenant security deposits & prepaid	rent \$71,324
Long-term debt	\$1,867,384
Life income annuities payable	\$74,528

NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities

Unrestricted	\$246,596
Temporary restricted	\$816,500
Permanently restricted	\$7,621,140
Total Net Assets	\$8,684,236
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$10,742,978

The audit report is available at the SVC Foundation Office.

\$2,058,742



Don Nulle Accounting Scholarship Endowment

Fulfilling a wish

on Nulle often thought Dabout donating funds for an accounting scholarship during his long career as a certified public accountant. In memory of his desire to assist Skagit Valley College students

pursuing a career in accounting, his wife Marion and four children decided to create an endowed scholarship that will fulfill Don's dream. The Nulle family chose to create the fund at Skagit Valley College Foundation because of Don's love for the Skagit Valley and his established business. Williams and Nulle that he started with business partner Ernie Williams in the 1950s and retired from in 1987. Linda Nulle, his daughter, also worked for Skagit Valley College for eight years making the college a very special place for the Nulle family. Don loved spending time with family and golfing during his lifetime; now his dream of helping local accounting students will live on for many generations to come thanks to his loving family's generous memorial gift!



Remembering a daughter's passion to help others

The Vonda Lynne Polinkus Memorial Scholarship was created by Vonda's parents, Jan and Bill Polinkus, to "give others the opportunity to follow in Vonda Lynne's footsteps.

She loved her life as a registered nurse and the organized chaos of the Emergency Department."

This generous nursing scholarship endowment was given in memory of Vonda Lynne Polinkus, a registered nurse and SVC Nursing alumnus, who passed away in 2010 from complications of H1N1 (swine flu).

Nursing students at Skagit Valley College will follow her passion to help people thanks to this endowed scholarship.

In Memory of -

Memorial gifts were made from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in memory of the following individuals:

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Chuck Dynes
Ailene Ebbeson
Betty Erspamer
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Rev. William Forbes
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Honorarium gifts were made July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in honor of the following individuals:

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Endowments 2012

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Scholarship

Scholarship

"Pay Forward" Your Support for Future Leaders

- Make a contribution. directly to support scholarships and programs through the Skagit Valley College Foundation. Change lives through the act of giving.
- Invest in an existing endowment (list on page 6) or start a new one in the name of vour family. Endowments last forever and their earnings help students and programs every year.
- **3.** Place the SVC Foundation in your estate plan. Talk to us about how to leave a lasting legacy through a planned gift that works for you and your loved ones.

Gifts from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Champion Circle

(\$25,000+)

Estate of Leah Hawkinson William and Kathleen Massey **Taylor Family Trust** Betty Jane Zygmanski Estate

Ambassador Circle

(\$10,000+)

ARISE Foundation Rucilla Bidwell George B. and Ruth Elizabeth **Ferguson Foundation Donald Finsen** William and Janet Polinkus

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Founders Club

(\$5,000+)

Anonymous

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Rotary Club of Anacortes

Rotary Club of Burlington

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Leadership Club

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Anonymous

Anacortes Arts Festival

Anacortes Public Library

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Swinomish Casino

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Willins

President's Club

(\$500.00+)

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Darin Barenchi

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Mount Vernon

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Program

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Carl Young and Anne Hodgin

This report reflects gifts to Skagit Valley College Foundation between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. We have made every effort to ensure accuracy. Please accept our apologies for any incorrect listing or omission, and let us know about the error by calling the SVC Foundation office at 360.416.7717.

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(\$300.00+)

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Academic Success, **Family Style**

or the tight-knit Bray **I** family— daughters Samantha and Charleen. along with their mom, Diane — it's more than a college; it's a community.

For Samantha, that feeling of community helped her gain the confidence she needed.

"At first, I was scared that I wouldn't succeed. but I found the instructors at SVC are passionate about helping students. It's an amazing learning environment." Samantha also found support through TRiO Student Support Services and the study skills classes offered through the program. When Samantha completes her degree at SVC, she will transfer to Western Washington University's Fairhaven College and plans to become a social worker or counselor.

It had been 37 years since Diane attended school, but she jumped in with both feet. Like her daughters, a strong support network has made a big difference in Diane's academic success.



"We always ask one another for proof-reading support," she said. "And, with balancing school and home life, we like to keep in touch about what's going on and if one of us needs help." When she completes her degree at

SVC, Diane plans to work as a medical assistant.

Just like her mom and sister. Charleen has a deep passion for people. "I like that SVC is such a diverse place in age and gender." Being an older student has been positive for Charleen. "Its good to be an older student; we have more life experiences. I've found that people aren't judgmental here. In fact, I don't want to graduate. I'm going to cry at graduation — it will be my first time graduating from anything." After graduating from SVC, Charleen plans to transfer to The Evergreen State College and eventually work as a chemical dependency counselor.

Samantha, Diane, and Charleen Bray are all 4.0 students and all received SVC Foundation scholarships, thanks to generous SVC Foundation donors!



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