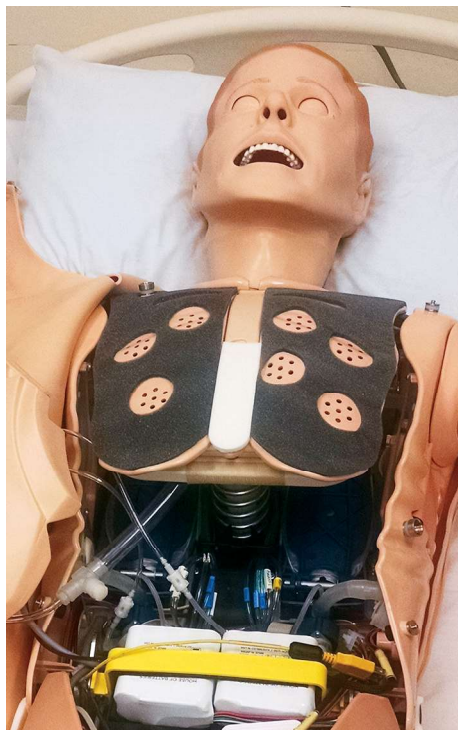


The Impact of Philanthropy & Community



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Philanthropy takes a prominent place at Skagit Valley College every spring quarter. This time of year is when students eagerly apply for SVC Foundation Scholarships, donors and community members are invited

to help with the selection process, and student achievement is celebrated at our Honors Receptions. It's also a time when we recognize the College's supporters who help make dreams of a college education come true.

But this spring is special. Thanks to the support of a generous donor, the lab experience for students in the nursing program will be transformed.

As they say, timing is everything. And it couldn't have been more perfect when this contribution arrived. Just as the service licenses were expiring on the nursing program's old simulation manikins, a donor gave \$180,000 to purchase two new, top-of-the-line manikins (SimMan)—one for each nursing lab in Mount Vernon and Oak Harbor. These manikins are so advanced in their technology and capability that the Washington State Legislature is considering an update to the Washington Administrative Code governing licensure for nurses and allowing for work on the SimMan to supplant up to 50% of the internship requirements nurses need to achieve the state license.

Imagine a student environment where nurses can safely apply new skills and experience almost everything they'll face in the professional setting (dilated

pupils, blood, sweat, rapid breathing, increased pulse, reaction to medication and so much more) while learning in a controlled setting that replicates the real world. Our old manikins could provide some of the same experiences, but not with the level of detail and "reality" that these new manikins bring. They also come with countless simulation activities and two days of specialized training for our nursing faculty.

There's another side to this gift that may not be so obvious. And that is the indirect effect it has on other workforce program areas on campus. Now that the cost is eliminated to pay for maintenance, upkeep and replacement for two aging simulation manikins, the College can redirect some of our modest equipment budget to other priority needs across campus. The true impact is immeasurable!

No matter the size or type of gift, philanthropy changes student's lives and impacts our community in countless ways. Whether it's a \$35 donation that helps a student purchase a bus pass, a \$500 contribution that pays nearly half a quarter's tuition, or a gift like the one described here, Skagit Valley College is stronger and more reflective of our community thanks to your support!

The Impact of Community

1st Annual Whidbey Island 5K Fund Run

Thanks to event sponsors: underwriter *Whidbey Island (Heritage) Bank, Boeing, Associated Students of Skagit Valley College – Whidbey Island Campus, Flyers Restaurant, and the SVC Foundation*, the 1st Annual 5K Fund Run was an amazingly fun and successful event! Despite the early morning cool temperatures, spirits were high for all who registered to run or walk the 12 laps.

The run was hosted by the Skagit Valley College Foundation and *SVC Whidbey Island Campus Student Life* and helped raise money for scholarships for students studying at SVC's Whidbey Island Campus.

If you weren't able to join us at the 5K Fund Run, you can still make a donation online by visiting www.skagitfoundation.org

Thank you, Whidbey Island community!



Representing Whidbey Island Bank (left to right), Letta Meaux, Melissa McCumber, Tiffany Martens, Mitchell Frondoza, along with 5K winner, Christopher Banks.