

## TILLAMOOK BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Tillamook Bay Community College celebrated its 40th year serving Tillamook County in April of 2021.

Over the last 40 years, TBCC has come a long way - including building a brand new campus on Third Street in 2010, and becoming independently accredited in 2014. In 2020, TBCC was ranked #10 for Best Community Colleges in the U.S.

While TBCC has grown exponentially in the last few years - adding more than 20 new credit, and non-credit training programs - it has taken this amazing community to help it thrive. People and partnerships are as important now as in the early years. The college is only able to deliver a high-quality education through support. And, TBCC is excited to continue to meet the community's needs now and into the future.

Most recently, TBCC purchased the new Center for Industrial



Technology building on Third Street. Almost half of the cost of the building came through donations.

And, during the 2021 legislative session, legislators approved an \$8 million capital construction match for TBCC to build a new facility featuring high-tech labs to support growing healthcare programs and a nursing

degree.

To help support the college during its 40th anniversary, the TBCC Foundation is hosting a '40 for 40' campaign. Donors can choose to donate \$40 a month to support programs and initiative at TBCC. You can place a donation online at [www.tillamookbaycc.edu/tbcc-foundation](http://www.tillamookbaycc.edu/tbcc-foundation) and select the '40 for 40' Campaign.

### TBCC LAUNCHES NEW ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with the 40th anniversary, the College launched its first Alumni & Friends Association. The official launch was at the June graduation commencement.

The alumni association connects alumni with the college, current students, industry, and other alumni. Members receive special ID cards and will be treated to SWAG, social events and activities, networking opportunities and special trainings.

If you or someone you know would like to join the Alumni & Friends Association, you can sign up online at [www.tillamookbaycc.edu/alumni](http://www.tillamookbaycc.edu/alumni). You can also email your alumni story to [alumni@tillamookbaycc.edu](mailto:alumni@tillamookbaycc.edu).

## TBCC FOUNDATION ELECTS 2021-22 OFFICERS

At the June 12 board meeting the TBCC Foundation Board elected a new slate of officers. Michael Weissenfluh, who previously served in the Treasurer's role, was elected to the Chair position, replacing outgoing Chair Tim Dolan. Weissenfluh has served on the board for the past 13 years. He retired from TBCC in 2021 after serving 25 years as faculty in the Business department. Marilyn Phegley was elected to fill the treasurer position.

**Michael Weissenfluh** – Board Chair

**Chuck Bridge** – Vice Chair

**Kathy Shaw** – Secretary

**Marilyn Phegley** – Treasurer

### 2021-22 Foundation Board Members:

Sarah Absher, Dr. Paul Betlinski, Chuck Bridge, Timothy Dolan, Andrea Goss, Pat Papineau, Tamra Perman, Marilyn Phegley, Kathy Shaw, Chris Weber, Michael Weissenfluh, Pam Zweifel



## Welcome Andrea Goss



Andrea Goss joined the Foundation Board this spring. She loves to volunteer and give back to the community stating, "It is just how I was raised."

She is active in Master Gardeners, the American Association of University Women (AAUW Tillamook), and serves as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), advocating for Tillamook children in the child welfare system. She works part-time as a Victim's Advocate in the Tillamook DA's office. She has also served on the board for Tides of Change, the Citizen's Review Board, and in addition to the TBCC Foundation Board she is a board member for CARE.

When asked what motivated her to join the Foundation Board she said, "The College is an amazing asset in Tillamook County and a resource to so many students. I want to be a part of that. I am excited about a capital campaign and seeing the college grow. I just think this is a very exciting time for the College."

## Pam Zweifel New Foundation Board Liaison

Pam Zweifel has been appointed to serve as a second Liaison on the TBCC Foundation Board. As part of the cooperative agreement between the Foundation and College, the TBCC Board of Education appoints a liaison annually to the Foundation Board. Tamra Perman has served in the role since 2018 and was elected to continue for another year.

"With all of the upcoming work to fund a new building, we want to show a strong commitment to achieving that goal," states Kathy Gervasi, TBCC Board of Education Chair. "Adding a second liaison can help us to stay connected and engaged with the fundraising work and connections with our community."

Zweifel will serve for a minimum of one year.





# Thank you to our Donors

It is our pleasure to thank the many individuals who support the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation. In 2021, we launched Giving Societies as a way to honor and thank those who provide support. Giving societies are calculated each December. Each society reflects a different level of giving. It is through commitments such as these that Tillamook Bay Community College is able to have the resources needed to continue to grow, innovate, and service our community.

Giving Society members receive perks such as communications from the TBCC President, invitations to special events and activities, and are recognized on the TBCC website. Thank you to the following Society members!

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

**\$250 - \$5,000**  
Renewed Annually

## EXECUTIVE CIRCLE

**\$5,000 - \$25,000**  
At least once within a  
three year period

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Donors who have contributed  
\$25,000 in their lifetime or have  
included the TBCC Foundation  
in their estate plan.

### 2020 Presidents Circle Members

Associated Students of Tillamook  
Bay Community College  
Chuck Bridge  
Brittell Architecture Inc.  
Diana Chadwick  
City Sanitary Service  
Tim Dolan  
Lorena Dye  
Greg's Marine Service  
Nathalie Heger  
Dr. Cyrus Javadi  
Janice Kelley  
Kiwanis Club of Tillamook  
Les Schwab Tire Center

Sue and John Luce  
Heidi and John Luquette  
Kimberly McFadden  
Van and Joyce Moe  
Nehalem Volunteer Firefighters  
Association  
Wally and Diane Nelson  
Netarts Community Club  
Oceanside Community Club  
Pat Papineau  
Tamra Perman  
Marilyn Phegley  
Walt and Marilyn Rigterink  
Teresa Rivenes

John Sandusky  
Schooner Restaurant and Lounge  
Diana Sears  
Kathy Shaw  
Gary and Teresa Smith  
Darryl Spitzer  
Tillamook People's Utility District  
Ivy and Ronald Timpe  
Ross Tomlin  
Jerry and Sally Underwood  
Kyra Williams  
Walter Yungen

### 2020 Executive Circle Members

Richard Chelone  
Margaret Ogle  
Olive Bridge Fund  
Samuel S Johnson Foundation  
Stimson Lumber

The Stimson-Miller Foundation  
Tillamook Coast Visitors Association  
Tillamook Masonic Lodge No. 57 AF  
& AM

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### 2020 Legacy Society Members

American Association of University  
Women  
Dr. Paul Betlinski  
JM Brown  
CHS Foundation  
Columbia Pacific EDD  
Helen Gienger  
Connie and Randy Green  
Dale Harmer  
James F. & Marion Miller Foundation

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Loren E Parks Trust  
Meyer Memorial Trust  
Elnora Monroe  
Near Space Corporation  
Oregon Community Foundation  
Denny Pastega  
Pelican Brewing Company  
Bob and Alicia Reed

Reser Family Foundation  
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Foundation  
Robert Riggert Family Foundation  
Spirit Mountain Community Fund  
The Ford Family Foundation  
Tillamook County Creamery  
Association  
Chris and Patsy Weber

## 'Buy a Credit' Fundraiser Raises over \$17,000 for TBCC Students

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Buy a Credit Fundraiser held last fall! We raised over \$17,000 thanks to the support of donors and community members. These funds were collected to benefit our Career-to-Career Scholarship Recipients.

The Career-to-Career scholarship provides eligible students free tuition to complete their associate degree and is open to any Tillamook County resident who has at least five years of work experience and is looking to transition into a new career or advance at their current job. The goal of the Career-to-Career scholarship is to not only help students realize their career and educational goals, but to do so without the financial burden that can be associated with going back to college.

To reiterate the impact these scholarships have, please see the student thank you notes included below:



TBCC graduate and Career-to-Career Scholarship recipient Jalene Ferguson.

*Prior to receiving my scholarship, I had little to no intentions of continuing my education due to a lack of funds...I reached out to the college to inquire about enrolling in a couple forestry/ecology courses and an advisor informed me about potentially qualifying for the Career-to-Career Scholarship. I figured it would not hurt to apply and to my surprise, I was offered the scholarship. This scholarship has brought me the confidence I needed to continue my education and has provided me a jump start to my career. Only nine months after receiving the scholarship I was able to obtain an entry level position with the US Forest Service, which is where I happily work now.*

*- Tom Patterson,  
TBCC Student*

*Had I not received the scholarship, I would not have gone back to school...I feel that having this opportunity has made me a better person. When I started, I questioned whether I would be able to successfully complete the degree requirements, but as I continued getting through each class, I felt better and better and more confident that I could do this...It's taken some time to get to where I am today with just 1.5 more terms to go before graduation. As I worked fulltime and took half time classes, there were days that I just wanted to quit. But since I was given an opportunity like this one, I knew I couldn't. I had to see this through. As I'm getting closer to the end, it is getting harder to keep my focus, but I am so looking forward to saying at the age of 55 that I finally graduated from College!!*

*- Frankie Cook,  
TBCC Student*

Our first Buy a Credit Fundraiser has concluded, but it went so well, that we are going to bring it back every year.

If you are interested in making a \$104 donation to purchase a credit for a student, please visit our website; [tillamookbaycc.edu](http://tillamookbaycc.edu), click 'Foundation', then 'Donate', or by mail to 4301 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97141. Please include 'Buy a Credit' in the memo line. It is a donation that continues to make a big impact in a student's life.

# Thank you Tillamook County!



*The TBCC graduation commencement was held June 18, 2021 outside on the TBCC main campus. Graduates from both 2020 and 2021 were recognized for their accomplishments. It was the first graduation to be held on campus.*

In June, TBCC held its first graduation held on the TBCC campus. It took the generosity and support of many community members and organizations to make it happen.

“Having graduation on our campus during our 40th anniversary couldn’t have been more special,” said TBCC President Ross Tomlin. “We are so grateful to this community for its support.”

The college would like to thank:

- Denny Pastega for loaning his covered trailer to serve as the stage for the graduation ceremony
- Don Averill for the use of his ramp and stairs
- Zwald Transport, Inc. for towing the trailer
- The Tillamook Coliseum Theater for loaning their stanchions for the viewing area
- The Tillamook Chamber of Commerce for the use of their event tent
- The Tillamook Rotary Club for helping with the parking

## TBCC Awards first ever Emeritx Faculty Awards

At the Tillamook Bay Community College commencement ceremony in June, the College awarded its first ever Emeritx Faculty Awards for years of outstanding service to two retirees. Presented by Vice President of Instruction Dr. Teresa Rivenes, the prestigious awards were made to Dr. Robert Pietruszka and Michael Weissenfluh, both of which retired at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

Dr. Pietruszka, affectionately called Dr. Bob by his students and colleagues, was hired in 1988 by the first TBCC President. Though Dr. Bob has advanced degrees in both Zoology and Biology, in the early years at TBCC he was hired to develop the College’s first computer network, information database, and instructional computer lab. During this time he taught biology classes and computer classes on the side. For the past 18 years Dr. Bob returned to his roots and taught purely biological sciences - most notably an Anatomy & Physiology sequence that almost all students destined for the healthcare field enroll. Though Dr. Bob’s classes are rigorous, his students appreciate the training and in addition to Emeritus status he also received the Teaching Excellence of the Year Award for 2020-21; this was the second time he has received the award, which is determined by student nominations.

Michael Weissenfluh is the second recipient of the Tillamook Bay Community College Emeritx faculty designation. Weissenfluh has taught for TBCC for 25 years in the Accounting and Business department. He is an expert in his field and has contributed to several College Accounting textbooks. At TBCC, Weissenfluh



worked tirelessly to promote online education, Open Educational Resource adoption, and served as a leader for his peers and colleagues. In addition to his faculty position, he was the chair of the Faculty Senate, served on the TBCC Leadership Team for nearly 10 years, and has served for 13 years on the TBCC Foundation Board where he is currently the chair.

Emeritx Faculty status is used to designate a retired chair, professor, or other person who the College grants the honorary title. TBCC uses the word Emeritx to purposefully recognize diversity and honor inclusivity of all people eligible for the honor. Recipients can choose their preferred title, Emeritx, Emeritus, or Emerita, upon receiving the award.



# Rinehart Clinic Donates Medical Exam Equipment

The Rinehart Clinic in Wheeler recently donated a medical exam bed and infant scale to Tillamook Bay Community College to be used in their healthcare programs.

Healthcare Program Coordinator Brooke Bennett said the goal with the new equipment is to better simulate an exam room for students.

“If we can create a space that is similar to an exam room, students are learning what it’s like to function in that space, and what it’s like to use this equipment when operating in an exam room and giving patient care,” Bennett said. “It’s just going to help them practice those skills and expand their knowledge even more.”

Bennett said she had been looking to purchase an exam table and infant scale when Rinehart Clinic CEO Gail Nelsen reached out with the donation.

“We were glad to be able to fill that need for them,” Nelsen said, who also sits on the TBCC Healthcare Advisory Committee. “We knew it was still usable, and are happy it’s being put to use and supporting the healthcare programs at the college.”

TBCC has several options for people seeking a career in the medical field, including an Associate of



From left to right: Rinehart Clinic CEO Gail Nelsen, TBCC Alumni Cassandra Clark, Janet Orozco, Scott Goddard, George Hastings, and Brooke Bennett, the TBCC Healthcare Coordinator.

Applied Science in Healthcare Administration; Certified Medical Assistant Certificate; Emergency Medical Services Certificate; Phlebotomy Technician Certificate; and a Basic Healthcare Certificate. A nursing degree program is on the horizon.

To learn more about these programs, reach out to Brooke Bennett at 503.842.8222 ext. 1070 or email [brookebennett@tillamookbaycc.edu](mailto:brookebennett@tillamookbaycc.edu).

## HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

If you would like to make a donation to support a scholarship, program, student emergency funds, adult literacy, or other area of need, please contact the Foundation office. We are happy to talk with you and consider ways we can work together to support higher education in Tillamook County. You can reach us in which ever way works best for you.

### Visit us at the College or email a donation to:

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### Make a Donation Online

Visit [www.tillamookbaycc.edu](http://www.tillamookbaycc.edu). Click on TBCC Foundation under the Discover TBCC tab.

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# 2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients

**AAUW Endowed Scholarship**  
Marlene Valencia-Godinez

**Arthur and Janet Riedel  
Endowed Scholarship**  
LeAnne Troyer

**Benjamin G. Nunez & Priscilla  
Gleason Nunez Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Natalie Gitchell

**Buck and Elnora Monroe  
Endowed Scholarship**  
Tabitha Shipman

**Casey-Green Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Briana Chambers

**DeArmond Scholarship**  
Dylan Bringuel  
Andrew Clegg  
Jaime Hernandez

**Dr. Paul Betlinski Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Denice Gracia Perez

**Futuro Brillante  
Scholarship**  
Gustavo Camacho

**Gilda J. Brown Scholarship**  
Jennie Cunningham

**J.M. "Jim" Brown Scholarship**  
Angelica Godinez

**Kiwanis Club of Tillamook - Lyle  
Specht Memorial Scholarship**  
Gustavo Camacho  
Nara Romero  
LeAnne Troyer

**M. Wayne Jensen Memorial  
Endowed Scholarship**  
Andrew Clegg

**Mario and Alma Pastega Family  
Scholarship**  
Selena Aguilar Castillo  
Shamilee Chatelain  
Fiona Hill  
Marlene Luna Parra  
Jocelyn Moreno-Gutierrez

**Mary Lou Hudson Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Dulce Martinez De La Cruz  
Marlene Valencia-Godinez

**Mildred Davy Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Veronica Chavarin-Gutierrez  
Kevin Esquivel  
Natalie Gitchell  
Jacklyn O'Connor

**Nehalem Bay Emergency  
Services Scholarship**  
Sahara Hendricks

**Oceanside-Netarts  
Vera Snow-Reid Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Whitney Johnson  
Tyler Seals

**Robert and Alicia Reed  
Endowed Scholarship**  
Kelsey Knobel

**Teach for Tillamook Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Kelsey Knobel

**Tillamook Bay Community  
College Foundation Scholarship**  
Tessa Contreras  
Lindsay Tuel  
Makayla Zaragosa

**Tillamook Masonic Lodge  
Scholarship**  
Selena Aguilar Castillo  
Tyler Seals

**Virgil Chadwick Agricultural  
Scholarship**  
Tyler Seals

*The Foundation's purpose is to engage the entire community and increase the level of philanthropic support for student scholarships and the growth, innovation, and overall fiscal strength of Tillamook Bay Community College.*

## Jeph Troyer: From Construction Worker to Nursing Student

After spending the last 20 years working construction, Jeph Troyer was ready for a change. He came to Tillamook Bay Community College to ask about the phlebotomy program. While meeting with his advisor, she encouraged him to look into nursing.

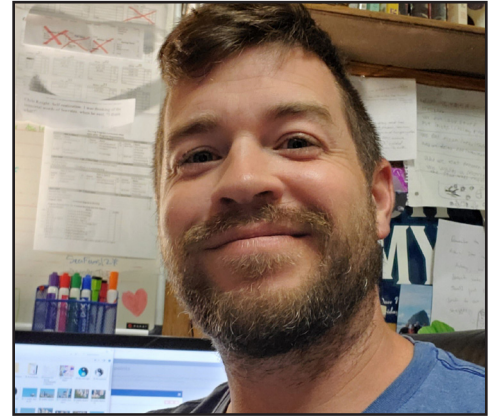
"It actually sounded really appealing," he recalled. "I've always had a fascination with healthcare and how the human body works. I also have always wanted to help people, and I know I work well under stressful situations. It just sounded like the perfect fit for my personality."

Jeph immediately began classes at TBCC to set him up for the nursing program at Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC). During his biology courses, he

said he knew he had made the right choice. "The biology classes at TBCC just reinforced my commitment to do this," he said. "It was this completely new world opening up to me"

While at TBCC, Jeph applied for a Career-to-Career scholarship to help cover the cost of his classes. "I was able to afford going to school full time, and I owe it all to the Career-to-Career scholarship," Jeph said, noting that he also received TBCC Foundation scholarships that helped along his journey.

Jeph said one of the best parts about choosing to go to TBCC was the convenience of being close to home. "I liked that TBCC is a big part of the community that I grew up in. It just felt like a home atmosphere."



In the fall, Jeph will be starting the nursing program at OCCC. While the workload has been intense, Jeph said he knows it's worth it. "Knowing there is something at the end worth pursuing is the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "Being able to do something meaningful with my life makes it all worth it."

MILDRED DAVY  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP  
LUNCHEON

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**OCTOBER  
15  
2021**

Look for an invitation  
and more information  
to follow