

## Endowment honors former TBCC instructor

It is most fitting that a scholarship honoring John Stahl's long and distinguished career as a prominent Oregon artist has been established at Tillamook Bay Community College for he enjoyed teaching studio art at the college for 23 years.

John was born in 1937 in Sebewaing Michigan on Saginaw Bay where he spent most of his early years. It was there that he learned to hunt, fish, maneuver a boat and develop a life-long love of the outdoors. He graduated from high school in 1956 and married his high school sweetheart, Janet Blondell a year later. They were to be inseparable for the next 60 years.

Having shown promise in drawing and painting early in his youth, John decided to refine his skills at the college level. He earned two associate degrees, in commercial art and then fine art. In 1967 he enrolled at The Museum Art School, now the Pacific Northwest College of Art, in Portland, Oregon completing his BFA degree in 1971. John and Janet were to live in Oregon for the remainder of John's life.

The Stahls quickly became members of a lively Northwest art community and John began to have early success in the exhibition scene. While happy in Portland, they fell in love with the Oregon Coast and, in 1978, they purchased property on Netarts Bay where they built a home and studio. John continued to show his work in Portland and soon added galleries on the North Coast. His work was exceptionally eclectic. He painted with acrylics and watercolors and continued his work as a printmaker,



*In partnership with the TBCC Foundation, Janet Stahl (left) has created a scholarship in recognition of her late husband John (right).*

collage artist and sculptor. He fashioned masks in his own unique style, carved Wilson River rock using only hand tools and learned to cast metal and porcelain. His imagination was seemingly boundless and he was equally adept at creating both representational and highly abstract artworks. Few artists could match his versatility.

John and Janet created an idyllic life together on the North Coast where they enjoyed a variety of recreational activities and community involvement. John became a dedicated advocate for the ecological health of Netarts Bay. He took great pleasure in teaching the techniques of visual art to his students at TBCC and was proud to see them cultivate a deep appreciation of art.

Subsequent to John's death in 2017, Janet has nursed a desire to

establish a scholarship in his name at TBCC in recognition of his devotion to his students and the mission of the college. Receipt of a generous bequest from the estate of Gloria Lanquedoc became the catalyst for Janet to put her wish into action. Gloria had studied studio art with John at the college and became good friends with John and Janet. A former teacher herself, she often remarked that John had been her favorite teacher.

John would be greatly pleased to know that an endowed scholarship in his name will continue to support the work that meant so much to him.

*(Additional detail about John Stahl's life and work can be found in the book John R. Stahl, A life in Art published by the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. It is richly illustrated with images of John's artwork and a copy can be accessed in the TBCC Library.)*

## A note of thanks to TBCC Foundation

### Dear TBCC (Tillamook Bay Community College) Foundation,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for being chosen as a recipient of the Futuro Brillante Scholarship. The honor and support you have bestowed upon me through this scholarship are truly life-changing, and I am immensely grateful for this opportunity.

I cannot begin to explain how much this scholarship means to me and how it will positively impact my educational journey. Going to college has always been a dream of mine, but the financial obstacles seemed overwhelming. However, thanks to your generosity and belief in me, I now have the chance to pursue my academic dreams without worrying about student loans.

Receiving the Futuro Brillante Scholarship not only relieves the financial burden but also shows me that you have faith in my abilities and potential. This recognition has given me a renewed sense of motivation and determination to excel in my studies and make a meaningful contribution in my chosen field.

Moreover, I want to express my deep appreciation for the incredible support and resources provided by the TBCC Foundation. The guidance, mentorship, and networking opportunities that I have gained through your organization have been invaluable in shaping my educational and career path. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the generous donors and supporters who make the Futuro

Brillante Scholarship possible. Your commitment to empowering students like me is commendable, and I am humbled to be a recipient of your kindness. I promise to seize this opportunity and make the most of my education to positively impact society.

Please convey my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those involved in the TBCC Foundation and the Futuro Brillante Scholarship program. Your unwavering support and dedication to empowering students will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals like me.

With deepest gratitude,

*Brandon Lomas*

## Cornhole tournament benefits Career-to-Career Scholarship

The Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation was proud to host their first-ever North Coast Throwdown Cornhole Tournament this past winter.

On Saturday, January 14, at the Tillamook Fairgrounds, more than 30 teams competed in a round-robin style tournament for ultimate glory, and all to support a great cause.

All proceeds benefited the TBCC Career-to-Career scholarship program. This scholarship covers tuition for any Tillamook County resident who earned their high school diploma or GED in the last five years. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are returning to their education to complete a degree, want to make a change in their career, or improve their current job skills.

The North Coast Throwdown has been in development for two years, and Britta Lawrence, Executive Director of the TBCC Foundation expressed her passion for the event and the cause, "The Foundation is excited that we were finally able to host the North Coast Throwdown. Over 30 teams participated, with some teams traveling down from Washington to compete. We were able to raise over \$3K to benefit the Career-to-Career Scholarship program, and had a lot of fun while doing



*More than 30 cornhole teams turned out for the first-ever North Coast Throwdown Cornhole Tournament benefiting TBCC Career-to-Career scholarship program.*

it! I am so grateful for the community support, and look forward to this event growing larger in the future."

A special thank you to our sponsors, Tillamook Grocery Outlet, Greg's Marine Service, City Sanitary Service, Barbur Law, Tillamook Les Schwab, The Rendezvous Bar and Grill and Rosenberg's Builder Supply.



## TBCC Foundation receives \$100k endowment from Loren E. Parks Trust

The Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation has received a \$100K endowment from the Loren E. Parks Trust that will support healthcare pathways students. The Loren E. Parks Trust Endowed Scholarship will be used to support Healthcare Pathways students – such as EMS, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, and Nursing Assistant.

The ability to support a variety of TBCC students in a booming industry is extremely beneficial because the cost of equipment and fees associated with healthcare pathways are higher than in other TBCC classes. The perpetual support of the Loren E. Parks Trust Endowed Scholarship will help many healthcare pathways students pursue their careers with less financial stress.

For the past three years, the Trust has been managed by four trustees. Jerry Dove, a trustee, spoke to why the endowment would go towards healthcare pathways students, "Loren made his living inventing, manufacturing, and selling medical electronics; and my wife, Johna Dove, is a retired RN. The Trust has donated to the hospital several times, and Johna and I want to see our local hospital have and retain locals in the medical field."

The Loren E. Parks Trust Endowed Scholarship will support healthcare pathways students in many ways. Funds can be used for tuition, fees, books, educational expenses, living expenses, and childcare. The TBCC Foundation wants to provide as many academic opportunities as possible for TBCC students, which includes the means to help students with basic needs.

This is the first endowment that the TBCC Foundation has received this year. Britta Lawrence, the Executive Director of the Foundation said, "The TBCC Foundation is extremely



*Pictured (l to r): Jerry Dove trustee, Britta Lawrence Executive Director TBCC Foundation, and Ross Tomlin Ed.D. TBCC President pose with a \$100k endowment check pledged from the Loren E. Parks Trust.*

grateful to receive this generous gift of \$100,000 to start a new endowment focused on supporting our healthcare pathways program. The Loren E. Parks Trust has been a fantastic community supporter

in previous years, and we are grateful that once again the TBCC Foundation was selected to receive funds. This endowment will exist into perpetuity, positively impacting TBCC students forever."



## Stained glass pieces donated to TBCC Foundation

In 2023, Fauna-June Fauth decided to donate several of her late husband Frank's beautiful stained glass art pieces to the TBCC Foundation.

"Frank and I were both teachers. Frank instructed adults in a painting class, at a community college, in Maryland, as part of their adult education courses. He wanted to share the beauty with the public sphere," Fauna said. Frank and I believe wholeheartedly in public education for everyone, and anything we can to support organizations that provide community, we will do."

An artist from an early age, Frank was enthralled with Winslow Homer, Jack London, and the tales and mysteries of the great north woods. As a young man, he traveled extensively in the Adirondacks and the northeastern Canadian Provinces of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton backpacking and fishing his way to Newfoundland as a young man. Frank, also, began a lifelong association with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. where he was a frequent visitor to their museums and art galleries until he and his wife, Fauna-June, relocated to Cape Hatteras Island off the coast of North Carolina in 1998. Frank began visiting the West in the early 1970's where he first encountered the magic of Highway 101.

After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from Towson State University in Maryland, he taught photography and painting in high school and community college settings. In his last teaching position, he taught residential carpentry

and cabinet making to vulnerable young adults through the Job Corps Program.

"Frank's family was the community – he established this network while pursuing higher education. He never thought he was smart enough to receive a college degree," Fauna said. "It was through the support of his instructors at community college that inspired him to become a teacher after he received his degree at age 40, the first in his family. Frank struggled through his early education, and was told he would never read. He had teachers and instructors that motivated him."

In 1990, Frank became seriously interested in stained glass and began working with friends who had a commercial stained glass business doing commissions and restoration work. After moving to Cape Hatteras, he established a studio where inspired nature scenes from the Carolina Coast led to many commissions in public spaces and residential settings.

During the 1990's and up to 2003, Frank and Fauna-June continued traveling to the Northwest on extended trips visiting art towns and places of natural scenic beauty. Always, they were drawn to the hauntingly beautiful Oregon Coast. They decided to move from Cape Hatteras to Yachats, Oregon in 2003.

"Education and public programs are near and dear to our hearts," Fauna said. "By supporting the college (TBCC), Tillamook County Library System, and Adventist Health



*Fauna-June Fauth donated the beautiful chum salmon stained glass art piece, along with four other various salmon stained glass pieces, designed and created by Frank Fauth, her late husband to the TBCC Foundation in 2023.*

through estate planning, is the most rewarding project I could've done, to, both, honor my artist husband's memory and support the organizations in which we believe, for the good of the community and the organizations we hold dear. It is exactly what Frank would have wanted. I want to motivate and inspire others to support our wonderful community college, TBCC, by whatever means they can. One person can really make a difference for many others!"

Now, Fauna-June resides in South Tillamook County, in a rustic cabin where Frank lived and dedicated his life to preserving the cabin, our property bordering the Siuslaw National Forest lands, and creating so many works of art that still bring joy and the beauty of nature to so many.

She, fondly, refers to her property as the "Peace Forest," as it brings her peaceful respite and many happy memories.

Although his actual stained glass studio no longer exists, Frank's "studio" is, now, our community's public places."



*Stained glass art pieces donated by Fauna-June Fauth to the TBCC Foundation in 2023 are displayed in the main lobby at TBCC*

## Alumni Highlight: Hydee Berger

Hydee Berger had been a 911 dispatcher for nine years when a class in the TBCC course catalog caught her eye.

"I was looking to just take some classes for fun and go back to school to learn some new things," Berger said. "I saw the EMT class and I thought that would be cool because then I could teach CPR to the other dispatchers."

Berger began taking classes at TBCC and fell in love with everything to do with the medical field.

"It completely changed my life forever," she said. "When I got my EMT certification, I absolutely found what I love."

Berger completed her courses in December 2020 and began working for Adventist Health Tillamook first as a medical assistant in urgent care and then as an EMT in the ambulance department.

"It just felt like such a privilege to be out with the public and our community and be with the hospital that's caring for them," Berger said. "It was such an honor to be there with these people."

In September 2021, Berger returned to TBCC for paramedic classes.

"When you're going into the medical profession, it shouldn't be easy," Berger said. "And TBCC had high expectations for each of their classes. I had so much support from the very beginning from instructors and admin staff. It was a positive



*Pictured: Adventist Health Tillamook EMS Provider of the Year Hydee Berger, middle right, shown with, left to right, Gary Obreque, Director, Human Resources; Eric Swanson, President; and Jackie Fox, Director of EMS, right.*

*Photo courtesy of Adventist Health Tillamook*

environment in all my classes and really made me want to excel in all my classes and kept me so positive going into my career with the foundation that I got at TBCC. They gave me a great start to being a paramedic."

In March 2023, Berger successfully completed her paramedic courses and began working in the EMS department.

In May 2023, she was named Adventist Health Tillamook's 2023 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider of the Year. Berger was nominated by her peers for her dedication, her commitment to her community and her willingness to go above and beyond for her patients.

"It was really surprising and really an honor," Berger said. "I work with some really great EMTs and paramedics. When I was going to school and doing my clinics, I wasn't thinking in terms of this. I just thought I'd step up and fill a role that was needed in Tillamook."

Berger says her advice to future students is that it's never too late to pursue your passion.

"I was 46 when I went back to school," Berger said. "I changed my whole life; it took a direction I had no idea it was going to. I had a truly enjoyable experience as a student. And now it's an honor being a part of this community as a paramedic."

*Interested in sharing your alumni story with us? Email [alumni@tillamookbaycc.edu](mailto:alumni@tillamookbaycc.edu)*

## Alumni and Friends Program

*TBCC Alumni and Friends Program connects our alumni with the College, current students, industry, and other alumni. Connections like these make our current students, alumni, and our community stronger and more successful.*

Our Alumni have:

- Taken college courses – one or many
- Received a certificate or degree
- Received a GED, ELA
- Continuing-education classes
- Professional development training

Our Friends are:

Family members that have utilized TBCC resources through a college event (presentation, social events, arts or cultural exhibit or performance). They are employees or community members that love TBCC!

*For more information, visit: [tillamookbaycc.edu/alumni](http://tillamookbaycc.edu/alumni)*





## Long-time supporters: Del & Sylvia Burk

Del and Sylvia Burk wanted to invest in the future and has been actively supporting TBCC for the past 30 years.

"The college has a really special place in the community to promote and educate people for jobs," Sylvia said. "We felt good about what's being accomplished there."

The couple recently contributed to the new TBCC Health Building; something they both strongly supported as Sylvia was employed with Legacy Emanuel for 30 years.

"I would encourage others to invest as this is the future," Sylvia said. "People are educated here locally for our community's economy and future."

Del is also an active member of the Tillamook Masonic Lodge that has supported the college for numerous years.

The TBCC Foundation is so proud and thankful to have such long-time supporters contribute the first gift to our new healthcare building. It is a testament to their love for TBCC and our students' future.



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## Simple Ways to Make a Planned Gift

**Scott Barbur & Laura Laskey, Law Partners at Barbur Law, LLC**

1. Make a bequest in your estate plan. A will or living trust benefits you and your family and can easily include a bequest to an organization you wish to support. Work with a qualified attorney to include wording in your will or trust such as: "I give and bequeath the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation, Tax ID 93-1232961, located in Tillamook, OR 97141, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars OR \_\_\_\_\_percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate OR the following described property: \_\_\_\_\_."

2. Name the TBCC Foundation as a beneficiary of your investment account, retirement plan or life insurance policy.

3. Set up a charitable remainder trust. Use cash, stock or real estate to fund a charitable gift annuity to receive fixed and guaranteed income during your lifetime and tax benefits upon your death.

4. Lifetime gifting. Sometimes it makes sense for your estate plan to make charitable gift during your lifetime. Be sure to check with your legal and tax experts before making any significant gifts.



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## Arthur and Janet Riedel Endowed Scholarship

Johnna Beversdorf  
Karyl Udtohan

## Benjamin G. Nunez & Priscilla Gleason Nunez Endowed Scholarship

Saul Gonzalez Madera  
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## Buck and Elnora Monroe Endowed Scholarship

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## Casey-Green Endowed Scholarship

Letty Buchanan

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Tyler Marshall  
Arriana Triano

## Dr. Paul Betlinski Endowed Scholarship

Berenice Juarez  
Sandra Morales

## Esther Milne - Pat Sears Endowed Scholarship

Jessica Ackerman  
Noel Wassmer

## Futuro Brillante Scholarship

Brandon Lomas

## Gilda J. Brown Endowed Scholarship

Jocelynn Balmer

## Hampton Lumber Endowed Scholarship

Josh Skutnik

## J.M. "Jim" Brown Endowed Scholarship

Jacklyn Theoharis

## Juntos Afuera Scholarship

Marissa Velazquez

## Kiwanis Club of Tillamook - Lyle Specht Memorial Scholarship

Melissa Oliver

## Loren E. Parks Endowed Scholarship

Maggie Garcia

## M. Wayne Jensen Endowed Scholarship

Charlotte Walton

## Mario and Alma Pastega Family Scholarship

Danielle Moore  
Bree Randolph  
Lisa Ray  
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Scout Weber

## Mary Lou Hudson Endowed Scholarship

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## Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Selena Aguilar Castillo  
Janet Orozco Ortiz

## Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarship

Jennifer Brown  
Jacqueline Everts  
Daniella Rodriguez  
Dorian Romero Sanchez  
Cade Weitzel

## Nehalem Bay Emergency Services Scholarship

Tyler Marshall

## Oceanside-Netarts Vera Snow-Reid Memorial Scholarship

Jaime Henandez

## Peggy Maack Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Taylor Decker

## Robert and Alicia Reed Endowed Scholarship

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## Teach for Tillamook Endowed Scholarship

Diana Macias

## Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation Scholarship

Jesus Ontiveros-Aispuro  
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Rebecca Thurston  
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## Tillamook County Pioneer Museum Endowed Scholarship

Melissa Oliver

## 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.

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## Giving Circles Appreciation Brunch

In April we hosted our first Giving Circles Appreciation Brunch – the first time we have been able to host this event since our giving circles launched in 2020!

Giving Circle members gathered at Alderbrook Golf Course to hear from President Ross Tomlin, Dean of Career-Technical-Education (CTE) Sherry Cook and Healthcare Programs Coordinator Jay Bankhead about the exciting updates and future innovations coming to TBCC.

This brunch was a great opportunity to connect giving circle members with representatives from TBCC about important collegiate updates regarding TBCC's Strategic Plan, the new Healthcare Building, and exciting developments with CTE in our community.

As giving circle members of the TBCC Foundation getting this



information to you is a priority because without our donors these expansions could not be possible. Your respect and value of higher education is clearly demonstrated through your contributions to the foundation and the students it supports.

"It is because of our community

supporters that the foundation raised over \$520K last fiscal year, our biggest champions of TBCC are our Giving Circle Members, and for that, I am eternally grateful," Britta Lawrence, Executive Director.

If you are interested in becoming a Giving Circle Member please visit [tillamookbaycc.edu/foundation](https://tillamookbaycc.edu/foundation).

*Save the Date*  
*October 20, 2023*

*Mildred Davy Scholarship  
Recognition Luncheon*



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