

Scholarship Support Changes Life of First-Generation Student



Pictured above: MaKenna Mata and Britta Lawrence

MaKenna Mata moved around a lot throughout her childhood, attending some less-than-desirable schools. And because of the constant uprooting, never really liked school.

Yet despite the challenges, Mata graduated high school early, the first person in her family to do so, making her a first-generation student. By 2018, she found herself enrolled at Tillamook Bay Community College.

“It was honestly a bit of a shock to be in a community that was so involved with each other and at a college that was setting their students up for success,” she said. “It was really nice that the teachers and professors (even

when you’re not in their class) want to be involved in your life. I 100 percent love the atmosphere at TBCC. I never fault or fail because there’s always a support system.”

During her time at TBCC, Mata has successfully completed two degrees, an Associate of General Studies and Associate of Science. She was approved for her Oregon Transfer Module, is currently enrolled in TBCC’s nursing program, and is a past recipient of the Loren E. Parks Trust Endowed Scholarship. This year, Mata has received the Mario and Alma Pastega Family Scholarship and the DeArmond Scholarship.

“I wanted people to know that students who receive scholarships are grateful,” she said. “Education is taken for granted. I don’t look like I’ve gone through the things that I have, and there’s a stigma that comes with people like me. There are a lot of issues that come from education in general. But, if there’s a goal in life, you have to achieve it. There’s a lot of obstacles in life. It’s important that you keep challenging yourself.”

Mata hopes to become a labor and delivery nurse, specifically to aid expectant mothers during times of need.

A note from the Executive Director

As the Executive Director of the TBCC Foundation, I want to thank all of our generous donors and supporters who helped the Foundation continue its mission this year. Now more than ever, the Foundation is committed to serving our students and building bridges of opportunity for each one that lead to family-living wages. Without the help of our donors, Giving Circle Members, and the community, all that the Foundation has accomplished this year wouldn't be possible.

2025 has been a big year for the TBCC Foundation. We received a \$773,000 donation from the Richard and Virginia White Educational Fund, the largest single donation in the Foundation's history. The annual Mildred Davy event was sold out for the second time, and \$122,166 in scholarship dollars

was awarded to a total of 78 scholarship recipients.

The Foundation has grown exponentially since its inception in 2002, and I am grateful to the Foundation Board for entrusting me with this stewardship. To continue facilitating this growth as we move forward, the Foundation will focus on strengthening relationships between local partners, donors, and the community.

Thank you to all who supported the Foundation and the college as a whole this past year. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, or a community member who believes in the Foundation's mission, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting students at TBCC.

Leave a Lasting Impression With Planned Giving

Everyone leaves an impression in their community. Those impressions are formed by the impact our actions have on the lives of others. A person is remembered for the weight of their character, for their accomplishments, kindness, compassion and generosity. How do you want to be remembered?



Thank you to Barbur Law, LLC for partnering with the TBCC Foundation this fall to host a free Planned Giving Workshop—it was a unique opportunity to learn how you can make a lasting impact through thoughtful estate and charitable planning. Whether you're just beginning to think about your estate plans or you're ready to explore how charitable giving can align with your values, this workshop will provide practical tools, expert insights, and personalized guidance.

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 working in your will or trust such as: "I give and bequeath the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation, Tax ID 93-1232961, located in Tillamook, Oregon 97141, the sum of _____ dollars OR _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate OR the follow 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 a charitable gift during your lifetime. Be sure to check with your legal and tax experts before making any significant gifts.

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This list is for information purposes only, and not intended to be legal advice. Seek qualified legal and financial counsel before taking any steps above. Please seek qualified independent financial and legal counsel to explore a planned giving option that works best for you.

2025-2026 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

AAUW Endowed Scholarship

Jessica Logsdon

Arthur and Janet Riedel Endowed Scholarship

Logan Motsinger Zoé Pigeot Kaden Wolfe

Benjamin G. Nunez and Priscilla Gleason Nunez Endowed Scholarship

Jessica Aguilar Castillo Emma Farr Kaiden Hay

Buck and Elnora Monroe Endowed Scholarship

Kearney Balmer

Casey-Green Endowed Scholarship

Brooke Cross

DeArmond Scholarship

Sydnee Abbott	Megan Lux
Fjara Dawn	MaKenna Mata
Abby Hill	Elizabeth Reyes Avalos
Brook Klahn	Kimberly Schwartz

Doug Wright and Susan Lynch Nursing Scholarship

Emma Farr Jessica Logsdon

Dr. Paul Betlinski Endowed Scholarship

Leah Bonaduce Fjara Dawn

Esther Milne - Pat Sears Endowed Scholarship

Jessica Boquist Ferbrache Joy Ouska

Futuro Brillante Scholarship

Andrew Amerson	Carlos Cervantes
Sahira Barajas Tapia	Liz Gomez

Gilda J. Brown Endowed Scholarship

Tessa Padilla Rojas (Chavez)

Hampton Lumber Endowed Scholarship

Nicole Johnson

J.M. “Jim” Brown Endowed Scholarship

Mary Callister

John R. and Janet J. Stahl, Gloria Languedoc Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Emily Knight

Juntos Afuera Scholarship

Stefany Moreno Gutierrez

Kiwanis Club of Tillamook - Lyle Specht Memorial Scholarship

Sahira Barajas Tapia Jessica Boquist Ferbrache

Loren E. Parks Trust Endowed Scholarship

Shalynn Lane Mary May Tyler Motsinger

M. Wayne Jensen Endowed Scholarship

Morgan McFarland

Mario and Alma Pastega Family Scholarship

Leah Bonaduce	Mikah Kooy
Erika Brooke	MaKenna Mata
Morgan Cooper	Audrey Miller
Kerrin Higdon	Stefany Moreno Gutierrez

Mary Lou Hudson Endowed Scholarship

Marcella Heath

Mildred Davy Endowed Scholarship

Jocelynn Balmer	Leslie Garcia	Annaliese Moeller
Daisy Camacho-Gutierrez	Anna Longfield	Jazmin Tapia Barajas
Leslie Camba	Quintessa Lopes	Shelby Warren
Mariana Cota	Susie McAdams	

Oceanside-Netarts Vera Snow-Reid Memorial Scholarship

Liz Gomez Tyler Motsinger

Peggy Maack Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Taylor Decker

Robert and Alicia Reed Endowed Scholarship

Jessica Boquist Ferbrache Shalynn Lane

Ross and Joanne Tomlin Scholarship

Sahira Barajas Tapia

Teach for Tillamook Endowed Scholarship

Hollie Adams

The Matthew Rehl Scholarship

Sydnee Abbott

The Patsy L. and Christian J. Weber Endowed Scholarship

Noel Wassmer

Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation Scholarship

Simone Ferguson	Samantha Moore
Nathan Meier	Jennifer Reichg

Tillamook Coast Outdoor Program Scholarship

Madrone Anderson Julia Bouziane

Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association Scholarship

Madrone Anderson

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum Endowed Scholarship

Simone Ferguson Anahi Fuentes

Tillamook Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Abby Hill Naomie Marion

Tillamook Rotary Club Scholarship

Jamie Oldenkamp

Virgil Chadwick Agricultural Scholarship

Courtney Mortenson

Alumni Highlight: Q & A with Abraham Rosas

Q: What did you study/pursue at TBCC?

A: From 2018 to 2020, I studied MIT (Manufacturing & Industrial Technology) with a focus on welding, mechanics, and fabrication.

Q: Why this area of study?

A: I had just graduated from high school in 2018, and I chose MIT because I've always loved building and fixing things. I wanted practical, hands-on skills that translate directly to work—especially welding techniques, shop safety, and mechanical fundamentals.

Q: Did TBCC change how you thought about college?

A: Yes. I used to think college was mostly lectures and theory. TBCC showed me it could be hands-on, career-focused, and accessible, with instructors who bring real industry experience and make learning feel immediately useful.

Q: One of your favorite parts about being a TBCC student & why?

A: Time in the shop. I loved stepping into a welding booth or onto a project and seeing progress right away. The combination of instructor feedback and hands-on practice built my confidence fast. And the most important thing, and what I was looking for the most, was meeting new people, the new connections, new friends, I made a difference

Q: What makes TBCC unique?

A: TBCC combines personal attention with real-world training. You get direct mentorship from instructors with industry backgrounds, affordable



tuition, and a community that truly wants you to succeed—especially in skilled trades.

Q: My journey at TBCC:

A: TBCC gave me a strong technical foundation and the confidence that comes from doing the work with my own hands. I left feeling prepared, motivated, and grateful for the opportunity to learn in such a supportive environment.

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!

Visit our booth at the 2026 Tillamook County Fair August 5-8; all TBCC alumni receive a coupon for a free scoop of Tillamook ice cream!

For more information, visit: tillamookbaycc.edu/alumni

Be Part of Our Giving Circles

It is our pleasure to thank the many individuals who support TBCC and its students by making a gift to the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation.

In 2020, we launched Giving Circles as a way to honor and thank those who provide support. Giving Circles are calculated each December. Each Circle 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 serve our community.

If you are planning to donate this holiday season, please contact Britta Lawrence, Executive Director of Advancement and the TBCC Foundation. Call 971-257-9258 or email brittalawrence@tillamookbaycc.edu

Find out which giving circle you belong to in 2025. There is still time to level up your generosity before the year ends! Don't delay – give the gift of education today!

Learn more about Giving Circles at tillamookbaycc.edu/foundation.



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

\$250 – \$4,999

Renewed annually

EXECUTIVE CIRCLE

\$5,000 – \$24,999

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

The TBCC Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit. Tax ID# 93-1232961. TBCC invests all endowments with our investment management partner: The Oregon Community Foundation www.oregoncnf.org.

Grateful for Your Support: A Message of Thanks

I started at TBCC during my sophomore year of high school. I was able to take two TBCC classes online, all while doing my other school work; what a cool opportunity! Because of my dual enrollment, I was able to finish my Associate in Science and Associate in General Studies degrees by the time I graduated high school. I was also just five classes shy of my Associate of Business degree. Now, I officially have three degrees from TBCC and I couldn't be more grateful. I am so thankful for this opportunity and the amazing staff who helped support me.

Best regards,

Daysha Chelone

Connecting Donors and Their Recipients

The Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) Foundation hosted the annual Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Event on Friday, October 17, at the Officers' Mess Hall. The event brought together scholarship recipients, Foundation benefactors, and community members who support higher education and student success in Tillamook County.

More than 120 guests attended, including nearly 50 students. One of the event's key goals is to connect TBCC scholarship donors with the students who received awards that year—helping them share stories, build relationships, and celebrate the life-changing impact of scholarship support.

"It's a chance for donors and the community to truly see the impact of scholarships for students," stated Britta Lawrence, Executive Director of Advancement and the Foundation at TBCC. "Hearing their stories of how they were able to afford food, find childcare, and even the idea that someone believes in them enough to give them money for their education. It's something I look forward to every year."

This year, the TBCC Foundation announced it has raised a total of \$5,873,322.79 since its inception. Of that amount, \$1,128,773.86 was raised in 2025 alone. It was a record year for the Foundation and a testament to the community's continued investment in local education.

At its heart, the Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Event honors the Foundation's scholarship recipients for their achievements,



Pictured above: Chris Weber, Noel Wassmer and child, Patsy Weber. Chris and Patsy resigned from Foundation board after 17 years of service.

resilience, and dedication, while celebrating the donors who make their success possible.

Mildred Davy was a beloved member of Tillamook County. For many years, Mildred was the voice of Tillamook as the radio host of "It's a Woman's World," which aired on KTIL, and she was a huge advocate for higher education. In 2002, the first endowed scholarship was established in her name. It started with donations totaling \$25,000 and has now grown to nearly \$200,000, helping 76 TBCC students over the years.

The TBCC Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported this year's scholars. The event was sponsored by TLC, a Division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, the Tillamook County Creamery Association, and JAndy Oyster Co.

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 you can work with the TBCC Foundation to support higher education in Tillamook County. You can reach us in whichever way works best for you.

Make a Donation Online Visit tillamookbaycc.edu. Click foundation at top of page Click 'donate now' button or scan this QR code



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Help a Student Achieve Their Goals

'Tis the Season of Giving

What are Emergency Funds?

The intent of the emergency funds program is to provide students who are experiencing an emergency or urgent unexpected expense with funding to help them bridge the gap and stay in school. Whether a student needs help paying rent, getting access to technology, or even purchasing groceries, emergency funds are there to break down those barriers to education.

How to donate:

Visit tillamookbaycc.edu/foundation to donate online or scan the QR code.

Facts/Stats:

- \$122,166.00 total scholarship dollars awarded last year from 78 scholarships
- 53% of students reported food insecurity > 53% of students were unsure where their next meal was coming from or if they could afford food. Many have had to choose between food and other expenses like their education, but education shouldn't come at the cost of stability. Hunger should never stand between a student and their education.
- 23% reported experiencing homelessness > 23% of students have experienced being homeless.
- 60% experienced housing insecurity > 60% of students were unsure if they could pay rent, bills, or if they'd have a place to sleep at times.
- \$46,467 of scholarship funds were used for childcare and living expenses last year > When we support parents, we invest in entire families and their futures.

"As the first in my family to attend college, this support means more than I can express. Knowing that others believe in my potential helps me financially and encourages me to keep pushing forward."

- 2025 Foundation Scholarship Recipient

This Season of Giving,

GIVE THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

Local students need your support. Donate today!

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Great Things Are Happening, Save the date!

Administration and Health Sciences Building
COMPLETION LATE 2025

Giving Circles Appreciation Event
APRIL 2026

TBCC Open House
APRIL 2026

Ribbon Cutting Administration and Health Sciences Building
APRIL 2026

Commencement
JUNE 12, 2026

Nursing Pinning Ceremony
JUNE 2026

North Coast Throwdown
SUMMER 2026

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
FALL 2026

Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Event
OCTOBER 2026



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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.

TBCC Foundation Board Members: Ann Batchelder, Dr. Paul Betlinski, Chuck Bridge, Cheryl Davy, Dawn Mendez, Marilyn Phegley, Marilyn Roossinck and Michael Weissenfluh.