GRATITUDE REPORT

July 1, 2017

TO

June 30, 2019
Celebrating Achievements July 1, 2017–June 30, 2019

- We reached our goal of awarding $500,000 scholarship dollars.
- In 2019, we brought back the Giving Tuesday campaign to support the student food pantry.
- In 2018 and 2019, four new perpetual scholarships were started by donors to support students at Mendocino College.
- We provided funding to support a dean/director position for the college’s nursing program.
- The Adopt A Fifth Grader program, which began in 2007 with one recipient, is now celebrating over 640 recipients after 13 years.
- We funded a new digital monument sign for the college entrance.
- We hosted an emergency fund for victims of the local fires and more recently to support students affected by COVID-19.
- In 2020, over $220,000 will be awarded in scholarships.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for opening the door to opportunity—opportunities for students to succeed, opportunities for students to focus on their futures, and opportunities that will change the trajectory of the rest of their lives. Every day, the Mendocino College Foundation is helping to launch future leaders and change-makers in our community and world.

Whether we are funding programs that provide scholarship dollars, bringing elementary age students on campus, or funding any variety of programs that support student success, we know that our efforts are helping to transform futures and strengthen our community.

Making a difference in our community would not be possible without you, our loyal donors. For thirty-six years, we have been asking for your support and you have never faltered in your giving or desire to see people succeed. Your support makes a difference in people’s lives that is life changing.

With Gratitude,

Tom Dow
MENDOCINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Katie Fairbairn
MENDOCINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank You!
### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Here at Mendocino College we are fortunate to have caring staff, faculty, and managers who value students and understand the importance of providing high quality educational opportunities for all the residents of our community!

Whether students are interested in transferring to a four year university, completing an associate's degree program, earning a certificate, engaging in career technical training, or strengthening their skills in Math or English, here at Mendocino College they will find outstanding teaching that inspires learning.

Our “student centered” approach offers proven student services including financial aid, tutoring and counseling along with complimentary academic support and guidance. At Mendocino College, we eagerly welcome all students and strongly encourage first-generation students, traditionally underrepresented students, and students from diverse backgrounds to enroll in classes.

Mendocino College is proud to serve a large population of Native American students and also be named a Hispanic Serving Institution. Our commitment to diversity remains one of our highest priorities. Diversity in the academic environment fosters cultural awareness, promotes mutual understanding and respect, and provides suitable role models for all students.

We wish our students all the best!

From the College President

Eileen Cichocki
interim superintendent/president; mendocino college foundation secretary-treasurer

MENDOCINO COLLEGE

Mendocino College is a two year community college accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

EXTENSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Hispanic Serving Institution
- Dreamer Resource Center
- First Year & Latino Student Support
- Free Tutoring, Math & English Labs
- Child Development Center
- Disability Resources
- Student Food Pantry
- Native American Student Resources
- Veterans’ Services
- Career Hub
- Free Bus Passes through MTA/LTA
- Free Parking & WiFi

MENDOCINO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Noel O’Neill         trustee area no. 1     Willits/Fort Bragg
Xochilt Martinez    trustee area no. 2     Ukiah
Marie Myers         trustee area no. 3     Calpella/Redwood Valley
Robert Jason Pinoli trustee area no. 4     Hopland/Boonville/Mendocino
Ed Nickerman        trustee area no. 5     Potter Valley/Round Valley
John Tomkins        trustee area no. 6     Lakeport/Lucerne
TeMashio Anderson   trustee area no. 7     Kelseyville
Aidan Lagorio       student trustee        Hopland
Every Gift Counts

Between July 1, 2017 & June 30, 2019

682 Donors Generously Gave

$1,346,213

Your contributions to the Mendocino College Foundation benefit students and educational programs at all Mendocino College locations.

Following are just a few of the ways in which you can help:

- Academic or enrichment programs
- Adopt A Fifth Grader program (AAFG)
- Charitable gift annuities
- Donor designated fund or trust
- Endowed faculty chair
- Karen L. Gilmore ESL Book Awards
- Legacy gifts or bequests
- Mendocino College Foundation affiliate groups
- Perpetual or one-time scholarships
- Student Emergency Fund
- Student Food Pantry
- Veterans’ Services
- Yvonne Sligh Book Awards

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Quiet, soft spoken, and incredibly intelligent, Esmeralda Muniz Madrigal knew early on in her educational career that she would attend Mendocino College.

The youngest of four children, this Ukiah High School graduate had heard all about Mendocino College from her older siblings. They all loved their experience at Mendocino College and Esmeralda knew that she too would benefit from the smaller environment, easy access to help, and learning from instructors who live in her own community.

She is finishing up her two-year degree in Administration of Justice with a perfect 4.0 straight-A grade point average. She has received multiple scholarships—The Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship and the Floyd Ross Memorial Scholarship—while enrolled at Mendocino College, which enabled her to attend school full-time and move toward her educational and career goals.

Like many young children, Esmeralda was curious about police officers and sheriffs. She watched a neighborhood change for the better due to the presence of law enforcement and, admiring what she saw, decided that she wanted to be part of something that effects positive change.

Esmeralda Muniz Madrigal will begin studies toward her bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice this fall at Sonoma State University. We believe that Esmeralda will become the kind of change agent that this world needs!

Scholarship Recipient

ESMERALDA MUNIZ MADRIGAL
Mendocino College Class of 2020
Mendocino College Foundation Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship
Floyd Ross Memorial Scholarship

We believe that Esmeralda will become the kind of change agent that this world needs!
Jonathan Escalante is a second year nursing student at Mendocino College and feels happy and blessed to be part of the Mendocino College Nursing Program. He has received numerous Mendocino College Foundation scholarships that have kept him working toward his goal of becoming a nurse.

“My dream didn’t really start until my wife and I moved to Ukiah in 2014 from the Bay Area...I was welcomed by everyone I came into contact with and felt nothing but encouragement to move forward with my dream of becoming a nurse.”

In 2005, Jonathan became an EMT, working at a medical office, and it was there that he saw someone get gravely ill. “The doctor called 911 and these EMTs came in and just controlled the situation. They saved his life. They had this ability to save a life and I knew that a career in the medical field was my destiny.”

“The college truly is the GEM of the community! I was told that the nurses coming out of the Mendocino College Nursing Program were of the highest caliber. The nursing program is harder than anything I have ever done. Many times I felt defeated—but with the support of the hospital team, my wife, classmates, and college staff I have persevered.”

According to Jonathan, during the COVID-19 crisis, the faculty at Mendocino College went above and beyond to ensure that all of the nursing candidates continued to fulfill their preceptorship hours when possible and to continue toward earning their degree. We are proud to have helped Jonathan on his journey as a nursing candidate!
Scholarship Recipient Julie Bravo

Julie Bravo’s goal is ultimately to become a hospital administrator. On the way to that she is working hard to obtain her nursing degree at Mendocino College.

In addition to being a re-entry student, Julie is also a wife and a mother to four grown children. As she puts it, she feels like becoming a nurse is her calling: “After raising children and caring for an elderly parent with dementia, I just knew that I wanted to be a nurse.”

“Winning scholarships has helped me purchase textbooks, fuel for my car, all the little things that add up. This funding gives you breathing room.”

Julie raves about the faculty in the nursing program: “The teachers and staff are so wonderful, they guide you and help you every step of the way. I am truly grateful.”

Re-entry students like Julie make up a significant portion of the student population at Mendocino College. In addition, part-time students make up 70% of our enrollment. Students in both of these groups can often be overlooked in the four-year college and university system. The Mendocino College Foundation provides assistance to all student groups and we are especially proud to support re-entry and part-time students who often face more challenges trying to complete an education. Through the efforts of the Mendocino College Foundation and its sponsors we can make sure that all students achieve their goals.

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Scholarship Recipient

JULIE BRAVO

Mendocino College Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarship

Scholarship Recipient Julie Bravo
The Adopt A Fifth Grader (AAFG) program began in 2007. From the beginning, the goal has been to improve the rate of high school and college graduation by encouraging students at a young age to work toward academic goals and develop habits that will help them be successful in college and in their lives. A donor’s $700 donation toward a student matures into a $1,000 scholarship waiting for that student when they enroll in college.

2019 was the largest year in the program’s history with 107 recipients in a single year. By the end of 2020, there will be a grand total of 643 students who have benefitted.

The first recipient from 2007 graduated from high school in 2014, is currently attending UC Berkeley, and is on track to earn a degree in English. The 40 recipients from 2013 are all set to graduate from high school in 2020. As of June 2020, there have been 127 total AAFG recipients who have graduated from high school.

To date, we have received $449,400 in donations from individuals and businesses who want to encourage fifth graders to graduate high school and attend college.

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AAFG Alumni: 643
Laura Xerogeanes grew up without thinking about going to college; she just didn’t think it was an option for her life. Raised in Novato, California she moved to Ukiah in 1994, and within a few years of relocating she enrolled in two classes at Mendocino College.

She remembers taking Janet Chaniot’s health class and she discovered her desire to learn. That early success would lead her to take chemistry and biology, and a love of the sciences grew within her. As she made progress with her classwork, she also started to learn about herself—not just in an academic way, but in a very personal way. She began discovering who she was as a person and what she enjoyed, and it changed her thinking and belief system.

She credits Jerry DeChaine, Emeritus Science Professor, for instilling in her this love of the sciences and for pushing her to apply for scholarships. She won numerous scholarships from the Foundation that helped her pay for a variety of living expenses.

Laura graduated from Mendocino College in 1998 with a degree in Biology for transfer and a Liberal Arts degree. She transferred to Sonoma State University and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science.

As her story unfolds, she met and married a wonderful man and has two children ages 17 and 19. She tells her children that attending college will challenge their thinking and broaden their understanding of the world: “I want them to feel challenged and not just take an easy path.” Her message to them is that you have an opportunity to grow from college in multiple ways. It is more than just earning a degree, it’s learning who you are as a person.
How does someone know they want to be a theatre arts professor? In Reid Edelman’s case, it was simple; he knew from a very young age that he loved everything about theatre arts.

Growing up in San Francisco, Reid’s parents enrolled him in the Lick-Wilmerding High School and by the age of 15 he was directing his first play. His path would take him to Stanford University and then back to Lick-Wilmerding to teach theatre.

An opportunity over 20 years ago brought him to Mendocino College, and he and his family have called Ukiah home since then. He smiles brightly as he explains what he sees in his students’ eyes as they learn about and participate in theatre: “Theatre builds confidence, teaches you how to work with other people, trust your instincts, be creative, meet deadlines, and the list goes on.”

“I see students who might not have stayed in school had it not been for their participation in theater. They become motivated and excited by their theatre experience, and that’s what teaching is really all about, to excite and motivate someone.”

When asked why he gives to the Foundation, his response was that it’s an easy way to support students and programs at the college that might not have enough funding. He feels that his financial support directly helps students and likes the flexibility of how the Foundation can help students in a myriad of ways.

Reid believes that theatre is the best training for life!
Adventist Health Ukiah Valley and Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospitals have a long history of support, guidance, and partnership with the Mendocino College Foundation. Over the years, Adventist Health has provided monetary support for student scholarships, emergency funds, instructional faculty, gala sponsorships, medical equipment, and more—you name it, and they have supported it!

Adventist Health is an organization that lives up to its mission—helping the community stay healthy by providing the best health care options to our residents.

Adventist Health has partnered with the Mendocino College Foundation since 2009, supporting the Foundation in its goal to increase access to affordable education in Mendocino County. With their support, the Mendocino College Nursing Program has become one of the best in the State of California. Our graduates have obtained a 100% pass rate on their state board examinations in 6 out of 11 years, an accomplishment that is a direct result of the support we have received from our partnership with Adventist Health.

Adventist Health is an essential community partner for helping people transform their lives. Every gift they make makes a difference and brings our students closer to achieving their dreams. Thank you, Adventist Health, for your continued community support!
“Earning a degree or certificate beyond high school can be life changing to a student. We believe that it changes someone’s trajectory.”

Howie Hawkes and Mary Anne Landis’s dedication to education and their commitment to supporting their community shines through in everything they do. These two passionate individuals have been lending their knowledge, voluntary support, and philanthropic assistance to support Ukiah and the larger community for the past 40 years.

Howie is a local builder who earned a bachelor’s degree and states how thankful he is to have earned a degree. “All these years later, I rely on information I learned in my bachelor’s program and as we know, reading is the key to a successful life.”

Mary Anne is a retired educator, builder, and local elected official. The Adopt A Fifth Grader program was appealing to her because of her experience in education. “My recollection is that vocabulary really increases in the fifth grade and that’s a tipping point for students to really get in gear to learn.”

The couple raised two boys in Ukiah who both went on to earn University of California degrees. They were both involved in the educational system firsthand and are acutely aware of the impact that comes from a student pursuing higher education. “Earning a degree or certificate beyond high school can be life changing to a student. We believe that it changes someone’s trajectory,” stated Mary Anne.

Howie and Mary Anne say, “It is very rewarding to collaborate with the Mendocino College Foundation,” in providing support for the Adopt A Fifth Grader program. “We believe in and will always support education in our community.” When asked what advice they would give to an AAFG recipient, Howie said, “Stick with some line of work in order to gain expertise and be the anchor of knowledge about your craft.”

Mary Anne’s response was heartfelt: “Find a way to be of use to others—positively impact other people’s lives.”

Mary Anne Landis & Howie Hawkes
Adopt A Fifth Grader Donors

Adopt A Fifth Grader Donors

MARY ANNE LANDIS & HOWIE HAWKES

In her tenure on the Ukiah City Council, Mary Anne served as mayor in 2012. Howie Hawkes is the founder and owner of Hawkes Construction in Ukiah.
The Ukiah High School Alumni Association began in 1995 in order to recognize and in some cases memorialize distinguished alumni.

This non-profit organization’s income comes from annual dues that alumni provide and legacy gifts from donors.

The association was created by two dedicated educational leaders, Charley Myers (retired Ukiah Unified School Superintendent) and Phil Gary (retired Ukiah High School Principal).

Board members are volunteers and all share a love and passion to support Ukiah High School. Over the past several years, they have shared that passion for education with the Mendocino College Foundation by establishing perpetual scholarships at Mendocino College in honor of Ukiah High graduates.

Members feel that the key to a successful life is to graduate from high school and attend college. Alumni members have worked for the college, attended classes at the college, or just simply hold an affinity for the organization. It’s a natural partnership that has created five perpetual scholarships to benefit Ukiah High School graduates who enroll at Mendocino College. Those scholarships were created to honor Floyd Ross, Jeff Banks, Natalie McCoy Foucault, Tom Goforth, and Joan Moore Eriksen.

In 2019, the Ukiah High School Alumni Association disbursed over $51,000 in scholarship dollars to Ukiah High graduates and annually recognizes a distinguished graduate.
MENDOCINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.

MISSION
The Foundation supports Mendocino College in educating leaders, fostering intellectual growth, and enriching lives by creating opportunities to invest in a better future for our students and communities.

VISION
The Foundation will be a major force in helping students turn their hopes and dreams into realities.

VALUES

STUDENT SUCCESS
We believe in providing educational opportunities for students to achieve their goals and become productive citizens in our society.

GIVING
We believe in personal giving and in providing opportunities for anyone to share our passion for student success and fulfill their legacy of giving.

STEWARDSHIP
We believe in building healthy and trusting relationships that respect donor wishes and ensure effective stewardship of our endowments.

COMMUNITY
We believe in engaging our communities in supporting the students of Mendocino College. We believe that through partnerships, we will develop healthy and enriched communities.

“We believe in engaging our communities in supporting the students of Mendocino College.”

Financial Statement
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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**Mendocino College Foundation Scholarships**

**Named Scholarships**
- Mendocino College Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Robert & Marlys Blanc Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Carl J. Ehmann Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Thomas M. Evans Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Jim Meyer Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation George R. Szanik Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Instructional Promise Award

**Perpetual Scholarships**
- Jeff Banks Scholarship
- Albert & Patricia Beltrami Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Joan & Harry Bistrin Memorial Scholarship
- Joan Moore Eriksen Scholarship
- Kathleen Kohn Fetzer Family Foundation Scholarship
- Natalie McCoy Foucault Scholarship
- Tom Goforth Scholarship
- Les Gregg Family Scholarship
- LaRue Kobrin Memorial Scholarships
- Mary Lou Koeninger Scholarship
- Wallace Meek Perez & Dr. Virginia Martinez Meek MESA Scholarship
- Mendocino College Foundation Coast Center Art & Science Scholarship (Arthur & Jean Morley)
- Mary Oosting Fine Arts Scholarship
- Floyd Ross Memorial Scholarship
- Silveira/Cleary Family Scholarship
- George Weger Scholarship
- Hulda & Alfred Weger Scholarship

*The Mendocino College Foundation would especially like to acknowledge these donors in gratitude for their support*

**Endowed Scholarships**
- Mendocino College Foundation Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship
- John Bogner Fine Arts Scholarship
- Joe & Dorothy Halliday Scholarship
- Salmen Family Scholarship

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(above): Emergency Room nurses and doctor; Ukiah Fire paramedic stabilizes a pediatric patient

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