



Tim Karas, Mendocino College's  
Superintendent / President

MESSAGE FROM ★★★  
*Tim Karas* OUR  
SUPERINTENDENT / PRESIDENT

This has been quite a year since joining the Mendocino College family. This past year has been like no other, with a worldwide pandemic altering the way we live, teach and learn. To say that it has been difficult for all of us is an understatement. But through

these extraordinarily challenging circumstances, our commitment to student success has never wavered. The Foundation Board of Directors, Foundation staff, program affiliate members, and donors have worked with dedication, passion, and endurance to help make higher education opportunities available to all, not only a privileged few. During this past year the Foundation has continued to support our students through scholarships, programs such as Adopt a Fifth Grader, and continued support of specific college departments, like nursing.

As we look ahead, ensuring access to education has never been more rewarding, challenging and critical. The success of our students and our community today, and in the future, depends on those who support our role as an intellectual, economic and cultural anchor for the region. Thank you for supporting the Mendocino College Foundation.



*Mariah Phillips*

Congratulations to scholarship recipient Mariah Phillips! She was awarded three scholarships this year: the George Weger Scholarship, the Joe & Dorothy Halliday Scholarship and the Foundation's Academic Excellence Scholarship.



Mariah Phillips, scholarship recipient

Mariah is a Ukiah High School graduate and participated in the dual enrollment program through Mendocino College while in high school. Mariah expressed that she really has enjoyed her time at Mendocino College and the dual enrollment program put her ahead of her educational and career goals while still in high school. Mariah is working on her AS in Allied Health and planning on applying to Radiology Technician programs this October.



**NEW!**

**Adopt a 5th Grader TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**

AAFG Recipients are now eligible to receive the AAFG Transfer Scholarship if completing at MC within 2 years with an Associate's Degree, certificate completion and/or transferring to a 4-year university or college. For more information, please contact foundation@mendocino.edu or call 707-467-1018.



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5th-grade class award ceremony at Accelerated Achievement Academy

**ENTIRE ACCELERATED ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY CLASS ADOPTED THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT!**

*"It was July 2020 and students had just finished a difficult spring transition due to the pandemic. I have been sponsoring AAFG scholarships at Accelerated Achievement Academy for a number of years and I got this crazy idea that it would be great to join together to provide scholarships to the entire 5th-grade class as a way to give them something positive to remember the year by. So, I took to Facebook and asked friends to join me in sponsoring the entire 5th-grade class at Accelerated Achievement Academy. I*

*felt like it was a real long shot because it was an uncertain time for many. I kept posting every few weeks and, one-by-one, my friends and their family members began to commit to supporting the class. I was so excited when my crazy idea came to fruition and we supported all of the students in the class! The awards ceremony was attended by students and their parents (socially distanced, of course) and it was an emotional day as I looked out at the students who were receiving the scholarships and thought about all of the possibilities and promise that were sitting in those seats. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of them at Mendocino College in a few years!"* – Leslie Banta, Mathematics Professor, Mendocino College and longtime AAFG supporter

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SEASON**

**Dec 6, 2021 - March 1, 2022**

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beginning December 6<sup>th</sup> at

**[mendocinocollege.awardspring.com](http://mendocinocollege.awardspring.com)**

This year we distributed **\$201,300** in scholarship funds to **158** Mendocino College students!

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