



2022 annual report





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and our shared aspiration to break through barriers that inhibit learning and achievement.

Steven Broncheau

DIRECTOR, LBCC FOUNDATION

Forward together - A message from our new foundation director

Dear Esteemed Donors and Friends,

I am Steven Broncheau, welcoming you as the new Director of the Linn-Benton Community College Foundation. As you delve into the exceptional work we have accomplished over this past year within the pages of our annual report, I hope the stories will not only inform you but also inspire you about our collective journey towards academic excellence, individual growth, and societal advancement.

As a non-traditional student, my own journey is deeply tied to community college and educational opportunity. In my early 30s, as a single father, I faced the daunting task of returning to school, navigating tough financial decisions, and advocating for my future. Thanks to the Ford Family Opportunity Scholarship, I was able to graduate from community college and then Western Oregon University with a degree in International Business. With this perspective at the helm of our foundation, the importance of our mission amplifies our commitment to the students who defy convention and strive for excellence at LBCC.

The magic of our foundation lies in your support and our shared aspiration to break through barriers that inhibit learning and achievement. Scholarships, more than just financial aid, secure dreams at LBCC and our satellite offices in Corvallis and Lebanon. You, our amazing community of donors, stand at the foundation of these dreams and their realization, ensuring our students' success.

We are proud of the diverse programs we offer that catapult students into fulfilling careers upon completion. Your contributions fuel these programs, extending their reach and impact. This commitment

results in an investment that ensures a thriving, prosperous, and educated local community.

However, our journey does not end here. The true measure of growth lies ahead. We are continually working to improve retention, engage the Foundation Board more effectively, expand our revenue streams, and increase our responsiveness to the local emerging community and student needs.

Be part of this narrative. Be part of this impact. Engage with us, question us, and invest in us. For in the end, when we sow seeds in education, we harvest a society transformed. I warmly invite you to leaf through the tales of change and empowerment that makeup this year's annual report. Your support, be it financial or moral, is what keeps our mission alive, and shapes the destinies of countless students at LBCC.

Thank you for your time, talent, treasure and belief in us.

Best Regards,



STEVEN BRANCHEAU

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Here for students and our **community**

Founded in 1972, the LBCC Foundation is dedicated to supporting the students and programs of Linn-Benton Community College so that, through the transformational power of education, our entire community flourishes.



OUR MISSION

At the LBCC Foundation, we support the dreams of LBCC students by providing comprehensive programs and services that are innovative and accessible.



OUR SHARED VALUES

At Linn-Benton Community College, our values serve as the foundation that inspires our actions and unites us as a community. As responsible stewards, we are committed to:

Opportunity: We support the fulfillment of potential in ourselves and each other.

Excellence: We aspire to the highest ideal with honesty and integrity.

Inclusiveness: We honor and embrace the uniqueness of every individual, and promote the free and civil expression of ideas, perspectives and cultures.

Learning: We commit to the lifelong pursuit of knowledge, skills, and abilities to improve our lives and our communities.

Engagement: We openly and actively connect as students, faculty, staff and community.

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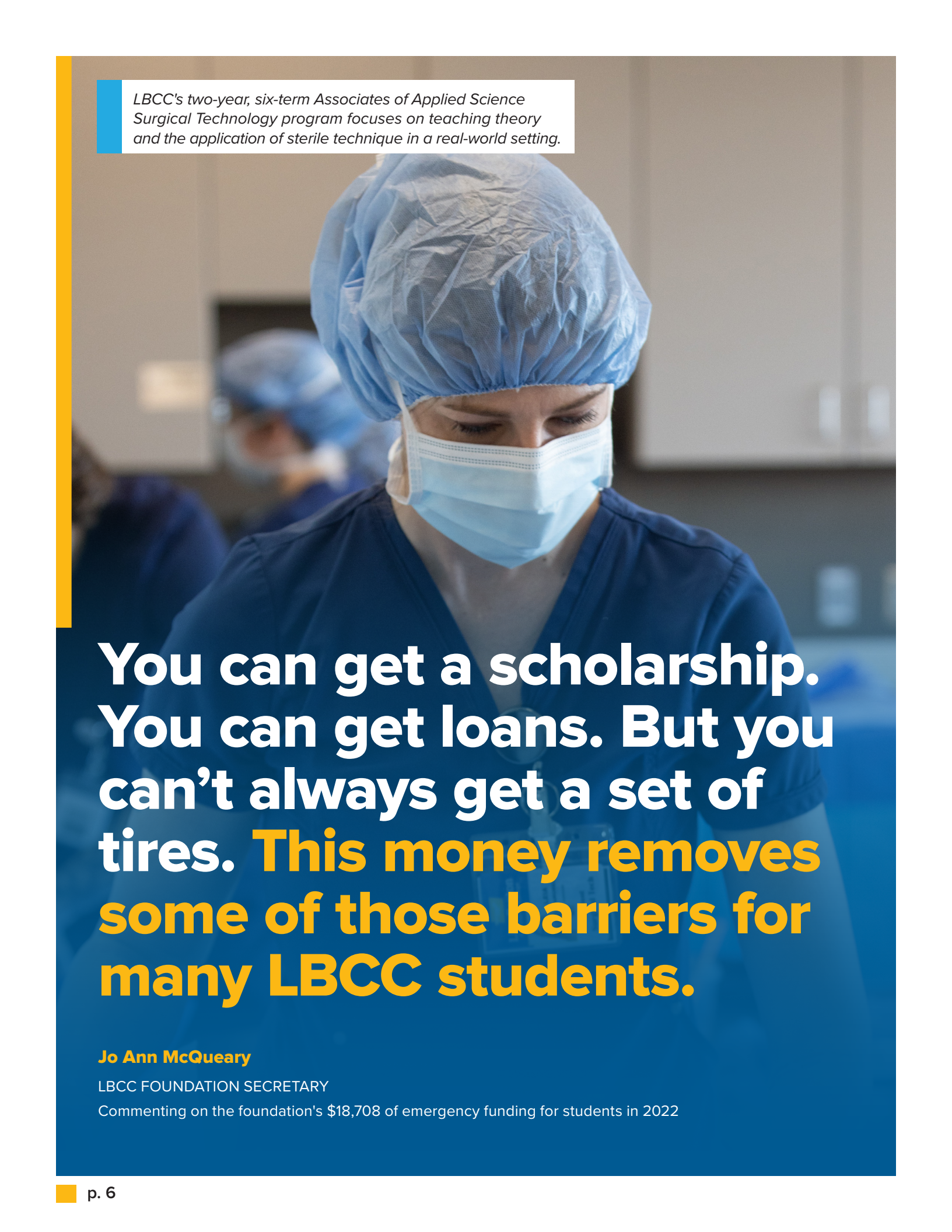


\$1.38
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DONATIONS

\$481K
SCHOLARSHIPS
PROVIDED

\$11.97
million
FOUNDATION
ASSETS

**A 68% increase in
dollars raised from 2021!**



LBCC's two-year, six-term Associates of Applied Science Surgical Technology program focuses on teaching theory and the application of sterile technique in a real-world setting.

**You can get a scholarship.
You can get loans. But you
can't always get a set of
tires. This money removes
some of those barriers for
many LBCC students.**

Jo Ann McQueary

LBCC FOUNDATION SECRETARY

Commenting on the foundation's \$18,708 of emergency funding for students in 2022

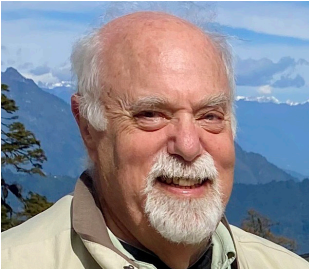
Helping your dollars make the **greatest impact**

We are committed to delivering the best results to our donors and the students and faculty we serve.



Steven Broncheau
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Steven is responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating a comprehensive annual giving and community relations program.



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Jim works with donors who are interested in leaving a planned gift to the college through their will or trust.



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Linnea is LBCC's registered lobbyist for advocacy and the college point person for elected officials and their staff.



Ashley Plageman
COORDINATOR, SCHOLARSHIPS
AND FOUNDATION

Ashley manages the foundation's scholarship system and assists students with emergency funding.



Matt Scotton
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER &
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Matt is the coordinator of marketing and communication around awareness for LBCC and the LBCC Foundation.



Cindy Sparks
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

Cindy manages the day-to-day clerical work in the foundation.

OSU Thrift Shop opens doors to an LBCC education

New Scholarship benefits local students seeking a quality education at Linn-Benton Community College.

The LBCC Foundation welcomes a new donor this year: the Oregon State University Folk Club Thrift Shop.

The Folk Club Thrift Shop has a legacy of education and community support. In 2023 it will build on its history of scholarship support for OSU students to provide scholarships for students beginning their academic journey at LBCC. With each scholarship valued at \$3000, this initiative addresses a pressing need and promises to change lives. The scholarship gives a preference to students who are returning to higher education after taking a break from education or enrolling later in life.

CLUB TO COMMUNITY COMMITMENT: NEARLY A CENTURY OF GIVING

Since its inception in 1908, the OSU Folk Club has been a steadfast champion of education and community empowerment. In 1931, club members reached into their own pockets to establish the first \$50 student scholarship, a tradition that continued until the birth of the Thrift Shop in 1949.

What began as a consignment shop in a rented space has blossomed into a thriving enterprise now situated in a building owned by the Folk Club Thrift Shop. The shop exclusively sells donated items, ranging from clothing and housewares to hardware, books, artwork, and more.

EDUCATION FOR EMPOWERMENT

The thrift shop's philanthropy in our community is a testament to the power of collective action. That

positive impact and community support is calling for a new chapter.

When the thrift shop's volunteers considered investing to help LBCC students, they met with Foundation staff to learn more about the LBCC student and the needs and challenges they face, recognizing that they differ from many students at a traditional four-year institution. This change ensures that the scholarships are accessible to a broader range of students and aligns with the LBCC Foundation's commitment to inclusivity and opportunity.

"The board recognizes that this financial support could be the determining factor in a student's ability to attend college," said Doug Severs, Thrift Shop Board President. "And the ripple effect that education has will impact families, neighborhoods, and our region as a whole."

EXPANDING ITS IMPACT

The LBCC Foundation awarded eight of these scholarships over the summer to students who will receive funds spread over the 2023-24 academic year to assist with tuition and living expenses.

Coleen McMahon is one of the recipients of the new scholarship. McMahon is returning to higher education after 15 years in the music world in Los Angeles. In recent years, she has invested her time to establish a program to use music during hospice care. During her time spent with patients in the hospital, she got inspired to join the healthcare workforce.

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OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop 2023 scholarship recipients

Xander Greenwood

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING STUDENT

Coleen McMahon

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING STUDENT



**I would recommend LB in
a heartbeat ... they have an
amazing culture and an
amazing environment there
for students.**

TJ Colson

LBCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

'I wouldn't be where I am today': Distinguished alumnus Colson credits LBCC

Born in Nevada, TJ Colson moved to Oregon at the end of sixth grade and grew up on his family's ranch in Prineville, showing livestock and participating in 4-H.

After high school, his then-girlfriend, who was attending Oregon State University, suggested he join her in the mid-valley. He enrolled at LBCC and began making friends in the agricultural classes. After about three years, including a short break, he transferred to OSU himself, continuing to study agricultural sciences.

"I grew up in the ag industry. It's part of my DNA," Colson said. So when an opportunity came to join the industry by working as a warehouse worker at Wilco in Tangent, he took it and began his career. "My wife was born and raised on the family farm in the Willamette Valley, and she's not leaving - so that created an opportunity for me to stay."

Perhaps most important, he counts LBCC as an incredibly influential part of helping him move forward with his career. "I would recommend LB in a heartbeat," Colson said. "I think they have an amazing culture and environment there for students."

In 2008, Colson was promoted to a Wilco Store Manager role. Seven years later, he was promoted to retail District Manager, his first multi-store leadership position. He has been with the company for 20 years and served as Director of Store Operations and Vice President of Store Operations before becoming President of Wilco Stores at the beginning of 2022.

Today, Colson and his wife, Samantha, live and farm about 1,500 acres of grass seed, while also running a real estate business. For fun, they raise show cattle for 4-H and FFA projects for area youths to exhibit at county fairs and other events. As someone who

grew up showing livestock, he said he especially appreciates LBCC's judging program.

He returns each year to lead a guest lecture on careers in agriculture, and serves as member of the LBCC Animal Technology Advisory Board. During his guest lectures at LBCC, he talks about the variety of careers available to students through agricultural sciences. At Wilco, for instance, there are retail stores, yes - but that's just one segment of the business.

When he thinks about the community college, Colson remembers the instructors who taught him how to succeed. Rick Klampe, now retired, and Ag Science Chair Clay Weber are the first who come to mind.

"They were instrumental in shaping me as a person, as a human, as an employee," he said. "Without them coming into my life at that point in time, I wouldn't be where I am today." In fact, he said, that's LBCC's particular strength: its connection to its students.

"It's viewing the students as an extension of the family," he said. "That's emulated through all the departments: math, economics, chemistry; every one of the instructors there created that same family atmosphere."

"The environment really makes you feel like you're a part of something meaningful," he said. "That you matter."

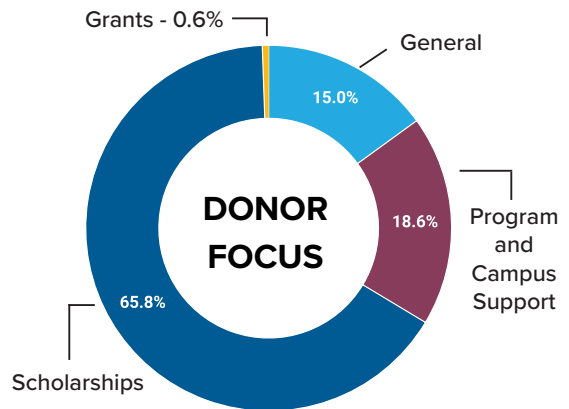
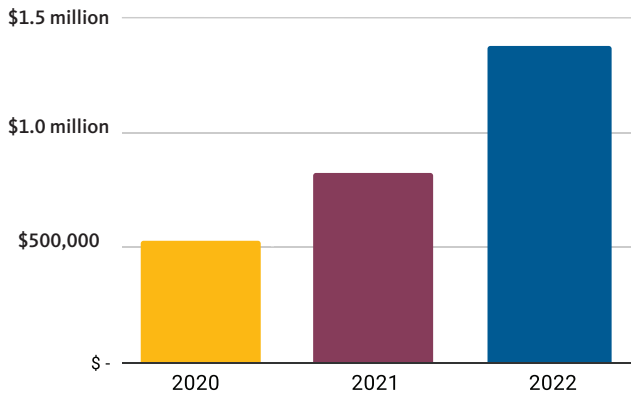
The LBCC Foundation awarded Colson the Distinguished Alumnus award in 2023 for his dedicated service to the community and his advocacy for LBCC and the ag industry.

2022 Financial Snapshot

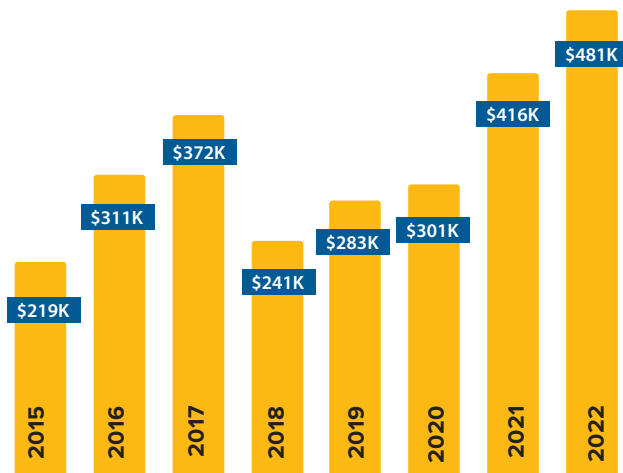
The LBCC Foundation is the only organization dedicated 100% to expanding access to higher education and helping more people succeed through support of Linn-Benton Community College.

TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT: \$781,603

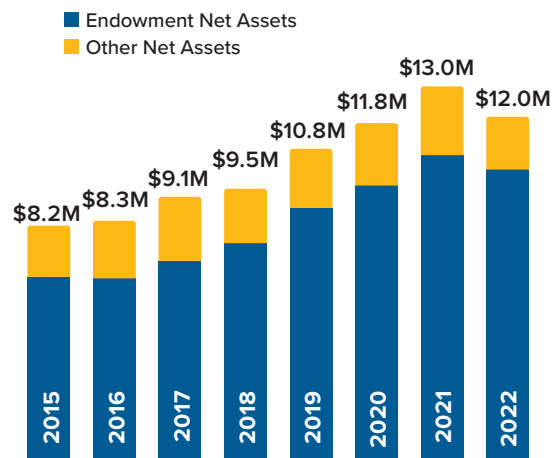
GROWTH IN DONATIONS



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ASSET GROWTH



McMahon is enrolled in the first year of the Diagnostic Imaging program. “Receiving this scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of my education, and it inspires me to work even harder to achieve my academic goals. The thrift shop’s support will have a lasting impact on my educational journey, and I am deeply appreciative of this opportunity.”

Xander Greenword, a fellow classmate of McMahon, echoes her words. “I am going to be the first in my family to graduate with a college degree. This scholarship means less time working to allow me to focus on my studies.” Greenwood was inspired to focus on preventative care awareness after the loss of his grandfather at 60, who with care would have lived longer.

His goal is to eventually become a cardiac invention technician.

“The OSU Thrift Shop recognizes that some of us take time to find our passion and start our educational journey. This scholarship and the thought behind it means my community cares to support a student like me, even if it took me time to find my path”.

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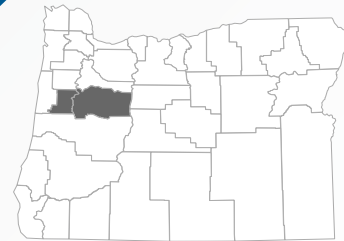
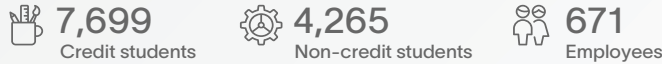


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The Economic Value of Linn-Benton Community College

About LBCC



The Linn-Benton Community College District, Oregon

Economic impact analysis



1 out of every 33 jobs in the Linn-Benton Community College District is supported by the activities of LBCC and its students.



Alumni impact

Impact of the increased earnings of LBCC alumni and the businesses they work for

\$193.5 million
Added income

2,445 Jobs supported



An economic boost similar to hosting the World Series
30x

OR



Operations spending impact

Impact of annual payroll and other spending

\$64.5 million
Added income

762
Jobs supported



Enough to buy **1,369** new cars

OR



Student spending impact

Impact of the daily spending of LBCC students attracted to or retained in the region

\$19.1 million Added income

344
Jobs supported



Enough to buy **1,542** families* a year's worth of groceries

OR



Construction spending impact

Impact of expenditures for ongoing construction projects

\$3.6 million
Added income

OR **46**
Jobs supported

● = 50 jobs
* = family of four

Investment analysis



For every \$1...



Students gain **\$4.30** in lifetime earnings



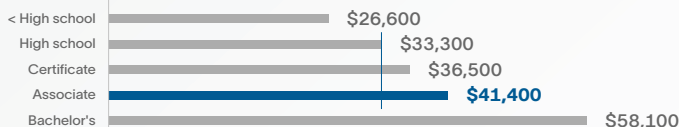
Taxpayers gain **\$1.10** in added tax revenue and public sector savings



Society gains **\$5.10** in added income and social savings



The average associate degree graduate from LBCC will see an increase in earnings of **\$8,100** each year compared to someone with a high school diploma working in Oregon.



Sources: Lightcast Economic Impact Study; <https://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/2019/10/16/nats-could-face-yankees-or-astros-in-world-series.html>; <https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a38748092/new-car-average-sale-prices-47100/>; <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/media/file/CostofFoodAug2022LowModLib.pdf>

In LBCC's Heavy Equipment and Diesel Technology Program students learn the fundamentals of diesel engines, hydraulics, electrical, powertrains, steering, suspension, brakes and air conditioning used on heavy equipment.



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LBCC helps Peeta Palavera take on civil engineering

Student's nontraditional path to education leads to a new feeling of belonging here in Oregon

Peeta Palavera was born in Oregon, but it took many years to feel like she belonged.

Her parents, who had immigrated from Mexico before she was born, spoke Spanish at their home in Newport. When Palavera started elementary school, she knew almost no English - nor anyone else like her.

"That was a whole new world for me. I was the only Mexican kid in the classroom," she recalled. "I had no one to talk to. I would sign most things, and just copy what everyone else did."

PLAYING CATCH UP FROM AN EARLY AGE

While all of Palavera's classmates were learning their letters and sounds, Palavera was learning simply how to survive. By about third grade, she was more competent in English, but only then did she begin work on her own letters and sounds. By then, everyone else had moved on to reading and math.

"I really struggled, and my confidence was low," she said. "A lot of teachers never saw me as a student who could achieve much of anything."

But that, as they say, was then. Now, at 25, Palavera feels like she can achieve just about anything - and for starters, thanks to Linn-Benton Community College, she's well on her way to achieving a degree in civil engineering.

She started her second year at LBCC this fall. When she finishes her associate's degree, she'll transfer to Oregon State University to complete her bachelor's.

"I love LBCC's program and the support that they give. All the instructors have been great," Palavera said. "Many times I told myself, 'I can't do this, I'm not smart enough, it's too hard,' and they told me, 'It's hard, but you're going to go through it. We're here to help you get over this hurdle.' It was just so motivating, so motivating to hear."

A NONTRADITIONAL PATH

Palavera didn't take a traditional path to college. First, she had to get through middle school. When Palavera lived there, Newport had a magnet school for middle-school students, Isaac Newton. It was for students who wanted greater academic challenges. Palavera wanted to go. Her fifth-grade teacher wasn't so sure. But Palavera loved the idea of pushing her own academic boundaries and persuaded her parents to let her apply.

She was accepted. The work was hard, but she persisted through three years, finishing on the honor roll with nearly a straight-A average. "It was the first time I ever felt like I was smart," Palavera recalled.

However, when Palavera graduated from high school in 2016, she still didn't feel like college was for her.

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She worked for a little while as a bilingual tutor for Spanish-speaking students who were struggling the same way she had, then did some traveling and moved to California. There, she lived with a roommate who made her give higher education another look.

The roommate had studied architectural drafting, which fascinated Palavera. But the roommate suggested instead of following suit, that Palavera look into engineering. Better pay and more job opportunities, she said.

It would be a few more years, after marriage and travel to Brazil and Costa Rica, before Palavera would pursue that idea. But eventually she and her husband settled in Lebanon, where she enrolled in LBCC to begin her new academic journey.

She chose civil engineering because she loved the idea of working with buildings, water systems and other forms of infrastructure that don't move. Civil engineers aren't doing the design or the construction, but they are the ones trying to figure out whether that design or construction will work the way it needs to, which she found intriguing.

"Most importantly, I really want to be part of more renewable energy and more sustainability for our planet," she said. "So I'm hoping I can get into a field that can help that."

Math had been her nemesis, but Palavera credits LBCC's Math Cafe for helping her cope. She signed up for a fast-paced math class taught through a computer, but went to the tutoring center to be able to ask questions of human beings.

"Weekends, Zoom, I lived and breathed math and probably will for the next four years," she said. "I got to know all the tutors and they all helped me, showed me techniques and ways to do things better. I could not have done it without all of those tutors' help."

Palavera said she understands adults who are leery of going back to school years after graduation. She also gets it when she hears high school students say they don't think they can handle college, or they don't know what they would study.

FOUNDATION SUPPORT HELPS ALONG THE WAY

"I would definitely encourage anyone looking into college to not focus so much on the difficulties that are going to go with it," she said. "I get it. But there are people who can help you adjust."

The LBCC Foundation offers scholarships, assistance with food and utility payments, and other resources to help while working toward a degree. Peeta is the recipient of several foundation scholarships which she appreciates to take the stress off the family allowing her time to focus on her studies.

"I wouldn't push out college for anything, academically or financially," she said. "It's a great opportunity, and we should grab it when we can. The Foundation is there to help support us to be able to focus on getting our education. You are supported along the way."

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