



# **THE CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION**



# About Us

We believe that every person, regardless of resources, should have access to a meaningful education and training at Contra Costa College (CCC) - the only institution of higher education in West Contra Costa County. Established in 1967, the Contra Costa College Foundation is a non-profit organization raising money for the students and programs of CCC.

Financial challenges are the number one reason students at Contra Costa College withdraw. 85% of students are from low- or middle-low income households, and 38% of our students are the first in their families to go to college. A certificate, associates' degree, or even a handful of classes doesn't just change a student's life - it fosters economic growth and safety in local communities.

Thanks to people like you, the Foundation continues to increase its financial support for CCC students. Not only will your gift help fund the immediate needs and priorities of these students, but it will also help ensure the long term sustainability of the College.

## Contra Costa College

Contra Costa College is the oldest and most diverse of the three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District, privileged to provide exemplary educational service to a socioeconomically diverse and resilient community.

Since opening in 1949, CCC has educated students and helped improve their quality of life. According to a recent study by EMSI, a CCC graduate's average annual return on their education is 23.4%. This means a return of \$8.70 for every dollar a student invests in education at CCC - an exceptional value.



*"I'm honored to be a recipient of the Wrap-Around grant. It has taken stress off my shoulders and allowed me to continue my education at CCC. I haven't been financially stable. I'll always remember your kindness and devotion to helping students like me. Thank you for your generous donations."*

- Wrap Around Recipient

# How the Foundation Supports Students and Programs

The Foundation takes its job of supporting students and programs at CCC seriously. Thanks to many positive relationships with donors, retirees, alumni, businesses and community members, we fulfill our mission in multiple ways, including:

## The Wrap-Around Fund

The Wrap-Around Fund provides emergency grants to students faced with an unexpected financial crisis. Donations to this fund help pay for real student needs such as rent, groceries, and transportation.

## Scholarships

Scholarships allow students to focus on their studies as well as participate in extracurriculars. The CCC Foundation now awards over \$230,000 annually.

## Laptops and Internet Access

Being nimble, the Foundation stepped in to pay for critical needs during the pandemic by covering the technology costs of CCC students as teaching moved to remote delivery, keeping several hundred students in class.

## Programs, Projects, and Innovative Initiatives

The Foundation supports even more at CCC. From the African American Male Symposium to the Dreamer's Conference, tutors throughout the college and SparkPoint financial literacy, more outreach dollars to the many capital needs at the College, the Foundation is there as a key partner and funder.

## By the Numbers

We've awarded

**\$170K**

in Wrap-Around grants and kept

**86%**

of recipients in school.

We've given

**\$250K**

in scholarships and program support annually.

During the pandemic, we purchased

**120**

laptops and provided

**300**

students with free internet.

## Join Us Today!

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**To make a gift today** or set up a monthly donation, please visit [tinyurl.com/donate-to-ccc](https://tinyurl.com/donate-to-ccc).

**To explore other methods of giving**, please reach out to Sara Marcellino, Foundation Director, at [smarcellino@contracosta.edu](mailto:smarcellino@contracosta.edu) or (510) 215-3805.





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