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ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

When people ask me what I love most about being president of Renton Technical College, the answer is easy: watching our students succeed. I'm continually in awe of our students, many of whom have overcome great obstacles to achieve their goals.

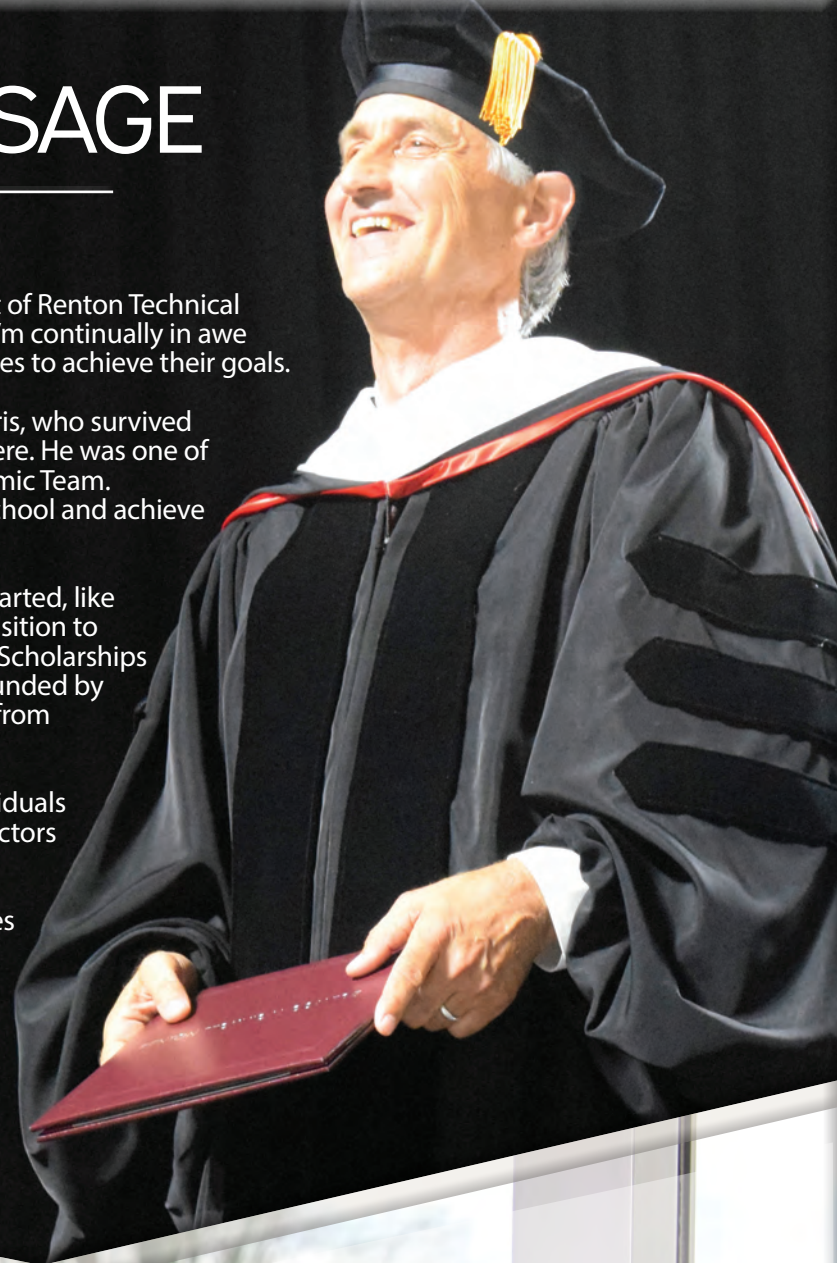
There are so many success stories at RTC, like that of Carl Harris, who survived homelessness and hopelessness before he found his place here. He was one of only 20 students in the country named to the All-USA Academic Team. The Foundation scholarships he earned helped him stay in school and achieve his dreams.

While Carl's time at RTC is complete, others are just getting started, like Kathryn Forman, whose difficult childhood in Russia and transition to the United States inspires her to excel in her nursing studies. Scholarships also have eased her path to her goal, and new scholarships funded by Swedish Medical Center will help men and students of color from underserved communities pursue nursing careers.

We are so grateful to the companies, organizations and individuals who help make scholarships possible. From longtime benefactors including Bernadene and Denny Dochnahl and Rich Wagner and his late wife, Andee Jorgensen, to the hard-working RTC staff members who give \$5 a paycheck, every donation makes a difference to our students.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Kevin McCarthy, President, Renton Technical College



Once again, your generosity helped the Foundation exceed our goals and increase revenue to historic levels, awarding over \$163,000 in scholarships and education grants.

Because of your commitment to education excellence and access, our students enjoy the state's highest job placement rates as companies tap the exceptional skills of our graduates in high demand and ever-changing industry sectors.

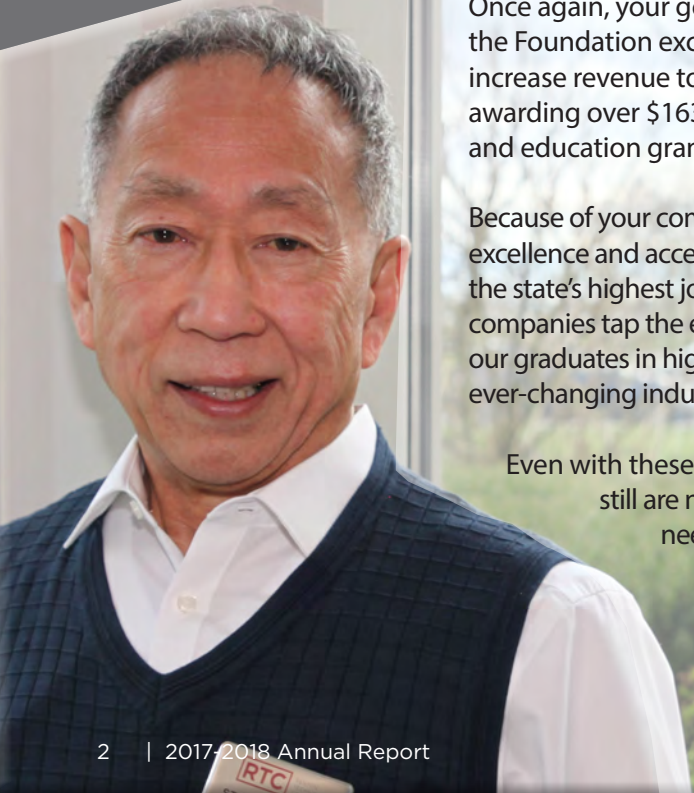
Even with these accomplishments, we still are not able to meet the needs of RTC students or the businesses who are eager to hire skilled graduates. Many of our students are first-generation college, working or single

parents, or veterans transitioning into civilian careers. Whether it is struggling to pay tuition, books and tools, or even basic necessities like groceries and rent, financial stress continues to be the biggest barrier for students to achieve their dreams.

Last year 60 percent of all qualified students received scholarship support. While this is an increase over the previous year, our goal is that every qualified student receives the support they need.

Together we can achieve the "every student" goal and continue to see lives changed through career and technical education.

Stan Kawamoto, President, RTC Foundation



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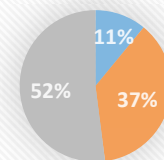
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FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

Beginning Balances-July 1, 2017

Unrestricted	\$ 176,327.24
Temp Restricted	\$ 595,784.43
Endowments	\$ 837,103.03
Total	\$ <u>1,609,214.70</u>

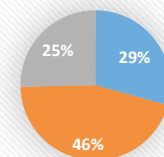
Beginning Balances - July 1, 2017



Total Revenues

Unrestricted	\$ 220,197.59
Temp Restricted	\$ 340,993.35
Endowments	\$ 190,210.95
Total	\$ <u>751,401.89</u>

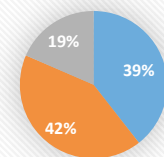
Total Revenues



Total Expenses

Unrestricted	\$ 176,415.16
Temp Restricted	\$ 188,163.64
Endowments	\$ 82,759.51
Total	\$ <u>447,338.51</u>

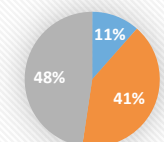
Total Expenses



Ending Balances-June 30, 2018

Unrestricted	\$ 220,109.67
Temp Restricted	\$ 782,122.59
Endowments	\$ 911,045.82
Total	\$ <u>1,913,278.08</u>

Ending Balances - June 30, 2018



FOUNDATION SCHOLARS RECEIVE TOP HONORS

FOUNDATION SCHOLARS ARE MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES, AND MANY RECIPIENTS EXCEL. YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Carl Harris, a 2018 honors graduate and Foundation Scholarship recipient, was one of only 20 students in the country named to the All-USA Academic Team for his outstanding academic achievement. The program is the most prestigious academic honor for students attending associate degree-granting institutions and this is the second year in a row that a RTC student and Foundation scholar has been named to the All-USA Academic Team.

After struggles of homelessness and challenges of returning to civilian life after his military service, Carl enrolled at RTC, where he found a welcoming, diverse, and supportive community.

Carl served in many leadership roles as a student representative to the RTC Foundation Board of Directors, the Student Leadership Executive Committee, Associated Student Government, and president of the Surgical Technologist club.

“If you want to change your life, you can do it here,” Carl says. “At RTC, you can do anything.”



Kathryn Forman is known for her determination, which is rooted in her difficult childhood in Russia, where food and medicine to control her diabetes were in short supply. Though she was highly educated, when she moved to America, her credentials didn't transfer, and she found herself in an abusive relationship and low-wage jobs before she came to RTC.

“I knew I had to continue my education, but I had nobody to support me financially or emotionally.”

She achieved a 4.0 grade-point average, was awarded Foundation scholarships and was named to the All-Washington Academic Team. Kathryn is now enrolled in the Registered Nurse Program and works as a certified nursing assistant at an Issaquah hospital.



EMERGENCY GRANTS REDUCE BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

Sometimes a small expense like gas money can be the difference between a student staying in school or dropping out. The RTC Foundation steps in to help with emergency grants. Last year, the foundation provided 185 emergency grants totaling more than \$33,000.



When health issues and unexpected loss of housing forced her to move farther from school, automotive student Stacey Halstead turned to the Foundation and received a gas card.

“WITHOUT THIS TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO COMMUTE BACK AND FORTH TO ATTEND SCHOOL.”

– Stacey Halstead



Dental Assistant student Jianhua He was about to start his internship, but he couldn't afford to have his own dental work done. As a full-time student, Jianhua's budget was tight. The Foundation provided an emergency grant so Jianhua could get the long-overdue care he needed at the community dental clinic on campus and start his internship with a great smile.



IN MEMORY OF JAMES MEDZEGIAN

1940 - 2018

Former RTC Trustee and Foundation Board member James “Jim” Medzegan passed away April 22, 2018. He was known as a gifted leader who inspired others to give back to the Renton community and provided enthusiasm, grace, and endless energy.

“Jim was born on February 14th and his middle name was Valentine,” said Bishop Kirby Unti of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who served as Jim’s pastor and is a current RTC Trustee. “He loved Renton and RTC and put his heart into making it a community of caring.”

DOCHNAHLS HONORED FOR A LIFETIME AND-MORE OF GIVING



Bernie and Denny Dochnahl, 2018 Lifetime of Giving Award recipients.

“
FEW PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THE COLLEGE WAS DOING. WE SET OUT TO CHANGE THAT AND TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE COLLEGE AND WHAT A COMMUNITY ASSET IT IS.”
– DENNY DOCHNAHL

For Bernadene “Bernie” and Denny Dochnahl, their most celebrated title is that of Community Investors.

Their involvement with Renton Technical College began in 1993 with Denny as a founding member of the RTC Foundation board (now emeritus) along with the late Norma Cugini and Pat Newbury. For the Dochnahls, education, career training and especially lifelong learning are central to success. They are big believers in every

person’s ability to love unconditionally, overcome obstacles and to achieve great things. That belief is the driving force behind their longtime commitment to RTC and student success.

“If you spend time around Bernie and Denny, it doesn’t take long to see that one of their greatest joys is to help others succeed in life and to reach their highest potential,” said RTC President Kevin McCarthy.

2018 STUDENT SUCCESS BREAKFAST MOST SUCCESSFUL IN FOUNDATION HISTORY!



Jim DuBois former Microsoft CIO and computer science student Romel Daneo talk about the future of STEM with emcee Meeghan Black.

\$100,000

in donations to expand scholarships and emergency grants

300

Attendees

30

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EARLY CHILDHOOD ENDOWMENT NAMED FOR BARBARA CULLER



Barbara Culler and her scholars Ngoc Nguyen and Mariana Ramos

Admiration and affection run deep for retired faculty member Barbara Culler, and her imprint on the College after 27 years is exceptional. She is known as a nurturing and passionate advocate for her students, and a highly sought-after, educators' educator in the field of early childhood development. During her time at RTC, Barbara's leadership was instrumental in the development and success of RTC's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program.

Barbara and her husband, Tim, a retired computer science faculty member, have 44 years of combined teaching at RTC, including serving on the Foundation Board of Directors. Barbara has also served on the Scholarship Committee 15 years.

ANDEE JORGENSEN ENDOWMENT CONTINUES LEGACY OF LIFE- AFFIRMING WORK

For Rich Wagner and his family, creating an endowment was about making a difference in the lives of students and continuing the legacy of Rich's late wife, Andee Jorgensen. During fall 2018 quarter, that support became real to computer network technology student Jasmine Holman and pre-nursing student Anne Mayende. These two women were the first recipients of the Andee Jorgensen Scholarship for Student Success.

In 2002, Barbara organized annual ECE conferences that brought educators from around the state to RTC. Proceeds from the conference were used to create an endowment for scholarships that today sits at over \$150,000 – guaranteeing support for students seeking careers in early childhood education for generations. The Foundation was proud to rename that scholarship in Barbara's honor.

"Barbara had the foresight and passion to seek out creative ways to make lasting investments in students," Foundation Board President Stan Kawamoto said. "The Board was eager to recognize her exceptional tenure and service to students, and naming the endowment in her honor was a fitting tribute."

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This scholarship has given me the opportunity to enter the career I am truly passionate about, it has changed my life forever and I appreciate this with all my heart.”

– Jasmine Holman, pictured with Rich Wagner



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 -BENJIE RAE HENKE
 Payroll Giver

L to R: Payroll superstars David Schieber, Faye Melton, and Benjie Rae Henke

RTC FACULTY AND STAFF ARE SUPERSTARS!

Every year the Foundation Board of Directors honors outstanding employees and donors and everyone who supports the Foundation through payroll giving. This year's Superstar theme wowed faculty and staff, who donned their RTC Foundation sunglasses and took turns posing for photos on the red carpet.

We are so grateful for everything our faculty and staff do to support students! We had 33 new people sign up for payroll deductions, and 9 increase their gifts! This money goes directly to support student grants and scholarships.

This year's Exceptional Givers recognize over 20 years of payroll giving, exceptional annual giving, and a major gift to create a memorial scholarship in honor of a student who was an

immigrant (see page 9). 2019 Honorees are Di Beers, Executive Assistant to the President; De Etta Burrell, Basic Studies Faculty; Terri Calnan, retired faculty member; Martha Chamberlin, Accounting Faculty; Tyler Page, RTC Trustee; and Tami Rable, Workforce Education Director

Exceptional Employee Awards went to Patrick Brown, Director of Enrollment Services; Michelle Canzano, Executive Assistant for Administration and Finance; Ali Cohen, Open Doors Coordinator; Mark Daniels, Custodial Manager; Camille Pomeroy, Basic Studies Faculty; and Lauri Roede, Veterinary Assistant Adjunct Faculty. Many thanks to First Financial Northwest Bank for their support and sponsorship of the 2018 awards and breakfast.



Exceptional Employees from left: Ali Cohen, Camille Pomeroy, Patrick Brown, Lauri Roede, and Mark Daniels.



Exceptional Givers from left: Martha Chamberlin, Tami Rable, De Etta Burrell, and Di Beers.

SCHOLARS CONNECT WITH THE DONORS WHO SUPPORT THEIR EDUCATION

Over 100 people gathered in the RTC Library Sept, 27 to celebrate scholars and the individuals, companies and organizations who support them through scholarships and grants. Highlights included the presentation of new recipients of the Swedish Medical Healthcare Scholarship. Swedish donated \$15,000 to fund scholarships for nursing and pre-nursing students, with a goal of encouraging more men and students of color from underserved communities to pursue nursing careers at RTC. Scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to the top applicants starting in fall quarter.



Sherry Williams, Director of Community Relations for Swedish Medical Center, congratulates nursing scholar Jeannie-Anne Dimacali while RTC President, Dr. Kevin McCarthy looks on.



Marine Corps Support Group President and Marine Veteran Ed Doyne greets student Jacob Parker, recipient of the MCSG grant, and Wade Parrott, RTC Veterans Services Manager.



Accounting Instructor Martha Chamberlin and Leila Aden, sister of the late Neima Aden, an RTC student in whose memory Martha created a scholarship to support immigrant students.



Basic Studies faculty member Michele Lesmeister, second from the right, is joined by Theresa Smart-Benjamin scholars Lindsey Stoor, student Bo Dong, Jixue Wang, and Shawna Gray.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AEROSPACE CAREERS ARE A FAMILY AFFAIR



Aerospace is in Melissa Croy's blood. Her great-grandmother was a machinist during WWII, and her grandmother retired from Boeing. Her grandfather was a paratrooper in Vietnam.

"I wanted to follow in their footsteps," said Croy, a student in RTC's Aerospace & Industrial Production Technologies program. "Aviation runs in my family."

She overcame adversity before she found herself in the program, and paying for school is a struggle. She is grateful she received the Cascade Gasket Franklin & Mildred Terry Memorial Scholarship.

"It came at a time when I needed it the most," Croy said. "I want to be able to make them proud."

The need for refined skills is why Cascade Gasket has made the move to invest in students and support their education. The family-owned company is headed by Lee Terry, daughter of Franklin and Mildred, "We had reached out to Renton Technical College for summer and part-time workers and were impressed with the students. They were eager to learn and had a passion for machining," Terry said.

Croy is the only woman in the cohort of 14 students who will complete their studies in December, but she never questioned her abilities.

"It makes me want to work harder. If they ever doubted me, I showed them what I know," she said. "Now I'm like the mama bear of the class."



BMW NORTHWEST LAUNCHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Raymond McNair is the first recipient of the new BMW Northwest scholarship at RTC

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I HAD STARTED REPAIRING CARS AS A TEENAGER AND LOVED IT. THE WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM AT RTC HAS BEEN A PERFECT FIT FOR ME. THE MISFORTUNE OF LOSING MY JOB TURNED INTO AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I PLAN TO OBTAIN A GREAT CAREER IN THE AUTO REPAIR INDUSTRY WHEN I COMPLETE MY AAS DEGREE.” – RAYMOND MCNAIR

RENOWNED TOM DOUGLAS SERVES AS CELEBRITY CHEF

Seattle food icon Tom Douglas entertained and delighted diners with his delicious dishes and his signature humor at the Norma Cugini Celebrity Chef Dinner. The dinner and silent auction raised over \$28,000 to fund culinary scholarships. RTC culinary students worked alongside Chef Douglas to prepare a sumptuous four-course dinner. The dinner was sponsored by Albert Lee Appliances and Legacy Group interiors, and is named for the late Norma Cugini to honor her passion for great food and culinary arts education.



Student Jessica Vickers, worked front and center alongside Douglas.



Cathy Cugini, Norma's daughter, thanks guests for honoring her mother.



Robert Cugini leads a toast to his mother Norma.



Douglas gave the students tips in preparing a great meal.

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Our deepest gratitude to the individuals, companies and organizations who invest in student success through the RTC Foundation

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