

RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
2018-19

# ANNUAL REPORT

## ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Gifts spark student  
success and innovation



RENTON TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# Message From The President



**KEVIN MCCARTHY**  
RTC PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It has been a phenomenal year at Renton Technical College, and I could not be prouder of our students and graduates or more grateful for your support.

RTC's completion rate increased to 66 percent and remains the highest in the state. Our commitment to equity and student success continues to draw praise. The college was named the best two-year college for adult learners by Washington Monthly, and we were again recognized as one of the top 150 colleges by the Aspen Institute.

While that recognition is gratifying, what is most important is serving our

diverse population of students and removing barriers to ensure even more students complete their programs. Students succeed at RTC through their own determination and hard work. But many encounter obstacles, and sometimes a scholarship or emergency grant makes the difference that allows them to stay in school.

Your contributions to fund equipment, scholarships,

*“Every gift makes a difference.”*

and grants provide critical support to advance our mission and assist our students. Support comes in many ways, including major gifts to fund cutting-edge equipment, Legacy Circle members who included the Foundation in their estate planning, and dedicated faculty and staff who support scholarships through payroll donations.

Every gift makes a difference. I thank each and every one of you.

*Kevin D. McCarthy*  
Dr. Kevin McCarthy  
President  
Renton Technical College



STUDENT SUPPORT

# RECORD BREAKING YEAR

**\$259,000**  
DIRECT SUPPORT

Student Support Reaches New Heights! Your generosity helps the RTC Foundation provide quarterly scholarships and emergency grants to allow students to focus on school. For the first time in Foundation history, we reached the milestone of **\$259,000 in direct support!**

**\$ 200,900**  
285 SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$ 21,290**  
58 BOOK & EQUIPMENT GRANTS

**\$ 36,812**  
197 EMERGENCY GRANTS

## Message From RTC Foundation President

This has been another year of growth, and there are many good things to share. For the first time in Foundation history we exceeded the milestone of \$259,000 in direct support to students—that's a 40 percent increase from the year before! We launched the Legacy Circle initiative to encourage bequests and estate planning; added new industry sponsored scholarships, and had the privilege of dedicating the Student Success Center in memory of former Trustee and Foundation President Andee Jorgensen.



**DIRECT SUPPORT**  
**\$ 259,000**

None of these milestones and memorable events would have been possible without your support. We are truly grateful that you have chosen to support the mission of the RTC Foundation as a focus of your philanthropy.

There are more obstacles to remove and great opportunities to create for students, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.



**STAN KAWAMOTO**  
RTC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

**ABOUT RTC** | Renton Technical College meets students where they are and moves them forward to college and career success. RTC serves the needs of our diverse student body, as well as the community, businesses, and industry.

HIGHEST IN STATE  
**COMPLETION RATE**  
**66**  
PERCENT

**JOB PLACEMENT**  
**82**  
PERCENT

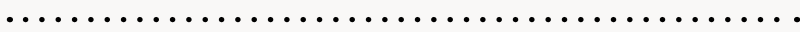
**STUDENTS OF COLOR**  
**69**  
PERCENT



ALUMNI SUCCESS

# RTC grad now at Harvard University

Foundation support helps keep Don Hawkins on his path.



When Don Hawkins needed it most, the RTC Foundation was there for this high achiever. “Thanks to the Foundation, I was able to pay for school when my dad experienced medical problems,” Don said. “I always felt welcomed here. I’m indebted to RTC.”

Don was the first in his family to complete a college degree, graduating from RTC’s Entrepreneurship Program in 2017. He became lead tutor in the Learning Resource and Career Center and two years ago started taking online courses at Harvard. This fall, he moved to Cambridge to complete his bachelor’s degree in economics with plans to pursue a graduate degree.

Don is remarkably modest about getting into one of the most elite schools in the country, with an acceptance rate of just 4 percent. He is believed to be the first RTC student to attend Harvard. Growing up in Oklahoma City, Don didn’t seriously consider going to college.

Although he was bright and hard-working, college just wasn’t something his family did.

“The idea was there, but in my family, most of us just went to work after high school,” he said.

Opportunities opened up to him when he moved to Renton to live with this father. His love of business and economics grew at RTC. As part of his class project, he designed and set up a program to provide technical support for students with computer problems.

That program, CHIPS (Computer Help & Information Protection Service) continues to thrive today, saving students over \$14,000 every quarter in computer repair expenses. He was integral to CHIPS receiving a RealNetworks grant.

CHIPS is just one of the many ways Don left an indelible impression on the RTC community during his educational journey. ■

STUDENT PROFILE

# Sandra Hebert

Les Dames d’Escoffier and Foundation scholarship recipient rebuilds her life.



When culinary student Sandra Hebert had a tight budget month, the Foundation provided gas cards through the emergency grant program so she could get to school. Sandra is the 2019 Les Dames d’Escoffier and Foundation scholarship recipient.

Only three colleges in the state have the prestigious Les Dames endowments to support women in the culinary arts.

“Sandra shone as a natural leader,” said Lisa Nakamura, scholarship chair for Les Dames. Sandra’s instructors agree she is highly respected and praise her as a mentor and natural leader to her fellow students in the kitchen.

Sandra is rebuilding her life with her children after experiencing domestic violence.

At RTC she is realizing her dream to earn a college degree, and to someday open her own southern-styled catering business. All those who know her expect her to achieve great things. ■



*I’m almost at the finish line and getting the Les Dames scholarship means I can finish school without stressing, and I can make my kids proud.*

SANDRA HEBERT



# RealNetworks Foundation makes major investment in CHIPS

RTC's student-run computer help program will soon expand and start a new laptop loan program.

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Renton Technical College's student-run computer help program will soon expand and start a new laptop loan program thanks to a donation from the RealNetworks Foundation and matching gifts.

CHIPS (Computer Help & Information Protection Supports) received a \$10,000 check from RealNetworks Foundation Director Kathryn Shields the second week of fall quarter. It's the first

time the RealNetworks Foundation has awarded a grant to the college.

The grants are competitive and by invitation only. Shields said grant evaluators were roundly impressed by the college's commitment to student growth and leadership during a site visit and the grant review process.

"This is something we really want to invest in," Shields said. "You are doing wonderful work



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*It's essential to be able to learn and do classwork on a computer.*”

**KATHRYN SHIELDS  
REALNETWORKS  
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR**



▲ Kathryn Shields of RealNetworks Foundation presents the \$10,000 check to RTC's CHIPS program.

◀ Opposite page, above: CHIPS Team Lead Katie Reynolds and Kyle Stewart talks about the importance of the grant for the laptop loan program.

with respect to computer science, peer mentoring, and leadership. It's essential to be able to learn and do classwork on a computer.”

Shields, who was a first-generation college student herself, takes RTC's values of equity and open access to education to heart. "Anything you can do to help students like me, I really appreciate," she said. The RTC Foundation and Associated Student Government will match the

RealNetworks Foundation grant and provide the seed funding to launch the laptop loan program.

CHIPS offers computer repair, software upgrades, hardware replacement and other services. CHIPS Team Lead Katie Reynolds said she hopes to make laptops available starting in Winter Quarter. to loan to students who cannot afford their own.

"We're trying to expand CHIPS as a technology

resource," Reynolds said. "Our main goal is to keep computers working as long as possible so students don't have to buy anything. But if they can't afford one, we want to provide that option."

The RealNetworks Foundation's mission fits perfectly with RTC's. The RealNetworks Foundation gives priority consideration to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs and those that serve to diversify the tech sector by helping historically underrepresented people qualify for tech jobs.

This includes programs that are geared toward helping women and girls, people from underrepresented ethnic communities, low-income people and those who will be the first in their family to attend college pursue degrees and training in tech fields such as computer science and software engineering. ■

## Scholarships

Andee Jorgensen Scholarship for Student Success  
 Arthur Roduner Scholarship  
 Associated Builders & Contractors of Western Washington Scholarship  
 Barbara Culler Endowment for Early Childhood Careers  
 BMW Northwest Scholarship for Automotive Careers  
 Board of Trustees Scholarship  
 Boeing Company Scholarship  
 Brent & Wayne Stearns Memorial Scholarship  
 Chaine des Rotisseurs Scholarship  
 CHI Franciscan Healthcare Scholarship  
 Culinary Arts Fund  
 Ford ASSET Scholarship  
 Francisco Martinez Scholarship for Precision Machining  
 Frank Adams Welding Fund  
 Frank E. Wright Professional Baking Scholarship  
 Future District 751 Machinists & Aerospace Workers  
 Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship  
 Grandma Cares for Trades Scholarship  
 Jan Pelroy Industrial Careers Scholarship  
 Jay Covington Scholarship for Community Leadership  
 Josephine B. Cugini Memorial Scholarship  
 King Parker Memorial Scholarship  
 Leona Hickman Educational Trust Scholarship  
 Les Dames d'Escoffier Fund  
 Model A Club - Evergreen Chapter Scholarship  
 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Scholarship  
 Neima Aden Memorial Scholarship  
 Northwest GTO Legends Scholarship for Automotive Careers  
 O.J. Harper Memorial Scholarship  
 Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance Scholarship  
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 Robert Burke Memorial Scholarship  
 Robert C. Roberts Scholarship  
 Ronald B. Fahey Scholarship  
 Rottler Manufacturing Scholarship

# 2018-19 Financial Report

The Foundation received a clean bill of financial health from our independent auditor, Brantley Janson, during the 2017-18 annual audit. We are committed to transparency and best accounting practices.

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	
JULY 1, 2018	
Unrestricted (U): \$ 229,025.67	13% (U)
Temp. Restricted (TR): \$ 622,245.59	35% (TR)
Endowments (E): \$ 911,045.82	52% (E)
<b>Total: \$ 1,762,317.08</b>	

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	
Unrestricted (U): \$ 185,976.49	26% (U)
Temp. Restricted (TR): \$ 364,113.83	51% (TR)
Endowments (E): \$ 161,724.83	23% (E)
<b>Total: \$ 711,815.15</b>	

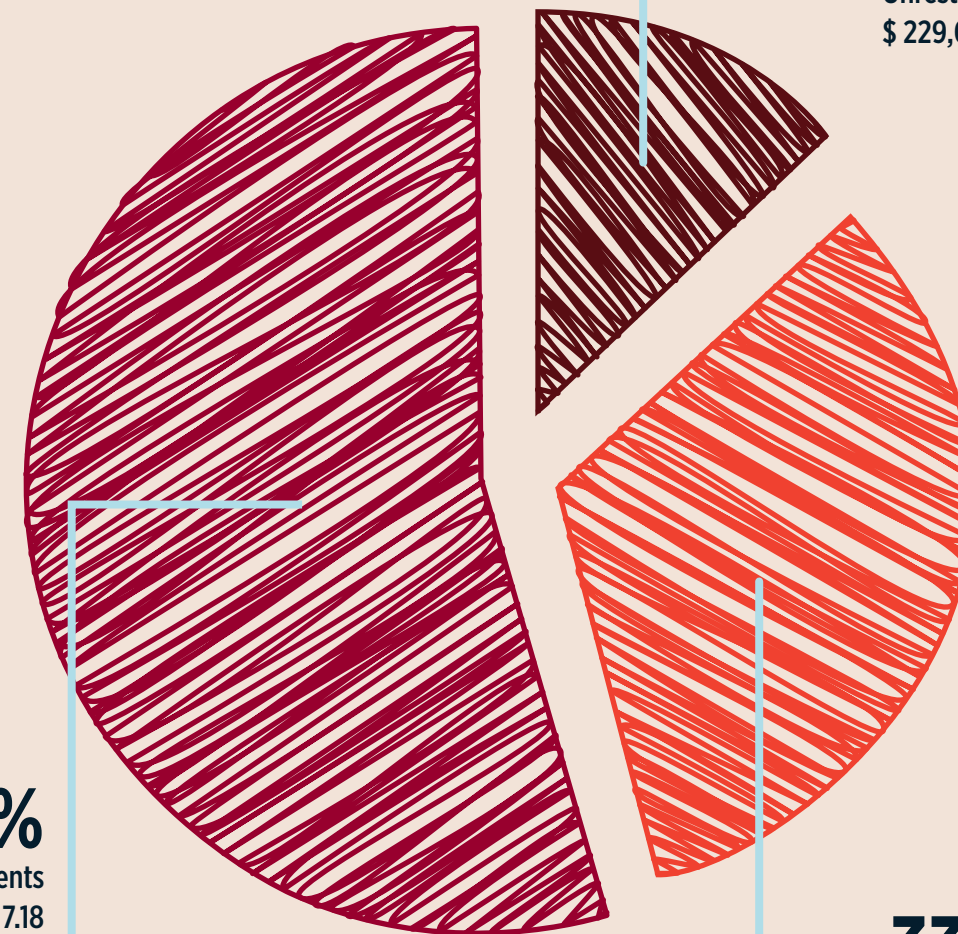
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	
Unrestricted (U): \$ 185,940.73	28% (U)
Temp. Restricted (TR): \$ 394,282.20	59% (TR)
Endowments (E): \$ 88,353.47	13% (E)
<b>Total: \$ 668,576.40</b>	

**ENDING BALANCE**  
 JUNE 30, 2019  
**TOTAL: \$ 1,805,555.83**

**54%**  
 Endowments  
 \$ 984,417.18

**13%**  
 Unrestricted  
 \$ 229,061.43

**33%**  
 Temp. Restricted  
 \$ 592,077.22



## Endowments

RTC Board of Trustees Scholarship  
 RTC Foundation Scholarship  
 Steve Hanson Student Leadership Scholarship  
 Swedish Medical Center Healthcare Scholarship  
 Thresa Smart-Benjamin Scholarship for Women  
 Unico Commercial Building Engineering Scholarship  
 U.S. Marine Corps Support Group Grant  
 Vern Gambriell Memorial Scholarship  
 Warren Secord Memorial Scholarship for Automotive Careers  
 Watt Family Aerospace Diversity Fund

Andee Jorgensen Endowment for Student Success  
 Autobody Craftsman Association Endowment  
 Barbara Culler Endowment for Early Childhood Careers  
 Board Emeriti Endowment  
 Brent & Wayne Stearns Memorial Endowment  
 CHI Franciscan Healthcare Endowment  
 Culinary Arts Endowment  
 Dik Wilkinson Memorial Endowment  
 Emergency Needs Endowment  
 Francisco Martinez Fund for Precision Machining Technology

Future Machinists & Aerospace Workers Endowment  
 Jan Pelroy Industrial Careers Endowment  
 Joseph M. Holliday Plasterer's Apprenticeship Endowment  
 Josephine B. Cugini Endowment  
 Land Surveying Endowment  
 Les Dames de Escoffier, Seattle Chapter Endowment  
 Primus International Endowment  
 Robert Burke Memorial Endowment  
 Robert C. Roberts Endowment  
 Ronald B. Fahey Memorial Endowment  
 Technology Programs Endowment  
 Vern Gambriell Memorial Endowment

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FEATURE STORY

# Pigott gift gives welding students cutting-edge training

New robotic welder prepares students for advanced manufacturing careers.

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The RTC welding shop is now home to a cutting-edge Fanuc robotic welder. The machine was made possible through a major gift from former PACCAR CEO Charles Pigott.

“This is top of the line,” Welding Instructor Rick Geist said. “This is leading-edge tech in robotic welding right now. It’s going to take us to the next generation of welding automation, 3D printing and put our students ahead.”

► *Welding graduate and Foundation scholar Rebecca Howard describes her training on the new Fanuc robotic welder.*





▲ Charles Pigott, second from left, joins President McCarthy, and an excited group of welding students and faculty for a special demonstration.

The Fanuc was installed over the summer in the Welding shop. Geist, along with Instructor Mike Stokes and few selected students, underwent intensive training before introducing it this fall.

Using robotic welding automation, the manufacturing process takes less time and can cut employer costs and increase efficiency. Once it's set up, it can run 24-hours a day. Robotic weld cells provide a safer work environment by reducing arc glare and overspray. Users must be welders, but they learn to program as well.

“*We need to keep our workforce at the cutting edge. If you are not, you're going to be left behind.*”

**CHARLES PIGOTT**

Mr. Pigott is a well-known philanthropist who oversaw the growth of PACCAR to a Fortune 500 company. He previously helped fund equipment for the Mechatronics Program and said his goal in supporting new machinery is to help meet workforce demands.

“We need to keep our workforce at the cutting edge,” he said. “If you are not, you're going to be left behind.”

Geist said there are unfilled positions right now because companies can't find qualified workers. RTC's new robot will change that for RTC Machining and Welding students.

Rebecca Howard graduated from the welding program in June and was back on campus over the summer to learn how to program the Fanuc.

“I'm the first woman to weld with a robot at this school,” she said with pride. “We apply a lot of our welding skill to this, and you learn to be an engineer. You're teaching the robot what you want it to do.”

RTC President Kevin McCarthy thanked him Mr. Pigott for his support of the high-wage, in-demand career training programs RTC offers.

“Our mission is to meet the needs of students, as well as the needs of businesses and industry,” McCarthy said. “This is one more example of how partnerships can help our students succeed.”

▼ Back, from left: President Kevin McCarthy, Charles Pigott, Instructor Mike Stokes, graduate Rebecca Howard, Instructor Rick Geist, Dave Edwards, Vice President for Student Services Jessica Gilmore English. Front: Student Kevin Shellenberger.



PHOTO GALLERY

# 2019 EVENTS

A celebration of exceptional employees, our remarkable students, and you—the wonderful donors who support them!

► *First Financial NW Bank sponsors the annual Exceptional Employee Awards. The 2019 recipients, L to R: Roy Carroll, Ravel Chea, Faye Melton, Dr. Yasmin Ali, Greg Snider, and Brian Thompson.*



▲ *Graduation is always a great celebration.*

◀ *Fall Kick-Off fun included the Superstar employee payroll campaign. More staff are giving then ever before - a 60 percent increase since the campaign started!*

**2019 Exceptional Givers**

- SALLY J. ALLEN**  
Deputy Director of HR
- DEBRA GALE**  
Technical Support Analyst
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- JODI NOVOTNY**  
Dean of College & Career Pathways
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RTC Trustee
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Faculty - Ford Asset Program



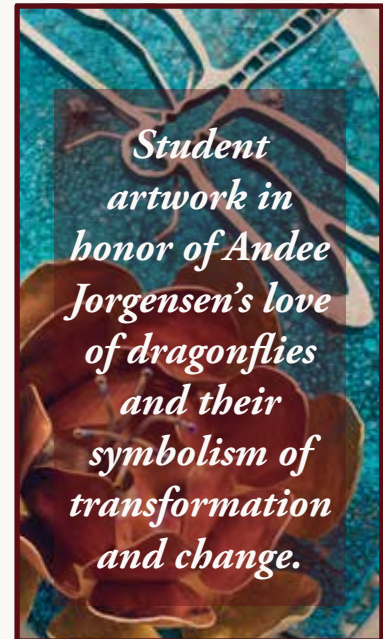
► *Automotive faculty member Brian Thompson shares a hug of admiration with Foundation scholar Ronnie Larry who shared his “second chance on life” story at the breakfast.*

◀ *Many thanks to CHI Franciscan for serving as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2019 Student Success Breakfast.*

▼ *Below mechatronics student, Michael Greer (center) celebrates with his family.*



▲ *Retiring Renton Mayor Denis Law and his wife Patty, get ready for a dinner cruise on Lake Washington to learn more about the Legacy Circle. Thank you Mayor Law for your service on the RTC Foundation Board!*



▲ *RTC Trustee Debra Entenman joins automotive faculty and Foundation Board member, Warren Takata at the Andee Jorgensen dedication.*



◀ *From left: guest Edinson Rodriguez Balcarel, Rich Wagner, Laura Batista-Silva the Andee Jorgensen scholar, and Damian Wagner at the dedication ceremony of the Andee Jorgensen Student Success Center.*



LEGACY GIVING

# Foundation's Legacy Circle builds RTC's future through bequests

Investors have an opportunity to provide lasting support for the College and our students.

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The Foundation's new Legacy Circle is an opportunity to provide lasting support for the College and our students. Adding a gift to your will or estate planning is a simple act that passes on a lasting benefit for future students and their families.

Legacy Circle members say they chose to make the Foundation a beneficiary of their estates to make a gift that lasts forever.



*We believe scholarships are one of the most valuable investments we can make in the lives of students.*

**DON JACOBSON**

Fernando "Fernie" Del Valle and Kathy Magner are new members of the Legacy Circle. They designated a gift through their will and directed the funds toward scholarship support. Fernie, a successful appliance sales executive who serves on

the Advisory Board for the Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technology Program and the Foundation Board, said he was inspired by the first RTC Commencement he attended.

"It was one of the happiest occasions I've ever attended, and made me want to see other people have the same opportunities to graduate," he said. "We need people in the occupations that RTC trains students to access. These are important jobs that help to keep our economy healthy. We see our bequest as the least we can do to help make that happen."

Don and Pearl Jacobson's support and fingerprints are everywhere on campus and throughout the Renton community. Don, a former trustee for the college, and Pearl, named the RTC Foundation as a beneficiary in a charitable remainder trust and let the Foundation staff know that they want those funds to go toward supporting scholarships.



"We believe scholarships are one of the most valuable investments we can make in the lives of students," Don said. "Vocational training has always been my interest and the valuable, real-world experience it provides students. The college is one of the top technical colleges in the nation and vital for our community."

To learn more about becoming a Legacy Circle member, visit [foundation.rtc.edu/legacy-circle](http://foundation.rtc.edu/legacy-circle) or contact Foundation Executive Director Carrie Shaw at 425-235-2415 or [cshaw@rtc.edu](mailto:cshaw@rtc.edu). ■

# Ellen-Marie Rystrom

2019 Lifetime of Giving honoree established Ronald B. Fahey Memorial Endowment.



Ellen-Marie Rystrom and her late husband, Ron Fahey, believed strongly in the trades and valued career and technical education. They were known for helping young people and saw it as a way to look ahead to the future and invest in the wellbeing of others and the community. Family friends shared that Ellen-Marie, “was always taking care of other people in the community,” and that Ron was highly respected as someone who, “put people above profits.”

through the RTC Foundation to support scholarships for students in the College’s automotive programs.

The Fahey Endowment has grown to over \$140,000 due to Ellen-Marie’s faithful giving over the past three decades. There are now 44 Fahey scholars who have benefited from scholarship support, many who have gone on to have successful careers in the automotive industry and who are carrying on Ron’s passion for cars and trucks. ■

When Ron died of cancer in 1994, Ellen-Marie wanted to honor his memory by setting up a fund to support students at RTC. Cars and trucks were a lifelong passion for Ron both as an amateur roadster racer and through the auto parts business he founded in 1958. Ellen-Marie asked his friends and co-workers to make donations, and in 1997 the Ronald B. Fahey Memorial Endowment was established

► Above, from left: family friend Brad Blue joins Ellen-Marie Rystrom, President McCarthy and Carrie Shaw to recognize Ellen-Marie’s exceptional generosity to automotive students.



## STUDENT PROFILE

# Josh Emery

Computer Science student desires to yield a return on Muckleshoot Tribal Scholarship.

RTC Computer Science student Josh Emery received the 2019 Muckleshoot Tribal Scholarship to work toward his applied bachelor’s degree. The first thing you notice about Josh is his optimism and how he has mapped out his future. First; a career as a software engineer, second; a master’s degree in data science to build real-world experience; and finally, to become an educator.

“I love teaching, and I love helping others find a career and a path out of poverty,” Josh said. “I believe education is the key to many of our social and economic challenges, and I want to do what I can to contribute.”

He knows first-hand how poverty and injustice can impact generations. His tribal heritage is with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The Choctaw were one of the first tribes to walk what was known as the Trail of Tears during a time of forced relocation of tribes from their ancestral homelands in the Southeastern United States.

“My mother grew up in an area that was very poor, and opportunities for education were sparse. I think that a lot of members of the Choctaw tribe in that era simply did not believe that they were capable of higher education, and additionally the resources that have been given to me were not in place for her generation.”

Josh’s childhood was very different growing up in a middle-class family, which he described as “very comfortable.” When Emery’s father was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s things changed. He postponed his dreams of college and he spent the next 15 years working while his wife pursued her nursing degree.

“I understand how precious financial resources like this can be,” he said. “I will make sure that I yield a return on the Muckleshoot Scholarship given to me and find ways to help others reach their educational goals.” ■

# Foundation Donors

2018-19 Foundation Donors

## LEGACY

Gifts of over \$100,000

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First Financial Northwest Bank  
IKEA  
Charles M. Pigott  
Rotary Club of Renton  
Ellen-Marie Rystrom  
The Boeing Company  
The Norcliffe Foundation  
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United Way of King County  
Vern Gabriell Estate

## BENEFACTORS

Gifts of \$25,000 to \$99,999

Biella Foundation  
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The Grainger Foundation  
The Sharing Foundation  
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Gifts of \$15,000 to \$24,999

Autobody Craftsman Association  
Max Benjamin  
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City of Renton  
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Cecilia Pollock  
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Gifts of \$10,000 to \$14,999

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## LEAGUE OF GIVERS

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Grandma Cares for the Trades Scholarship recipient is out to prove that anything is possible.

Madison Birkner is determined to succeed in welding, a non-traditional career for women. Foundation scholarships, including the Grandma Cares for the Trades Scholarship, helped her achieve her goals. Instead of working 60 hours per week on top of school, she can focus more on her courses.

“When I graduate from the welding program I will finally prove to myself that I did something for me that was hard,” she said. “I was told welding was a job that I wasn’t cut out for. I plan to show the next generation of girls that anything I can do, you can do too!”

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