

# **Shoreline Community College Annual Report**

**2023-2024  
School Year**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dr. Jack Kahn**

President  
Shoreline Community College

### Land Acknowledgement

Shoreline Community College acknowledges that we occupy the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, in particular the Duwamish Tribe. We see you, respect your right to sovereignty and self-determination, and are committed to being better listeners, learners, and in lifting Indigenous voices. The College grounds served as a special place for gathering traditional foods in ways that increased the bounty of the land by both the Duwamish and Suquamish Tribes. The Suquamish used these lands with agreements by the Duwamish. Without the Duwamish and Suquamish Nations protecting and honoring all living and spiritual beings residing in these environments, the land would not be as bountiful as it is today. We are called to continue that stewardship as we write the next chapter of our College.

Dear Campus Community,

The 2023-2024 academic year at Shoreline Community College (Shoreline) was nothing short of a whirlwind—one filled with significant challenges and transformative opportunities. Through it all, our community grew stronger and more resilient, united by a shared commitment to supporting one another through any obstacle and fostering a positive, connected campus environment.

One of the year's most significant challenges came in the form of a ransomware incident that impacted several areas of the college. Much like the disruptions caused by COVID-19, this event forced us to adapt quickly, strategize effectively, and collaborate often with our stakeholders. Thanks to the talent and dedication of our faculty and staff, we developed new protections and practices to safeguard our campus and ensure we could continue to move forward. It was a true testament to the strength of our Shoreline team.

This year also brought a follow-up accreditation visit to address areas the commission had previously identified as being out of compliance or requiring improvement. While these kinds of changes often take years to implement, our college community tackled the challenge with determination and focus. Together, we made substantial changes to our structure and practices, leading to measurable improvements and resulting in a great deal of positive feedback from the accreditation commission. Their commendations were a meaningful validation of our hard work and progress.

Another remarkable milestone was the development of our new equity-based strategic plan. This comprehensive plan reflects our dedication to reducing equity gaps, improving student achievement, and fostering a stronger sense of belonging across our campus. Grounded in data and intentional strategies, this plan represents our commitment to building a more inclusive and supportive community for all.

These achievements were made possible by prioritizing meaningful relationship-building—both within the college and with our community partners. Some highlights include collaboration with the Muckleshoot Tribal School, Meaningful Movies Tacoma, the United Seattle Korean School, and the College for International Development (CCID) as well as partnerships with institutions like Amazon, Washington State University Everett, North Seattle College, Shoreline School District, Bellevue College, the Abu Dhabi Education Knowledge Department (ADEK), and many more. We've strengthened our connections locally, regionally, and globally. On campus, we've also seen increased engagement with our Foundation, campus events, and initiatives aimed at serving our students and the broader community.

While there is still much work to be done, this year has shown us the incredible potential of our college community. By keeping our focus on students and their success, we've proven that together, we can overcome any challenge and achieve remarkable outcomes.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Jack Kahn'.

Dr. Jack Kahn,  
President of Shoreline Community College



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## SHORELINE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

**33%**

White

**21%**

Unknown Race/  
Ethnicity

**16%**

Asian

**11%**

Multiracial/Other

**10%**

Black/  
African American

**9%**

Hispanic

**Less than 1%**

Pacific Islander

**Less than 1%**

Native American  
(American Indian  
or Alaskan Native)





A photograph of a campus scene. In the foreground, two students are walking on a paved path. One student is wearing a blue jacket and jeans, and the other is wearing a pink jacket and black pants. In the background, there are large trees with yellow and green leaves, and a building is partially visible on the left.

**14**

Average Class Size

**24**

Median Age

**52%**

Female

**35%**

Male

**1**

Bachelor's Degree

**111**

Associate's Degrees  
and Certificates

**196**

Veteran/Active Duty Enrolled

**703**

International Students  
from 69 countries



# SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

This year saw a change in the composition of the Board of Trustees as long-time, highly regarded member Tom Lux reached the end of his second term. Tom brought his calm demeanor and knowledge gained from his role as a labor union leader at Boeing to the group. Fortunately, Tom's dedication to SCC continues—he now serves on the Shoreline Community College Foundation Board!

Taking Tom's place is gubernatorial appointee Jamie Stark, a Lake Forest Park resident and Principal Product Manager at Microsoft. Jamie's sharp insights and energetic approach have made an immediate impact as he "digs in" to his work on the Board. He has represented SCC at state and national meetings, and is playing a key role in reviewing and updating Board policies.

In other exciting news, Trustee Rebecca Chan was elected Treasurer of the Washington State Association of College Trustees. Congratulations, Treasurer Chan!

Advocacy remained a priority for the Board as SCC Trustees lobbied in both Washingtons- DC and State. In DC, we championed continued funding for critical programs supporting SCC students. Here at home in Olympia, we continued our advocacy for increased compensation for our dedicated staff and faculty, greater state funding for aging infrastructure, and enhanced resources for students facing basic needs challenges. SCC student Isabella Briones and SCC alum and employee Mashaal Shameem joined us in Olympia, sharing compelling stories that deeply resonated with legislators and inspired meaningful support.

We look forward to continuing our work together in the future to support the college, its students, and the broader community.

Respectfully,



Rebecca Ringer  
Chair of the Board

## Board of Trustees

**Eben Pobee, MBA**  
Appointed: October 2019

**Rebecca Chan, CPA**  
Chair  
Appointed: June 2021

**Kim Wells, MA - Vice Chair**  
Appointed: June 2021

**Rebecca Ringer, JD - Chair**  
Appointed: October 2022

**James Stark, BA**  
Appointed: October 2023



Dr. Kahn and Trustee Chan meet with United States Senator Patty Murray in Feb 2024.



Dr. Kahn and Trustees Chan and Stark participate in legislative advocacy in Washington, D.C.



Trustee Ringer, student Isabella Briones, and alum/employee Mashaal Shameem advocate for community colleges at the Hill Climb event in Olympia in January 2024.



Trustee Stark, Representative Ryu and others break ground on our new Bracken building

# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

This year was a positive one for legislative advocacy at Shoreline Community College, marked by numerous visits from local, state, and federal leaders. We were honored to host Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Jesse Salomon, Representative Shelley Kloba, Representative Cindy Ryu, and U.S. Senator Patty Murray on campus. These visits provided invaluable opportunities to showcase Shoreline's programs, discuss the challenges facing higher education, and advocate for resources to support our students and community. Engagement and support from our legislators reaffirms the vital role Shoreline plays in shaping Washington's future workforce.

## Governor Jay Inslee

In May 2024, we had the honor of welcoming Governor Inslee to campus. During his visit, we showcased the upgrades to the theatre air handlers and library chiller, made possible by the State Project Improvement Grant. It was a fantastic opportunity to highlight how state support is driving meaningful improvements at Shoreline.



Washington State Governor Jay Inslee  
with students from Shoreline's Honors College



State Senator Jesse Salomon (third from the right in front row)  
with Dr. Kahn, staff and students from Shoreline.

## Senator Jesse Salomon

In December 2023, Senator Salomon toured our newly completed Cedar Building. With his background on the Shoreline City Council, Senator Salomon is deeply familiar with our community. We enjoyed showing him around and look forward to hosting him again in the future!

## Representative Shelley Kloba

In August 2023, Representative Shelley Kloba joined us on campus for a tour and an open forum with employees and students. Her warmth, thoughtfulness, and enthusiasm sparked engaging conversations, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who participated.



State Representative Shelley Kloba – 1st Legislative District  
(2nd from the right front) takes a campus tour with Dr. Kahn  
and others



State Representative Cindy Ryu – 32nd Legislative District  
(2nd from right in front) celebrates the opening of the Small  
Business Development Center with Dr. Kahn and others.

## Representative Cindy Ryu

Last spring, Representative Ryu attended the grand opening of our Small Business Development Center and has since been a familiar face at several campus events. Her commitment to workforce training has sparked valuable conversations, and we're eager to build on this momentum in the future.

## United States Senator Patty Murray

In October 2023, Senator Patty Murray and Representative Tana Senn visited campus to lead a powerful discussion on the childcare crisis affecting Washington and the nation. As a former Shoreline teacher in the College's preschool program, Senator Murray brought a personal connection to the conversation, making the visit especially meaningful.



US Senator Patty Murray (2nd from left front) and State  
Representative Tanna Senn – 41st Legislative District (behind  
Patty in red) and guests in Shoreline's Board Room



# MISSION, VISION, VALUES, & EQUITY STATEMENT



## **Mission:**

Shoreline Community College offers accessible, high-quality education and workforce training that empowers students for success. Rooted in our commitment to diversity, equity, and community engagement, we foster an educational environment that contributes to the enrichment of both our local and global communities.



## **Vision:**

We envision a future:

- Where every student has equitable access to an affordable, transformative education;
- Where lived experiences do not predict success and;
- Where the diversity of student experiences enriches us all.



## **Values:**

### **Diversity and Inclusion:**

Creating an inclusive environment for students and staff that values every individual's unique perspective and contribution.

### **Student-Centered:**

Placing students at the heart of our actions, prioritizing their needs, aspirations, and well-being in all aspects of the college experience.

### **Community Engagement:**

Fostering collaboration within our wider community to collectively address needs and enhance the overall well-being of our region.

### **Quality Education:**

Providing an equitable learning environment and a commitment to teaching excellence that ensures that our students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for success in their careers and as global citizens.

### **Accessibility and Affordability:**

Removing obstacles and providing essential resources to support students along their educational journey.



**Equity Statement:**

Shoreline Community College is committed to establishing a truly inclusive community, and we recognize the profound significance of striving toward equity in education. Equity work compels us to lead from an anti-racist framework, fostering a more supportive and fairer environment. This approach in centering anti-racism benefits all members of the community regardless of their background, as doing so seeks to remove barriers for everyone.

Shoreline Community College recognizes that historical and current structural barriers, deeply rooted in racism and inequality, have long hindered the success of students from underserved backgrounds. We are also dedicated to continuously acknowledging the diversity of our community and the intersections of our physical and mental abilities and our identities which include but are not limited to racial, economic, sexual, and linguistic backgrounds. Our dedication extends to breaking down any barriers that may adversely affect our community members because of any marginalized intersectionality.

We acknowledge that our journey toward equity is ongoing. We embrace the challenge of supporting each other toward becoming an equity-intentional institution by leveraging measurable outcomes from the Equity Centered Strategic Plan to create a culture that fosters retention and reduces opportunity gaps in student success. This approach intentionally aligns our vision with that of the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.

Our approach towards equity is dynamic, evolving with the needs of our diverse campus, including students, faculty, and staff. We understand that to truly embrace anti-racist principles, our actions must be bold and transformative. We commit to not just speaking about diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, but to living these values through decisive and impactful actions. Our dedication goes beyond mere acknowledgment of inequities in our current structure; we are committed to being a catalyst for radical change and holding ourselves accountable.





Kiara Romba speaking at the MLB event

## COLLEGE MILESTONES

### A Home Run for Student Success

In 2023, Shoreline Community College (Shoreline) was selected as a recipient of the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Legacy Initiative. This partnership, with MLB, the Seattle Mariners, and United Way of King County's "Bridge to Finish" program, revitalized Shoreline's Benefits Hub to better serve students facing financial hardships.

The Benefits Hub now features an upgraded food pantry stocked with healthy options, a redesigned hygiene station, and essentials like clothing, toiletries, and kitchen tools—all aimed at removing barriers to education. Last year, Shoreline's Benefits Hub supported 453 students through over 4,000 interventions, with 76% identifying as students of color and 42% as parents.

Student Kiara Romba, an immigrant from Ivory Coast and the first in her family to attend college, credited the Hub with transforming her educational journey. "It's not just a name—it's hope, peace, and security for students navigating life's challenges," she shared.



Tim Wise

### Shoreline's Multicultural Speaker Series: Elevating Voices and Building Connections

This year, Shoreline Community College launched its Multicultural Speaker Series, a testament to the College's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Designed to elevate underrepresented voices and foster connection, the series brings together students, faculty, staff, and the community to engage in meaningful dialogue and reflection.

The inaugural lineup funded in part by the SCC Foundation, included Peter Bacho, an author and educator who illuminated the history of "Pinoy Seattle" and AAPI resistance; Tim Wise, a renowned anti-racist educator who tackled the challenges facing Critical Race Theory and anti-racist education; and Matika Wilbur, a celebrated photographer who deconstructed Native American stereotypes through art.

The series was created by Nicole Buyagawan, a tenure-track American Ethnic Studies faculty and Acting VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ernest Johnson, as a way to create spaces where BIPOC individuals can feel seen an empowered. Reflecting on the impact of the series Nicole shared, "It's powerful to have a chance to share experiences and emotions with your peers, with your community, and then be able to reflect on and work on it together. We don't always have a lot of opportunities to have those experiences, so this series was a way to create that here on campus."

By creating spaces for connection and dialogue, the Multicultural Speaker Series is helping to build a stronger, more inclusive Shoreline community.



Students in the Dental Hygiene program practice their skills.

### Shoreline Launches First Bachelor's Program to Meet Healthcare Needs

This summer, Shoreline Community College proudly launched a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (BASDH). This is the first bachelor's degree of its kind for Shoreline. Addressing a national shortage of dental hygienists, particularly in underserved rural areas of Washington State, this program expands upon Shoreline's stellar associate degree in dental hygiene.

"This program is directly at the heart of our mission," said Dr. Lucas Rucks, Acting Vice President of Instruction for the 23-24 school year. "We are using data to inform decisions, leveraging employer feedback, and putting out high-quality graduates to serve our communities exactly where they are needed most." With 119 credits over eight quarters, the BASDH maintains the program's rigorous standards while offering new pathways for students.

Launching in summer 2024, the program will admit 20 students in its first cohort, furthering Shoreline's mission of workforce development and addressing critical healthcare needs.



## GROWING OUR COMMUNITY



Interpretative Panel outlining the history of the Cedar Building

## Cedar Building: Honoring Indigenous Heritage at Shoreline

Shoreline Community College's new Cedar building reflects its commitment to honoring the cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest's Indigenous Peoples. Named after the Western Red Cedar, ʔəpəyəc in Lushootseed, the tree symbolizes resilience and connection for local tribes. The name was chosen in collaboration with the Tulalip and Muckleshoot tribes, with guidance from Lushootseed Language Educator Eliise Bill-Gerrish, who ensured the process respected tribal languages and traditions.

"This is just the beginning of a continuous effort to strengthen relationships with the tribes and respect the cultural significance of the land we occupy," said Dr. Jack Kahn, President of Shoreline Community College. "We know there is still much work to be done to acknowledge and serve our Indigenous communities, but we are excited about fostering meaningful and ongoing collaboration."

The associated Student Government also played a key role, advocating for Indigenous representation and making the largest donation to the project. Now open for instruction, the Cedar building houses programs like chemistry, biotech, manufacturing, phlebotomy, and many more!



Image of the Donor Wall in the new Cedar Building





On May 2, 2024, Shoreline Community College proudly hosted the grand opening of the new Cedar (ᖃᑭᑭᑭᑭ) Building, welcoming campus community members, donors, and special guests. The event featured guided tours, classroom demonstrations, and engaging performances by the Shoreline Music Department. Highlights included speeches from Washington State Representative Shelley Kloba and members of the Suquamish and Muckleshoot Tribes, as well as a Coast Salish weaving demonstration by artist Andrea Wilbur-Sigo.





# Cedar Building Grand Opening Celebration

**May 2, 2024**

The Cedar (ἄραγας) Building was designed to deliver state-of-the-art instruction in biology, chemistry, phlebotomy, medical lab technology, biotechnology, biomanufacturing, advanced manufacturing, mechatronics and more. This facility provides students with cutting-edge resources to prepare them for in-demand careers. The celebration also recognized the generosity of our donors, whose support made this transformative project possible.



**The Cedar Building  
Grand Opening Video**

**Shoreline Community College  
May 2, 2024**



[youtu.be/7kk70DDHco8](https://youtu.be/7kk70DDHco8)



# Shoreline Community College Foundation

## Annual Report of Activities and Support 2023-2024

**We believe that affordable education and training makes our community stronger. We believe that everybody should have access to a quality education. We believe that donors can change the world.**

The Shoreline Community College (SCC) Foundation is dedicated to increasing student access and success through raising funds, building partnerships, and advocating for students and the college. We do this work with the help of generous donors. Each year hundreds of individuals, corporations, and foundations provide funds to benefit SCC students and programs.

### Scholarship & Direct Student Support Awards

The SCC Foundation awards annual and quarterly scholarships to students for tuition, fees, books and supplies. These donor-funded scholarships are evaluated for merit and financial need. A committee comprised of SCC faculty, staff, and volunteers evaluated 805 scholarship applications during the 23/24 academic year which resulted in:

**233**  
**Scholarship**  
**Awards**  
**totaling**  
**\$276,489**



**\$207,764**  
174 students received  
financial assistance to  
help cover tuition and fees



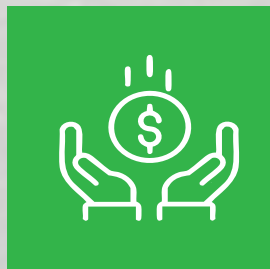
**\$68,725**  
46 students received  
funding for books and  
supplies



**\$16,846**  
13 students were awarded  
funding for program  
internships

Financial assistance is also made available to SCC students who are dealing with financial hardship resulting from an emergency, accident, or other unexpected incident that has a direct impact on their academic success. Using a mix of donor funding and a grant through the United Way of King County, SCC students can find help through our Campus Benefits Hub.

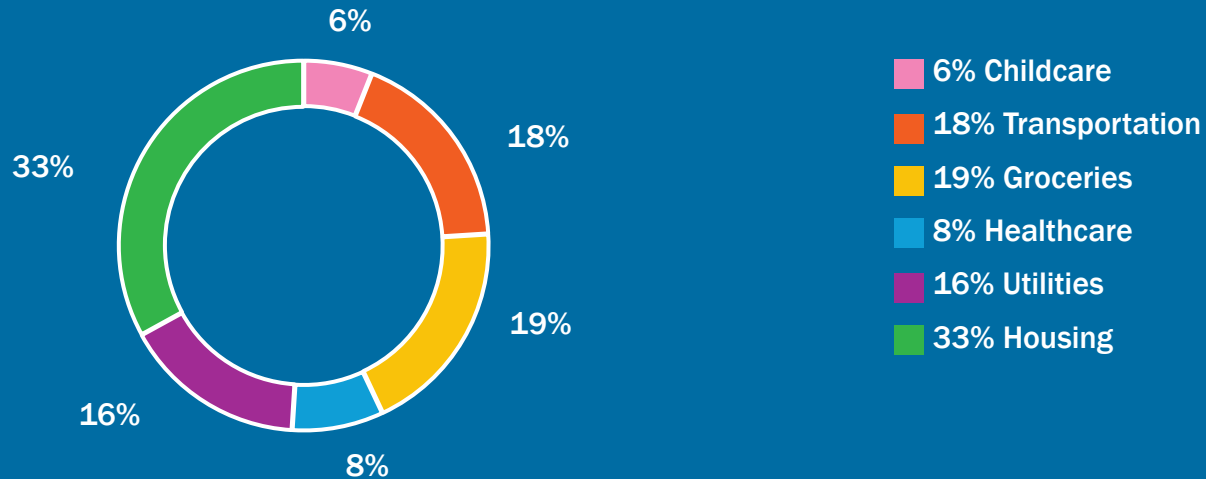
**210**  
**Students were awarded**  
**Emergency Assistance**  
**funds through the**  
**Benefits Hub totaling**  
**\$129,000**



**\$60,229**  
was awarded to students through  
the SCC Foundation Student Success  
Emergency Fund. This fund helps  
students with housing/rent costs as  
well as other living expenses.



## Emergency Assistance Distribution



In Fall 2022, a survey, conducted by Western Washington University in partnership with the Washington Student Achievement Council, revealed that nearly half of students at 39 colleges in Washington State face basic needs insecurity. The statistics are alarming:

**38.8%**  
experienced food insecurity  
in the past month

**34.2%**  
faced housing insecurity  
in the last year

**11.3%**  
experienced homelessness

These statistics highlight a significant crisis in our communities: nearly half of our students are struggling to focus on their studies while dealing with hunger, unstable housing, or even homelessness.

The Shoreline Community College Foundation is dedicated to helping students address their basic needs so they may focus on their education and fulfill their dreams. **Donors make this happen!**





## Scholarship & Alumni Spotlights



"I am deeply honored to be a scholarship recipient. Your timely support has brought both relief and joy to my family and me. I am steadfast in my goal to obtain all eight Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications upon completion of my training. My ambition is to rise to the level of a master technician and, in the latter part of my career, to impart my knowledge as an instructor within the automotive education community. This is not just a scholarship – it is the key to unlocking my aspirations and turning them into a reality."

**Mohammad Arif Pakdil**  
Automotive Program



"The opportunity to attend this esteemed institution has profoundly impacted my life and that of my family, providing me with the resources and support necessary to pursue my academic and career aspirations. I am so happy that I am on my way to being the first child of nine in my family with a degree."

**Kay-Ann Taylor**  
Business Intelligence & Data Analytics



"As an adult going back to school, it has been very difficult to balance education, family, work and spontaneous life events. I believe that the faculty and staff at SCC truly want their students to succeed. I cannot tell you what an incredible help these funds are to me, my family and my future career."

**Maggie Watson**  
Nursing Program



"This scholarship to me, is worth more than the financial support. It's a mental reminder that I am capable of excellence, and it is an indication to me that I am supported and valued at Shoreline Community College."

**Jervon Louis**  
Business Program



"I graduated with honors from the Shoreline College Nursing Program in June 2023. I was offered and accepted a position as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) RN at my top choice hospital! I continually meditate on the generosity and love that was given to me that allows me to be where I am today. Your gift made what seemed impossible a reality."

**Michelle Bui**  
Nursing Alumna



## SCC Foundation Program Support & Sponsored Events

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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During academic year 23/24 the SCC Foundation provided funding for projects that align with the College's mission and strategic plan. This financial support ranged from \$300 - \$10,000 for ongoing programs as well as one-time projects for students, faculty and staff. Here are some highlights of the SCC programs and projects that were supported.

### SCC Honors College at the University of Washington Research Symposium

Every year Honors College students at Shoreline participate in the University of Washington Research Symposium, presenting their research projects alongside regional peers. The Foundation provided funding to help these exceptional students print and present their posters.



### Multicultural Speaker Series: Peter Bacho, Tim Wise, & Matika Wilbur

A partnership between the SCC Foundation and the SCC Office of DEIA. This series enriched the campus and local community by bringing thought-provoking conversations about anti-racism education, intersectionality in Seattle communities, and issues facing Native peoples to campus.

### Gender Equity Center: Campus Book Club, Pride Event

The Foundation provided funding for faculty and staff to participate in these events alongside SCC students.

### DECA 2024 International Conference and Competition

The Foundation filled a funding gap for the DECA club, allowing all 25 DECA members to participate in the 2024 DECA International Conference, where Shoreline students ranked 2nd in Entrepreneurship.

### Campus Art Gallery Receptions and Exhibits

The Campus Art Gallery provides a space for the campus and broader community to share a regular schedule of art and artists, including exhibits featuring Coastal Salish artist Andrea Wilbur-Sigo, and SCC's very own Parisa Ghaderi.



### Girl Scout STEM Day

This was SCC's first ever Girl Scout STEM Exploration Day, bringing 96 scouts to campus for hands-on learning in automotive, manufacturing, biology, biotech, computer science, and physics.



### Giving Table Luncheon: November 3, 2023

The SCC Foundation's annual fundraising luncheon brought 275 donors and community members together to raise funds in support of SCC Students and programs.



### Edwin T. Pratt Day of Remembrance: January 30, 2024

City leaders and community members celebrated the life of local civil rights leader Edwin T. Pratt. He worked tirelessly on the desegregation of Seattle Public Schools, fair housing initiatives, and other critical advancements in civil rights.

### Cedar Building Grand Opening: May 2, 2024

The grand opening included guided tours, lab demonstrations, guest speakers, and entertainment from our Music Department. The Cedar Building delivers cutting-edge instruction in professional-technical STEM fields like medical lab technology, advanced manufacturing, and biotechnology.

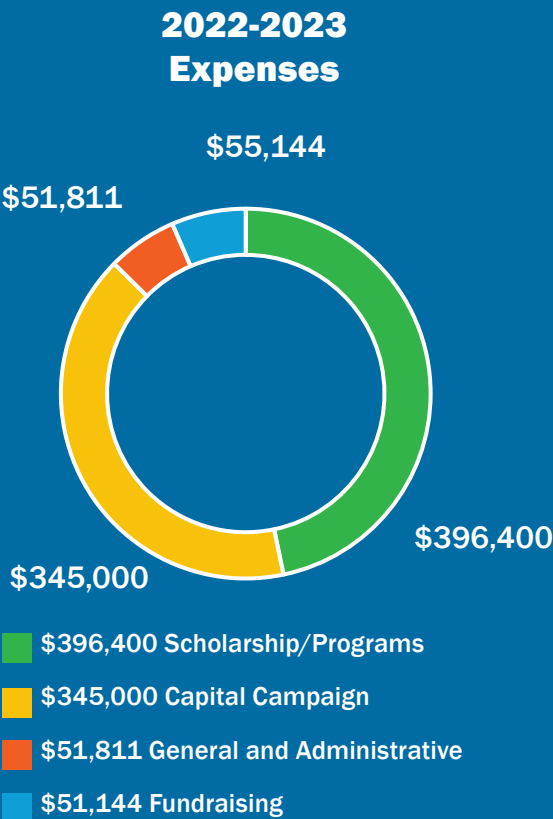
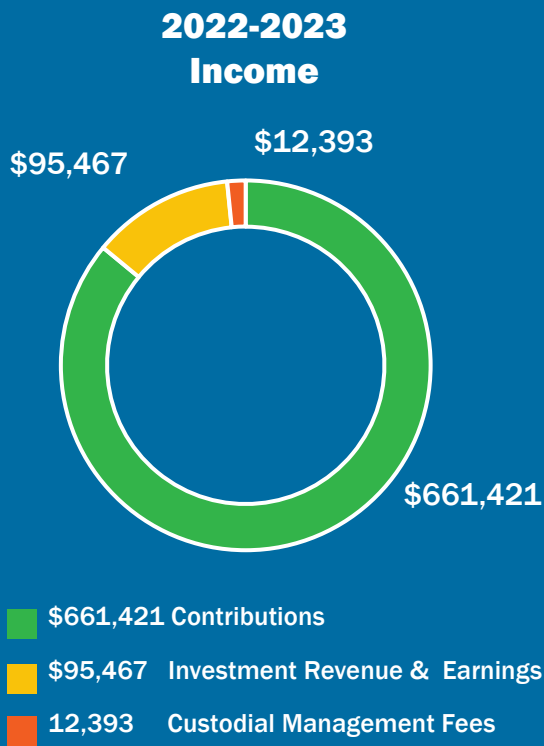
### Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF), Opening Night Benefit Party: May 9, 2024

All proceeds from opening night ticket sales, concession sales, sponsorships, and donations went towards Performing Arts and Digital Filmmaking Scholarships.



# Statement of Financial Position

## 2022-2023



The SCC Foundation Finance Committee meets on a monthly basis. Financial statements are presented and reviewed to ensure compliance and transparency. The SCC Foundation undergoes an independent and rigorous financial audit every year. However, due to a devastating ransomware incident in March of 2023, the SCC Foundation is experiencing a one-year lag in financial reporting. We expect this to be resolved in Spring 2025.

Assets	6/30/2023 *	6/30/2022
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$972,930	\$770,380
Marketable Securities	\$5,659,727	\$5,254,603
Pledges Receivable	\$136,076	\$476,584
Accounts Receivable	\$25,888	\$70,534
Fixed Assets	\$3,844	\$6,557
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,798,465</b>	<b>\$6,798,465</b>

Liabilities	6/30/2023 *	6/30/2022
Accounts Payable	\$28,581	
Deferred Revenue	\$41,400	
Other Liabilities	\$1,000	\$63,319
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$70,981</b>	<b>\$80,996</b>

Net Assets	6/30/2023 *	6/30/2022
Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,608,156	\$ 1,404,099
With Donor Restrictions	\$5,119,328	\$5,093,563
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$6,727,484</b>	<b>\$6,497,662</b>

<b>Totals Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,798,465</b>	<b>\$6,578,658</b>
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\* Preliminary, Unaudited figures



## 2023-2024 SCC Foundation Board of Directors

The Shoreline Community College Foundation Board of Directors consists of committed volunteers working to raise funds in support of SCC students and programs. Our Foundation Board members share the mission of the college and the goals of our students with others because they know helping students get an education at Shoreline Community College strengthens our community economically and shapes the quality of life, we all experience. Board members maintain the fiduciary excellence of the Foundation, assist in fundraising efforts and scholarship evaluation, as well as other volunteer duties.

**Vince Madden, President**  
*Retired*

**Brenda Mallett, Vice President**  
*Retired, Educator*

**John Weber, Secretary/ Interim Treasurer**  
*Vice President/Relationship Manager, Coastal Community Bank*

**Tony Doupé, Director**  
*Faculty, SCC, Program Coordinator for the Film, Theatre, and Cinema*

**Yvonne Hill, Director**  
*Owner, WoneMedia, WoneLocation*

**Eric Kaminetzky, Director**  
*Senior Minister, Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

**Janée Myers Twitchell, Director**  
*Chief Impact & Policy Officer WA STEM*

**Ken Noreen, Director**  
*Retired*

**Scott Saunders, Director**  
*Retired*

**Wendy Schneider, Director**  
*Retired*

### Ex-Officio Directors:

**Kim Wells**  
*SCC, Board of Trustees*

**Dr. Jack Khan**  
*SCC, President*

**Wendy Coates**  
*SCC, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement & SCC Foundation*

We are always looking for great board members. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve SCC students and our community, please contact the SCC Foundation at [sccfoundation@shoreline.edu](mailto:sccfoundation@shoreline.edu)

## No one should have to choose between their education and their basic needs.

But for too many students in our community, this is a devastating reality.  
In Washington, the numbers speak for themselves:

**4 out of 10**

**students experienced food insecurity in the last month.**

**3 out of 10**

**students faced housing insecurity in the last year.**

**1 out of 10**

**students experienced homelessness in the last year.**

Our students are working tirelessly to build a better future, but for too many, the weight of their financial struggles makes that future feel out of reach.

**You can help.**

**You can help students stay in school.**

**You can help them overcome the barriers that stand in their way.**

**You can help them succeed.**

**Please consider making a gift today in support of SCC Students and programs. Your gift, no matter the size, will change lives!**

If you would like more information on how to make a gift of stock or securities, how to set up an endowment, or how to include Shoreline Community College Foundation in your estate plan, please email us at [sccfoundation@shoreline.edu](mailto:sccfoundation@shoreline.edu)



Please scan this QR Code or go to  
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/sccf-donations>  
to give today.

You can also make a gift by mailing a check to  
**Shoreline Community College Foundation,  
16101 Greenwood Avenue, North, Shoreline, WA  
98133 or by calling us at 206-546-4755.**





Shoreline Community College Jazz Ensemble

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

### Shoreline Jazz Band Hits the High Notes in Alaska

In Spring of 2023, the Shoreline Community College's Jazz Ensemble, led by award-winning saxophonist Jeff Kashiwa, embarked on an inspiring four-day trip to Alaska, largely funded by the Associated Student Government. The Jazz Ensemble, one of Shoreline's premier performance groups, showcased their talent in eight performances at middle and high schools across the region.

The trip offered more than just music for our students. The band engaged in a cultural exchange with Indigenous communities, experiencing traditional dances and sharing their music in collaborative performances. "It's about inspiring the next generation and connecting through music," said Kashiwa.

For the students, the trip was a dream come true. "I've always wanted to go to Alaska," shared saxophone player Emmalee Dalos, while drummer Paul Nguyen expressed excitement about performing and "putting smiles on faces." Others were eager to explore Alaska's natural beauty, with saxophone player Hunter Maehring noting, "As a nature guy, this is a big deal for me."

This journey highlighted the power of music to connect, inspire, and bring joy across communities.



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### Shoreline Students Shine at Spring 2023 DECA Conference

In Spring 2023, eight Shoreline Community College students traveled to Orlando, Florida, to compete in the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference. DECA prepares emerging leaders for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management, and the annual event brings together college students from around the globe to compete, network, and grow as leaders.

Among Shoreline's standout participants were Thu Duong ("Genevieve"), and Tan Solip Chea, ("Solip") who advanced to the finals and placed in the top ten in the Financial Analysis category. Their journey began at a regional competition in Pasco, where they earned first place. Reflecting on the experience, Genevieve shared, "I wanted to create lasting memories with my best friend, Solip, and this conference was the perfect opportunity."

For Solip, DECA was transformative. "It's helped me build confidence," she said. "I'm usually shy, but presenting and competing pushed me to speak up."

Former DECA advisor Leo Novsky praised their achievement: "They exemplified perseverance and became role models for future Shoreline DECA students."

The team's success highlights Shoreline's dedication to fostering leadership, collaboration, and excellence on the national stage.



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## From Shoreline to Scientific Journal: Honors College Student Bokai Zhang Publishes First Article

Shoreline's Honors College offers a unique experience, particularly through its yearlong research track. Open to second-year students, the 10-credit program guides participants through independent research projects. In fall, students select a topic and dive into peer-reviewed articles, interviews, and historical research. Winter focuses on mentorship, with faculty guiding students through literature reviews and preparing them to present at the University of Washington (UW) Undergraduate Research Symposium. Spring emphasizes presentation skills, with opportunities to share findings on campus or at UW. When asked about the impact of the program, Interim Director of the Honors College Michael Overa, a deeply passionate advocate of program said "these students make me optimistic for the future."

Last year, Honors student **Bokai Zhang** became the first to publish in a scientific journal. Co-authoring with biology professor **Leonid Gines** a paper titled "Analysis of Cancer-Resisting Evolutionary Adaptations in Wild Animals and Applications for Human Oncology" that was featured in the Journal of Molecular Evolution. The paper explored Peto's Paradox, analyzing why large animals like whales and elephants are less prone to cancer and investigating its implications for human oncology. Zhang, now at BYU pursuing pre-med, exemplifies the program's commitment to providing students with a one-of-a-kind experience in a community college setting. "I'm grateful to have had this experience, because it helped me build a solid foundation in scientific research, and opens doors for future opportunities," said Zhang about his work on this project.



**Bokai Zhang**



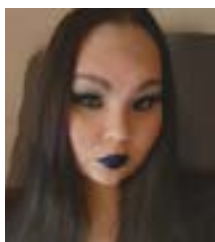
**Leonard Gines**

## Celebrating Shoreline's 2024 All-Washington Academic Team Members

Four outstanding students from Shoreline Community College were honored as members of the 2024 All-Washington Academic Team at a ceremony on April 25, 2024 at South Puget Sound Community College. This prestigious program celebrates students from Washington's community and technical colleges for their academic excellence, leadership, and community service.

To qualify for the honor, students must be members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges. Each honoree receives a medallion and a \$217 scholarship from KeyBank. The top 16 students, announced at the ceremony, earn an additional \$750 scholarship from WSECU, and the top three receive \$1,000 from the Washington State Association of College Trustees. Transfer scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000 are also available to students attending four-year colleges in Washington state.

This year's Shoreline honorees are:



**Danielle Baker**, a single mother of three pursuing Health Information Management. She plans to enter the workforce before transferring to a four-year program to earn her RHIA certification.



**Isabella Briones**, a business student with a 3.98 GPA. She plans to pursue a career in immigration law, combining her degree in Finance with her bilingualism and passion for helping others.



**Chimezirim Emeka**, a Nursing Program graduate who is ready to enter the healthcare workforce before continuing her studies with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



**Joshua Fox**, a neuroscience student researching gene expression and addiction. He plans to transfer to the University of Washington and advance the field of epigenetic addiction research.

Both Isabella and Joshua were named among the state's top 16 scholars, earning additional scholarships and statewide recognition.

The All-Washington Academic Team highlights the transformative power of community and technical colleges, honoring students who inspire excellence in academics and service.



## EMPLOYEE AWARD WINNERS - 2023



### **SUZANNE GUGGER**

Assistant Director of Continuing Education, Facility Rentals, & Events  
Administrator of the Year

Suzanne started working at Shoreline 16 years ago and exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated and student-centered leader. Her colleagues describe her as a gifted problem-solver who consistently goes above and beyond—day, evening, and weekend. She's known for her collaborative approach, partnering with departments across campus to tackle challenges with determination and positivity.

Suzanne's unwavering optimism and infectious energy inspire those around her, even in the most hectic of situations. A champion for students, she ensures that student employees gain meaningful learning experiences, helping them grow both personally and professionally. Her exceptional communication skills and "can-do" attitude make her a valued and admired member of our community.

Congratulations, Suzanne, and thank you for all you do to make Shoreline a better place every day!



### **VOLODYMYR RIAZANOV**

IT System Administration-Journey for Technology Support Services (TSS)  
Classified Star of the Year Award!

Volodymyr joined the college eight years ago and his dedication and work ethic have left an indelible mark on the Shoreline community. His colleagues are in awe of the sheer amount of work he accomplishes and the critical role he plays in ensuring their work can happen seamlessly.

Known for his patience, politeness, and collaborative nature, Volodymyr is always kind, efficient, and ready to lend a helping hand. Whether responding to technology challenges, sharing his wealth of knowledge, or meeting deadlines, he does it all with grace and professionalism.

His tireless efforts throughout the pandemic and during the ransomware incident the College experienced in March, demonstrated his commitment to supporting the campus community through even the most challenging times.

Congratulations, Volodymyr, and thank you for your exceptional contributions to Shoreline's success!



### **LAUREN VALENTINO BRYANT**

Usability & Web Librarian at the Ray Howard Library  
Exceptional Faculty Award!

Lauren joined Shoreline ten years ago and her passion for her work shines through in everything she does. Her colleagues admire her dedication to enhancing the library's website, making it more accessible and effective for students and staff alike.

Beyond her work in the library, Lauren serves as an advisor to a student club focused on improving the student experience, demonstrating her commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching campus environment. Her kindness, warmth, and ability to make people feel valued have made her an integral part of the Shoreline community.

Lauren exemplifies the very best of Shoreline's faculty—congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS - 2023 - 2024



### ESTHER LIM-HINTON

#### **Calm Under Fire: How Esther Lim-Hinton Kept MLT Moving Forward**

In May 2023, an accidental fire broke out in Shoreline Community College's 2600 Building, displacing critical Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) labs, but Program Director Esther Lim-Hinton rose to the occasion with ingenuity and determination. Despite losing essential equipment and lab space, Lim-Hinton quickly found creative solutions to keep her students moving forward.

Lim-Hinton secured temporary lab spaces, worked with community partners, and utilized virtual simulation tools to provide hands-on learning. "I did the best I possibly could with my students," she says. "Having a smaller class during that time turned out to be a blessing in disguise."

While rebuilding the program, Lim-Hinton also re-launched a long-awaited Phlebotomy Certificate Program in spring 2024 and supported new faculty. A Navy veteran, Esther credits her military training for her ability to navigate chaos. "In the military I did really well when there was trauma or chaos because I can make fast, calm decisions and I can see things through, which has been very helpful."

Through extraordinary challenges, Lim-Hinton's dedication to her students and unwavering commitment to the MLT program exemplify the resilience of Shoreline's community. Her leadership not only ensured the program's continuity but also laid the groundwork for future growth, inspiring her colleagues and students alike to persevere in the face of obstacles.



### RASHAWN SMITH

#### **Driving Success in Automotive Education**

Rashawn Smith, instructor for Shoreline's Honda PACT program, is transforming how students prepare for automotive careers. Originally from New York with no automotive background, Rashawn discovered his passion after fixing a broken cable in his own Honda Accord. He graduated from Shoreline's General Service Technician program in 2013, became a Honda and Acura Master Mechanic, and achieved ASE Master Mechanic certification.

Since joining Shoreline as an instructor in 2021, Smith has tripled graduation rates by developing individualized training models, enhancing mentorship opportunities, and strengthening curriculum. His graduates excel at dealerships nationwide and maintain strong ties to the program.

In August 2024, Rashawn received the prestigious "Challenging Spirit Award" from American Honda for his innovative teaching methods, which have improved technician retention nationwide.

"What I'm doing is benefitting my students in their development," says Smith. "In automotive, we look at every single one of our students as part of a brand, or part of a family. If we aren't setting them up for success, we're setting our family up for failure."

Through his passion and commitment, Rashawn is building a community of thriving automotive professionals who support each other and inspire future students.

## RUNNING START MATH PILOT

### **Running Start Math Pilot Prepares High School Students for College Success**

This year, Shoreline Community College piloted an innovative Running Start Math program, developed by math faculty member Steven Bogart in collaboration with local high school instructors. Research shows that many students are reticent to attend college because the requirement of a college level math course can be a huge barrier. This program was designed to help high school students prepare for Math 107: Math in Society, a college-level course that fulfills a key graduation requirement, before they even begin their degree, thus opening doors for some potential students that might otherwise have remained shut.

Through the pilot, 59 students from Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools participated in a high school class that incorporated elements of Shoreline's Math 47 (Intermediate Algebra Support) curriculum. Math 47 is a corequisite for Math 107. This approach gave students an early introduction to college-level material while

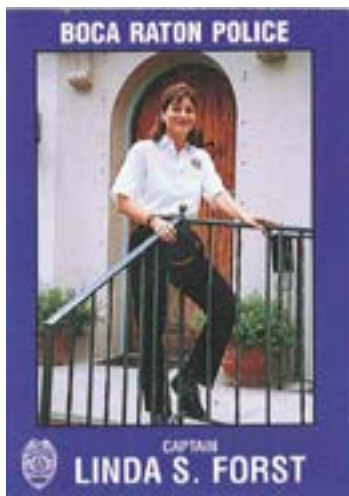
allowing them to build skills and confidence with the support of their high school teachers. Then in the spring of 24' the students enrolled in Math 107 while still receiving help from their high school instructors in addition to their college professor.

"This is another innovative way that our STEM faculty are being creative and meeting students where they are," said Dalila Paredes, Acting Dean of STEM. "It highlights Shoreline's ability to make meaningful partnerships and relationships with local high schools."

The Running Start Math Pilot is an example of Shoreline's commitment to removing barriers, adapting to the changing needs of today's students, and fostering academic success. Using data from the first pilot to inform future decisions, plans are underway to refine the program and offer it again for the spring 2025 quarter.



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS - 2023 - 2024



### CAPTAIN LINDA FORST

#### **Educating the Next Generation of Law Enforcement**

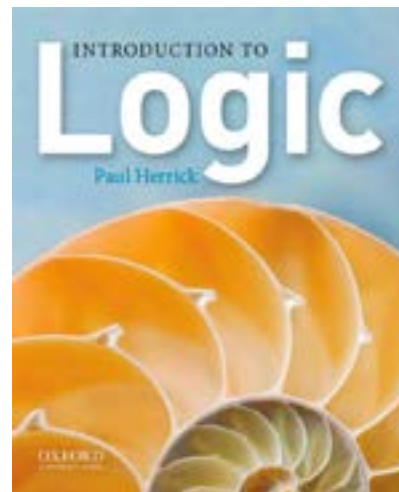
For over two decades, Dr. Linda Forst has brought real-world expertise to Shoreline Community College's Criminal Justice program. A retired police captain from Boca Raton, Florida, she has dedicated her career to training the next generation of law enforcement professionals, ensuring they see beyond the headlines and television dramas.

During her police career, she served as a field training officer and Crimes Against Persons investigator, and held roles in hiring, internal affairs, and support services as she rose through the ranks. She served as Watch Commander on the midnight shift for five years, acting as the highest-ranking officer on duty at night. Her career culminated in a three-year post as Uniform Operations Commander, leading 100 personnel across patrol, traffic, special operations, bike and marine units, K-9 teams, and other specialty divisions.

Dr. Forst is also a nationally recognized author. She co-authored *An Introduction to Policing*, one of the top five policing textbooks in the country, now in its 10th edition. Her journey with the book began when she was invited to contribute by fellow author, Jack Dempsey, but initially declined, as she was just starting her teaching career at Shoreline. By the third edition, she joined the project, bringing a much-needed female practitioner's perspective. The textbook is updated every three years to reflect shifts in law enforcement, including advancements in technology and the evolving role of police officers.

Passionate about education, Dr. Forst challenges her students to think critically about policing and its impact on society. "I want them to go beyond the headlines," she says. "To truly understand law enforcement, they need to dig deeper."

With her deep experience in the field and commitment to student success, Captain Forst continues to shape the future of criminal justice professionals—one class at a time.



### PAUL HERRICK

#### **Shaping Thinkers One Book at a Time**

Dr. Paul Herrick began teaching at Shoreline Community College over three decades ago, and over that time he has become a vital contributor to the College's Philosophy Department, inspiring students to think critically and engage in meaningful intellectual inquiry.

His passion for philosophy began in an unconventional way. After dropping out of college, he spent some time working in commercial fishing out of his hometown of Ketchikan, Alaska, as well as in trucking along the West Coast. During those years, he found himself consistently pondering life's biggest questions. Seeking answers, he turned to philosophy books at the library, a journey that ultimately led him back to college and into a lifelong academic career.

A prolific author, Herrick has written six textbooks on symbolic logic, critical thinking, and philosophy, published by renowned presses including Oxford University Press and the University of Notre Dame Press. His latest book, *Christian Apologetics and Philosophy: An Introduction*, was released by Notre Dame in 2024. Currently, he has three additional works under review, covering Plato, Descartes, and medieval philosophy.

Beyond writing, Dr. Herrick thrives on the intellectual exchange that teaching provides. "I love the give and take with students, debating issues, and learning from them as they learn from me," he says. His textbooks, widely used in classrooms across the country, have sparked discussions with fellow educators who share their experiences, enriching his own teaching.

# Shoreline Community College Commencement



Shoreline kicked off our 60th Anniversary Celebration with our 60th Commencement, and it was a packed house! This year we opted to do one ceremony instead of two, holding the event on Friday afternoon, June 21, 2024. The gymnasium where it was held was standing room only and we had guests seated in our two overflow areas as well cheering their graduates on. Overall, 733 people completed degrees and certificates!

The two inspiring keynotes for the ceremony were delivered by Cheryl Amelia, an international student from Indonesia and Amber Avery-Graff a tenure track faculty member from Automotive. Read on for more information about our speakers as well as some photo and video highlights from the event.



## Commencement Highlights 2024: Shoreline Community College



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**Cheryl Amelia, Student  
Amber Avery-Graff, Faculty**

### STUDENT SPEAKER

Hi everyone, my name is Cheryl Amelia. I am an international student from Indonesia majoring in Accounting. Words cannot fully express the wholesome experience I had on this campus. From serving as a Student Representative in Associate Student Government and writing as the A&E Editor in the Ebttide, I feel incredibly blessed to coordinate and promote campus initiatives and facilities for all the students here. Shoreline Community College has been my home away from home for the past two years, being a part of DECA as Head of Finance and Computer Science Club's Secretary, I have found a family in SCC I never knew I needed.

### FACULTY SPEAKER

Amber Avery-Graff attained an Associates degree in Applied Arts and Sciences (A.A.A.S) degree, through the completion of the Toyota (T-TEN) program at Shoreline Community College. Notably, she holds the distinction of being the first and only graduate in her class to receive the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Masters certification. In 2017, she made a career change, joining Shoreline as an Automotive instructor. With 14 years of industry experience, Amber is deeply committed to student-centered teaching methodologies. She consistently seeks innovative approaches to support her students in overcoming challenges and achieving success in their chosen field. Beyond her professional responsibilities, Amber serves as a Girl Scout troop leader and a passionate advocate for Women in the Trades. A Shoreline resident, Amber, her husband and kids enjoy traveling and connecting with nature.





**Shoreline Community College is proud to celebrate a remarkable milestone — 60 years of excellence in education, innovation, and community connection.**





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