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2017-2018  
Annual Report



**STUDENT SUCCESS  
ACADEMIC INNOVATION  
BUILDING COMMUNITY**



**BELLEVUE  
COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION**



COVER PHOTOS:

Joining together, a generous donor and BC's Nursing Student Association raised funds to support a cohort of students and a faculty member on an educational journey to Ghana. While there, students visited the life-saving drinking well they drilled last year, provided a six-month supply of pharmaceutical resources for people who otherwise would not have healthcare and engaged in cultural celebrations.



# YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE



I would like to express my deep gratitude for your support of the Bellevue College (BC) Foundation this past year. It is through the generosity of donors like you that we are able to advance our mission of making quality education accessible to all.

In August, BC welcomed its new president, Dr. Jerry Weber. It has been a pleasure to see his leadership and vision in action throughout the year, and we look forward to our continued partnership in providing students a successful BC experience.

This year we were saddened by the loss of our friend, Florence Wilkinson. Her legacy will continue to shape the BC campus and our community for years to come through the extraordinary donation of her home in support of BC's nursing program and students.

Thanks to a matching grant made by my fellow members of the Board of Directors, we doubled the impact of your year-end gifts. Our combined generosity has allowed us to support many more students in reaching their academic goals.

Our 19th Become Exceptional Luncheon was a big success thanks to your support. With your help we continued our efforts to support BC programs. I want to extend a special thank you to our scholarship donors. We awarded more student scholarships this year thanks to you! In fact, this year's commencement student speaker, one of the first class of students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer science, was a Foundation scholarship recipient.

On behalf of the Foundation, I am happy to share with you this report which highlights a few of the many achievements of this year. Thank you for being a champion of quality education at BC and a great friend of the BC Foundation.

Sincerely,

Laura Celis  
BC Foundation President



# TOGETHER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students looking to land a cutting-edge job in software development, improve user experience and develop life-changing technology have a new option with the transfer associate degree in robotics and artificial intelligence. Curriculum will develop a student's technological knowledge and provide an opportunity to become skilled in using 3-D printing to advance business potential.

BC's 3-D printer was supported by a previous Foundation Mini-Grant.





### **Awarded \$276,700 in scholarships for the 2017–18 school year.**

149 scholarships were awarded to BC students based on financial need, scholastic merit or a combination of both.

### **Presented four faculty and staff members Excellence Awards for their outstanding commitment to BC.**

Charles Calvert from iBIT – Information Systems, Suzanne Lane from Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology, Sara Gardner from Autism Spectrum Navigators and Katherine Oleson from Communication Studies.

### **Awarded \$20,000 in 11 Mini-Grants to BC faculty, staff and administrators for program-enhancing projects that advance the mission of the College.**

One grant helped fund the Advanced Optics Lab in the physics department, which will enable STEM students to learn about all areas of advanced optics, including quantum optics, entanglement, quantum computers and quantum cryptography. Hands-on, self-guided activities increase student agency which is one of the strongly correlated indicators for retention and success. This lab will also provide an opportunity for collaboration with the BC RISE Institute for students to research the most important physics and engineering challenges of the 21st century.

### **Administered two grants through the Lockwood Faculty Excellence & Innovation Awards, given to projects that exemplify academic innovation.**

One recipient, Subramanya Betageri of Radiation Therapy, received funds to upgrade BC's Virtual Environment Radiotherapy Training (VERT), which allows students to acquire clinical skill sets in the classroom in addition to what they learn in clinical practice.



*I am thrilled and humbled to be selected as the recipient of this award. I initially selected BC because of their Autism Spectrum Navigators program. The Computer Science Scholarship is now another amazing gift the college has afforded me in my time here. It will make such a large difference in my ability to dedicate myself wholly to my studies. I hope one day I will be able to help students at Bellevue College the way this scholarship will help me.*

**Erik Uri**  
CLASS OF '18

*Receiving a scholarship allowed me to focus on my studies, encouraged my abilities and spared me the burden of financial insecurity.*

*Your generosity has inspired me during my journey and afforded me time to be an active member of the BC community.*

**Zach Barnes**  
CLASS OF '18



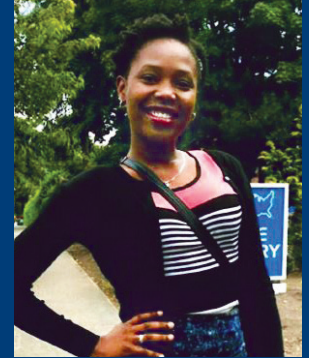


# SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Recent BC graduate Zack Barnes is the proud recipient of the 2017–18 Leona Hickman Scholarship.

During his time at BC, Zack worked as a tutor at TRIO Student Services, which supports students with limited income, disabilities or who are the first in their families to attend college and those served by Multicultural Services. He found this experience very rewarding, because he was able to help students reach their academic goals and see how they empower themselves to build their future.

In addition to his tutoring at BC, Zack actively participated in the Math and Physics Colloquium, a monthly gathering of those interested in the study of the two fields. He spent this summer in an engineering internship at the Snohomish Public Utilities Department where he applied skills gained at BC and learned skills on the job to better prepare him for his future. Zack will soon be continuing his educational journey at the University of Washington where he is already looking at ways to be involved in the campus community like he was at BC.



*I cannot thank you enough for helping me accomplish my dream of becoming an engineer. This scholarship will always motivate me to study hard, challenge and believe in myself, put my heart into everything I do and to one day become a person who can help make someone else's dreams come true, as you have done for me.*

**Eunice Lubemba**  
CLASS OF '19

BC partners with local organizations, non-profits and community leaders to ensure we are responsive to the needs of our community.

In partnership with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, faculty receive professional development to update curriculum and bring additional research and discovery-based approaches into the classroom to get more BC students involved in undergraduate research.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Dr. Jerry Weber**  
PRESIDENT  
BELLEVUE COLLEGE



## Become Exceptional Luncheon

Hundreds of BC supporters and community leaders gathered at Meydenbauer Center on April 25 for the 19th Annual Become Exceptional Luncheon where, together, we raised \$262,195 in support of BC students and essential college programs. Mark your calendar for April 24, 2019, for next year's Luncheon.

## BC BINGO

On June 8, in collaboration with pride month, the Foundation hosted the third annual BC BINGO! More than 100 guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner, local beer and wine and several rounds of bingo play, all benefiting the Foundation's mission. The fabulous "boylesque" performer Waxie Moon entertained the crowd and presented winners with wacky prizes.

## State of BC Breakfast

On June 20, we hosted our President's Circle donors and Corporate Partners for the inaugural State of BC Breakfast. This exclusive event provides our esteemed President's Circle donors and Corporate Partners an opportunity to connect with the college's leadership team and hear directly from President Weber.



Undergraduate research experiences are a powerful way to build student enthusiasm for STEM careers, and they better prepare students to transition directly into the workforce. This year, in addition to supporting ongoing undergraduate research, through a Mini-Grant, we helped fund a 10-part TV series featuring local women in traditionally male-dominated careers to serve as inspiration for women to pursue careers in STEM.





# WE ARE BC

When you support the We are BC annual fund, you help award more scholarships to deserving students, fund collaborative projects bridging technical and creative talents and encourage faculty to forge the way in academic excellence.

- ▶ **Preparing students to enter the workforce**
- ▶ **Supporting innovative academic programs**
- ▶ **Underwriting scholarships for students**



*Having this scholarship will allow me to continue in my educational journey while getting a head start in the medical field. Words cannot explain what a difference this scholarship has made in my life and how it encourages me to keep pursuing my dreams.*

**Liliia Boiko**  
CLASS OF '19

# 2018 EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Each year, members of the BC community nominate their peers who they feel go above and beyond in demonstrating a commitment to excellence through contributions to the campus and community. Support from generous donors allows us to recognize these exceptional faculty and staff.

**Charles Calvert**

iBIT – INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS

**Suzanne Lane**

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND  
TECHNOLOGY

**Sara Gardner**

AUTISM SPECTRUM  
NAVIGATORS

**Katherine Oleson**

COMMUNICATION STUDIES



# YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

**\$2,298,958**

TOTAL RAISED

**\$358,314**

WE ARE BC  
(UNRESTRICTED)

**\$246,694**

SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$306,482**

COLLEGE  
PROGRAMS

**\$736,000**

LEGACY  
GIVING

**\$651,468**

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# THANK YOU

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### **PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE**

*We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our President's Circle donors. There are many organizations that need your support and we are honored that you have chosen to invest in Bellevue College and in making quality higher education accessible.*

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**SEPTEMBER 20**

Residence Hall Open House

**OCTOBER 8–12**

Homecoming Week

**NOVEMBER 1**

Donor & Scholar Reception

## 2019

**MARCH 22**

Scholarship Read Day

**APRIL 24**

Become Exceptional Luncheon

**JUNE 5**

Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards

**JUNE 14**

BC BINGO

**JUNE 21**

Commencement