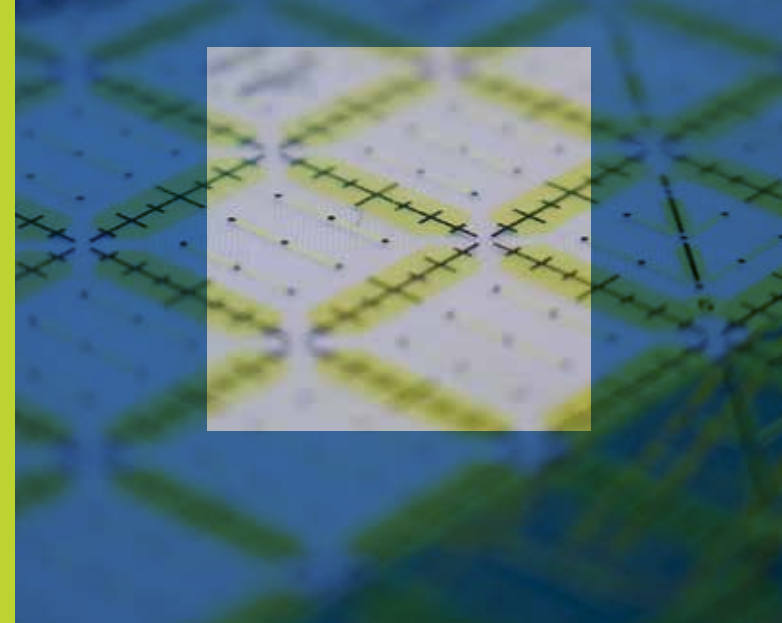


**PIERCING TOGETHER STUDENT SUPPORT
A QUILT THAT TELLS A STORY**



Our students need individualized support to succeed in college. We help them find the types of academic and financial resources they need, piecing together individualized "wrap-around" support. As a metaphor for that support, we decided to make this report resemble a quilt. Like a real quilt, it has two sides. This side features stories of student support leading to student success. The other side details the equally important story of how TCC and the TCC Foundation's financial support students, and gives a snapshot of our campus population.

Thanks to the Tacoma Modern Quilt Guild for donating their time to make us a quilt inspired by the Annual Report. You'll find photos showing the quilt-making process at tacomacc.edu, along with in-depth versions of the stories told here.

English 101 is called a "gatekeeper" class because students have to pass it before taking upper-level classes. Our faculty have found a way to make passing through this "gate" more fun and less intimidating: Themed English 101 classes.

English 101 students all learn the same skills. But, when they choose a class based on a topic that interests them—whether it's food, film, or social justice—they're more likely to make it through the gate. And that makes them more likely to graduate.

**NEW ON CAMPUS:
MAX & MARGI HARNED
TITAN FOOD PANTRY**

Started as a class project by TCC business program graduates Ashley Ngo and MayLonnai Solie, the Max & Margi Harned Titan Food Pantry is TCC's response to the national and local problem of food insecurity among college students.



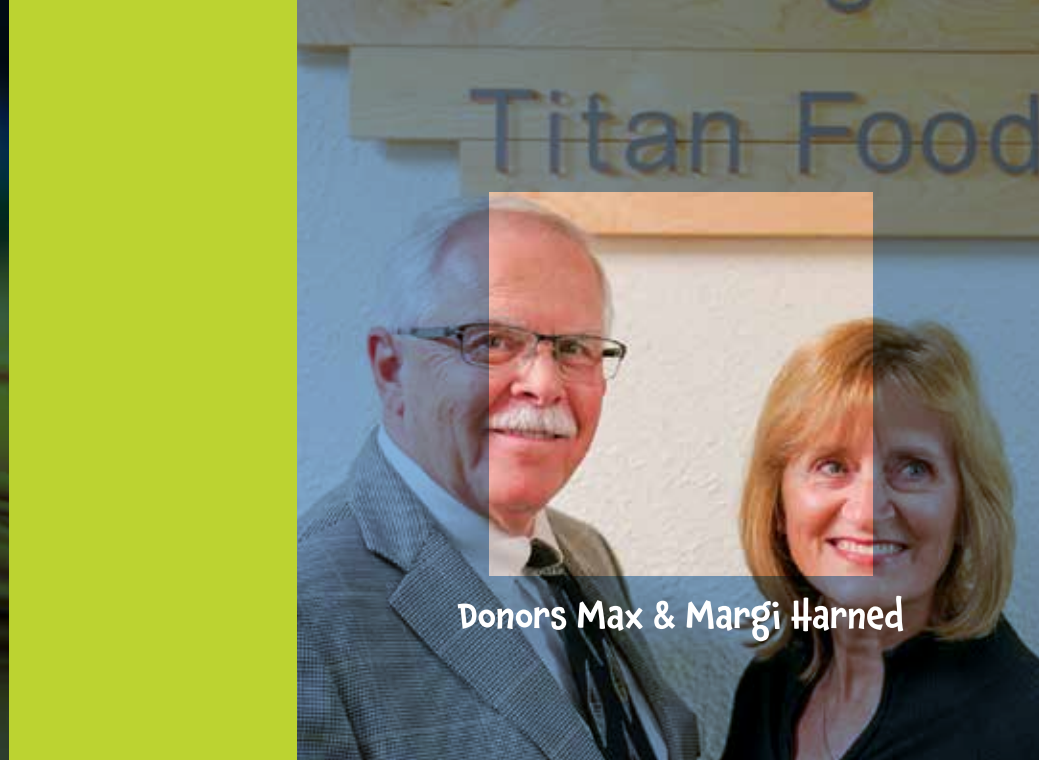
"We know students can't do their best in class on an empty stomach, and we want every student to make it to the finish line!"

Founders MayLonnai Solie & Ashley Ngo

Donors Max & Margi Harned

**FINDING THE FUNDING
WORKFORCE
HOLLYNN TAYLOR**

Hollynn Taylor came to TCC intending to get her GED. She discovered she was eligible for WorkForce, a program that funded not just her tuition, but her childcare and even her parking pass. She quickly completed her high school diploma through the High School 21+ program and is now working toward a Paramedic Certificate and associate degree, funded by WorkForce and a Washington State Opportunity Grant.



"I wanted to do this for my kids. I beat every statistic that was laid in front of me, and I'm still beating them." Hollynn Taylor

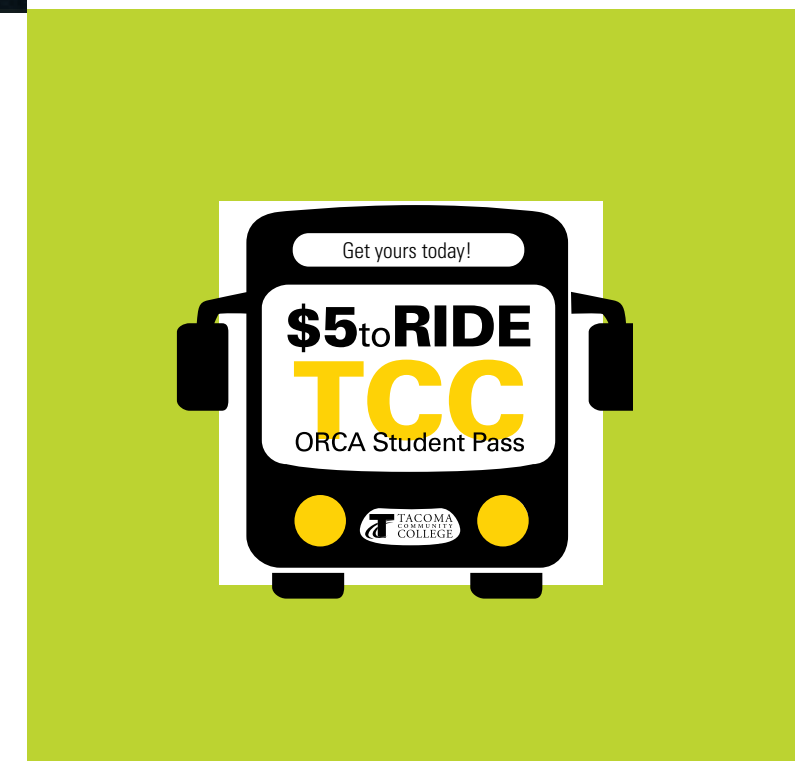
"WE TRIUMPHED TOGETHER"
TCC'S MEN OF DISTINCTION PROGRAM

TCC's Men of Distinction (MOD) program prepares young men to get through college the same way they got through a challenging ropes course – together.

**GETTING STUDENTS THROUGH THE GATE:
THEMED ENGLISH 101 CLASSES**

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A new partnership between TCC and Pierce Transit allows students to buy a \$5 ORCA pass that's good for an entire quarter's worth of rides on all Pierce Transit bus routes.



The program eases the financial burden for students who struggle to afford transportation. Both Pierce Transit and TCC hope it will help build a culture of public transit use in the Pierce County community.

AWARD-WINNING PARTNERSHIP
HOUSING HOMELESS STUDENTS

Recognized by the Harvard Kennedy School as one of the Top 25 Innovations in American Government for 2018, the College Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) is a partnership between TCC and Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) that helps homeless and near-homeless students afford housing.

**FIRST STEPS FULLY FUNDED:
FIRST GENERATION SCHOLAR
TRACIE BONJOUR**

When Human Services program student Tracie Bonjour received a letter from the TCC Foundation, she hoped she'd been given \$500 or so to help with tuition. When you're raising three kids, working, and going to school, every little bit helps.

Then she opened the letter. And she discovered that she'd been awarded a First Generation Scholarship, which covers the cost of two full years at TCC. It even includes a quarterly \$300 stipend for books.



"I couldn't believe it was a full scholarship. It's been such a burden lifted off of our family—it's a huge gift." Tracie Bonjour

COST SAVINGS + INCREASED COMPLETION
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Open Educational Resources (OER) replace costly textbooks with open-source teaching materials. TCC instructors save students more than \$1 million per year by teaching with OER.

TITAN ATHLETICS

It's always exciting to bring home the trophy. But for Titan Athletics students, it is more than just a game. It's an opportunity.

Our athletics programs for men and women are designed to benefit students in academics and in sports. Titan Athletics raises funds for sports scholarships. They maintain high-quality men's and women's sports programs so that students have the opportunity to transfer to schools around the country – often with scholarships. And they help to develop students who shine in the classroom, on the court and on the field.



TCC Titans – 2018 NWAC Champions

You're always welcome to come cheer on our Titan teams! Find the next home game at tacomatitans.com.

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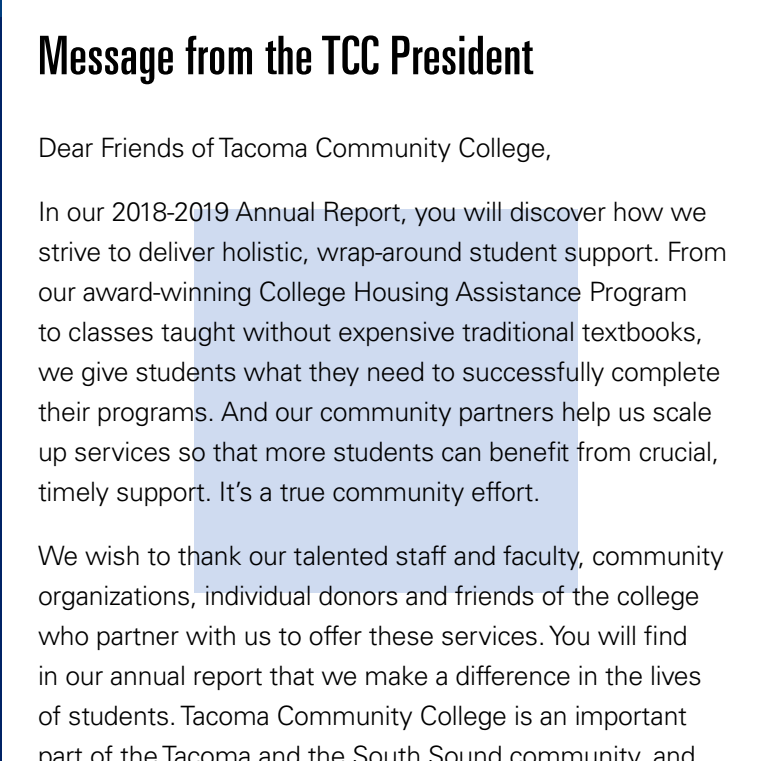


Message from the TCC President

Dear Friends of Tacoma Community College,

In our 2018-2019 Annual Report, you will discover how we strive to deliver holistic, wrap-around student support. From our award-winning College Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) to classes taught without expensive traditional textbooks, we give students what they need to successfully complete their programs. And our community partners help us scale up services so that more students can benefit from crucial, timely support. It's a true community effort.

We wish to thank our talented staff and faculty, community organizations, individual donors and friends of the college who partner with us to offer these services. You will find in our annual report that we make a difference in the lives of students. Tacoma Community College is an important part of the Tacoma and the South Sound community, and we work hard to make our home a wonderful place to live, thrive and enjoy.



Thank you!
Ivan L. Harrell, II, Ph.D.

