

VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023



PROGRAM



VENTURA COLLEGE
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OF MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

SPECIAL WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the Ventura College Foundation's 40th Anniversary Gala!

It is with immense joy and gratitude that we thank you for joining us this evening for this momentous occasion of *40 Years of Making Dreams Come True!*

Over the past four decades, the Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors and staff leadership have been trailblazers committed to opening doors to opportunity by breaking down financial barriers so Ventura College students can pursue their educational dreams.

Since 1983, the VC Foundation has raised over \$48 million for the students and programs of Ventura College. Your philanthropic support and partnership have empowered tens of thousands of Ventura College students to achieve their educational goals and to fulfill their dreams of a rewarding career, higher income, and a better quality of life for generations.

Tonight, we gather not only to commemorate our history but also to embark on an exciting future. Our 40th Anniversary Gala is not just a milestone; it is a promise of continued dedication to our mission- student success.

More than ever, we need to remove financial barriers and increase access to education, eliminate equity gaps in academic achievement, and empower all students to succeed.

So, let us revel in this evening's festivities, in the company of cherished friends, old and new. With your continued philanthropic support and our collective determination, we look forward to the next 40 years of achieving even greater milestones. Thank you for your support and being a part of our incredible journey, and here's to a future reaching new heights TOGETHER by investing in student support!

Nicole Kreutz



NICOLE KREUTZ
Board Chair
Ventura College Foundation
& VC Alumni

Anne M. King



ANNE PAUL KING
Executive Director
& Board Member
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40th ANNIVERSARY GALA PHOTOS

Photos taken by Trinity Wheeler Photography during tonight's 40th Anniversary Gala will be available for viewing in a couple of short weeks on the Ventura College Foundation's 40th Anniversary Gala Online Album!

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40th ANNIVERSARY GALA PROGRAM

5:00 PM **Cocktail Hour**

6:00 PM **Program Begins**

Welcome

Anne Paul King, Executive Director
Ventura College Foundation & Ventura College Foundation Board Member

Tribal Land Acknowledgment

Board Recognition

Nicole Kreutz, Chair
Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors & Ventura College Alum

Your Impact

Anne Paul King, Executive Director
Ventura College Foundation

6:25 PM **Dinner Served**

7:10 PM **Program Resumes**

40th Anniversary Toast

Dr. Rick MacLennan, Chancellor
Ventura County Community College District

Dr. Kimberly Hoffmans, R.N., President
Ventura College & Ventura College Foundation Board Member

Anne Paul King, Executive Director
Ventura College Foundation

Major Moments in Foundation History

Anne Paul King, Executive Director &
Gerry Pantoja, C.F.R.E., Director of Philanthropy
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Ventura College Alumni Speaker

Lorraine Miramontes,
VC Alum, Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Recipient & Donor

Mission Impact Video

Ventura College Student Speaker

Mark Huff, President
Associated Students of Ventura College (ASVC)
& Ventura College Foundation Board Member

Closing Remarks

8:00 PM **Coffee Reception on the Museum Plaza**

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The **Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD)** comprises **Moorpark College, Oxnard College, Ventura College, and Ventura College East Campus** in Santa Paula, so wherever you are in the county there's a VCCCD campus not far away. Our colleges offer over **200 innovative programs** in high-demand fields, including **new Bachelor's degree programs** in Automotive Technology and Biomanufacturing.

It is because of our College Foundations that we can cover the cost of enrollment fees for qualifying first-year, first-time students through the Promise Programs at Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura colleges. Thank you, Ventura College Foundation, for your 40 years of faithful service to our students. Your work makes dreams come true.



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ABOUT THE VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION: FACILITATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Established in 1983, the Ventura College Foundation is one of the most successful community college foundations in California, having raised nearly \$48 million for Ventura College and its students.

The Ventura College Foundation transforms students' lives through education by providing innovative and vital resources and financial support. The Foundation collaborates with Ventura College to enhance human potential, civic engagement, careers, and academic success of students enabling their effective impact and legacy on the college, local workforce, and our community.

ABOUT VENTURA COLLEGE STUDENTS

Our students come to Ventura College with a passion and drive to better their lives, yet many face barriers that interfere with their ability to achieve their potential.

Among our 10,000 students:

- 64% are Latinx
- 72% are part-time students, many working multiple jobs
- 40% are the first in their families to go to college
- 52% are low or extremely low income
- 50% are food insecure

Yet, in 2022-23:

- 2,158 Associates degrees were awarded
- 687 Associates degrees for transfer were awarded
- 1,785 certificates were awarded
- Approx. 1,000 students transferred to 4-year universities

Over our 40 years, tens of thousands of students have received vital support for their educational success. Thank you!



VC FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

- VC Promise Tuition & Enrollment Fee Assistance Program for 1st & 2nd Year Students
- VC Basic Needs
- General Scholarships
- Phoenix Scholarships for Re-entry & Veteran students
- Textbook & Equipment Lending Library
- Weekend Marketplace
- Ventura College Campus Programs & Corporate Partnership Support

Our community colleges drive social and economic mobility in Ventura County and beyond. We know that if our students achieve their academic goals at VC, they can fulfill their dreams of a rewarding career, higher income, and better quality of life.



2022-23 VC FOUNDATION IMPACT

FOUNDATION DIRECT SUPPORT	# OF STUDENTS SERVED	SUPPORT AMOUNT
VC PROMISE		
VC Promise Program* (1st & 2nd Year Tuition Paid)	2,082	\$75,000 <i>*VCF gap funding to address Statewide Promise Budget Cuts to ensure all eligible students were served</i>
VC BASIC NEEDS		
VC Basic Needs Program (Pantry & Equipment)		\$3,191
Jordana Ybarra-Telias Emergency Grant Program	9	\$22,530
SCHOLARSHIPS		
Scholarships (439 Scholarships Awarded)	235	\$670,406
TEXTBOOK SUPPORT		
Semester Lending Library (3,028 Check Outs) Class Sets	2,053	\$2,117
Reserve Library (335 Check Outs)	442	
Veteran Textbook Support	135	\$36,751
	58	
TOTAL VCF 22/23 PROGRAM SUPPORT	5,014	\$809,995

In 2022-23, the VC Foundation provided \$809,995 in support to serve over 5,000 students & facilitated another \$1.17 million for 68 Ventura College Programs from 16 Dept/Divisions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

SUPPORT for ADDITIONAL CAMPUS PROGRAMS

- **Text:** 40YEARS To: 41444
- **Give Securely Online:** VenturaCollegeFoundation.org/40th-anniversary/
- **Donate By Mail:** Make your check payable to the Ventura College Foundation, 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003
- **Contribute with a gift of stock or mutual shares, a donor advised fund, an IRA, or estate gift:** For more information, please contact Anne Paul King, Executive Director, at (805) 289.6160 or aking@vccd.edu

Thank you, your support opens a world of possibilities, allowing students to pursue their dreams and gain the skills they need to succeed.

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE!

MAJOR MOMENTS IN THE VC FOUNDATION'S HISTORY

1980s

- 1981**
 - The Ventura College Foundation is founded by several community and campus leaders including Dr. Robert W. Long, President of Ventura College from 1985-1992; the first Executive Director of the VC Foundation, founding board member and past board Chair, George McNeely a former faculty member and administrator at Ventura College; and Dr. John Woolley, VC Foundation Board Emeriti, who was a former faculty member and Vice President of Business Services at Oxnard College and then Ventura College and past Foundation board member and board chair.
- 1983**
 - The VC Foundation officially becomes a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit by I.R.S. and is a financially independent auxiliary organization of the Ventura County Community College District to support the students and programs of Ventura College.
 - VC Foundation's Student Scholarship Program begins.
- 1985**
 - The VC Foundation launches the Weekend Marketplace (swap meet) at Ventura College on weekends with a handful of vendors under the leadership of Board Emerti, Dr. John Woolley, the VC Foundation's Executive Director, Dr. Joe Iantorno, and with significant assistance from former Board Member, C. Robert Reeves, while an employee of Ventura College. Revenue from the Marketplace enables the VC Foundation to significantly expand scholarship support and direct services to students.
- 1986**
 - VC Foundation Board Member, Rob van Nieuwburg in conjunction with Ventura Toyota initiates Ventura College's Toyota T-Ten program to train students as technicians at the Toyota dealerships.

1990s

During this decade of service as board chair of the VC Foundation, Board Emeriti, Richard Taylor, Esq. is credited with expanding the VC Foundation's board of directors and programs.

- 1992-1993**
 - \$91,950 awarded in scholarships to 55 Ventura College students; two Mary Guthrie Scholarships of \$9,000 each are given to students who plan to enter the teaching profession.
- 1994**
 - The VC Foundation establishes a planned giving society with estate gift agreements from Mary Guthrie and Martin Hansen for scholarships.
 - Ventura College's Guthrie Hall was the VC Foundation's first major fundraising project by providing \$400,000 to fund the entire construction.
- 1995**
 - The Weekend Marketplace commemorates its 10th Anniversary and generates \$450,000 a year for the operations and programs of the VC Foundation
 - Cost of a Vendor Space: \$10
 - Number of Vendors: 30
 - Attendance: 1,000 people per week
 - Marketplace Employees: 6
- 1998**
 - VC Foundation makes history by awarding a total of \$1 million in scholarships since the start of the organization
 - Over \$150,000 is awarded by the VC Foundation in Ventura College staff grants
 - In July 1998, \$450,000 in gifts, pledges, and in-kind donations are received toward the goal of \$600,000 for the new Cornerstone capital campaign for Ventura College's 50,000 sq. ft Sciences Complex. The VC Foundation's Board Emerti, Helen Yunker, a former board member served as the chairperson. This was the first major new construction on this campus since the 1970s.
 - The Phoenix Scholarship program was established by VC Foundation board members who learned about the special needs of Ventura College re-entry students. Past board members who were instrumental in the establishment of the Phoenix Program were Board Emerti Members: Donna Santo, Esq., Richard Taylor, Esq., Lucia Tebbe Esq., the Hon. Colleen Toy White, and Dr. John Woolley.



2000s

- 2000** • The Dare-to-Dream Program, which laid the foundation for the current Ventura College Promise Program, began in 2000 and awarded six student grants funded by local bankers in 2002.
- 2002** • The VC Foundation reports assets of \$4.2 million of which \$2 million is earmarked for endowed scholarships. Establishing an endowed scholarship fund increased to a minimum contribution of \$10,000 with the goal of providing a \$500 scholarship each year from distribution earnings.
- 2005-2006** • In January 2006, the VC Foundation launches the VC Promise program.
 - The Ventura College is the first community college Promise program in the state of California to offer tuition-free assistance
 - The VC Promise Program funded by the proceeds of the VC Foundation's Weekend Marketplace and by private donations, is the last entity to pay after financial aid is awarded
- \$400,000 in VC Foundation scholarships are awarded to students.
- Ventura College established a new "Textbook Bank" funded by a Foundation grant of \$30k comprised of one copy of every textbook needed by VC students. The books are kept permanently on reserve in the Evelyn & Howard Boroughs Library.
- 2006-2007** • The VC Promise, a last to pay tuition assistance program after financial aid is awarded, expands to all recent VC high school graduates regardless of family income to create the Ojai Promise, Santa Paula Promise and Fillmore Promise. With the concerted efforts of the VC Foundation, this innovative program fully underwrites the first year of enrollment fees, has put Ventura College on the map.
- The VC Foundation reports raising over \$15 million since 1981 for the students and programs of Ventura College.
- The Faith George Lending Library, later known to the Foundation Board as the David P. Bianco Textbook Lending Library, begins. A supply of textbooks is created with a \$30k grant and are checked out of the Evelyn & Howard Boroughs Library by students for a period of one semester.
- The VC Foundation receives \$300k (largest single gift from an individual for a VC Program at the time) from former board member and Board Emeriti, Helen Yunker for the establishment of an endowment for the VC Music Department in support of musical performance programs. The VC Foundation launches a community drive of \$250K to leverage Helen's significant gift.

- 2007-2008** • The VC Promise now serves 1,500 students per academic year and provides \$250,000 in support for the program.
- The VC Promise starts serving as a national model for other educational institutions who wish to start similar Promise programs.
- 2008-2009** • May 2009 marks the graduation of the first student recipients of the VC Promise program with more than 3,000 students being supported through the program since the inception.
- The VC Foundation provides \$400k in VC Promise grants to support over 1,500 students.
- The VC Foundation's Corporate Promise Partnership launches as the first community college/business partnership for providing employee scholarships in the country.
- The Gene Haas Foundation makes a three-year commitment to the VC Promise program with a total grant of \$150k.
- 2009-2010** • Limoneira officially launches the Limoneira Promise with funding of \$5k per year for up to 100 employees.
- The VC School of Nursing & Allied Health became the first program on campus to fund a scholarship, Nursing Peer-to-Peer Assistance Scholarship, for fellow nursing students. The nursing students raised \$5k for the scholarship endowment and the VC Foundation matched it so a \$500 a year scholarship could be awarded to a third or fourth semester nursing student.
- Bernard Osher Foundation announces its scholarship endowment with California Community Colleges through the Foundation for California Community Colleges for a 2-1 donor match. The VC Foundation raises over \$1 million for these student scholarships.



2010s

- 2010-2011**
- The VC Foundation receives a \$1 million gift from the Orfelea Foundation for Ventura College's Child Development Center.
 - The VC Foundation's Textbook Lending Library expands to Ventura College East Campus in Santa Paula.
 - Since 1999, the VC Foundation reports awarding more than 140 returning students with more than \$100k in Phoenix Scholarship support.
 - The VC Foundation raises \$1,185,410 generating an additional \$592,705 in match dollars from the Bernard Osher Foundation for scholarship funding making Ventura College one of thirty-three colleges statewide that met or exceeded its original fundraising goal as part of the initiative. The VC Foundation raised 296% of its target goal which was the best fundraising record of any college in the state. The initiative generates enough to fund new scholarships for at least 89 students at VC every year, in perpetuity.
- 2011-2012**
- The VC Foundation reports that the VC Promise has served 6,000 students since inception with over \$1 million provided by the VC Foundation.
 - Stan Weisel makes a \$300k endowed scholarship gift, one of the largest individual gifts in the VC Foundation's history and the first of these Phoenix Scholarships are awarded.
- 2012-2013**
- VC Foundation reports that more than \$2.5 million in VC Promise grants have been awarded to 10,000 Ventura County high school students since the inception in 2006.
 - More than \$500k are awarded to over 280 students through VC Foundation scholarships.
- 2015-2016**
- Through a VC Foundation partnership, Gibbs Truck Centers commits \$1 million in cash and in-kind support through a public-private partnership to establish the Diesel Mechanics Program at Ventura College.

- 2016-2017**
- Since 2006, over \$3 million have been awarded to 12,000 students for VC Promise grants.
 - The Ventura College Promise model and data were instrumental in the creation of the 2017 statewide California College Promise Grant Program.
 - The VC Foundation launches the William and Helen Scarpino Veterans Promise Program to help U.S. veterans and U.S. active-duty military students to offset the cost of tuition and allows students to reserve their GI Bill for university tuition.
 - \$692,048 in VC Foundation scholarships are awarded to 258 students.
 - The Marketplace becomes a \$1.5 million enterprise of the VC Foundation and generates revenue to sustain the Foundation operations and programs.
 - Cost of a Vendor Space: \$35-\$50, Number of Vendors: 300+, Attendance: 3,000, Marketplace Employees: 12, Revenue: \$1.5 million
- 2017-2018**
- More than \$50,000 is raised by the VC Foundation to award VC Emergency Fire Fund Grants to 104 students and part-time employees affected by the Thomas Fire.
 - In 2018, the VC Foundation receives a \$12 million estate gift from Miriam Schwab for the Ventura College Music Department & Aquatics Program. When this gift was received it was the largest gift ever given to a community college in Southern California and the 2nd largest in the state of California.
 - The VC Foundation receives a \$2 million estate gift from Board Emeriti, Helen Yunker, to establish campus endowments for the Ventura College's Opera & Musical Theatre programs with significant leadership from Robert Lawson, the former chair of Ventura College's Performing Arts Department.



- 2019-2020**
- The second-year VC Promise program launches for 200 students.
 - Through a VC Foundation partnership, Mission Produce and Ventura College's Agriculture Department plant a one-acre commercial orchard of avocado trees on campus as part of efforts to build the school's agriculture program, which restarted in 2017.
 - The VC Foundation provides record support despite COVID-19 pandemic challenges by distributing \$824,548 in financial support during the 2019-2020 academic year - \$699,971 in scholarships, \$84,577 in VC Promise tuition assistance and \$40,000 in textbook support. The annual scholarship distribution was the largest in the foundation's history. All told 5,330 students (41 percent of the student population) received support from the Foundation through tuition support, scholarships, or textbook lending. In addition, another \$919,792 was facilitated by the Foundation to assist 44 programs from 15 Ventura College departments and divisions.

- 2020-2021**
- Despite COVID pandemic challenges for the organization, the VC Foundation distributed \$696,095 in direct student financial support during the academic year and another \$871,749 to 28 Ventura College programs across 17 department and divisions. Additionally, the VC Foundation was able to build its financial reserves while distributing over \$1.5 million in student and school program aid.
 - Because of the effects of the COVID pandemic, the number of students in economic crisis grew. The VC Foundation responded by redirecting fundraising efforts in support of Ventura College's Basic Needs Program by raising more than \$19,000 to help support students.
 - The VC Foundation's Jerry Arellano Veteran Resource Center Library Program, established in 2018 receives \$59,000 in new funding to provide textbook stipends to U.S. veteran and active military students attending Ventura College.
 - Through a VC Foundation partnership, Ohana Pet Hospital and Ventura College launch a two-year Veterinary Technology Program culminating in an Associate of Science degree. Classes began in the spring of 2021 at Ventura College's East Campus in Santa Paula.

- 2021-2022**
- The VC Foundation awards 446 scholarships to 240 students amounting to \$754,908 in scholarship support - the largest annual scholarship distribution in the foundation's history.
 - \$776,264 is distributed in direct student support and another \$1.24 million to 68 Ventura College programs across 16 departments and divisions due to a growing donor base.
 - Through a VC Foundation partnership, the Gene Haas Foundation donates \$250,000 to relocate their high-tech manufacturing machines and create the Gene Haas Advanced Manufacturing Lab in the college's Applied Science Center. This state-of-the-art facility promotes manufacturing occupations and enhances workforce manufacturing skills to benefit the entire county. The new equipment allows students to work directly with industry-level machines, which will increase their readiness and competitiveness in the workforce.
 - The Ventura County Community Foundation awards \$192,556 to the VC Foundation to help support the Ventura College's Veterinary Technology Program. The two-year vet tech program is a partnership between the Ohana Pet Hospital and the college that began in 2021 and takes place at Ventura College's East Campus in Santa Paula.

- 2022-2023**
- The VC Foundation distributes \$809,995 in direct support to serve over 5,000 students. Of \$809,995 in direct student support, \$670,406 was in the form of scholarships.
 - The VC Foundation expands support in partnership with VC's Basic Needs Center by establishing The Jordana Ybarra-Telias Emergency Grant program for veterans by raising more than \$20,000 in emergency mini-grants to students until the funds are exhausted.
 - The VC Foundation relaunches a \$75,000 fundraising effort for the VC Promise to support over 2,000 students annually due to state budget cuts causing a shortfall in Promise funding statewide.
 - Since the VC Promise program began in 2006, more than \$4 million in tuition costs have been covered by the VC Foundation and close to 22,000 students have been served.



VENTURA COLLEGE IS TURNING 100 IN 2025!

As we prepare to celebrate the College's Centennial Celebration in 2025, we are excited to hear how Ventura College has impacted, influenced, or changed your life or the life of someone you know.

We invite you to connect with us!

<https://venturacollegefoundation.org/venturacollege100th>

- Receive information about our Centennial Celebration activities
- Share your "Ventura College" story
- Share your historical information, images, media, and memorabilia with us as we head toward our 100th birthday.



For more information on Ventura College's 100th Anniversary, please contact the VC Foundation at (805) 289-6461 or email: vcfoundation@vcccd.edu.

Congratulations to the Ventura College Foundation on four decades of impactful service so all students in our community have access to educational opportunities at Ventura College.

Advanced education is absolutely vital to exist in today's economy. We are so fortunate to have Ventura College in our community to fill those needs.

Success stories from Ventura College students are as compelling as they are unending.

- Bill & Elise Kearney



*We've come a long way!
Congratulations on 40 years of providing services to students to help them achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals!*

- JOHN L. WOOLLEY ED.D.
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Congratulations on this momentous occasion!

This remarkable journey is a testament to the unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work of everyone involved to support Ventura College students.

Here's to the next 40 years of impacting the lives of students, their families, and the community. Happy 40th!

- Richard Taylor, Esq.
& Kris Taylor



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Celebrating 40 years of making dreams come true.



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“Thank you for allowing us to pursue our passions and academic careers. It’s inspiring to me that people like you want to help students like me pursue academic and life goals. Thank you for helping future generations fulfill their dreams in hopes that our society will be better for it.”

- Isabel Tenison,
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