



# 2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT



VENTURA COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION



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## DEAR VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY,

It is our pleasure to present the Ventura College Foundation 2024-2025 Impact Report. This summary of financial investments is made by so many innovative, compassionate, and benevolent contributors. On behalf of our incredible staff and committed board, we are deeply grateful for your enduring support. Each volunteer hour, each charitable dollar, and each partnership changed lives.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our mission!

**Contributions received between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 impacted Ventura College students 12,123 times. As a Foundation, we were pleased to allocate \$1,541,325 to 56 Campus programs and \$945,746 in scholarship grants to 270 students.**

The Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors recognizes the connection between scholastic achievement and the overall well-being of each student. We're committed to guiding students to achieve educational and professional success. This is why we focused considerable attention on the VC Promise and Basic Needs programs.

The VC Promise program was established to lower barriers to higher education, but in the face of state-wide budget cuts, the VC Foundation committed to provide gap funding to continue this legacy of accessible education. During the 2024-2025 school year, tuition-free education was provided to 4,460 first-time, full-time, first and second year students. Of that number, **the VC Foundation impacted 4,234 students with tuition assistance support.**

The VC Basic Needs Centers ensure students have food, clothing, mental health counseling, and financial assistance...everyday barriers which prevent students from attending class or performing at high levels. **Funding from the VC Foundation directly impacted 3,629 students, representing nearly 19% of the entire student body.** Basic Needs staff members report 450-500 students visit the Basic Needs Centers every day.

We cannot understate the influence of charitable support received by the VC Foundation. Thousands of Ventura College students are directly impacted by our community's generosity and the VC Foundation mission every year.

Thank you for your unwavering support for Ventura College Pirates.

With gratitude,

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Nicole Kreutz  
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**P.S.** - The challenges facing student success increase daily. In fact, we received reports of up to 500 students visiting the Basic Needs Food Pantries this current semester. We encourage you to make a year-end donation to remove key barriers to student success. Please **GIVE TODAY:** [venturacollegefoundation.org/donate](https://venturacollegefoundation.org/donate)

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OUR MISSION.

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS



## A PROMISE WORTH KEEPING

The Ventura College Promise (VC Promise) supports first-time, full-time students by covering key fees during their first two years at Ventura College. Since 2007, the Ventura College Promise has helped over 25,218 local students attend college tuition-free.

The Ventura College Promise was so successful, it became the blueprint for California's statewide college promise. Recipients of the promise program are 70% more likely to complete their comprehensive program of study. The VC Foundation increased the amount of support directed to promise by 91%.



## BASIC NEEDS CENTERS - EVERY STUDENT, EVERY NEED

Basic needs refer to the essential elements of student well-being, including food, stable housing, and overall wellness. The VC Basic Needs Center provides support programs and resources designed to help students thrive academically and personally.

Ventura College has two Basic Needs centers at the Ventura and Santa Paula campuses. Each center has a food pantry, where students can access groceries, hot meals, snacks, hygiene items, diapers, cleaning supplies, and so much more. Houseless students can access hot showers, secure lockers, and housing referrals through Basic Needs.

Nearly 19% of the student body visited the Basic Needs Center food pantries in 2024-25. Students who use the Basic Needs Center are 20% more likely to stay enrolled than students who do not.



## SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships have been the hallmark program at the VC Foundation for over 40 years. Each scholarship award is an investment in a student's confidence and ability to achieve educational success.

The average scholarship award package was \$2,100 for continuing students and \$2,480 for transferring students. 43 students received Phoenix Scholarships, specifically aimed at re-entry students with non-traditional paths to education. 12 Student Veterans received \$33,426.90 in scholarships. The VC Foundation distributed a record-breaking \$945,746 in scholarship funds to 270 students in 24-25.



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

## CHRISTOPHER SANTAMARIA

When Christopher enrolled at Ventura College, he brought with him a deep passion for technology and a dream to change lives through innovation. With support from the Ventura College Foundation and the financial aid office, that dream is quickly becoming a reality. Christopher is one of the 10,000 plus students who received financial aid in 2024-25.

While at Ventura College, Christopher thrived. He earned his Medical Device Certificate and prepared for the next big step: transferring to Arizona State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering. As a student with a disability, Christopher has faced unique challenges, but your charitable support gave him the stability and encouragement to keep going.

Students who receive financial support are more likely to persist and graduate from higher education institutions, "Receiving financial support helped me stay on track to finish on time and stay focused in my classes," Christopher says.

Thanks to generous donors like you, Christopher was awarded multiple scholarships, including the Gene Haas Foundation and Betty Bow Withers Scholarships. These awards didn't just help pay for tuition; they reminded him that his hard work and determination were seen and valued.

Today, he's on track to design the life-saving medical technologies of tomorrow. His goal? To develop innovative devices that improve healthcare and patient outcomes worldwide.

"One day, I hope to pay it forward by supporting students just like me," Christopher says.

## KATHLEEN DONOVAN

Five years ago, Kathleen felt stuck. Though she had a college degree, she was unsure of her next step. The world had come to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic, and so had she. But in that stillness, she reflected on a time that had brought her joy: volunteering at a local animal shelter. That spark led her to pursue a new path—and it brought her to Ventura College East Campus.

As a non-traditional student, Kathleen's responsibilities made it hard to start over in a new field.

"Before starting the [Veterinary Technology] program, I was working retail jobs on and off to help my family with everyday expenses, but once I enrolled, I shifted my focus to working in the vet field to gain experience." Receiving two years of tuition assistance through the VC Promise gave her room to breathe and commit fully to her education.

Today, Kathleen is preparing to graduate in 2026 and begin her career in veterinary care. The journey hasn't been easy, but with support from Ventura College Foundation scholarships, the Basic Needs Centers, and the Promise Program, she's been able to focus on what matters: building a future doing what she loves.



"Your generosity has not only lifted a financial burden but also inspired me to keep pushing forward."

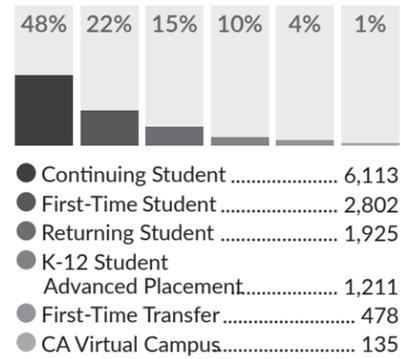


"I'm grateful for the opportunity to find my calling—right here in my community, and I know I'm not alone. Many of us have stories like mine, and your support makes those stories possible."

# 2024/25 BY THE NUMBERS

## VENTURA COLLEGE

### STUDENT STATUS



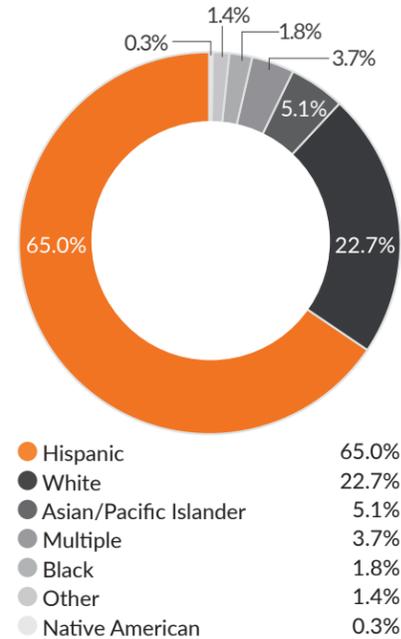
Full-Time Student ..... 3,579  
 Part-Time Student ..... 8,566

First Generation  
 College Student ..... 40%  
 Veteran Students ..... 3.4%

### STUDENT GENDER



### STUDENT ETHNICITY



**TOTAL ENROLLMENT**  
19,997

**AVERAGE AGE**  
24.6

### DEGREES & CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Associate Degrees	1,841
Associate Degree for Transfer	579
Certificate of Achievement	756
Transfer Certificate	867
Noncredit Certificates	267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,310</b>

### FINANCIAL AID / BUDGET

2024-25 Financial Aid Total Received	\$33.4 Million
Ventura College 2024-25 Total Budget	\$72.6 Million

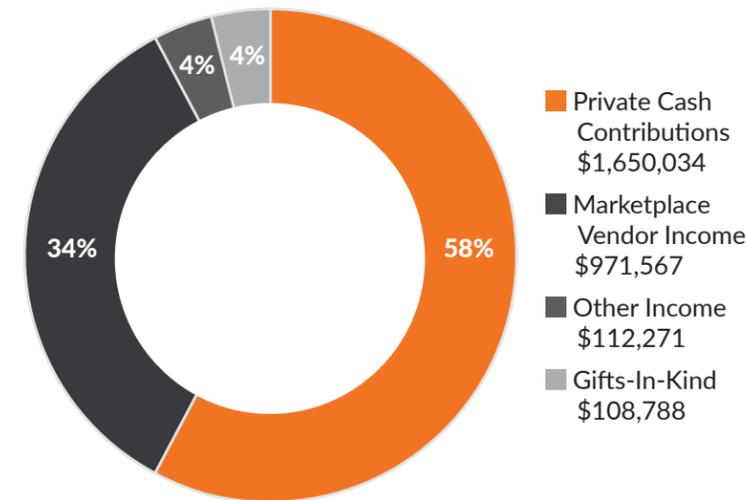
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# VCF 2024/25 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

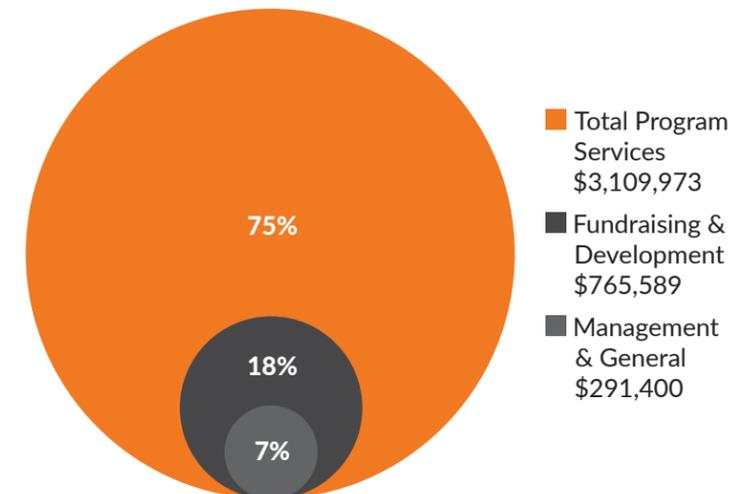
7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

REVENUES (w/o Investment Income)	\$2,842,659
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$3,255,522
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$4,166,962
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,961,835</b>

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OPERATING EXPENSES ..... **\$4,166,962**



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FOUNDATION DIRECT SUPPORT	STUDENTS SERVED	AMOUNT
<b>VC PROMISE</b>		
VC Promise Program (1st & 2nd Year Tuition Paid)	4,460 (4,234 with Foundation funds)	\$158,000*
<b>VC BASIC NEEDS</b>		
VC Basic Needs Program (Pantry & Equipment)	3,629	\$30,248
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
Scholarships (435 Scholarships Awarded)	270	\$945,746
<b>TEXTBOOK SUPPORT</b>		
Semester Lending Library (4,740 Check Outs) Class Sets (293 Check Outs)	3,407 129	\$30,000
Reserve Library (362 Check Outs)	228	
<b>TOTAL 24/25 PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>	<b>12,123</b>	<b>\$1,163,994</b>

## \$1.54 MILLION IN SUPPORT\*\*

VC CAMPUS PROGRAM SUPPORT FACILITATED BY VCF  
 56 Programs from 14 Dept/Divisions

VC, VCCCD & VC FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE SUPPORT - \$78,704  
 94 Employee Donors Gave 748 Donations



\*VCF gap funding to address Statewide Promise Budget Cuts to ensure all eligible students were served  
 \*\*Doesn't include additional E-Teams Fundraising Platform Support for VC Athletics: \$90,974

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

Over the years, Elise and I have had the pleasure of supporting the Ventura College Foundation. Because of our connection, we have been able to witness the incredible impact the foundation makes on students' lives. Whether it's tuition assistance, textbook lending or basic student needs, the foundation is invaluable in minimizing economic and other barriers, allowing students to reach their educational and career goals.

When a student is able to attend Ventura College, they not only improve their own lives, but they contribute to the health and well-being of our community. Elise and I could not be prouder to join others to invest in our future citizens and potential leaders through our donation to the Ventura College Foundation.

Please join Elise and me in donating to the Ventura College Foundation. Together we help build futures full of promise, one student at a time.

Thank you in advance,

**Bill and Elise Kearney**



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