



# MOMENTUM

## 2021 Report to Investors



OAKLAND  
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# FROM the CHANCELLOR and CHAIR

## DEAR DONORS, COLLEAGUES and FRIENDS,

The evolution of the pandemic during 2021 may have helped last year feel more familiar and routine after the extraordinary events of 2020. As we settled into new ways of accomplishing our mission, we did not settle for less than our best effort on behalf of our students. The partnership among the OCC Foundation, the College and our loyal supporters continued to produce great results.

We built on the momentum gathered in 2020 to reach new records or near-records in many of the important ways we measure our success. Within this Report to Investors, you will learn how your contributions had a real and lasting impact on our students.

With your support, our students continued their momentum toward successfully completing their courses, earning a degree or certificate, transferring to a university or entering the workforce. Students often tell us just how much your help means to them. Beyond their expressions of thanks, we know that Foundation scholarships, emergency funds and program enhancements had a measurable impact on our students last year.

Foundation grants helped introduce a new approach to developmental English and Math courses, preparing underprepared students for college-level work faster than ever before. A record amount of scholarship dollars lifted the financial burden for a record number of recipients, with measurable improvements to their persistence and completion. Emergency aid kept students facing a financial crisis in class and on track toward their goals.

As a result, the College was able to prepare more nurses, public safety officers, sign-language interpreters, childcare specialists and other professionals to serve our community and keep us advancing together toward a better future.

Your generosity has a lasting positive effect on individual lives and our whole community. Thank you!



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**OCC is committed to empowering our students to succeed and advancing our community.**

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**The mission of the Oakland Community College Foundation is to obtain and allocate financial support to advance the mission and goals of Oakland Community College.**



## MOMENTUM toward SUCCESS

- » **A Top Year:** The Foundation recorded its third-best fundraising total ever, displacing 2018 for the “bronze medal” finish. In 2021, 483 donors contributed \$585,992, surpassing the goal for the year by 17%. The year also saw the highest number of donors since 2009. The period 2017-2021 represents the best five-year fundraising total in the Foundation’s history, with \$2.8 million secured for scholarships, emergency funds and program support over that time.
- » **Scholarships Grow Again:** Endowment earnings and annual contributions funded 767 scholarship awards to 637 students, delivering \$480,254 toward making college more affordable - the highest single-year totals in the Foundation’s history. A second year of summer awards achieved a significant effect on student persistence and completion, with 82% of students who received a Foundation scholarship in summer 2020 or 2021 continuing in the fall or graduating that semester. In 2021, donors established 17 new scholarships and funds. (See page 2.)
- » **The Party That Wasn’t:** Our annual signature event, The Garden Party, was again canceled in 2021. To inspire support for the skilled trades, our benefactors at The Garden Party Foundation issued a challenge: They would match all gifts to TGP Vocational Scholarships made by June 30, up to \$100,000. Our sponsors and donors responded generously, committing more than \$140,000. With the matching funds, the campaign raised \$240,000 for scholarships and other support for students in our career and technical programs. (See page 20.)
- » **Student Success Fund Maintains Momentum:** The Student Success Fund is the Foundation’s rapid response to students in a financial crisis. A fall 2020 survey found that 54% of our students would have trouble getting \$500 in cash or credit to meet an unexpected need within the next month. In calendar year 2021, forty-three students received emergency assistance from the Student Success Fund, including eighteen who received laptops. Since fall 2018, nine out of ten recipients successfully completed their semester.
- » **Enhanced Classes Improve Outcomes:** With support from the Foundation, OCC offered co-requisite sections in English and Math for the first time in fall 2021. This model of developmental education allows students to enroll in a higher level course than they would otherwise by creating an enhanced course with 1-2 credits of additional learning and support. Foundation grants covered the cost to the student of the additional credits. Early analysis showed that course success far exceeded those of students in the traditional developmental courses.
- » **Securing Personal Legacies:** The Foundation welcomed four new members of the Doris & George Mosher Legacy Society, which recognizes supporters who have named the Foundation as a beneficiary of their will or trust; insurance policy; bank, investment or retirement account; or other estate-planning vehicle. The members include alumni, current and retired employees, Foundation Directors and friends in the community who have made helping OCC’s students a part of their personal legacy. (See page 22.)

You can learn more at [oaklandcc.edu/foundation](https://oaklandcc.edu/foundation).



# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDS

**Gifts of at least \$1,000 create expendable funds for named scholarships.  
Gifts of at least \$10,000 establish named endowed funds that continue in perpetuity.**

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## NET ASSETS

JUNE 30

### Net assets

Without Donor Restrictions

With Donor Restrictions

### Total net assets

2021

\$ 4,249,305

4,634,892

**\$8,884,197**

2020

\$ 3,211,472

3,815,525

**\$ 7,026,997**

## DESIGNATION OF GIFTS

◆ Student Scholarships

\$ 541,236.93

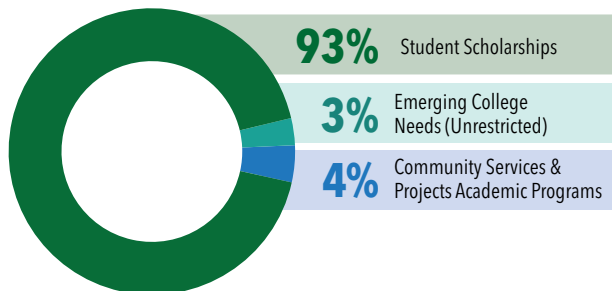
◆ Emerging College Needs (Unrestricted)

\$ 16,555.00

◆ Community Services & Projects/  
Academic Programs

\$ 23,374.10

**\$ 581,166.03**



## SOURCES

◆ Individual Donors

\$ 278,439.93

◆ Corporations

\$ 92,463.10

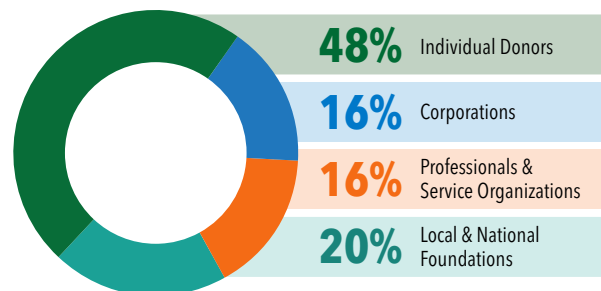
◆ Professionals & Service Organizations

\$ 91,714.00

◆ Local & National Foundations

\$ 118,550.00

**\$ 581,166.03**



\*Audited financial statements are available on request.

## GIVING OPTIONS

### **Donors to the OCC Foundation have many ways to give, and many choices for their support.**

- ♦ Give to an existing fund to support the scholarship, academic program, special project, or campus facility of your choice.
- ♦ Create and name a new expendable or endowed fund. Designate your support to the part of OCC most important to you. Minimums apply.

### **There are many ways to provide support:**

- ♦ Sustaining Gifts - Made regularly on an annual, monthly, or more frequent basis.
- ♦ Tributes and Memorials - Made to celebrate a loved one, friend, colleague, company, or organization.
- ♦ Estate Gifts - Made by naming the OCC Foundation as a beneficiary of a will or trust; insurance policy; bank, investment, or retirement account; or other vehicle.
- ♦ Matching Gifts - Made by some employers to multiply the effect of their employees' giving. *Requires employee to submit appropriate form.*

### **And many vehicles for giving:**

- ♦ Check made payable to the OCC Foundation.
- ♦ Credit card. *American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and VISA accepted.*
- ♦ Stock transfer through your broker.
- ♦ IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution through your plan administrator.
- ♦ Online at **[oaklandcc.edu/foundation](http://oaklandcc.edu/foundation)**.
- ♦ Payroll deduction for OCC employees through Human Resources.
- ♦ Automatic Bill Pay through your bank or credit union.
- ♦ Transfer of real estate or real property (*aka Gift in Kind*).
- ♦ Beneficiary Terms through your estate plan.

**For more information on any of these options, contact the OCC Foundation  
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- Erich M.