

Scholarship Night sets a new record

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and service organizations, the Centralia College Foundation set another record for scholarship awards on Sept. 14.



The annual Scholarship Night celebration saw the awarding of more than \$524,000 in scholarships. Of the 319 total students who received an award, 242 are seeking a two-year degree or certificate and 77 are seeking a bachelor's degree.

Corbet Theatre was at capacity (500 seats) with family and friends of scholarship recipients sharing in the momentous occasion.

Guests heard from scholarship recipients about the impact scholarships had

on their lives.

As the Foundation looks to the coming year, the needs for students are only increasing. The Foundation is responding by focusing even more on raising scholarship dollars for student success at Centralia College.

To learn how you can support the students at Centralia College, please contact the Foundation at 360-623-8942 or foundation@centralia.edu.

The CC Foundation: Our Mission

The mission of the Centralia College Foundation is to be a catalyst for excellence in education by expanding access to quality education right here at Centralia College.

2017 GALA AND CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

The Centralia College Foundation hosted its annual campaign Gala on Oct. 7 in the newly completed Bowman Rotary Banquet Hall in the TransAlta Commons. More than 250 people celebrated the college's impact to the local community.

Keynote speakers included scholarship recipient Kathleen Talley and donor Barbara Greatwood.

Tables were decorated with small pumpkins painted white and silver with twinkling lights.

This event marks the official start of the Foundation's annual fundraising campaign, which has a goal of \$625,000 for the 2018 fiscal year (July 1-June 30). With the addition of Centralia College's new bachelor's degree in Teacher Education, the Foundation's focus is on increasing scholarship funds for students.



Centralia College President Dr. Bob Mohrbacher addresses the crowd at the 2017 Foundation Gala.

Event guests were greeted by Foundation Board Chair Christine Fossett and Vice Chair Peter Abbarno. A no-host

bar and silent auction preceded the formal program, with music by the Blazer Jazz Band. Elite Banquets was the caterer.



Foundation Board Chair Christine Fossett presents the 2017 Trailblazer Award to Dr. Joe Dolezal.

The Platinum Sponsor for the event was Union Bank.

Table Sponsors were Rainier Connect, Robert and VonDeen Thompson, The Cowlitz Tribe, TransAlta, Innovations in Eye Care, Hillier, Schiebmier and Kelly, Joanne Schwartz, The Lucky Eagle Casino, Pacific Mobile Structures, SCJ Alliance, Vicki Pogorelc, Althaus, Ryan and Abbarno, L&E Bottling, Port Blakely, The Chehalis Foundation, The Chronicle, and ToledoTel.

Dr. Joe Dolezal was awarded the Trailblazer Award for meritorious service to the Centralia College Foundation Board, having served since 1997 and as a college trustee since 2007.



Kathleen Talley, who is now working toward her bachelor's degree at Centralia College, shares the impact of her scholarship.

Thirteen Legacy Society members were recognized and honored at the event for their forward thinking in remembering the college in their wills, bequests, or other future planning with a bouquet of fall flowers.

for this year. You may give online at foundation.centralia.edu or by credit card/check to the Centralia College Foundation, 600 Centralia College Blvd., Centralia, WA 98531.

Please call the Foundation for more information on how you can support the college or become a Legacy Society member at 360-623-8942.

Emcee Peter Abbarno and college President Dr. Bob Mohrbacher reminded the guests of the impact of the college on the local community with more than \$524,000 awarded in scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year. They emphasized that continued support is needed as the college expands its offerings, noting that “YOU are the key” to the continued success of the college.

New this year was a variety of “afterglow” activities that included cigars and scotch, coffee and chocolate, and dancing to the Blazer Jazz Band.

It's not too late to make your donation



Guests enjoyed a social hour with a silent auction before the start of the formal program.

Remembering Dr. Ross Galvin



Dr. Ross Galvin (second from left) graduated from Centralia College in 1938. He went on to have a successful medical practice in Centralia for 35 years.

The Centralia College Foundation is honoring the late Dr. Ross Galvin, a 1938 graduate of Centralia College, with a display of his sketches, paintings, and wood carvings in the Ehret Lobby of the Walton Science Center.

Community members are invited to view the free display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through the end of the year.

Dr. Galvin, 98, passed away July 13 in Olympia. He was a longtime supporter of the college and the nursing program. He served as a doctor in Centralia for 35 years.

Dr. Galvin attended Centralia Junior College in the days between the Great Depression and World War II. Having grown up in Centralia, Dr. Galvin chose to attend Centralia Junior College because it was close, convenient, and financially affordable.

After graduating from Centralia Junior College, Dr. Galvin completed his pre-med studies at the University of Washington and transferred to the University of Louisville in Kentucky to finish his medical degree. (The University of Washington did not have its own medical school until after the war.)

During his medical studies, the US entered World War II. In order to stay in school, Dr. Galvin was made a private first class. He returned to the Pacific Northwest to do his internship at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

However, his plans were interrupted when he went into the army as a first lieutenant, serving as a medical officer in Indianapolis, where he helped injured soldiers returning from the war.

After being discharged, Dr. Galvin and his wife moved to Oak Harbor, where he opened his first practice. When his partner retired, he came to Centralia in 1946 “temporarily” but ended up staying for more than 35 years.

Make Education your Legacy

Your legacy gift develops our community leaders today and in years to come while supporting the values that mean the most to you.

With careful planning, you can provide for your loved ones and establish a legacy of education.

You can give in a variety of ways, including through a bequest, will or Revocable Living Trust, through beneficiary donations (such as retirement plans and life insurance policies), as well as through real estate,

annuities, and Charitable Remainder Trusts or Charitable Lead Trusts.

For more information on how you can invest in the future of Centralia College and its students, please contact the Foundation at 360-623-8942.

Fall News Briefs

Distinguished Alumni Nominations Sought

A Centralia College selection committee is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award is given annually to an individual who attended Centralia College for at least one year and/or has made significant contributions to his or her profession or society in general.

The recipient of this prestigious award is named in the spring and recognized at the college's graduation ceremony in June.

Previous winners include: Brian Valentine, former senior vice president with Microsoft; Dr. Jerris Hedges, whose work was instrumental in developing the pacemaker; Del Smith, founder of Evergreen International Aviation, Inc.; Angela Meade, world renowned opera singer; and Patty Morton, America's first female U.S. State Department Special Agent. In all, 38 individuals have received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

For additional information or for a nomination form, contact the Centralia College Foundation at 360-623-8942. Nominations may be mailed to Julia Johnson, 600 Centralia College Blvd., Centralia, WA 98531, or sent via email to julia.johnson@centralia.edu. The nomination should include a statement outlining why the nominee should be considered for the honor.

Share your CC Story with Us

Let us know what you are doing – keep us posted and include photos! Send alumni news to Centralia College Foundation, 600 Centralia College Blvd., Centralia, WA 98531 or foundation@centralia.edu. We will publish as many class notes as space permits.

Biella Foundation Makes Historic Donation

Recently, the Biella Foundation of Kirkland announced a third gift of \$340,000 to all community and technical colleges in Washington.

Centralia College, one of 34 institutions, received a generous gift of \$10,000. This scholarship has no restrictions and was awarded to several outstanding students for the 2017-18 academic year.

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