We are dedicated to the thousands of students who dream, plan and work toward their educational and life goals.
From the SCC Foundation Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The Southeast Community College Educational Foundation has had a positive impact on countless students because of generous donors like you. And for that, we say Thank You!

But a simple “Thank You” seems inadequate. So, as we’ve featured in previous annual reports, testimonials from SCC students who have benefitted from your generosity via a Foundation scholarship can be found on the following pages of this annual report. Our students are so grateful, no matter the size of the scholarship.

It’s important for you to see, even with a small number of personal letters, the impact you have had and are having on our students. Providing opportunities when it didn’t seem possible is what it’s all about.

The mission of the SCC Educational Foundation is to support the vitality and growth of SCC to benefit the students, staff and communities it serves through the development and wise use of financial resources. We want to ensure that SCC students have the opportunity to succeed. There’s that word again: opportunity.

The need for financial assistance is real for the majority of our students. Most SCC students work to help pay the bills, and some work a lot to support a family, all the while going to school to try to make their life, and the life of their family, better.

Scholarship support has become an increasingly important source of tuition assistance for our students. While grants and loans serve a purpose, scholarships instill in our students a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment that can lead to great things. Your support is the difference maker for many of our SCC students.

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board, thank you for your interest and commitment to the SCC Educational Foundation and to SCC. Together we are providing tremendous opportunities for our students and are making an investment in the future.

Jack J. Huck, Executive Director
SCC Educational Foundation
From the SCC President

On behalf of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors, administration, faculty, and staff, I want to thank the Southeast Community College Educational Foundation and all of its generous and thoughtful contributors. SCC is committed to its mission of providing accessible, dynamic and responsive pathways to career and technical, academic transfer and continuing education programs. SCC seeks to create futures through inquiry, knowledge and application. The SCC Educational Foundation plays a critical role in supporting this mission. This past year the Foundation awarded more than 5,000 scholarships totaling more than $2.8 million.

Over the past 10 years, SCC has graduated more than 16,460 students in a wide array of career/technical programs in health sciences, manufacturing, business, construction, arts, sciences, agriculture, hospitality, food services, communications, and many other critical industries. Although open access to SCC’s programs is vital, program completion is one of the primary measures of student success. The SCC Educational Foundation has helped thousands of students earn their certifications and/or degrees.

I am very thankful for the contributors and supporters of the SCC Educational Foundation. Your commitment to SCC is truly a gift to not only our students but to the entire 15-county community we serve. Thank you for your generosity, commitment and thoughtfulness.

Paul Illich, President
Southeast Community College

Ways to invest

Cash Gift or Pledge
The most popular way to give is an immediate cash gift or a pledge paid over time.

Endowments
A perpetual resource because the principle remains intact, and investment income is used to provide financial awards to students. A new endowment in your name or someone else’s requires a minimum gift of $5,000.

Bequests by Will or Living Trust Distribution
Donors may specify a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or personal property or give a percentage of their estate or the residual of the estate after gift bequests to family members.

Retirement Savings or Insurance Beneficiary
Donors may specify a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or personal property or give a percentage of their estate or the residual of the estate after gift bequests to family members.

Real Estate
Gifts of real estate, whether private, commercial or agricultural, may be given to the Foundation.

Stocks, Bonds, Securities
Appreciated assets held for more than one year may be transferred to the Foundation and deducted at fair market value, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, without incurring a capital gains tax.

Equipment and Other Property
The Foundation can accept equipment or other personal property that may be used by the College or may be easily converted to a liquid asset.

Matching Gifts
Some employers match charitable donations given by their employees to qualified nonprofit organizations like the Foundation.

Charitable Gift Annuities
A donor can transfer gifts of cash, real estate, or appreciated securities worth $10,000 or more to the Foundation to fund an annuity agreement leading to lifetime income.

Charitable Remainder Unitrusts
With a gift of $50,000 or more, donors can establish a trust, ensure a lifetime income for themselves, and support SCC! As the value of the trust increases, so does the donor income.

Charitable Lead Trusts
The Charitable Lead Trust allows a donor to establish a trust for a specific length of time, assign interest income to the Foundation, and later reclaim the asset for the donor or the beneficiary.

Commodities Gift Program
This is for producers who wish to gift a quantity of produce such as corn, beans, wheat, etc. to the Foundation.

More than 2,000 students received scholarship awards at a value of more than $2,000,000
I would like to express my gratitude for the tuition scholarship. I am grateful for the assistance in financing my drafting degree. I am excited to start my next milestone at such a well-respected college. – Jacob C.

Thank you for your generosity. Your scholarship has assisted me with my financial responsibilities, and it cannot be overstated how it has aided me in achieving my goals. I am more than three-quarters of the way from accomplishing my degree, and SCC has put me on a trajectory toward success. Thank you for helping me turn my ambitions into reality. Your kindness will not be forgotten. – R.C.
**Learn to Dream Year 2 Added**

Students who receive the Learn to Dream Scholarship at Southeast Community College can complete a second year of credits without having to pay tuition and fees, thanks to a gift from the Acklie Charitable Foundation.

The scholarship, first established in 2007 as a partnership between Union Bank & Trust, Nelnet, Lincoln Public Schools, and SCC, included recruitment and transition support and covered tuition and fees up to 30 semester credit hours for qualifying students. The donation by ACF will now allow students to complete up to 60 quarter credit hours, or two years of study, without paying tuition and fees.

"Acklie Charitable Foundation is pleased to be able to extend the impact of the Learn to Dream Scholarship," said Halley Acklie Kruse, vice president and general counsel for the ACF. "Union Bank and Nelnet's vision to help give young people in Lincoln the opportunity to further their education is inspiring, and that is a dream we want to help continue."

Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president, said the investment by all four entities greatly assists the College in its commitment to "an open-access mission of providing a skilled workforce and affordable access to higher education for the diverse communities it serves."

"The generosity and vision of Union Bank & Trust, Nelnet, Lincoln Public Schools, and the Acklie Charitable Foundation provides opportunity and hope to future students without a clear path to earn a college degree and leverage the many life-changing benefits," Illich said. "SCC is honored and greatly appreciative of the newest member of the Learn to Dream Scholarship partnership, Acklie Charitable Foundation."

There are a number of eligibility criteria to receive the scholarship, including:

- Students must be enrolled in Lincoln Public Schools or a private school at the beginning of his or her senior year and remain in the district until graduation.
- Qualifying students who graduate from a LPS or private high school in Lincoln after Jan. 1, 2018, can take advantage of the 60 semester credit hours.
- They must be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- They must complete the 60 semester credit hours within 48 months of first enrolling at SCC.
- They must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade-point average while enrolled at SCC.

Phyllis and the late Duane Acklie, Kruse's grandparents and founders of Acklie Charitable Foundation, both started their educations through the Nebraska community college system. Duane, who went on to obtain a law degree and establish Crete Carrier Corporation, believed in the value of higher education. Duane and Phyllis also felt strongly that Nebraska's community colleges play an important role in helping students acquire a good education.

"For all of these reasons, Acklie Charitable Foundation is proud to partner with Southeast Community College to offer a second year of funding through the Learn to Dream Scholarship program," Kruse said.
Thank you, 2018-2019 Donors

Thank you for the gift. I will use every cent to craft my future and make you proud in the process. – Ryan R.

“Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. I am honored and grateful for this award, which enables me to start and pursue my dream of becoming a radiologist. Your kindness is a wonderful blessing. – Ileana G.”
Thank you, 2018-2019 Donors

Thank you for the scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn of my selection for this scholarship, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I am majoring in Business Administration at SCC. I am still determining what career will be the best fit for me, but I know I want to work in a business or office atmosphere. I am going to pay for college without the help of my parents by utilizing student loans and working part-time. The financial assistance you have provided will be of great help in paying my educational expenses. Thank you again for your generosity and support. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which will allow me to focus on my coursework.

I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. — Macey P.
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Thank you for the scholarship and the opportunity to realistically reach my goals. After my father passed and my mother moved, I had little hope of going to college. You have given me the chance to gain the knowledge and receive a degree without worries of financial burden. I believe in myself and will give college 110 percent. I cannot wait to start the next chapter in my life. – Leighton C.

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