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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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message from the Foundation Board

Keith McFatridge, Chair, Galveston College Foundation

Scholarships assure greater financial accessibility to higher education. Accessibility remains at the forefront of Galveston College Foundation’s work each and every day. Generous donors and funders have made possible the Foundation’s current capacity for scholarship awards.

In April 2023, the Galveston College Foundation Board approved an expansion in Universal Access eligibility criteria that has allowed more Galveston students to receive tuition assistance. The ability to approve an expansion reflects over 20 years of fundraising efforts and the corresponding generous response from the Galveston community, plus strong fiduciary duty of Foundation leadership. I am proud to lead today’s GC Foundation Board of Directors and carry forward the important mission of the Galveston College Foundation.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Galveston College Foundation distributed over \$340,000 in scholarships to students and of those who were Universal Access scholars, 78 students were first generation college students.

Thank you to all of the donors who have supported the Foundation in the past and continue to support our mission as we look to the future.

Keith McFatridge



message from Galveston College



Karen Flowers, Chair, Galveston College Board of Regents
W. Myles Shelton, Ed.D., President, Galveston College

Galveston College began to implement its 2023-2027 strategic plan, Building Tomorrows in 2023, which will guide the College forward over the next five years. The strategic plan will help us maintain the standards and achievements of today, and help us grow to meet the world of tomorrow.

As part of the previous plan, construction of the new Health Sciences Education Center progressed on the main campus over the past year and the College graduated the first cohort of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which is one of the two new baccalaureate programs at GC. These accomplishments are significant and will have a lasting impact on Galveston College students and the region moving into the future.

The partnership between Galveston College and Galveston College Foundation is important to a number of new strategic initiatives. In accordance, the two entities will work together to increase financial support for students to improve their access to higher education, through a continuing commitment to Universal Access, Universal Access Plus and student scholarship programs. Among those improvements is the expansion of the Universal Access program criteria for the next two academic years (2023-2024 and 2024-2025).

As you read this Annual Report, you will see faces of just a few of the students who have received Galveston College Foundation scholarships and read the stories of generous donors and funders who have invested in the future of Galveston College students through their contributions and grants.

It is through the support of many individuals that Galveston College, an innovative public post-secondary institution dedicated to student success, teaching and learning, creates accessible learning opportunities to fulfill individual and community needs by providing high-quality educational programs and services.

On behalf of the Galveston College Board of Regents, and the Galveston College Administration, we thank you – GCF supporters – for helping improve access to higher education for our students.

Karen Flowers

W. Myles Shelton

Foundation Board of Directors

2023 - 2024

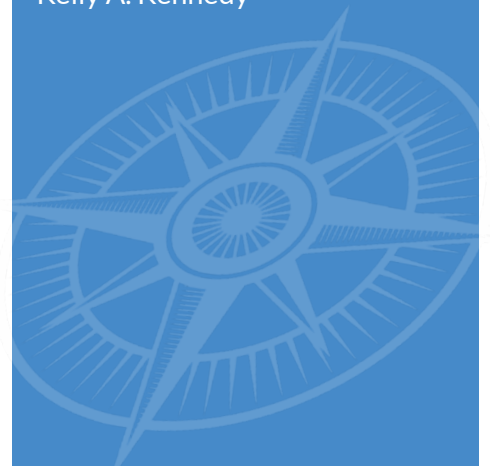
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- Harris Kempner, Jr.
- Betty Massey
- Keith McFatrige (Chair)
- Kyle McFatrige
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- Cynthia Smith

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- Dr. Van Patterson, Vice President

DEVELOPMENT/ GCF DIRECTOR

- Kelly A. Kennedy





**Galveston College
Foundation**

about the **Galveston College Foundation**

*“...improving people’s lives
through lifelong learning”*

A Brief History

Founded in 1996, Galveston College Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that receives gifts, grants, donations, and scholarships for the benefit of Galveston College and its students. Since its founding, it has helped more than 2,213 students attain their dream of attending college.

As of August 31, 2023, Galveston College Foundation holds assets of over \$24,122,530 largely restricted in areas of the performance-based Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship (UA) and Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Fund (aka UA Plus) campaign.

The Foundation also manages other named scholarships, special project funds, and a Title V Endowment.

Purpose Statement

The Galveston College Foundation is an independent 501 (c) 3 established to support Galveston College through fund-raising. Our mission is to support Galveston high school graduates through an earned scholarship program to obtain their first two years of college debt-free regardless of ability to pay.

Vision Statement

The Galveston College Foundation is an organization that actively encourages the community to invest, through it, the funds and other assets and energies needed for Galveston College and its students.

With this effort the Foundation helps the College to operate at a level far above that which can be achieved using only state and federal funding.

Mission Statement

The Galveston College Foundation exists to support and enhance the ability of Galveston College to accomplish its mission of improving people’s lives through lifelong learning.

Goals

Galveston College Foundation seeks:

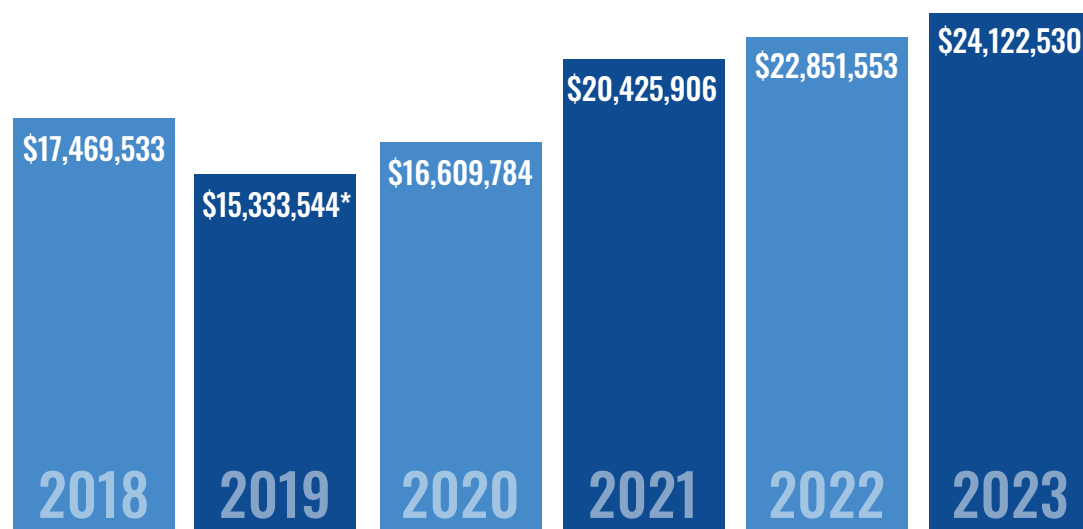
1. All necessary resources for qualified students to receive scholarship assistance at Galveston College.
2. Strong project partnerships with the College and the community for higher education opportunities.
3. Maintenance of integrated, and fiscally sound management systems.
4. Rigorous public accounting and accountability in management and fiduciary practices.

Galveston College Foundation 2023 Financials

Statements of Financial Position as of August 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash	10,757	2,635,763
Contributions Receivable (Note 3)	273,205	2,759,456
Investments (Note 4)	23,838,568	17,456,334
Total Assets	24,122,530	22,851,553
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable to the College	1,133	48,733
Accounts Payable to Others		4,860
Refundable Advance		21,200
Total Liabilities	1,130	74,793
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	153,736	161,088
With Donor Restrictions (Notes 5&6)	23,967,664	22,615,672
Total Net Assets	24,121,400	22,776,760
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	24,122,530	22,851,553

GCF Asset Growth 2018-2023



*Reflects \$2.15 million payout to construction of Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Student Residences.

Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship

The Galveston College Foundation is an independent 501 (c)(3) established to support Galveston College through fundraising. It supports Galveston high school graduates through an earned scholarship program as they strive to obtain their first two years of college debt-free regardless of their family's ability to pay. The Foundation oversees two major scholarship programs, the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship (UA) and Universal Access Plus (UA+.)

The UA scholarship ensures the groundwork of a career through an associate degree, certificate, or transfer for a four-year baccalaureate program. UA+ builds on that success by helping to meet rising education costs outside of tuition and fees. Today, the Foundation can fully fund the tuition and fees associated with a Galveston College associate degree through the UA scholarship program.

The goal of UA+ is to increase access to post-secondary education and students access to textbooks, digital technology, and program equipment while reducing their overall student debt. The fund addresses the barriers to accessing education caused by the high cost of textbooks, e-books and digital needs. Eligible UA students received UA+ awards of \$35 per semester hour to a maximum of \$2,100. This can be used at the campus bookstore or through receipts for GC class-related expenses.

2023 Universal Access Scholars

Albir-Moran, Abisai Betsabe

Alcala, Zoe Marie

Alfaro, Karen Gabriela

Alker, Shyla Vianne

Altamirano, Kirstin Mary

Antunez Machado, Jensi Jazmin

Araujo, Giuliana

Auzston, Ethan David

Bailey, Ashton Christopher

Bassett, Allison Ruth

Bautista, Claudia

Beeton, John Colin

Belandria, Zarah Valentina

Bell, Blake William

Blackwell, Myles E

Bolte, Anna Grace

Breitbach, Mary Christine

Buckley, Dante Emory

Caal, Santos Andres

Castaneda, Yaritsa

Chreidi, Batoul Mahmoud

Contreras, Sirany Arlette

Cox, Nicholas Robert

Corea Orellana, Cristopher A

Curran, Hope Elizabeth

Davalos, Genesis Estrella

Davila, Leslie Leticia

Davison, Dylan Cody

Dickey, Marcus Primitivo

Dillow, Seth G

Dohring, Courtney Michelle

Dohring, Jayla Grace

Eckert, Alexis Janae

Escobar, Jonathan

Filer, Sydney Denise

Franco, Anais Claudia

Ganem, Sara Michelle

Garcia, Andrea Beatriz

Garza, Jesus Roberto

Geiger, Logan Johnathan

Giessel, Cierra Morgan

George, Austin Woodhouse

Gibson, Peyton Lee

Giessel, Irelynn Shae

Glover, John Luke

Gomez, Abigail Gracie

Gonzalez Sagastume, Jorge Alejandro

Hernandez, Maria Belen

Hernandez, Nancy

Hernandez, Stacy Nicole

Herrera, Raquel De Los Angel

Hook, Adrien M

Juarez, Aiser

Kelly, Jordan G

Landry, Matthew Ray

Lara Garay, Angie R

Larson, Ashlin Sierra

Leyva, Aline I

Lindamood, Elle Elizabeth

Lopez Garcia, Maryi Jissel

Lopez, Jadya Alyssa

Lopez, Neyva

Lorefice, Vincent P

Marquez, Kevin Angel

Martinez, Leah Noelle

Martinez, Pamela

Martinez, Vanessa Alondra

Milina, Sarah Diane

Morales, Maria Guadalupe

Morales, Mayra Alejandra

Morales, Natalie Elaine

Morales-Cuellar, Myriam Lizeth

Morris, Grace Victoria

Muehe, Kaleb Tyce

Murillo Cuellar, Beatriz Aide

Muros, Alberto

Museau, Junia

Museau, Junie

Nance, Sean Kalani

Nolasco, Jada Andrea

Oates, Chase B.

Parada-Molina, Vilma

Parfait, Raelynn Annalyse

Perez-Reyes, Jose Guadalupe

UA Scholars (continued)

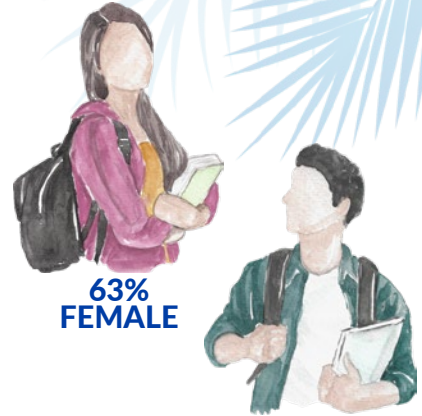
Pineda, Carlos Mario
Pineda, Jonathan Alberto
Pixcar, Ericka Daniela
Purcell, Marley Elese
Quiroga, Haley Jules
Rabinowitz, Lauren Marie
Ramos Ortiz, Naiomy
Ramos, Andres Rene
Ramos, Natalia Karen
Rawlins, Ava Grace
Redhail-Anthony, Makayla Shirley
Rodriguez, Bianca Nicole
Roman, Natalie
Rosales-Morales, Bryce Clark
Salas, John Derek
Santana, Serafin Renee
Santiago-Sanchez, Rafael
Santos, Josue Alexander
Schaun, Hannah Marie
Sendejas, Hannah Riley
Septimo, Ingrid Vianney
Shannon, Dazjah Nicole
Silva, Leah Celeste
Simonin, Summer Rose
Smith, Byron Jay
Smith, Kahley Alice
Stevens, Hanna Elizabeth
Sutton, Nicholas Robert
Taylor, Desmond Artiz
Thompson, Niece Mical
Tovar, Bryanna M
Tzoy, Iraida Del Rosario
Urbina, Carolina Michelle
Vasquez, Johnny Martin
Velasquez, Jennifer
Ventura, Gissela Alejandra
Wheeler-Martinez, Desmond Micheal
Wilson, Donovan Blaise
Winder, Sara Grace
Woods, Angelina Nicole
Zamarron, Mia Danielle
Zavala, Kender Oaias
Zuniga, Perla Karina
Zuniga, Sebastian



2022-23 UNIVERSAL ACCESS STUDENTS

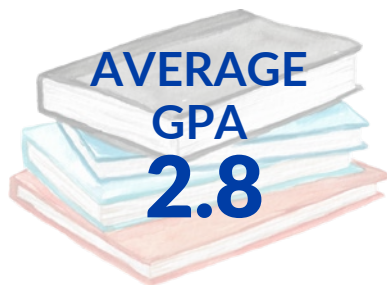


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STUDENTS



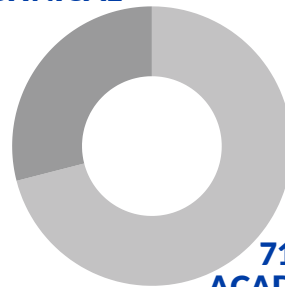
63%
FEMALE

37%
MALE

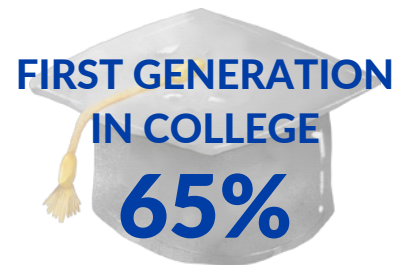


AVERAGE
GPA
2.8

29%
TECHNICAL

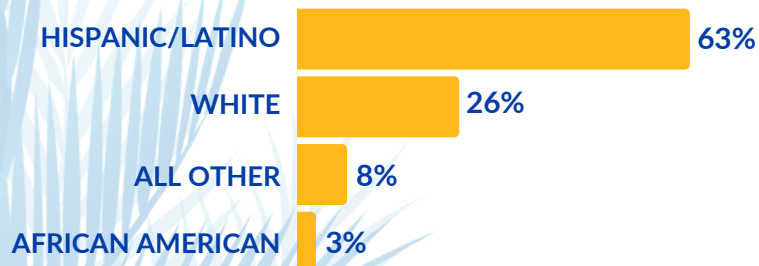


71%
ACADEMIC



FIRST GENERATION
IN COLLEGE
65%

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY



2022-23 AWARDS

20
DEGREES



10
CERTIFICATES

2023 Managed & Invested Scholarships

Vandy Anderson Scholarship Award in Culinary Arts
Marionette Beyah Memorial Scholarship
Rob Brasier Memorial Award
Ben & Marjorie Brown Trust Scholarship
Sister Mary Agnesita Brosnan C.C.V.I. Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Joan Cannady Memorial Scholarship
Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing Scholarship
John Clyburn Scholarship
William Maury Darst Memorial Scholarship
Daughters of the American Revolution-George Washington Chapter Nursing Scholarship
John Parker Davie Trust Scholarship
Lawrence J. Del Papa Memorial Nursing Endowment Scholarship
The Easter-Wilson Named Scholarship
Edmonds/Nelson/Craft/Parker Scholarship
Laura Mae Elrod Scholarship
Galveston College Culinary Arts Scholarship
Galveston Community Memorial Scholarship
Greater Texas Foundation Scholarship
Greenwood/Mills/Pattinson Scholarship
Hermes / Jordan Athletic Scholarship
Michael Hodge Memorial Scholarship
Friends of Trudy Jordan Scholarship
Regent Carl Kelly Memorial Scholarship
Cecile Kempner Vocational Technical Scholarship
Faye and Nick Kralj Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Griff & Marc N. Lambdin Memorial Scholarship
Fred B. Lane Scholarship
Sarah and Harry H. Levy Memorial Scholarship
Lipson Trust Scholarship
Helen K. and Phillip A. Lohec Endowed Scholarship
Lovelace, McDaniel and Nielson Music Scholarship
John P. McGovern Memorial Endowment Scholarship in Health Sciences
Clelie Ann Moore Ceramics Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Jesus & Jesse Murillo Scholarship
Larry Patton Scholarship
Olga Olson Culinary Scholarship
Martin Rasmussen, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Regents Scholarship
Sanford A. Rubin M.D. Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
Monica Cecilia Ruiz Memorial Scholarship
Betty M. Schocke Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Janice Stanton Memorial Scholarship
Carroll G. Sunseri Memorial Scholarship
Jean Thompson Psychology Scholarship
Texas Success Center Dual Credit Scholarship
Rudy Tomjanovich Foundation Scholarship
Francisco "Paco" Vargas/Galveston County Restaurant Association Culinary Arts Scholarship
M.T. Waddell Scholarship
Windle Vocal Scholarship

Pass Through Scholarships

Brown Vending Scholarship
Letha M. Camp Memorial Scholarship
Exxon Mobil Community College Petrochemical Initiative Scholarship
Galveston College Nursing Scholarship
HomeTown Bank Dollars & Cents Scholarship
Vicki Jernigan Nursing Student Scholarship
Zasu Mijares Memorial Scholarship
Texas Book Company Scholarship
IME Becas 2023 Scholarship

2023 Newly Established Scholarships

JoAnn Sunseri Del Papa Endowed Scholarship in Health Sciences
The Judy Bounds Hunter Memorial Nursing Named Scholarship
Kelly & Banerji Named Scholarship
Jimmy and Shelley Kessler Basic Needs Scholarship
Beverly and David McCormick Scholarship in Nursing

Interested in Naming or Endowing a Scholarship?

Please contact the Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation at:
409-944-1303, kkennedy@gc.edu or visit our web page at www.gc.edu/give.

Kelly & Banerji Scholarship Fund



On Oct. 14, 2020, the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents honored and remembered Regent Carl E. Kelly with a resolution recognizing

his 22 years of service to the students, faculty, staff and community as a member of the board. He passed away at the age of 84 on July 31, 2020.

This past year, in addition to The Carl Kelly Scholarship that was previously established to honor Kelly and is awarded annually to a Galveston College student, once again, he has been memorialized with the establishment of a new scholarship: The Kelly and Banerji Scholarship. The named scholarship was established by Sue Banerji in memory of Regent Carl Kelly and herself. The scholarship supports students enrolled full-time in a nursing program, who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship covers tuition and fees.

“Carl Kelly was chairman of the board when the college hired me in 2007, so I’ll always have a great deal of respect for him,” said Myles Shelton, president of Galveston College. “He was kind and generous and a

mentor to me. He touched so many lives in his tenure here. He’s left a tremendous legacy for us all.”

Mr. Kelly has been described as a devoted big brother, adoring uncle, a devoted friend and an unforgettable man. This new scholarship reflects his commitment to the students of Galveston College and promises that his unforgettable legacy of community service will continue well into the future.



(left to right) Donor Sutapa Banerji with Carl Kelly Scholarship recipient Crystal Hobbs and Regent Carl Kelly at 2016 President’s Reception Recognizing Donors and Scholarship Recipients at Galveston College.

McCormick Scholarship Fund



(left to right) Miguel Andrade III, Beverly McCormick, Clare Counts, and David McCormick at 2024 President’s Reception Recognizing Donors and Scholarship Recipients at Galveston College.

In 2023, the Beverly and David McCormick Scholarship in Nursing Endowment was established to support students enrolled in the Galveston College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

“Beverly and I would like to dedicate this contribution to the memory of Jan Coggeshall. For many years, Jan was a leading citizen. Among her many accomplishments, she was elected to Galveston’s City Council and served as mayor during the 1980’s. She chaired the National Council of Women Mayors. She worked hard to support the Galveston Historical Foundation and the Rosenberg Library. In the early 1990’s she helped to establish the Galveston College Foundation. At that time, her dream was to guarantee two years of college for qualified students. She has accomplished this goal.

At around the time the Foundation was begun, Jan asked us to contribute. We didn’t then, but we now can. We remember what Jan, with the College Foundation, and so many community partners have given to our future.”



Del Papa Health Sciences Scholarship



The Del Papa Distributing Company Community Fund recently contributed \$250,000 to establish the JoAnn Sunseri Del Papa Endowed

Scholarship in Health Sciences with the Galveston College Foundation.

The new endowed scholarship will support students enrolled in Galveston College's Health Sciences program.

The growing health sciences program at Galveston College offers a wide variety of areas of study including Computed Tomography (CT), Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Healthcare Management, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Medical Administration, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, Radiography and Surgical Technology.

"We are thankful for the gift by the Del Papa Distributing Company Community Fund, which will support about 10 scholarships per academic year for our health

sciences program students," said Myles Shelton, Galveston College president. "As we near construction completion of the new Health Sciences Education Center, which will house Galveston College's Allied Health and Nursing programs, the creation of this endowed scholarship could not come at a better time."

The new building in combination with the new scholarships provided through the JoAnn Sunseri Del Papa Endowed Scholarship in Health Sciences will benefit students' learning experience, and the community will see positive results as highly trained health care graduates enter the local and regional workforce.

Laura Del Papa Murray said the workforce shortage in health care, as well as her family's long history of involvement with Galveston College and the Galveston community, led to the decision to direct the funds to Galveston College's Health Sciences program.

"My parents supported Galveston College and its students for many, many years and the timing of this gift is most appropriate. My mother is honored to have this endowed scholarship in her name," said Laura Murray.

Mexican Consulate MOU IME Becas Scholarship



(left to right) Director of the Galveston College Foundation and Development, Kelly Kennedy, and Consul General of the Mexican Consulate, Maria Elena Orantes Lopez.

Galveston College and the Mexican Consulate in Houston celebrated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing in early July which awarded the college \$2,000 from the Institute for Mexicans Abroad Scholarship (IME Becas) program for eligible GC students.

The IME Becas program provides economic resources for Mexican students currently enrolled in an academic plan offered by institutions of higher education in the United States.

The MOU, held at the Mexican Consulate's offices in Houston, was signed by the Director of the Galveston College Foundation and Development, Kelly Kennedy, and Consul General of the Mexican Consulate, Maria Elena Orantes Lopez.

The Daily News and Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation Donation to the Health Sciences Education Center

The Daily News and the Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to Galveston College's Building Tomorrow capital campaign.

The gift will support the college's new Health Sciences Education Center, which broke ground in June 2022.

Construction on the new three-story academic building is underway on the college's main campus at the corner of Avenue Q and 39th Street and is projected to be complete in the fall.

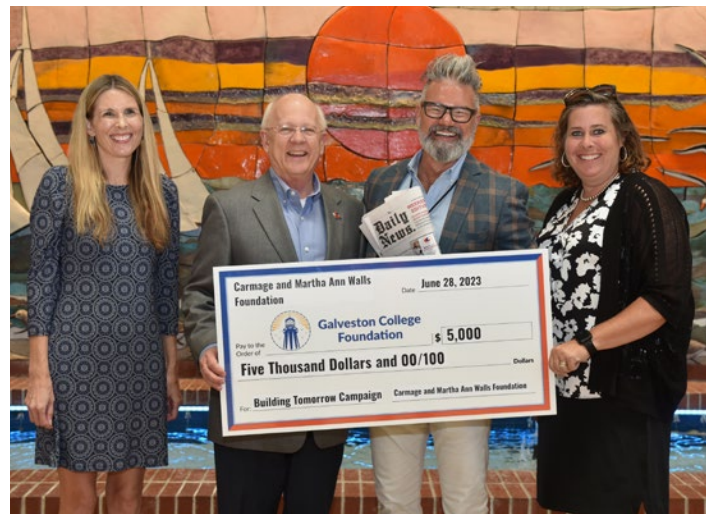
"We are thankful for the donation by the Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation, which will go toward the new 64,000-square-foot Health Sciences Education Center," Myles Shelton, college president, said. "The new Health Sciences Education Center will house Galveston College's Allied Health and Nursing programs, including the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which graduated its first cohort in May."

The new building will benefit students' learning experience, and the community will see positive results as highly trained health-care graduates enter the local and regional workforce."

Leonard Woolsey, publisher of The Daily News and president of Southern Newspapers Inc., said the growing need for professional development in health care led to his decision to direct the funds to Galveston College's Health Sciences Education Center.

"On behalf of The Daily News and the Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation, I am always proud to invest in education," Woolsey said. "This new facility and programing will not only help serve a growing market need, but also provide an important stepping stone for new careers."

The Daily News donates annually to local non-profits. Past recipients include the Salvation Army, the Nia Cultural Center and Anchor Point. The foundation itself has donated more than \$1.3 million to Southern Newspaper communities across Texas.



(left to right) GC Director of Development and the Galveston College Foundation, Kelly Kennedy, GC President W. Myles Shelton, Ed.D., The Daily News Publisher, Leonard Woolsey and The Daily News Chief Revenue Officer, Michelle Robinson.

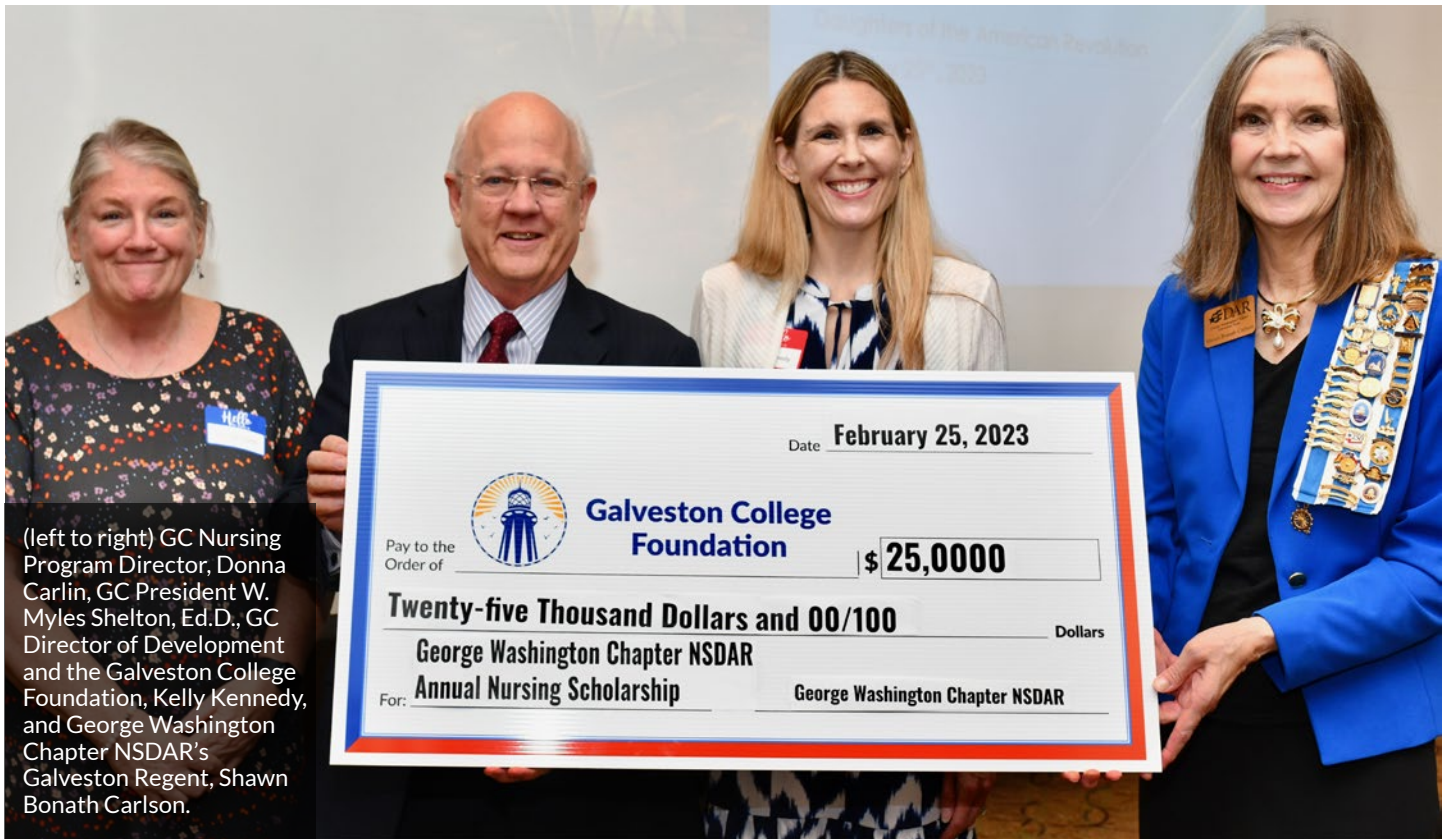
Rotary Club supports Health Sciences Education Center



The Galveston Rotary Foundation of the Rotary Club of Galveston awarded \$2,500 to the Galveston College Foundation in support of the new Galveston College Health Sciences Education Center during one of the club's November meetings.

Kristen Carlson (center), past president of the Rotary Club of Galveston and treasurer of the Galveston Rotary Foundation, presented the check to Galveston College Foundation (GCF) Director, Kelly Kennedy, and GCF Grant Writer, Christine Courteau.

Local DAR Chapter Creates Named Nursing Scholarship



Galveston College nursing students will have the opportunity to benefit from additional scholarship money after the college received a \$25,000 donation to benefit nursing scholarships from the George Washington Chapter of The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Galveston.

“We are grateful for the donation, support and commitment to our nursing students from the Daughters of the American Revolution in Galveston,” said Galveston College President, W. Myles Shelton, Ed.D. “The contribution to the nursing scholarship fund will go a long way to help our students achieve their academic goals and benefit our community by producing qualified nurses to help alleviate the nursing shortage in Galveston County.”

For several years, the George Washington Chapter NSDAR has made an annual gift of \$1,000 toward a nursing scholarship at Galveston College. This year, the local chapter established an official DAR Nursing Scholarship Fund with the \$25,000 donation, which will ensure a long-term scholarship at the Galveston College Foundation.

The George Washington Chapter NSDAR’s Galveston Regent, Shawn Bonath Carlson, presented the check to GC President W. Myles Shelton, Ed.D., GC Director of Development and the Galveston College Foundation, Kelly Kennedy, and GC Nursing Program Director, Donna Carlin, on February 25, 2023 at the San Luis Resort.

“We are thrilled to be able to provide our annual nursing scholarship to Galveston College and their nursing students,” said Carlson. “Through this scholarship, the Daughters of the American Revolution in Galveston can help take some of the financial burden away from the nursing students, allow them to concentrate on their studies, complete their nursing degree and get into the field, where they will help those in our community that are in urgent need of health care.”

The George Washington Chapter was organized on June 17, 1895, when 20 women met in the home of Mrs. George Seeligson in Galveston. It was the first Texas chapter and holds the distinction of being older than the Texas State Organization.

Island's culinary stars shine at Five Fabulous Chefs



(left to right) Chef Megan Walker from the Saltwater Grill, Chef Alena Pyles from EATcetera, Chef Edgardo “Rico” Caminos from Riondo’s, Chefs P.J. and Tara Head from Koop’s Kitchen and Chef Phil Bouza from the Galveston Country Club.

Galveston College teamed up with a quintet of Galveston Island’s finest chefs to host the 2023 Five Fabulous Chefs culinary celebration event Nov. 14-15 in the college’s atrium.

The sold-out culinary celebration featured five of Galveston’s top chefs, including Chef Megan Walker from the Saltwater Grill, Chef Edgardo “Rico” Caminos from Riondo’s, Chef Phil Bouza from the Galveston

Country Club, Chef Alena Pyles from EATcetera and Chefs P.J. and Tara Head from Koop’s BBQ Kitchen and Catering.

Proceeds from the Five Fabulous Chefs benefit Galveston College’s Building Tomorrow capital campaign for the new three-story Health Sciences Education Center under construction at the college’s main campus.

2023 Donor List

Garrik & Laura Addison
Carmen Allen
Alpha Delta Kappa Texas Nu
Robert H. & Sharon Baker
Sutapa Banerji
Jack Bell & Tom Schwenk
Brett & Valerie Benson
Michael Berberich
Sherry Black
Larry Blomstedt
Deon Botha
Dr. Conrad Breitbach
Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust
Fund
Susan Brossman
Bobby R. Brown
Jeff Brown
Melanie Buck
Laimutis Bytautas
Armin & Dr. Gail Cantini
Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs
Foundation
Ed Chrnko Salas
James Clark
Carolyn S. Clyburn
Laura Clyburn McWilliams
Coburn's
Consulado General de Mexico
(Mexican Consulate)
Michael & Ashely Cordray
Christine Courteau
Courtney Cross
Ron Crumedy
Donald & Elizabeth L. Cryder
Daniel H. Daniels
Daughters of the American
Revolution-George Washington
Chapter
Don & Janene Davison
Ken Delcambre
Mike & Rebekah Doherty
Marianne Duncanson
Jeffrey Eubank
ExxonMobil Foundation
Galveston College Faculty Senate
Michele L. Fahringer-Baer
Susan Falgout

Alfio & Luann Fichera
Fern Kirkley
David Frank
Galveston College
Galveston County Daily News
Christopher R. Gariby
Daniel G. Gebreselasie
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew & Eleanor Grant
Randy & D'Leisa Graves
Jason Hardcastle
Lt. Col. Carol Hodges (USA ret)
HomeTown Bank
Michael Hughes
Vicki Jernigan
Harris & Hetta L. Kempner Jr.
Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund
Kelly Kennedy
Regina King
David & Dr. Donna Lang
Morten & Mary Leonard
Raymond Lewis Jr.
Vera Lewis-Jasper
Daniel & Stephanie Limmer
Dr. & Mrs. Abel & Mary R. Longoria
Breanne Lorefice
Alan & Glenda Lovchik
David & Aretha Matthews
David & Beverly McCormick
Keith & Marilyn W. McFtridge Jr.
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● Ashley Bordelon

I am writing to express my gratitude for the **John P. McGovern Scholarship of Nursing and Health Scholarship** I received for the 2023-2024 academic year. I was beyond excited and grateful to learn that I was the recipient of the award, which will be used for tuition, fees and/or books.

I am a mother, daughter, sister and student striving for greater purpose. I have always loved helping others while caring for their well-being. I would say that is what drove me to becoming a nurse. I come from a long line of caregivers, but particularly my grandmother. Growing up seeing her work as a dialysis nurse gave me a greater insight into what I would be looking forward to if I chose this journey. This is what gave me a little more push to become a caregiver and help others.

Right now, my major is Vocational Nursing, holding a GPA of 3.66. I will be graduating on May 10, 2024. I am excited, but this will not be the last. I plan to apply and pursue the transitional program offered here at the college. I have already started the process.

Receiving this scholarship did more than just help me financially, it gave me a sense of relief to focus more on my education and assignments at hand rather than worry about how I would purchase required books or supplies needed for clinicals. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity and the path that I have chosen. I already volunteer when I am not in school, so in my future I will continue to use my degrees and certifications to give back to my community, local schools and any other opportunities that may require my expertise in healthcare. I plan to keep going with my education and prosper in my career field.

I want to thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of your scholarship; it came when I needed it the most and because of your support, I plan to do the same for someone else in the future once I have graduated and established my foundation.



● Stephen Ardis

I am writing in appreciation for the **Sandford A. Rubin MD Memorial Scholarship** that I received for the 2023-2024 academic year. I was elated and grateful to learn I was the recipient of this award, which will assist me with the expenses of tuition and books. This scholarship has helped me significantly, especially during these uncertain times.

I am the youngest of nine children and neither of my parents' graduated college. My mother was a medical transcriptionist and my father was a Marine during the Korean War, and an electrician. I did not go to college after my time in high school either. In fact, it took me 27 years to make it back to college. I have always worked in the hospitality industry as a busser, server, bartender or manager. When the pandemic hit, I started having these feelings about wishing I could do more to help. My girlfriend, who is an LVN, told me that I would be a great nurse and it really got my wheels turning. I began thinking about a couple of my older siblings who did not attend college and how they regularly express their regret. I prayed on it and decided the only real shame would be in not trying.

I enrolled in Galveston College in August of 2021. I received an associate degree in transfer nursing this past June with a grade point average of 3.926. I started the ADN program this past Fall and I am currently in the second semester. I hope to complete the program in May 2025 and finish with a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing). I believe in my heart that if I accomplish this, I will use the momentum to pursue a master's degree.

Receiving this award from Galveston College is such a blessing both physically and mentally. By physically, I mean we are living in a time of such drastic inflation, simple trips to the grocery store can easily exceed a hundred dollars. Every purchase has to be thoughtfully calculated. From a mental standpoint, this scholarship has given me a splash of renewed hope. The feeling that even when times are tough and stress is high, there are people out there who are in my corner cheering me to the finish line. I will honor this scholarship by extending help to the nursing students who come after me and giving back to my community.

Thank you again for your generosity and for breathing hope into my sails. Thank you for the encouragement and the gift of education. God bless.



● Clare Counts

I am writing to express my gratitude for the 2023-2024 **Universal Access** and **John Clyburn Scholarships** I received for the 2023-2024 academic year. I was beyond excited and grateful to learn that I was the recipient of a debt-free college degree.

My family moved to Galveston nearly a decade ago. From visiting every weekend, to dreaming about island life, to buying and putting work into a home on the island, we were (and still are!) so very drawn to the ocean. I am the oldest of seven children and the first to graduate from our homeschool. I have been gifted with an amazing education. At home, I have taken countless online classes from skilled, nationwide teachers and professors. At my once-weekly homeschool co-op, I have been able

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to study, with a Classical-based approach, the world that has come before me using literature, primary sources, and Socratic discussion. Over the past couple summers, I have had the wonderful opportunity to attend Socratic-discussion-style philosophy seminars that have deepened my love of knowledge and pursuit of truth. I look forward to furthering the formation that has opened my mind and soul to realize the beauty of the world through the lens of art and education.

At Galveston College, I plan on getting my Associate degree in General Studies. I aim to graduate spring of 2025. After graduating, my hope is that I will be able to transfer the credits I've earned here at Galveston College to a larger institution. I would love to be able to study art – whether art as conventionally understood or art as literature, philosophy or theology. I look forward to a higher education where I can study not just what is written in textbooks but in the people and world around me. I hope for a degree that teaches me to better love hard work, the great books and the world in which I have been placed. I am so excited that Galveston College is my stepping stone into the big, beautiful world of higher education.

I am beyond grateful for the opportunities that Galveston College and the Universal Access grant have made available. Coming from parents that graduated with very little, if any, college debt, I do not take lightly the freedom that results from an affordable education. Because they were unburdened by debt, it has been possible to have a large family, gifted with the chance to receive an extraordinary education at home. Our family fervently advocates for an education made available for all. We strongly believe that education takes place not just at a school, but at home, outdoors, at libraries or museums, by raising beautiful children, by impacting the world around us through a career, and this full-person-forming education would not be possible if one is tied down by debt.

I am so excited to become more fully myself and to share the joy and love and passion for learning that has prepared me for where I am today. Thank you for making it possible to attend Galveston College!



● Liza Davila

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity in awarding me the **Universal Access Scholarship**. I am truly honored to have been selected as a recipient and am thrilled to be one step closer to achieving my academic and career goals. Receiving this scholarship has alleviated a significant financial burden and allowed me to focus more on my studies.

I'm from Honduras, Tegucigalpa, and I moved to the United States when I was nine years old. Since then, I've lived here in Galveston and graduated from Ball High School. Once I graduated, I knew my next step was going to college. I grew up in a home where education was always the number one priority. I always looked up to my mom and how hardworking she was. Growing up she worked two jobs, went to college, and always found time to be with me without any help. Although she had to give up her teaching career when we moved here, she always supports everything I do. Without her, I wouldn't have learned about my love of history and culture.

I picked a major in History since it's the closest thing Galveston College has to my desired degree in archeology. So far, I've planned on finishing my general classes and transferring to a 4-year university. I received all A's last semester, and I intend to maintain my 4.0 GPA for the remainder of my time in Galveston College.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to one day give back to students like me.



● Melanie Hooper

I am writing with full sincerity and gratitude for receiving the **Letha Camp Memorial Scholarship**. I am beyond grateful and feel compelled and supported to excel this semester.

I am a firefighter's wife and mother of two boys. I have been working for Galveston Island Beach Patrol for seven summers as both an open beach lifeguard and dispatcher. I am currently a Sunday school teacher at our church. I have a Bachelor's degree in studio art from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Becoming an EMT has been influenced by my husband and my job. I want to continue working for Galveston Island Beach Patrol, but with the goal of a year-round full-time position. One of the requirements is an EMT certification. After having a few clinical experiences, I am seeking to becoming a paramedic. I love attending Galveston College. I am thoroughly enjoying learning the skills and job of an EMT.

My family and I saved money specifically to pay for my class. It was a true reward to be gifted the funding for my class. Once class started, expenses immediately accumulated, but I have been able to purchase my book, clothing, and supplies needed to allow me to succeed. I am able to be prepared for every class day. I hope to give back to my community in every generous possibility I encounter.

● Laura Loera

First and foremost, thank you so much for this **Helen K. and Phillip A. Lohec Endowed Scholarship award**. I am truly honored, grateful, and surprised in a wonderful way, to be a recipient of such a commemorative award. Like Mr. and Mrs. Lohec, I too find passion in serving my communities of home and church.

As a native of the island, my earliest childhood memories of service were creating a waste recycle landfill with my elementary class and taking a trip to help paint the murals on the seawall. I believe activities like these planted the seed of service before self, which I have always enjoyed throughout my adulthood. Shortly after graduating from Ball High I entered into the Air Force, where I was involved with the Meals on Wheels program, volunteered to be a chaperone for the Special Olympics, took part in the Airman Against Drunk Driving initiative, taught CPR classes and was named Airman of the Month for the entire Medical Ops Squadron. I also tried being part of the church choir on base, but my vocals didn't make the cut. I am thankful for my time in the service because they gave me a strong career foundation and instilled in me respect, dedication, persistence, and to always seek more knowledge.



I have always been driven to be in a successful career field for many reasons. First for my family, so that I can contribute better financially not just in the present but also decades from now. Secondly, for my children, so they can see how far I've come, how hard I've worked and so they know you can do anything with persistence and a whole lot of effort. Lastly, for myself, my mother and my extended family. As a first-generation college student and graduate, I want to keep excelling in the Radiology career field, ultimately earning bachelor and master degrees. In this career field there are other modalities such as CT and MRI to learn and grow in the profession, and I plan to soak it all up. I feel I will be a great asset to this career field through my attentiveness to detail, my calming and caring demeanor and my passion to help others. My ultimate goal is to make it full circle and be back at Galveston College as a professor. This way, I can pass on all the knowledge I would've learned to the next generation!

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● Xochitl Ramirez

I am a local Galvestonian, born and raised here. I am Mexican with a hard-working father who does everything he can to provide for the three ladies in my household. He and my mother are workaholics who have always told me to take advantage of the education system here in the United States, because they never got that opportunity. They push me and motivate me to give school 110% and always tell me anything is possible, if I set my mind to it. Receiving the **Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship** makes me forever grateful. I work as a tutor here at Galveston College as well as a second job on the weekends. This scholarship has taken some stress off me working both jobs, and my father having to worry about putting aside a certain amount of money for me each week from his contract construction work.



In my senior year of high school, I took an environmental science course where we looked at environmental issues, laws and sustainability. My passion to expand my knowledge in environmental engineering came after learning about the Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. I knew I needed to be a part of advancing these efforts to create a better future. I always had an interest in becoming an engineer but was not committed to a particular area of engineering; this course revealed a way to merge the desire for helping the environment and being an engineer through Environmental Engineering.

I am a part of the STEM Honors Program, which has laid out the pathway to becoming an Environmental Engineer for me. I plan to earn my bachelor degree in Civil Engineering and a master degree in Environmental Engineering. I have been accepted to Lamar University to complete a 4+1 program. I will begin attending Lamar in summer 2024 as a student, but also as a researcher working directly with an Environmental Engineering professor at the university. This kind of experience will open the door for more connections revolving around Environmental Engineering. After graduating with my masters, I plan to work for a government agency or engineering firm.

● Alexandra Rubio

I am writing to express my gratitude for the **Brown Vending Scholarship** - I was beyond excited and grateful to learn that I was the recipient of this generous award that will be used for my tuition, fees, and books.

I am majoring in Nuclear Medicine and my expected graduation is May 2024. After graduation, I am hoping to get a job as a nuclear medicine technologist, and eventually further my education in the Radiologic field. College for me has been a difficult journey because I don't count on my family for support, therefore, I have had to work to cover my living expenses and at the same time attend college, which is quite difficult to maintain a good academic performance. However, all the challenges I have encountered on my path have not stopped me from continuing to fight for my goal. I give my best to not only pass the semester but to also end the semester with a good GPA of 4.0.



With the aid of this scholarship, I will be able to concentrate on what is most crucial—my education. I'm motivated by your generosity to support the community and assist others. As you have done for me, I want to be able to assist other students in realizing their dreams someday. Pursuing a degree in the health field is quite challenging but very rewarding. I love the satisfaction of helping people and I know this career path I have chosen will give the skills to help the most in need. Thanks to you I am one step closer to my goal. May God continue to bless you.

● Joshua Smith

My name is Joshua Smith, and I am a member of the Chickasaw Nation. I was born in Galveston and raised being homeschooled with my four other siblings. While some might think that I had less of an education because I was homeschooled, I think I had a better chance of educating myself than others. When I was getting close to graduating, my parents sat me down and asked me what major I wanted to pursue. When I told them I was interested in computer science, they supported my decision and helped me in any way they could.

I am a Computer Science major with a GPA of 3.7 and am set to graduate in December 2024. After graduating, I want to go to a university to pursue a bachelor degree in computer science.



Thank you so much for the **Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship** and this opportunity that this has given me. My family has been helping me pay for college and this scholarship will help relieve the financial burden that has been placed on them. Instead of having to worry about where I will get the funds, my parents can help me pay for car insurance and other useful things. It is such a blessing to receive this scholarship, and I will use it to help further my education.



● Ashley Turner

I am writing to express my gratitude for the **Zasu Mijares Memorial Scholarship** I received for the 2023-2024 academic year. I was beyond excited and grateful to learn that I was the recipient of this award which will be used for tuition, fees, and books.

As a student who is attending college full-time as an older adult in my 40's, I have spent the better part of my life doing what I needed to do to provide for my family. I have always worked in the health care field as a Medical Assistant, always knowing I would eventually go to college to complete my degree. I started going to night school and online part time, chipping away at as much as I could manage. I worked the night shift in the ICU at the hospital and taking our patients to imaging was a daily routine for me. I started looking into what I would need to do to enroll in the radiology program. I had many conversations with the staff in the imaging department and they encouraged me to make the sacrifice of attending the program full time to reach my goals and do what I wanted to do. After much deliberation I left my full-time job of 16 years, after being accepted into the program, and have never looked back at the decision I have made for not only myself but my family.

I am currently in my last semester of the radiology program at Galveston College. I will graduate with my Associates on May 10, 2024. I am currently a member of the Lambda Nu honor society and the class president. I am proud to be a sounding board and study partner for my classmates. My current GPA is a 3.4. After graduation in May, I will quickly return to Galveston College in June to take the CT (Computed Tomography) program that is a 10-week program of class and clinical rotations combined into one. Upon completion of this course, I will then press on to a 3-semester long MRI program following it up with the Galveston Colleges new bachelor's program. I am not sure what the world holds for me from that point on, but I do know it cannot hold me back from reaching my goals.

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I am grateful for this scholarship. It has assisted me with the cost of my books and has eased some of the burden placed on us financially this semester. As we all know, books are expensive and a necessity for class. With the completion of my degree, I hope that I can be an encouragement to anyone who feels that they are too old to return to college and make a huge life change. I will make sure that I enter the medical field with an attitude of servitude and compassion of all who cross my path. The one thing in life that is free is kindness and the world needs more kindness now than ever before.



● Bertrina Woodard

I am a long-time student at Galveston College, and recently served as the president of the Student Government Association. I returned to school in 2020 after taking several years off to be a full-time mother and provider to my three children, never giving up on my lifelong dream to be of service in the medical field and become a sonographer.

After several trying and hard-earned semesters, I was accepted into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program in 2022. During this time, I not only fulfilled my requirements to be accepted into the DMSO program to work toward earning an Associate of Applied Science degree, but I also started to complete coursework towards a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Being a sonographer has been a goal of mine, however as a young single mother as well as a full-time employee, being a full-time college student was not always an option for me. Now that my children are young adults and pursuing their own college degrees, I am able to continue on my path of achieving my dream.

I was born and raised in Odessa, Texas. For majority of my adult life, I have been an active member of my community in a multiple leadership roles.

One of those roles include serving as a Big Sister for the Boys and Girls Club of Ector County. I also served as a mentor to troubled youth for the SHOUT program out of Fort Worth, Texas. Upon moving to the greater Houston area, I volunteered with the American Legion in support of hurricane Harvey victims. I am currently a team member of Building Bridges to Success, a TRIO program at Galveston College, where I find myself being a mentor to young adults and youth struggling to get through the college experience while navigating through real life situations.

I have always found fulfillment in being of service to others. The epitome of the medical field, in any capacity, means just that. The Galveston College Foundation will prove to be beneficial to me on my college journey by assisting me with the necessary tools and alleviating some part of the financial burden that comes with being a full-time student. These scholarship funds will put me one step closer to being the lifelong learner that I am destined to be.

I have always found fulfillment in being of service to others. The epitome of the medical field, in any capacity, means just that. The **Griff & Marc N. Lambdin Scholarship** will prove to have been beneficial to me on my college journey by assisting me with the necessary tools and alleviating some part of the financial burden that has come with being a full-time student. These scholarship funds have put me one step closer to being the lifelong learner that I am destined to be, as I now look forward to graduating from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program with an Associate of Applied Science degree.

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