




Providing a Pathway for Success

**2017-18
ANNUAL REPORT**



MARICOPA
COMMUNITY
COLLEGES
FOUNDATION



**EVERYONE HAS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
IMPROVE THEIR LIVES
THROUGH EDUCATION.**

—Our Vision

OUR MISSION

We boldly impact our communities through innovative and strategic partnerships for the growth and benefit of Maricopa Community Colleges, its students, faculty, and staff.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

As we reflect on our accomplishments of the past year, we look to the future with continued optimism and hope. This is an exciting time for the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. In partnership with our donors, our board, the colleges, the Maricopa Community Colleges District Administration, and our students, we continue to develop a culture of philanthropy. This year we celebrate more than 3,700 donors who helped meet the needs of our students.

As you will see highlighted in this report, it is our donors' passion for education that steers our Maricopa students on a path of success as they prepare to enter the workforce and further develop impactful and fulfilling lives.

Thank you to our invaluable community partners whose relationships help us to align strategically throughout Maricopa County. We are grateful for their support. It allows the Maricopa Community Colleges to provide the innovative programs, targeted toward our students' career advancement across a broad range of industries, and ensures that we are able to be a major driver in promoting economic prosperity and academic and civic opportunities throughout our community.

We are thrilled to report that in the last year, the Foundation has awarded 4,343 scholarships totaling more than \$2.7 million. These successes lead all of us towards a new era of our growth and prosperity. The Foundation's conservative investment portfolio continues to grow and we are pleased to report that the total return on investment of 900 individually named funds for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 reflects a +6.53 percent gain.

As a leader in providing educational opportunities throughout our community, we are proud to share this annual report and stories about the students we serve. Your gifts are vitally important in transforming student lives through scholarships and program support. Thank you for your trust in us. We look forward to continuing on this path of collaboration and innovation.



Christina Schultz

Christina Schultz
President and CEO, Maricopa
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Ashley Kasarjian

Ashley Kasarjian
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STUDENTS THRIVING

Abby is a first generation DACA recipient. Her ultimate goal is to facilitate a program that advocates a love for learning in children who are often not given the opportunities to appreciate an education, like the one she has received. "I realize that my college education is a powerful privilege, and I plan to utilize my privilege to empower others," Abby said.

Abby attends Mesa Community College where she's studying sociology and considering a minor in Chicano studies. Being a first generation college student, she likes the familiarity of being on the campus that her brothers previously attended. It gives her a sense of security. Abby's received numerous scholarships and plans to transfer to a university, even if she must pay out of state tuition as it's important to stay close to her family as they depend on her.

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation supports students like Abby through scholarships and established the Hope Scholarship to help those who have to pay out-of-state tuition, like DACA students, whose enrollment has declined due to increased tuition rates of 284%. To date, the Hope Scholarship along with other scholarships have awarded \$121,864 and have helped more than 100 DACA students keep their dream alive.

Abby says, "There are many issues that our country is facing. To me, the way to understand, treat and solve these issues is through education. Sociology allows me to gain that perspective, analyze history and see how deeply rooted many of today's issues are."



ABBY ANTONAL RODRIGUEZ,
HOPE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Abby sees herself working with students and their families at a public school and hopes to impact their high school and college completion in some way, shape or form. "Through the education and leadership training I am receiving at Mesa Community College, there is not a doubt in my mind that I will make a difference," she said. "My fight for education is successfully bringing me one step closer to a better future for me, my family, and my community."

NEW FUNDS

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS 44 FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN 2018. HERE IS JUST A SAMPLING:

Verna McClain Student

Emergency Fund provides financial support to keep current students enrolled at South Mountain Community College by offering them emergency funding for meals, rent, automobile repair, bus passes, internet access, tutoring and supplies.

Mental Health Sciences

Scholarship Fund supports those pursuing a certificate or degree in behavioral health, social work, developmental disabilities and/or addictions and substance abuse disorders at Glendale Community College.

Accelerating College Completion through Endowment Scholarship

Support at Estrella Mountain Community College assists students who place into developmental coursework on the Math AccuPlacer, Reading AccuPlacer or English WritePlacer exams.

Scholarship for the Endlessly

Curious was established as a memorial to Aaron Johnson, who in life had a great thirst for knowledge, research, and entrepreneurship, as well as a passion for tinkering on special projects with his young son. This scholarship is awarded to students with career aspirations.

Fighting Hunger on Campus

Grant is a \$20,000 grant from the Kroger Co. Foundation to support food pantry initiatives district-wide. The grant helps existing college food pantries and creates new ones and will allow the Maricopa Community Colleges to purchase food, toiletries, shelves, storage bins, and other resources as needed.

Cecelia Gardin Memorial

Scholarship supports students enrolled in a business degree or certificate program at Scottsdale Community College.

Brian and Sarah Bird Wellness for Life Scholarship

is for fitness center or PED class tuition, course fees, and registration fees at Glendale Community College (North). A scholarship from 5 categories is awarded: community member, part-time GCC employee, veteran, nursing student and math student.

Dr. John F. Prince Memorial

Scholarship honors the first president of Glendale Community College (GCC) and is awarded to a GCC student studying English literature, philosophy, or humanities.

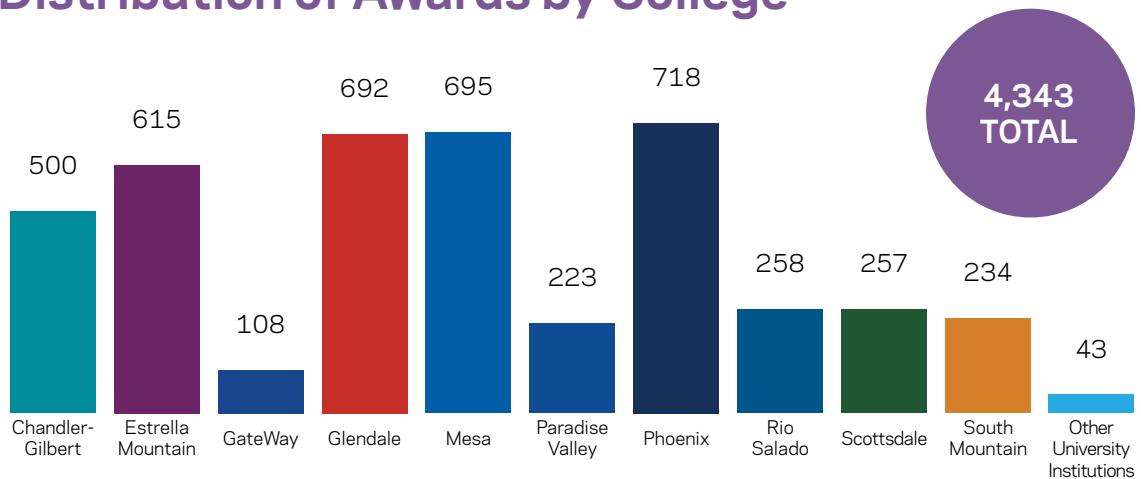
2017-18 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Awarding scholarships to students is among the most rewarding work that we do at the Foundation and supports our vision that everyone has the opportunity to improve their lives through education.

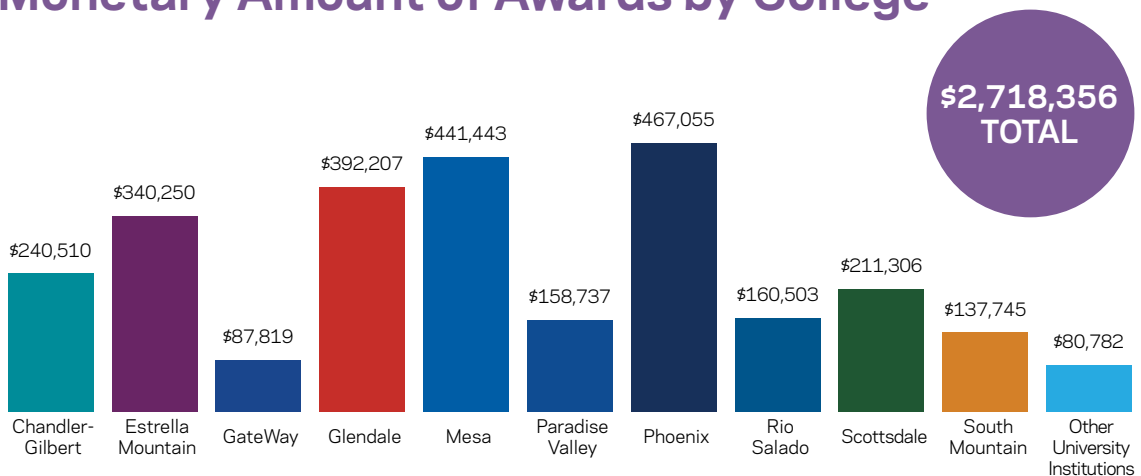
Students can apply online for hundreds of scholarships with one general application. Scholarships are awarded to students who meet academic and financial need, as well as a variety of other criteria established by the donor.

As of June 30, 2018, this program awarded 4,343 scholarships for a total of \$2,718,356.

Distribution of Awards by College



Monetary Amount of Awards by College



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Helping Hands for Single Moms

It's not so easy for a single mother to enter college. Having to juggle studies with a family – many moms are forced to live on limited funds while maintaining a home, managing childcare, transportation and so many other responsibilities. These challenges can sometimes prove to be too much and many single moms end up dropping out of school.

Helping Hands for Single Moms provides supportive programs to ensure that these important students have what they need to meet their educational dreams. These efforts include scholarships, assistance with auto repairs, emergency funds, limited medical care, housecleaning services, tech assistance and so much more.

For more than 16 years, this Phoenix based nonprofit, which has now opened in Dallas as well, has provided over \$5 million in scholarships and supportive services to hundreds of low-income single mom college students and almost 230 moms have earned a college degree with an average starting salary of over \$50,000 annually.

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation has a longstanding relationship with Helping Hands for Single Moms. Since 2009 the Foundation has provided financial support with car batteries and automotive parts, bus passes, clothes and other necessities for the home including baby clothes and items for school age children. Additionally, the Foundation has provided matching funds for scholarships. "It's so exciting to follow the accomplishments of these devoted students," said Christina Schultz, President & Chief Executive Officer, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "Knowing that we can make their lives just a little bit easier, so that they can focus on their education and family, is truly gratifying."

"We strategically invest our time and our donor's funds to ensure that single moms who are working hard to move their families out of poverty, receive the help they need to succeed. The women in our program are attending college full-time while also working part-time and raising their families."

-Chris Coffman, Executive Director of Helping Hands for Single Moms

"Our life is busy and scheduled, yet such a wonderful ride! This time in my life is a chapter I will never forget."

Siera S. just received her associate degree in nursing at Chandler-Gilbert Community College and is now studying for her bachelors at Ottawa University.



"I'm a single mother of two young children who has been separated from their father since my youngest was only a couple of weeks old. I hope to one day be able to pay it forward and help students achieve their goals, just as I've been helped."

Erica O. just received her associate degree in nursing at Gateway Community College.



"I plan to work in a labor and delivery unit and someday become a clinical instructor."

Karina L. is in the nursing program at Phoenix College and is part of the Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Program.



"I have an amazing little girl Olivia, who's four. Olivia was able to attend the MCC Children's Center while I was in school so that I could utilize weekday hours to completely focus on my studies."

Julie S. received her associate degree from Mesa Community College and just graduated from Northern Arizona University with her bachelor's in science and nursing.



CHANGING LIVES

"Growing up, I always knew I wanted to attend Glendale Community College," said Abreanna Autote. "I struggled a lot in high school and even ended up dropping out a few different times so a university was never an option for me, especially without accumulating debt that would take years to pay off."

But times have changed for Abreanna, the recent recipient of two prestigious scholarship awards called the Diane H Thomas \$10,000 Transfer Scholarship, and the Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholarship. The Transfer Scholarship was established through a generous bequest of Diane H. Thomas who worked as an adjunct professor at GCC and Phoenix College during the 1980s. It provides scholarships for students who are intending to transfer their degrees to a four-year university.

"Once I finally received my high school diploma, I decided to turn my life around and I enrolled at GCC," she said. Abreanna slowly began to get involved on campus, immersing herself in all the college has to offer students.

"I got a job on campus as a peer mentor for a student success program and I fell in love with the position. I switched my major to psychology and plan to work as an administrator in higher education," Abreanna said. "Knowing how much I have overcome and seeing how so many other students also struggle has struck a chord with me. I believe everyone has the right to an education, so my ultimate goal is to be a catalyst for student success."



ABREANNA AUTOTE,
GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Abreanna defines student success.

"Standing where I am today, having my whole bachelor's degree paid for, is a dream come true. Seeing how, just a few years ago, I was a high school dropout doing nothing with my life is astonishing to me. I have grown and accomplished so much here. Being chosen as the winner of these scholarships has shown me that hitting rock bottom does not mean you can't climb your way up to the top. These scholarships mean that I overcame the odds and can now help others do the same. Anything is possible when you put your mind to it!"



**SINCE 1977, THE FOUNDATION
HAS AWARDED \$33.1 MILLION IN
SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING
STUDENTS.**

YEAR IN REVIEW

A visual look at some of the 2017-18 events that took place this year in support of Maricopa students.



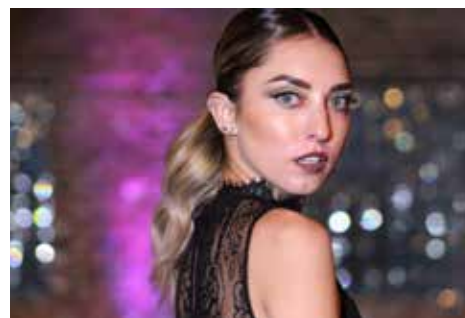
**WEST VALLEY
NOCHE DE MARIACHI**
Estrella Mountain
Community College



**EVENING IN
PARIS
STUDENT
FASHION SHOW**
Mesa Community College



**RUNWAY TO
SUCCESS**
GateWay
Community
College



**ERIC FISHL
LECTURE SERIES**
Phoenix College



**DESPERADO
FILM FESTIVAL**
Paradise Valley
Community College



**SHINING STARS TALENT
SHOW & FUNDRAISER**
South Mountain Community College



LEGACY OF PHILANTHROPY

Foundation Board Member Sherri Thomas grew up on a farm in Laveen, Arizona. She graduated from Mesa Community College (MCC) on a tennis scholarship and was able to use her associate's degree as a stepping stone to graduate from Arizona State University. "I had a tremendously positive experience at MCC," she said, "and I know first-hand about the importance and benefits of having small classes, personal attention from highly respected professors and a community of students, staff and teachers to support me in my education. As I look back, it was the best experience I had in my education."

Passionate about helping women, Sherri joined the Foundation's board. She mentions, "Georgetown University recently reported that college graduates will earn \$1 million dollars more over their lifetime than non-graduates," and also references a 2017 government statistics report that states, "a woman with a high school diploma and no college will earn an average weekly income of \$620, those with an associate's degree or some college will earn \$707, and those with a bachelor's degree will earn on average \$1,030." Sherri believes that her role is to continue developing industry and business partnerships, establish community connections and to build fundraising support to help students thrive.



SHERRI THOMAS,
FOUNDATION
BOARD MEMBER

Sherri's commitment to scholarship runs in the family. "My parents always sought out ways to volunteer and make a difference," she recalls. "When they told me they walked into South Mountain Community College with a check for \$1,500 to offer scholarships to women in need, it made me think of the long term impact...about how those recipients will be getting a hand up, and not a hand out, to better their lives and the lives of their children."

Sherri has created the Pass-It-Forward scholarship fund for working minority women who have completed their freshman year. With \$15,000 of her own money and a matching grant from the Intel Corporation, the scholarship is now at \$41,000. Sherri says, "this endowment will continue, even when I'm not able to contribute. My goal is to have the fund at \$100,000 by 2022, and with the help of others I'm hoping to reach that goal sooner."

A PASSION FOR EDUCATION RUNS IN THE FAMILY



**JEAN & GARY
THOMAS,**
THOMAS FAMILY
FUND FOUNDERS

Sherri's parents Jean and Gary Thomas, met in 1952, at Phoenix College. In 2017 they established the Thomas Family Fund, specifically for the Native American and African American female students at South Mountain Community College. For 15 years, Jean and Gary volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to build homes on tribal lands and through their scholarship, they want to ensure this community feels supported. Their focus on women stems from the passing of Jean's great-great grandfather. There was a law that stated women couldn't own land, so when he died, it had to be left in his son's name and his wife had to ask permission to live there, until she passed away. Jean and Gary believe that women who are educated, educate the whole family and since the inception of their scholarship, more than \$32,500 has been awarded.

HELPING OTHERS

Katoya Lee is studying to become a social worker. A single mom, a full-time student, who also works full-time and drives part-time for Lyft, Katoya is certainly one driven person.

Katoya moved to Arizona a few years ago, because in California, she was homeless. She grew up in foster care and has no close family, except for her three young boys, and she is determined to give them a better life.

This recipient of the Thomas Family Fund Scholarship began her educational journey at South Mountain Community College and then continued at Mesa Community College, where she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honors society. Currently at Arizona State University to continue her studies, Katoya is obtaining a masters in Clinical Social Work. "All I do is work, come home to my boys and go to school," she says. "I know one day it will pay off!"

Katoya wants to be a counselor for high school students and open up a resource center for foster children. She wants to ensure that these kids do not have the same experiences she had.



KATOYA LEE,
THOMAS FAMILY FUND
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"I didn't have role models growing up," she said. "I want to give foster care children something to look up to."

When asked what the most important tip is she could give other students in a similar situation, Katoya replied:



Never give up – no matter your age, story or situation. Success is the sweetest revenge!



WORKING TOGETHER

Chicano's Por La Causa Impacts Future Generations

Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) was founded nearly 50 years ago to address the disparities and lack of opportunities for higher education that Latino high school students faced in Maricopa County. While it has evolved into one of the largest community development corporations in the country, CPLC remains committed to advocate and provide access to a quality education to everyone. Partnering with the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation is a natural fit, given the reach and community-driven focus of the Maricopa Community Colleges and the Foundation, to leverage resources to create a greater impact in future generations through a scholarship program that recognizes individual struggles and barriers and places a high value on academic achievement and community service.

"Education is the great economic equalizer that enables all people to succeed in the marketplace. Thanks to the long-term investment, commitment, and vision of partners such as the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, over the last 25 years Chicanos Por La Causa has been able to empower more than 1,000 young people to help them reach their full potential and positively impact the community and strengthen local economies." **David Adame, President and CEO.**

In 1991, CPLC established a scholarship program designed to help students overcome financial barriers to attend college. Supporting the pursuit of a higher education is a key objective in advancing CPLC's mission to drive political and economic empowerment to attain self-sufficiency and upward mobility. The CPLC Community College Scholarship awards \$750 per semester to students who are seeking an associate degree or pursuing a certificate. Since 2003, the Foundation and CPLC has awarded more than \$670,450 in scholarships.



"I go to school full-time, have a 3.0 GPA, and work part-time as well. The CPLC scholarship has helped me keep this great balance in my life and I'm very appreciative." **Joe Navarro, Phoenix College student studying to become an Audio Engineer.**



"I'm so glad that I've been given this opportunity, and it's not going to be wasted!" **Nick Martinez, CPLC scholarship recipient and South Mountain Community College student, studying business.**

HEROES OF EDUCATION

For 13 years, the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation has honored a champion of higher education in Arizona and this year, honoree Carolyn Warner was named Hero of Education, at an event held March 29th.

Warner, Co-Founder and Chairman of Corporate Education Consulting Inc., has long been a force in Arizona's education and political circles having served for more than 30 years in both state and national capacities and is a true advocate for education and workforce issues.

In her speech, Warner spoke of the opportunities provided by the Maricopa Community Colleges and quoted Thomas Jefferson by stating, "There are extraordinary capabilities in ordinary people given the opportunity." She continued, "the Maricopa Community Colleges are the people's colleges. The system offers next-step academic opportunities to all students and employers large and small. We provide the opportunity for extraordinary."

A highlight of this year's event, were the speeches given by scholarship recipients, Trevor Narramore (Estrella Mountain Community College) and Jillian Herner (Phoenix College). Each told their own remarkable stories capturing the challenges and accomplishments of many thousands of students at the Maricopa Community Colleges. Herner's speech ended in a standing ovation by the audience of more than 400.



CAROLYN WARNER, 2018 HONOREE

Since its inception in 2006, The Heroes of Education event has raised over \$1.5 million in scholarship funds to support Maricopa Community College students.

The Foundation mourns the loss of Carolyn Warner, who passed away on October 9, 2018.

Carolyn's passionate commitment to education and business-partnering in Arizona and nationally, greatly improved the prospects for our students and alumni and her energetic and astute efforts during her extensive and successful career will continue to have an enormous positive impact on our community for future generations.

COLLEGE HEROES

The College Heroes of Education Award is given to friends of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges, who have shown an extraordinary commitment to education and exemplify the characteristics for a Hero of Education.

The Kiwanis Club of Litchfield



**ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**MESA
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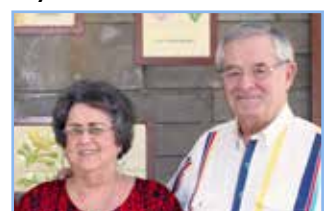
**GATEWAY
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A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Ray and Jean Weinhold



**SCOTTSDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A black and white photograph of two young women smiling. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is holding a spiral-bound notebook. The woman on the left has dark, wavy hair. They are both wearing casual clothing. A teal-colored diagonal band runs across the bottom half of the image, containing white text.

**THE FOUNDATION ASSETS
TOTAL \$45.4 MILLION, AN
INCREASE OF 69% AS A RESULT
OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENT
SUCCESS, WHICH ENDED
IN JUNE 2017.**

INSPIRING OTHERS

"Let's face it...I'm not your typical aged college student. Do I know everything? Heck no! But I do know that being wise means you know a little bit, and you know that there is a lot you need to learn about," says Phoenix College Student, Richard Whatley.

Richard has had, and still has, a busy life. He's an Air Force veteran, has been married for 30 years, and is the father of two adult children. He is in no way ready to settle down. Richard currently attends Phoenix College and is studying audio production. And soon, he'll be at ASU West to obtain his degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance.

Being a returning student has not slowed Richard down one bit. In fact, in addition to his studies and working 24 hours a week in the Phoenix College call center as a student services specialist helping students with enrollment questions, Richard holds or has held leadership positions in numerous campus organizations including the NAACP/Black Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, Male Empowerment Network and Veterans Club. What's his favorite role on campus? Being a Phoenix College Ambassador, working with new students to help them learn their way around Phoenix College, and college life in general.

Richard couldn't do all of this alone. It's a lot to take on. That is why he is so grateful for the scholarships he's received, as well as help from the Emergency Fund program. "The funds paid off the rest of my tuition for spring 2018, and I received a Fry's gift card and 3 monthly



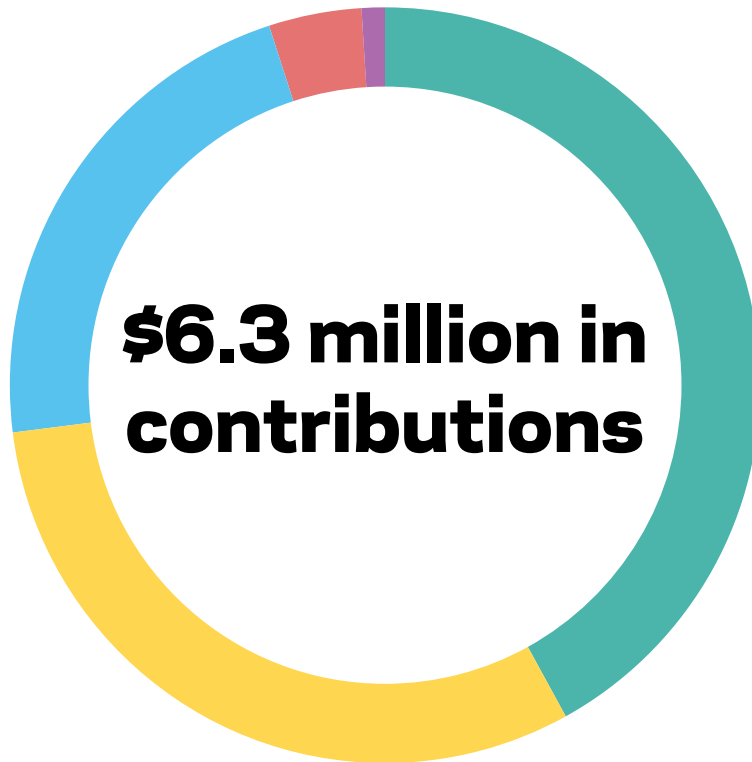
RICHARD WHATLEY,
PHOENIX COLLEGE STUDENT

bus passes. The support I received is truly appreciated. It helps to relieve some of the pressure to stay on course to get my degrees," Richard said.

What are Richard's plans for the future? He wants to create a production studio, like Disney! He hopes to help filmmakers and businesses create movies, videos and advertisements. One of Richard's favorite quotes is, "Knowledge come from learning. Wisdom comes from living." Richard is truly living, and teaching others to do so, along the way.

2017-18 FINANCIAL POSITION

The Foundation manages almost 960 individually named funds, allowing students to improve their lives through higher education.



- Individuals | 42% | \$2,700,983
- Foundations | 31% | \$1,958,566
- Corporations & Organizations | 22% | \$1,405,033
- Community Partnerships | 4% | \$226,769
- Tribal | 1% | \$75,000

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<https://mcccdf.org/give/volunteer-form/>

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