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Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! Last year at this time, we were simply wishing all of our friends and family happy holidays and a joyous new year. But this year, our tone has changed. As we enter into 2021, we are so aware of the hardships others are facing and of the determination of not only our supporters, but our students, to ensure that the pursuit of a quality higher education is not lost during this time of uncertainty.

Our message in this newsletter is one of thanks. Below, you will read stories focusing on what we are so grateful for - the generosity of our donors, the ongoing support of our community partners and the resilience of our students. None of which would even be possible without the unwavering support and endless commitment of our Foundation Board and staff.

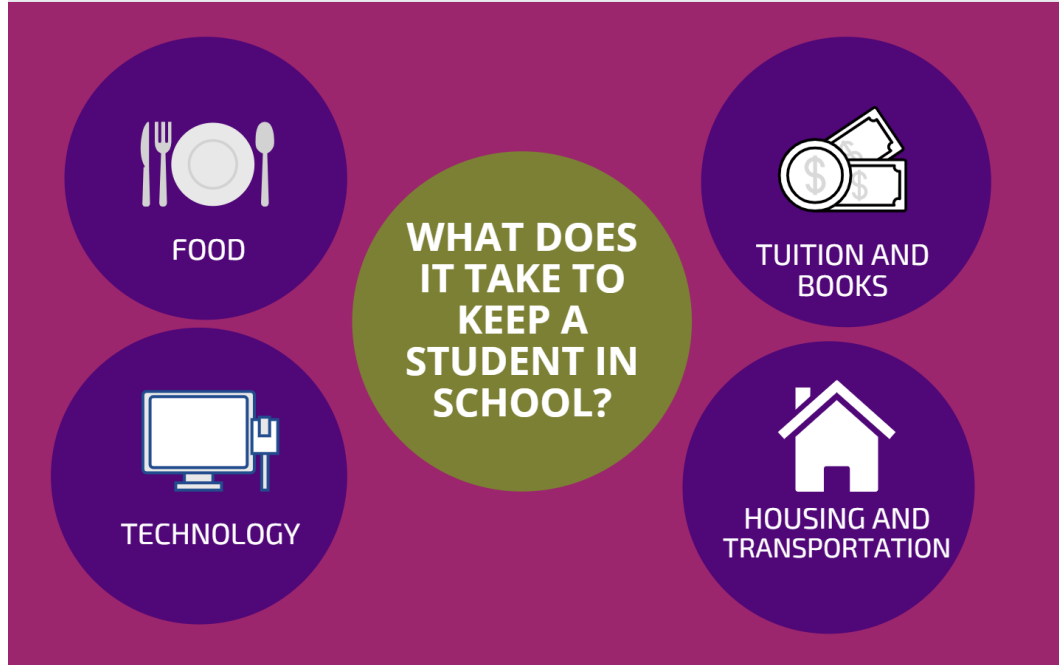
Never before has it been more important to keep our students in school. As we reach unprecedented levels of requests for assistance, we are touched by their struggles and overwhelmed at the thought of not being able to help each and every one of them with such simple requests for life's basic necessities.

I thank you for keeping our students close to your heart and for your continued trust and wish you all a safe, healthy holiday and all the best for 2021!

Sincerely,

Brian F. Spicker  
Interim President and CEO  
Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation

***Keeping Students In School***



**Our lives have changed. So have the lives of our students.**

Since April 2020, the Foundation has received 2,477 requests for emergency funds. An 11,000% increase over last year. We have also received more than 8,000 scholarship applications for Spring 2021. Approximately half will NOT receive financial support due to lack of funding.

We are receiving unprecedented requests from students across the entire Maricopa District who are struggling with basic life needs. Their requests are modest - a book, a class, their next meal, or even just to keep the lights on.

A contribution to:

**Food Assistance Fund:** Puts food on the table so our students don't have to worry about their next meal.

**Emergency Fund:** Pays for housing, utilities, transportation and other basic needs so that our students can remain in school.

**Greatest Needs Fund:** Covers the costs of WIFI, technology, class materials and other items that enable our students to meet the academic needs of their courses.

**Scholarship Fund:** Provides the opportunity for our students to pay for tuition and books and fulfill their educational journeys.

We thank those that have continuously provided their support and reach out once more, to those who are considering a donation for 2020.

2020 is a year we will never forget. Let's make sure 2021 is a year where those who need help are not forgotten. [Donate here.](#)

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## ***Students Expressing Gratitude***

### **Scholarship Allows Student To Continue Nursing Studies Without Worry**

"I want to start off by giving you my deepest appreciation, thank you," said Jennifer, a nursing student currently enrolled in the CEP Nursing Program at Phoenix College with Arizona State University. "The opportunity for this scholarship came at the right time."

Jennifer plans to finish her nursing degree with a BSN and then wants to work in pediatrics and further her education to become a Nurse Practitioner. "This



scholarship gives me great hope and motivation that it will become a reality," she said. "Life has been challenging right now during this pandemic, and I would lie if I said financial stability wasn't a concern for me."

The scholarship allowed Jennifer to sigh in a sign of relief because it allows her to ease the financial burden for this semester and enables her to finish "Block 3" in the nursing program.

She continued, "I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to not only concentrate on my studies, but to give me that motivation that I am worthy of

such education. Thank you."

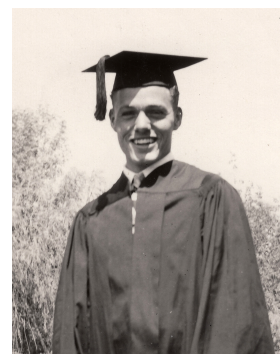
## Donors Giving Back



### Honoring A Commitment To Giving At Phoenix College

Jay Faulkner grew up in the 1940's on a farm near the Grand Canal in downtown Phoenix. His parents came to Phoenix from a background of ranching and farming, and they understood that hard work resulted in success.

Jay began his studies at Phoenix College (PC) in 1944 and immediately felt right at home, thriving in the intimate, inclusive atmosphere. "PC was a small campus, which



drew us together. Students and faculty alike were very friendly. The class sizes were small, and we had robust discussions with the Dean and professors,” he said.

Reflecting Jay’s love of people from all walks of life, and a desire to help young people follow their dreams at the Maricopa Community Colleges, he started the [Jay Faulkner Endowment](#) for ACE (Achieving a College Education) students in 2004. The ACE Program is a nationally recognized program for motivating financially at-risk underrepresented students to complete high school and pursue a college degree. A recent gift to the named endowment brings his life-time giving to more than one million dollars.

In 2017, Jay was honored by Phoenix College and the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation as PC’s Hero of Education for his dedication and support of students. In 2020, Phoenix College created the Jay Faulkner Memorial Mesquite Court between the A Building, B Building, and Library as testament to Jay’s love for PC students and the outdoors. The Mesquite Court offers plentiful seating for students to gather, study, and relax under the shade of 10 mature mesquite trees, reminiscent of Jay’s early memories on his family’s farm.

There are many ways to fund a scholarship or student program of your choice. These include one-time contributions or a recurring gift. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Partnership Making News



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**Bob Swan: Open Letter to President-elect Biden | Intel Newsroom**

Bob Swan, Intel chief executive officer, sent the following letter to the president-...

### **District/Intel Collaboration Highlighted In Open Letter To Biden And New Grant Announcement**

Earlier this year, we shared exciting news about the Maricopa Community College District's collaboration with Intel and the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to create Arizona’s first Artificial Intelligence certificate and degree program enabling tens of thousands of students to land careers in healthcare, automotive, industrial and aerospace fields

Today, we are excited to share that we have received an additional \$115,000 in support of AI and Machine Learning Program and that in an open letter to President-elect Joe Biden in November, Bob Swan, Intel Chief Executive Officer specifically discussed developing a 21st Century Workforce and Intel's partnership with the District. The full letter is available [here](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more about this groundbreaking program.





### Foundation Receives Grant In Support Of Emergency Assistance Funding

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (MCCCF) has received a \$100,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, to further our efforts in support of emergency and food assistance funding, as we continue to respond to the hardships our students face as a result of COVID-19 across all 10 of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

“This gift is critical and timely as the Foundation pivoted beyond providing scholarships to adding emergency student support related to the pandemic,” said Brian Spicker, MCCCF Interim President and CEO. “The pressure on our students is significant and we see the impact COVID-19 has on persistence and completion as well as on enrollment.”

For the past 20 years, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust has proven to be a loyal and valued Maricopa District partner. In 2017 Piper Trust awarded MCCCF a \$3 million grant (over three years) to support the ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program at four community colleges. This Program helps youth see college as an achievable goal and supports those who may not consider going to college.

“Piper Trust has unwavering confidence in the Foundation’s abilities and service to the community,” said Mary Jane Rynd, President and CEO, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. “Our Trustees and staff know that the District is working hard to navigate the future and remain hopeful – and we are right by their side.”

## Providing Opportunities

### Santander Consumer USA Inc. Foundation Grant Opens Doors For Student Entrepreneurs at MCC

The Santander Consumer USA Inc. Foundation (SC Foundation) has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation to support low-income and underrepresented student entrepreneurs enrolled in the Mesa Community College Green Flag program during the 2020-2021 academic year.

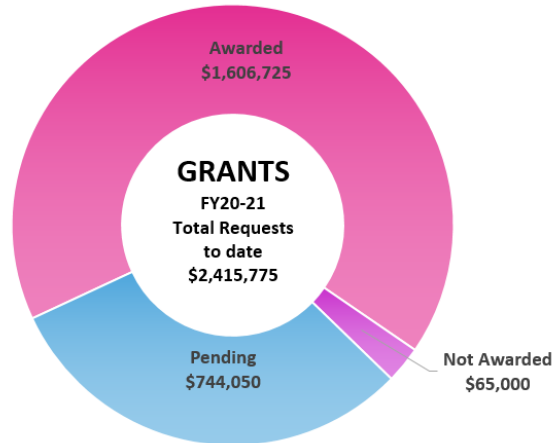


Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. However, across the nation, nine out of 10 business startups fail within three years due to lack of capital, mentoring and the structural resources needed to prosper.

“Santander Consumer USA invests in the future of aspiring entrepreneurs by providing financial support and lending time and expertise to impact the lives of students who are starting their entrepreneurial journey. We want to help prepare tomorrow’s innovators to be career-ready in whatever paths that they choose and we want to do that in our home community of Mesa,” said Santander Consumer USA executive and Arizona resident, Sandra Broderick, Head of Operations for Santander US. [Read more.](#)

## Grants Update

### Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation



### Grants Highlights July 1, 2020 - Present

Number of grants submitted: 36  
Number awarded: 19  
Number denied: 5  
Number under consideration: 12

### New Awards

\$250,000 - JPMorgan Chase, Capacity Building Grant for NetLabs platform adoption and expansion

\$165,575.45 - Apple "Community Education Initiatives" Grant, to support the IT workforce pipeline at the Maricopa Information Technology Institute-East Valley

\$150,000 - Bank of America to support the American Indian Institute at MCC

\$115,000 - Intel to support MCCC CD Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Program

\$100,000 - The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community 12% Gaming Grant Program, supporting District-wide food pantries and student resilience programs

\$30,000 - Microsoft Corporation, to support Microsoft Datacenter Academy Scholarship Program

## Educating Our Workforce



## Construction Management Program Empowers Students to Build

Fulfilling the need for a trained workforce by local builders, the Maricopa Community Colleges offers the Construction Management Program to students interested in pursuing careers in the construction industry. [Check out this video](#) highlighting the education that students are receiving as part of the program.

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Construction Technology prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills in carpentry or plumbing or electrical systems in residential and commercial settings. To learn more about this and other programs in construction, visit [maricopa.edu/construction](http://maricopa.edu/construction).

## In Memoriam

In sadness we honor and recognize members of our Foundation family that we have lost this year. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their friends and loved ones.

**Leticia "Letty" Graham Corona** passed away in September. Letty joined the Foundation in 2006 as our Event Coordinator and Student Alumni Scholarship Liaison and retired in 2016. We remember Letty for her dedication and enthusiasm. Read more about Letty and the impact she had on others, [here](#). Scholarship donations in Letty's honor can be made [here](#).

Longtime supporter and friend **Ronnie Lopez**, who passed away in August, was a true champion of education in Arizona and was dedicated to ensuring access to higher education for those less fortunate. Our full tribute to this Hero of Education can be found [here](#).

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