



Foundation Update
June 2020



Dear Friends,

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation is widely known for the thousands of scholarships we provide students every year. As we come to the close of our Fall 2020 application cycle and review of the more than 5,700 applications we have received, your support has never been more critical.

In addition to academic scholarships, COVID-19 has challenged us to double down on supporting our many students who are experiencing job loss, food insecurity, transportation issues, online learning challenges and so much more. Donations to three very important funds: Emergency Funds, Food Pantries and the Greatest Needs Fund provide assistance to these students in need and allow us to come together in support, across all 10 of the Maricopa Community Colleges. We have set a goal of raising \$100,000 by June 30th in support of these funds and with your help, relief is on the way to our students who need it most.

In this issue of Foundation Update, we share stories of how our entire community of donors, volunteers, faculty, staff and students is coming together to ensure that all Maricopa students have the opportunity to obtain higher education, no matter what challenges they are facing. We couldn't do this without your continued support.

Thank you for your passion, commitment, and trust.

Brian F. Spicker

Interim President & CEO

Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation

Students In Need

"As a mother, I've always taught my children that we help anyone in need and that's exactly what you've done for us."

Amy, Nursing student and recipient of State Farm Emergency Funds



We May Be Apart, But Together We Are Helping Students In Need

We've all been impacted by COVID-19. Maricopa Community College students in particular have been hit especially hard with job loss, food insecurity, the inability to pay bills, function effectively in an online environment and so much more. That is why today, we are once again inviting you to support our students.

With your donations to **Emergency Funds, Food Pantry Funds and the Greatest Needs Fund** we have been able to provide support to more than 600 students across the Maricopa District. However, the requests keep coming in. Last month the Foundation saw a sharp increase in the number of emergency applications from students without access to basic needs, going from an average of 7 applications per month to over 1,000 requests. That is why we have set a goal of raising **\$100,000 by June 30th**, so that we can support as many students as possible.

As we move ahead in these unprecedented times, we thank our donors who have already contributed for all of your support. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please consider doing so today. No donation is too small!

ifference.



"We at the Maricopa Community Colleges feel strongly that the current crisis should not affect our student's ability to have access to education. Our Foundation's Student Emergency Fund ensures that student's future goals will not be derailed and provides assistance to those whose circumstances have changed due to COVID-19. We are all a part of a system that puts our community first, and we can all help."
Dr. Steven R. Gonzales,
Interim Chancellor,
Maricopa Community Colleges



Please take the time to [view this video](#) in which Cristie Roe, English Department faculty member at Phoenix College, discusses how she was able to contribute unexpected funds that she received, to support the Food Pantry at Phoenix College and the difference donations like these make in the lives of our students.



"As a first-generation college student myself, I understand how important Maricopa Community College Foundation scholarships are to students. As a lifelong educator I see how scholarships can change students' lives for the better and help them succeed. I am honored and humbled to be able to contribute in some small way to student success."
Chris Haines,
Interim President,
Scottsdale Community College

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Community Partnerships



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Providing support to our most vulnerable students impacted by COVID-19 is our number one priority at this time and our industry partners are stepping up to help. We are proud to announce that the following organizations have provided substantial grants to the Foundation in support of our students in need.

Arizona Community Foundation (ACF): ACF, in partnership with a growing list of local corporations and foundations, established the Arizona COVID-19 Community Response Fund to support nonprofit organizations as they respond to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation received a \$13,000 grant to expand the capacity efforts to respond to the dramatic increase in student emergency requests.

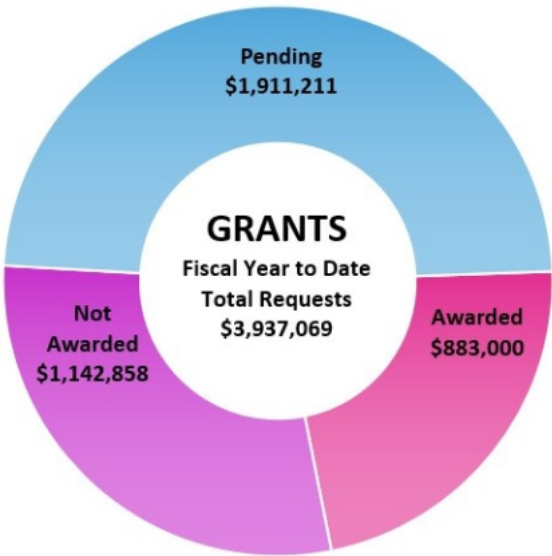
Fry's Food Stores, division of the Kroger Family of Companies: The Foundation received a \$50,000 grant to address the urgent food needs of students struggling during the current COVID-19 pandemic as part of Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan to end hunger in communities and eliminate waste across the company by 2025. The Fry's donation will help fund an additional 20,000 meals through food pantries as well as support the distribution of e-grocery store gift cards to students struggling with food insecurity during this challenging time.

State Farm: The Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company grants program supports initiatives that directly impact underserved students, helping them enroll in post-secondary education and obtain the skills and credentials they need to be successful in today's workforce. A \$40,000 grant is benefiting students needing emergency funds in order to achieve academic success.

Wells Fargo: A long-time partner in education, Wells Fargo Foundation, feels it is essential to focus on basic needs for those experiencing the greatest hardship, particularly in diverse and underserved communities. A \$10,000 grant has been provided to the Foundation in support of Emergency Funds, to bridge gaps that would otherwise derail the trajectory of a student's pathway to a college degree.

To learn more about supporting the Foundation through grants, please email foundationgrants@domail.maricopa.edu.

Grant Recap



Scholarship Information



Scholarship Applications for Fall 2020

With thousands of students applying for scholarships for the Fall 2020 semester, volunteer scholarship reviewers are needed more than ever! This cycle provided the Foundation with an unprecedented number of volunteers, more than 100 over last year!

Scholarship reviewers are a mix of community members and employees and for this cycle which ended June 5th, we had over 700 volunteers reviewing almost 5,700 applications.

"Many of our reviewers enjoy the opportunity to make a difference in a student's life," said Karley Mellberg, Scholarship and Donor Relations Manager, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. "Volunteers read 5-10 scholarship applications each cycle and provide us with valuable information that helps determine our awards based upon need and academics. We are so grateful for their help."

Interested in becoming a volunteer scholarship reviewer for the next cycle of applications? [Sign-up today!](#) It's a time commitment of just 2 hours over the course of 2 weeks that can be done from the comfort of your own home! For more information visit <https://mcccdf.org/volunteer/>.

District Efforts



Colleges Using 3D Printers In PPE Production Plus Other Methods To Support Community

The Maricopa Community College Healthcare Education Department in collaboration with the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation have been working with several of our colleges to use 3D printers to manufacture and donate personal protective equipment for healthcare providers and first responders.

Our faculty, staff and students are using their skills, classroom equipment and supplies to help the community and the [Greatest Needs Fund](#) makes this possible.

The following is just a sample of what's been done in terms of PPE production as well as other support efforts:

- Phoenix College printed 90 masks using two 3D printers from their Engineering and Mathematics departments. The College's donation of the masks to St. Joseph's hospital marks their second contribution to health care partners, joining a previous donation earlier in the month (over \$8,000 worth of PPE from the existing inventory of its Allied Health programs).
- Rio Salado College has donated food from their Rio Cafe and Rio Gardens to families in need and those having challenges obtaining fresh produce. Their Dental program donated four boxes of N-95 high filtration masks to MCCC Police Officers, and the College continues to raise funding for emergency scholarships, textbooks, eBooks, and online tools to support students in virtual environments.
- Estrella Mountain Community College is using five 3D printers to mass produce ear guards to help protect against the irritation of wearing face masks for hours a day. Their goal is to produce 1,500 and then up to 1000

local healthcare organizations including hospitals, hospice facilities, and first responders.

- Glendale Community College's CAD Department has begun production of face shields. GCC has one 3D printer and is producing face shields over the next several weeks to be donated to the Southwest Kidney Institute and other local first responders.
- Paradise Valley Community College has begun production of face shields in support of ASU's PPE Response Network. They are utilizing five 3D printers and expect to produce at least 50 shields a week. Engineering students are working remotely on design/programming requirements and the PVCC Help Desk/Computer commons staff and student workers are monitoring the printers and assembling the final products.
- South Mountain Community College has two 3D printers to produce safety face shields. Their engineering faculty is producing these shields for campus Public Safety officers and has donated many to the police department.
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College in partnership with Mesa Community College, distributed laptops to many students. Additionally, faculty and staff are supporting a local food bank which partners with the college's Food Pantry as food security needs have grown during the pandemic.
- GateWay Community College's Respiratory Care program recently launched into action to loan Chandler Regional Medical Center six ventilators and two test lungs. Their Respiratory Care, Industrial Technology, Physical Therapist Assisting, Medical Radiology, Occupational Therapy Assisting, Skill Centers and Nursing programs pitched in to donate equipment and supplies to various organizations including PPE kits, gloves, gowns, N95 masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Mesa Community College is proud of its role as a partner in the community and has donated medical protective gear to Banner Baywood and Phoenix Children's Hospital to help health care workers on the frontlines, many of whom are former MCC Thunderbirds.
- Scottsdale Community College's nursing faculty has donated essential supplies such as gowns, face masks, hand sanitizer and gloves to Honor Health Osborn. Many of the faculty are working on the frontlines at hospitals, helping patients in Intensive Care Units and emergency rooms. Additionally, SCC I.T. professionals updated and prepared laptops, packaged them in SCC backpacks with mouse pads and charging cables, to loan to students transitioning to remote learning. The laptops were distributed to students, directly to their vehicles, in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

To learn more about and to contribute to the Greatest Needs Fund in support of critical efforts, [click here](#).

And In Other News



[Check out this new video](#) that focuses on how the Foundation, with your support, works hard to improve lives through education.

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