



Legacy Giving



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In our fast-changing, competitive city, where virtually every family-wage job takes a degree or post-secondary credential, it's at the Seattle Colleges — North, South and Seattle Central — that the majority of our city's Black, Brown and lower-income residents make their start on a solid future.

If you're someone who believes that promise and potential bear no relationship to race or class, you share our commitment to students having the best possible experience at our schools.

That means caring, individual attention from advisors, tutors and mentors. It means support from scholarships and grants, so students don't work so much that their school progress slows or

stalls. It means faculty and staff who are talented and embody the rich diversity of our community, providing students with relatable examples of academic and professional achievement. It means strong academic programs attuned to community and employer needs. And it means classrooms and facilities that are modern, well-equipped and beautiful, demonstrating respect for our students and their aspirations.



 Doing right by our students requires resources. Yet of every philanthropic dollar contributed to higher education, **only a penny** goes to schools like the Seattle Colleges.

Fortunately, as more people learn about our impact and innovation, that's changing.

Maybe you're part of that sea change — thank you! Or maybe you'd like to be — and may even consider a **legacy gift**. Supporting equity in education is a powerful way to lift the next generation, passing on some of the blessings you've enjoyed. A legacy gift can take many forms, from a simple bequest, to a donation of stocks or securities, to naming Seattle Colleges Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement account or donor advised fund.

If you'd like to learn more about legacy giving, please let us know. We can tell you about the different approaches people take, and work with your attorney and financial advisor to assure you accomplish the goals you have for your gift.

To get in touch, **please contact Traci Russell**, Seattle Colleges Foundation's Director of Planned Giving, at 206/551-3438 or traci.russell@seattlecolleges.edu.



If you believe in the work of the Seattle Colleges and want to lend your support, here are three simple ways you might include us in your charitable gift plan:

Avoid capital gains by giving appreciated securities.

Donate appreciated securities that you have held for more than a year, and you may be entitled to a charitable deduction for the securities' fair market value. Plus, by transferring the securities themselves, you may not owe capital gains tax on your appreciation (or gain).

Receive substantial tax savings by using your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

For those over age 70½, a QCD from an IRA is a tax-efficient way to donate up to \$105,000 — even if you don't itemize deductions. Such a gift may count in satisfying your required minimum distribution.

Simplify your giving by recommending a grant from your donor advised fund. You can make an outright gift by suggesting a grant to Seattle Colleges Foundation. For further info or to obtain the appropriate forms, contact your fund administrator.

IMPORTANT: This information is not intended as professional tax, legal or accounting advice. For such guidance, please consult a qualified professional advisor.

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OPINION

Invest in Seattle Colleges for a path to higher education equity

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There's a price no delay. Investing in public health, for example. Maintaining our bridges. There's also a price when we postpone racial and social justice. This last year, a showed itself in unprecedented everything: sickness and death from COVID-19. Job loss. Hunger. Housing insecurity.

Where does it end? In his short poem "Hasten," written in 1951, the celebrated Black poet Langston Hughes asked, "What happens on a dream deferred? ... Does it explode?"

The question is as relevant now as 70 years ago — perhaps more so, given the events that, over the last year, have repeatedly filled our streets with righteous protest. We all pine for justice. But this time, it may elude us unless we first — and at last — deliver many justice. This is the catalyst behind Equity Carl Wai, a new campaign on behalf of the 11,000 students at the Seattle Colleges' South, Seattle Central and North.

When Seattle residents who are Black, Indigenous and other people of color enroll in college — if they enroll in college — the majority come to our schools. The same holds for those from backgrounds of economic disadvantage. We welcome all these students with 130 different programs, several

achieve this, but reaching it will take a new level of community investment in those intended for inclusion.

Here's what's thrilling: It's begun. An example is Seattle Promise, a program that provides two years of tuition and critical support services to new grads of Seattle's public high schools. This fall nearly 1,000 — or a quarter of the eligible students — signed up. We celebrate that 6% are young people of color, a demographic where colleges usually see the largest gap in direct-from-high school enrollments.

Seattle Promise is made possible by a levy championed by the mayor and the City Council, and approved by Seattle voters. It's a huge boon to these young people's prospects. Yet participants are often from families that — like so many — are struggling financially. They may need added support. Today we feel growing optimism and because our community is increasingly seeing and appreciates those we serve.

Over the last year our alumni have been hard on us. The nursing and respiratory therapy graduates who have fought COVID-19 head on. The early childhood education graduates who have kept the children of essential workers engaged and learning. The technical and skilled-trades



Rose Rimando-Charnoyap, Chancellor, Seattle Colleges

Given the resources, we know what works, not just for the part of our student body that's fresh out of high school, but the far larger part that's older (the median student age at the Seattle Colleges is 26). What's needed is more one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and support that keeps students engaged, confident and mentally healthy. More programs that place students directly into growing career fields and set them up for success. More support to recruit and retain racially and culturally diverse faculty and staff. More upgrades to our decades-old facilities for a future of blended in-person and online coursework.

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