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**SVC FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT**

A Life of Service Around the World

Celebrating the life of Bojan Kuure and the scholarship that her legacy inspires.

Focused on Excellence: Access • Achievement • Community



I am proud that Skagit Valley College is a vibrant community that exists to serve all who come through our doors to better their lives through education. We have created a learning environment that is focused on excellence in access, achievement, and community. SVC is a place where students of all ages, from diverse backgrounds, and with various academic skill levels, receive the care and support they need to succeed.

Many Skagit students reach their educational goals because of the leadership, support, and generosity you extend through SVC Foundation. Your thoughtful gifts – whether they provide scholarships, help meet unforeseen expenses, or support the integration of classroom and career experiences – help our students take the next step toward a successful career. Frankly, none of this could happen without your support.

In this combined edition of Currents and SVC Foundation Annual Report, we are proud to celebrate you, and your commitment to student success. With your support, SVC Foundation has enjoyed another banner year, including your tremendous support of the Removing Barriers Campaign. In addition, I encourage you to read the poignant story of Bojan Kuure and how her commitment to medical service locally and around the world will now help SVC Nursing students, thanks to a new scholarship in her name. The milestones we reached this year reflect a spirit of community engagement that is inspiring.

On behalf of the SVC Board of Trustees, SVC Foundation Board of Governors, faculty, staff, administration, and students, we are grateful for your commitment to Skagit Valley College. With your ongoing engagement, many lives in Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties are being touched in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

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ACCESS

Partnership with San Juan County Economic Development Council provides access to training that responds to the needs of industry

We are fortunate to live and work in this beautiful corner of the Pacific Northwest. It is a region where we enjoy uncommon natural beauty in every direction: the fertile tulip fields and farmlands of the Skagit Valley, the rugged North Cascades, and the gorgeous waters surrounding the San Juan Islands.



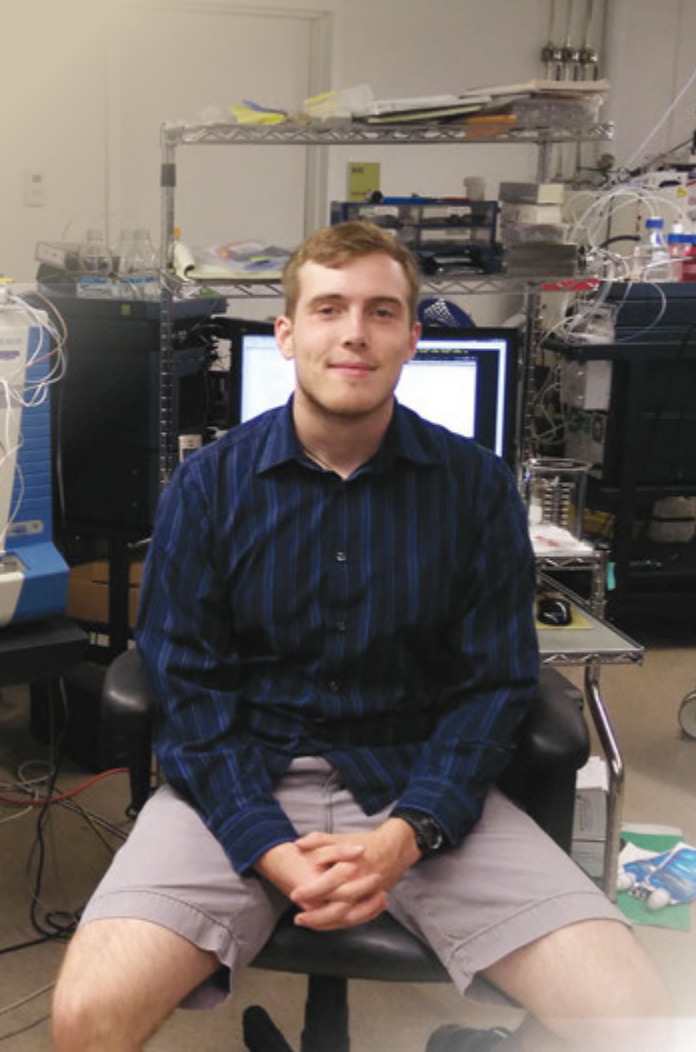
Throughout our cities and towns, Skagit Valley College is proud to provide access to all who seek to better their lives through education. In the workforce education arena, the College aligns programs with regional and state economic development strategies. By maintaining strong connections with community leaders and key partnerships with business and industry, SVC provides training that responds to employer needs.

This year, the College was pleased to team up with the San Juan County Economic Development Council in Friday Harbor. The EDC applied for a State Department of Commerce grant and partnered with SVC's San Juan Center and Marine Technology program to meet the growing need for trained marine mechanics who support summer tourism and the boating industry. With the support of the grant, the 20 students in the program received everything they needed to ensure their success: advising, tutoring, supplies, paid tuition, textbooks, study guides and certification exams, and daily transportation to SVC's 20,000 square foot Marine Technology Center in Anacortes. The Center provides dedicated labs for composites, propulsion (engines) and systems (hydraulics, electrical, electronics). The students finished their program with 17 college credits and two industry certifications: Basic Marine Electronics Installer and Gas Engines from the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC). Skagit Valley College is proud to be the only school in Washington state with the authority to offer ABYC certification exams onsite.



With a commitment to innovation and excellence, Skagit Valley College addressed the challenge of delivering resource intensive lab-based training programs in remote locations and created a partnership pathway for students in the San Juans to access and complete job skills training with local relevance.

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ACHIEVEMENT

McIntyre Scholarship Pays Dividends Beyond SVC

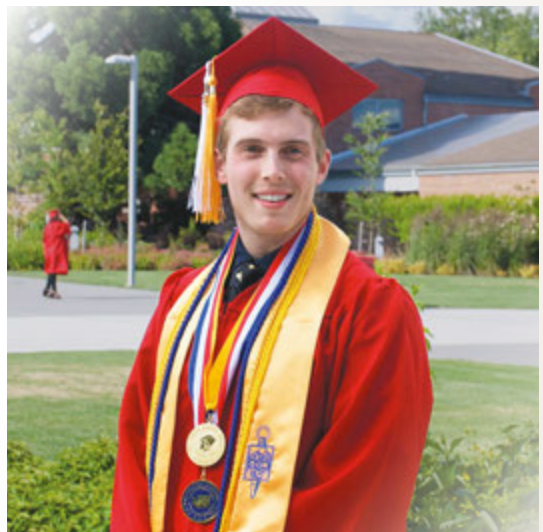
Kevin Felt was raised on Skagit Valley farmland in a home his grandfather built around 100 years ago. Today, at age 22, he has an undergraduate research position in the Department of Genome Sciences at the University of Washington, which he describes this way: “using mass spectrometry to investigate protein-protein interactions in human cells.”

Kevin’s journey, and his aspirations, remind us how rapidly our world is changing and demanding higher levels of technical and educational achievement. A Mount Vernon High School alum, he earned a degree from Skagit Valley College in 2016, finding what he calls, “a great learning environment. At Skagit, I had great instructors who gave me an experience of success in science and prepared me for the rigorous coursework at UW.”

While at SVC, Kevin applied for the Sydney S. McIntyre, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, which he was awarded. The scholarship is a generous one: providing tuition and other support for university attendance. In a few years, Kevin plans to earn a Ph.D. and begin work in the fields of stem cell biology and regenerative medicine. There is passion in his voice as he discusses bridging the gap from laboratory research to clinical therapies that impact diseases and injuries such as arthritis, cancer, traumatic brain injury, and more.

Consider the arc of progress this story represents: Resources the McIntyre family earned from the timber industry, invested in a scholarship for local students, passed forward to a young man hoping to perform research at the cutting edge of medicine.

It is a story of the foresight and generosity of the McIntyre family and a story of incredible achievement by one of our students. Many young people have the potential for high achievement and extraordinary contributions. This story should give us pride in our community’s past and inspiration and confidence in our future.





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FISCAL YEAR OVERVIEW (July - June 30)

Thanks to YOU! It has been another amazing year for SVC and our students! More than ever before you have helped us reach many new milestones. We have the most donors in our 39 year history! We are also very proud that SVC Foundation has recently earned the **GuideStar Platinum Nonprofit Seal of Transparency**. In addition, our \$3 million dollar **Removing Barriers Campaign** is nearing completion and is already touching the lives of students with vital funds for emergency needs, childcare vouchers, and opportunities for academic and workforce excellence that enrich learning experiences outside of the classroom.

Because of you, we are making dreams come true. Thank you!



Anne Clark

Anne Clark
VP of College Advancement
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$834,129
Pledges receivable	\$296,791
Advances due from Skagit Valley College	\$219,124
Investments	\$12,015,800
Property and equipment, net	\$1,660,968
Other assets	\$38,431
Total assets:	\$15,065,243

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$35,496
Advances due to Skagit Valley College	\$236,988
Life income annuities payable	\$77,700
Tenant security deposits and prepaid rent	\$43,500
Long-term debt, net	\$1,099,941
Total liabilities:	\$1,493,625

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted:

Board designated - Endowment	\$1,453,117
Board designated - Campus View Village	\$885,914
Board designated - Booster Club	\$73,704
Undesignated	\$608,492
Total unrestricted:	\$3,021,227

Temporarily restricted:

\$2,702,131

Permanently restricted:

\$7,848,260

Total net assets: \$13,571,618

Total liabilities and net assets \$15,065,243

OVER **\$328K**

in Scholarships awarded to over 200 students

OVER **\$373K**

to support vital College programs

OVER **\$48K**

in Exceptional Faculty & Teacher-Scholar Awards

OVER **\$11.5M**

in 124 Endowed Scholarship funds

Received

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in cash, pledges & in-kind gifts

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A Life of Service, an Enduring Legacy

What motivates someone to create a scholarship for students they might never meet? In the case of the *Bojan M. Kuure Nursing Scholarship*, the motivation was clear for Barbara Aguero who initiated the scholarship: personal admiration, professional respect, and community pride.



Bojan Kuure was born in 1942 in Finland, where she became a nurse. In the early 1970s, she emigrated to the United States and settled in Anacortes. She soon joined the Island Hospital nursing staff and began an inspiring career at the hospital and in medical service work around the world.

During more than 40 years as an operating room nurse and Surgical Director, she demonstrated devotion to her colleagues, her patients and her profession. Throughout her career, she continued to “scrub in” to the operating room and to answer night and weekend calls to assist with urgent surgeries.

Bojan’s seemingly endless capacity for serving others expressed itself in another extraordinary way beyond the borders of Anacortes. In 1988, she began volunteering with medical teams travelling to some of the world’s poorest areas to provide surgical service. Year after year she gave strangers in distant lands the gift of her expertise. In October, 2016, she completed her 100th trip!



The scholarship was awarded for the first time this year. The recipient, Guadalupe Ayala (left), is a sophomore in the SVC nursing program: “Pursuing higher education is something I could not have done without the generosity of others. I am so grateful to have received a scholarship dedicated to such an amazing nurse. Her dedication to nursing is inspiring and a great example of what can be achieved in a nursing career.”

In every aspect of her life, she had earned the deep regard of colleagues such as Barbara Aguero, who worked 32 years with Bojan: “It is hard to summarize everything she meant to those of us who worked with her. She was generous and positive, but also quite demanding when it came to the requirements of her profession. Bojan was so proud of nursing—especially surgical nursing. We decided a scholarship in her name for nursing students at Skagit Valley College would be a perfectly fitting honor.”

If you are interested in establishing a new scholarship, please contact the Foundation office at 360.416.7717.

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- 2% AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 4% ASIAN
- 65% CAUCASIAN/WHITE
- 21% HISPANIC
- 3% INTERNATIONAL
- 1% NATIVE AMERICAN
- 6% OTHER/MULTICULTURAL

May not add up to 100% because students might be counted in more than one ethnicity.

Enrollment By Intent

- 38% ACADEMIC TRANSFER 
- 40% WORKFORCE EDUCATION 
- 13% BASIC EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
- 9% DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

2016-17 Enrollment

9,729

ANNUAL HEAD COUNT

Average Class Size



\$4,675 Estimated annual cost of tuition and fees for a Washington resident

69% Degree seeking students who are first in their family to attend college

\$5.70 Overall return on each dollar invested in SVC students*

*Increased social savings and worker productivity - EMSI 2016

1,189 Students who care for dependents living with them (Fall 2016)

87% Students with significant need who apply for financial aid

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