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*The 50th anniversary  
of his journey to SVC*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Throughout our 84-year history, Skagit Valley College has been greatly enriched by people who have helped shape SVC as a center of learning excellence, where students learn locally and often give back globally. They are exceptional faculty who challenge us to look beyond the classroom. They are

students who overcome great obstacles to open the doors of higher education. And they are enthusiastic supporters who help make student dreams a reality with their quiet generosity.

So, in this edition of Currents, you will meet several of these remarkable men and women. Individually, each held a standard of excellence that served as a guiding force in their journey. Collectively, their accomplishments have blended to create a richness that has impacted this institution, inspiring others to follow.

As our cover story, we are delighted to reconnect with a special SVC graduate, whose legacy has remained vibrant for 50 years, our friend Legson Kayira. You may have read the story of this young man who, through sheer determination, embarked on a 2,500-mile, two-year walk across Africa so that he could attend SVC in 1960. In the pages that follow, you will have an opportunity to read an update from Legson, in his own words, including reminiscences about SVC and his life after graduation.

Truly, it is rewarding to observe how higher education shapes our lives and impacts our community, providing us with new friendships and a broader understanding of our world.

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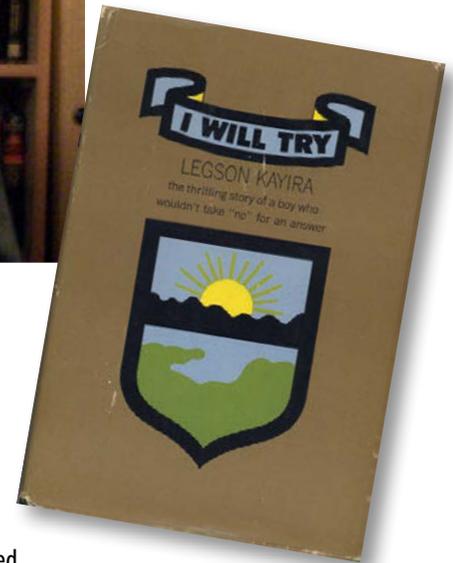
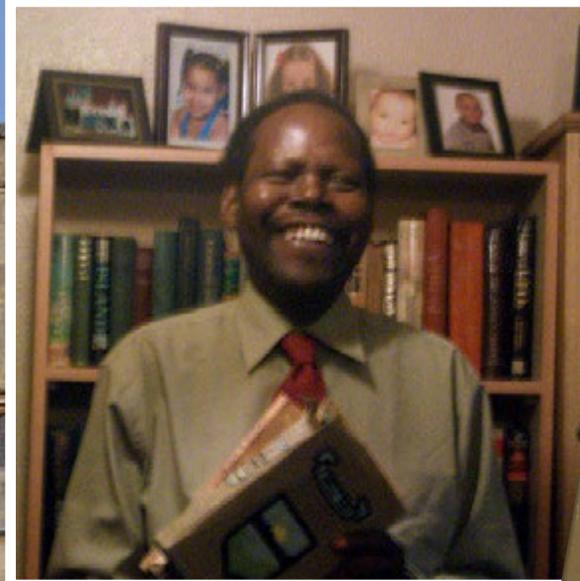


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# Legson Kayria



**Monday, Dec. 20, 2010**

Today marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one young man's extraordinary journey to reach Skagit Valley College after completing an incredible two-year, 2,500-mile walk across Africa. As chronicled in his autobiography, "I Will Try" (Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, NY 1965), Legson Kayria shares his story, simply and eloquently.

In those early years, Skagit Valley College was already poised and ready to make a global connection. So, thanks to the commitment and leadership of George Hodson, Dean of the College, the college would welcome Legson who would receive worldwide acclaim for such an achievement and who would leave an indelible mark on the life of this institution.

For those who became acquainted with him, the memories come back quickly and with great fondness. "I remember all of the flair when Legson came and we were all proud of what George Hodson had done," reflected Dr. James Ford who taught Biology at that time. "Hodson liked doing innovative things like this — it was his cup of tea."

And Jerry Jordheim, SVC's former Director and Associate Dean of Student Guidance who began International Programs in 1962, recalled Legson's impact on students: "Over the 20 years I worked with International students, I would receive a dozen letters each year asking about Legson. It would be wonderful to know how many individuals achieved success by his example."

Just like a gentle stream that begins its journey with one drop of water after a rainstorm, Legson Kayira's journey to Skagit Valley College began with just a single footstep. Without question, his determination has inspired others to greatness; his success has cultivated new seedlings; and his friendship has enriched a college and an entire community.

Trinity College Tower, Cambridge University, UK

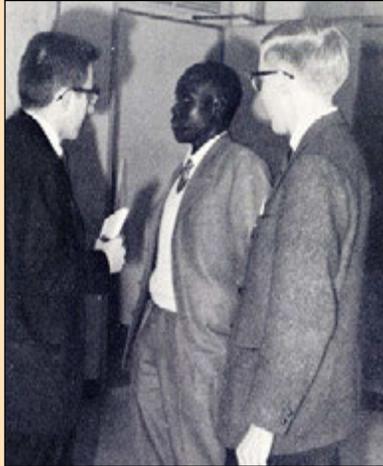
SVC  
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# Legson Kayira

## ARRIVES AT SVC



**"I have always had the fondest memories of SVC. Without it and the extraordinary generosity of the Skagit people and the rest of the USA, I wouldn't be where I am today."**



*A reporter interviews Legson Kayira upon his arrival from Africa, while Mr. Craig watches. (From the 1961 edition of the SVC Cascadian Annual)*



## The Welcoming Team



*After months of anticipation, the big day had arrived. The Welcoming Team, comprised of (l to r) George Hodson, Dean of the College, Louise Helmer, Advisor to Foreign Students, Kay Raymond, Counselor, and William Atwood, Host Family, drove to Seattle-Tacoma Airport to officially welcome SVC's newest Cardinal, Legson Kayira!*

## Enjoying Life, American Style



*While at SVC, Legson lived most of those two years with host family, William and Martha Atwood and their children. Legson fit right in on their Bay View farm, enjoying singing around the piano, helping to milk the cows, and enjoying Mrs. Atwood's home cooked meals. And, during his last two quarters, Legson had the opportunity to live with SVC physics instructor, Robert Green and his wife Jackie, along with their children.*

## In His Own Words

*by Legson Kayira*

After attending SVC, I went to the UW and graduated with a degree in Political Science. From there I attended Cambridge in England and got a degree in History. While in Cambridge, I married an English girl and we had four children - three girls and a boy. Incidentally, one of my daughters is herself a British Diplomat now serving abroad. I worked in London in Government Service for over 20 years until my health deteriorated rather rapidly. And badly. Two heart-attacks, two minor strokes and, more recently, an attack of stomach cancer which involved a major operation and from which I have recovered well.

As you know, I studied Political Science at SVC before moving to the UW to pursue the same subject. From there, I scaled the academic heights by going to Cambridge University (St. Catharine's College) where I read History. If I could do it, then anyone from SVC can do it as well. I must point out, though, that it is unique for an African from one of the world's poorest villages to end up at Cambridge - a sure sign that miracles can happen. Cambridge celebrated its 800th anniversary last year and I was invited to partake in the festivities for an entire weekend, staying in my



was to be my first wife. More interestingly, the two girls were born three days apart, one in Burlington and the other in Leicester, England. I first met Julie in 1961 when she was still a youngster. She and I went our separate ways but many years later, our paths crossed again and we got married here in London. A few years ago my college threw a party at the Houses of Parliament to which I was invited. Julie threatened me with divorce if I didn't take her along. I did, of course, and so I am still married to her.

I have spent the past five years writing a novel. I have five versions of it but I am not satisfied with any of them. The ending is the same. The problem is with the beginning. I will not be surprised if I eventually retain the first version as the final. In the meantime, and at my age (72 years now) I have decided to take on a new challenge in order to keep my mind functioning. I am about to enroll for a Master of Philosophy (M Phil) degree course with the Open University here. This is a unique departure from my modus operandi, because, whilst I am at home in either Political Science or History, my current understanding of Philosophy is quite simply negligible. I trust I will not have to argue with Plato or Aristotle, let alone Socrates.

My greetings and my thanks to everyone in Skagit.

*Legson Kayira*

college, which to my delight included a seven course dinner with each course accompanied by a different vintage wine, the whole lot ending with vintage port. Again, after each course, a gong was struck three times and a prayer was said. In Latin, as always.

As you probably know, I was exiled on political grounds from my homeland in 1967 and I haven't been there since, even though the exile expired in 1994 with the defeat of the president of Malawi, Hastings Banda, during the year of my mother's death. Twice in recent years I nearly returned home. On each occasion it was because, without my permission or collusion, I had been nominated as a Parliamentary candidate with the certainty of winning the seat. On both occasions, something unforeseen intervened - one of them being the discovery that I had cancer and needed to start treatment immediately.

Fourteen years ago, I married a girl from your neighbourhood— Burlington—who was born Julie Robertson. Interestingly, I knew her before I met the girl who



# Word Travels Fast

*Upon Legson's arrival at SVC in 1960, correspondence began pouring in from far and wide:*

- Bronx, NY
- Spokane, WA
- Homestead, FL
- Syracuse, NY
- Columbus, OH
- Bismarck, ND
- Olympia, WA
- Denver, CO
- Seattle, WA
- Fort Worth, TX
- Boulder, CO
- Pleasantville, NY
- New York, NY
- Marietta, GA
- Fremont, NE
- Cohoes, NY
- Kankakee, IL
- Norwich, VT
- White Spring, FL
- Glendive, MT
- West Hempstead, NY
- Abilene, TX
- Wallace, NE
- Portland, OR
- Muncie, IN
- Iola, KS
- La Jolla, CA
- Chapel Hill, TN
- Carrolton, GA
- Glendale, CA
- Akron, OH
- Burlington, WA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Mount Vernon, WA
- Bainbridge Island, WA
- Kansas City, MO
- Irving, IL
- Flourtown, PA
- Linthicum Heights, MD
- Tacoma, WA
- Steilacoom, WA
- Roseville, CA
- Upper Montclair, NJ
- Little Rock, AR
- Palo Alto, CA
- Sacramento, CA
- Lawton, OK
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Cincinnati, OH
- Lexington, KY
- Everett, WA
- Kew Gardens, NY
- New Haven, CT
- Roanoke, VA
- Palm Springs, CA
- Chicago, IL
- Buffalo, NY
- Coupeville, WA
- McAlister, OK
- Martinsburg, WV
- London, England
- Lynden, WA
- Spartansburg, SC
- Muleshoe, TX
- Washington, D.C.
- Wapato, WA
- Hollywood, FL
- Bellingham, WA
- Gustine, CA
- Odessa, TX
- Pavilion, NY
- Burbank, CA
- Inwood, IA
- Pawtucket, RI
- Waxahachie, TX
- Seoul, Korea
- Wooster, OH
- Girard, IL
- Birmingham, AL
- Vancouver, WA
- Spartanburg, SC
- Sioux City, IA
- Defiance, OH
- Montrose, CA
- Hinton, WV
- Baltimore, MD
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Mount Dora, FL
- New York, NY
- El Paso, TX
- Freeland, WA
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- Louisville, KY
- Kohler, WI
- Southport, CT
- Auriesville, NY
- Fruita, CO
- Yakima, WA
- Omak, WA
- Monroe, WA
- Wilmette, IL
- Memphis, TN
- Worcester, MA
- Kartoum, Sudan



Trip leader Ted Maloney with middle school students in Zhouqu, China.

# Experience China 2010

## Diplomacy from the Heart

### Report by Ted Maloney

SVC Faculty member, Paralegal and Political Science

Experience China launched in August 2010, with eight faculty and students from SVC touring China to learn about its culture and history, and to volunteer in relief efforts in the mudslide-stricken area of northwestern China. That experience has left an indelible mark on all of us.

Following our successful study/service tour of 2009 that took SVC faculty and students to help rebuild in the remote villages of Sichuan, China – hard hit by the 2008 earthquake – the 2010 team became the only group of foreigners allowed into Zhouqu (Gansu Province) to help with recovery from a massive mudslide that took more than 1,200 lives. Zhouqu (“JO-CHOO”) was prominent in world headlines in August after a mudslide ripped through the center of the city, from the mountains down to the river, cutting it in half.

During our stay in Zhouqu, only weeks after the disaster, we were housed at the relief command center in an army tent, erected over a layer of bricks. Eleven of us (our original eight plus two interpreters and a guest) and our sleeping bags and gear were squeezed into the tight quarters. Young Chinese university student

volunteers in the next tent escorted us the few blocks to the mudslide itself.

Wearing masks as a precaution against diseases, we were stunned at the magnitude of the devastation. Multi-story office and apartment buildings on the edge of the slide were filled with mud several floors up. Other destroyed buildings lay tossed at odd angles from the force of the slide. Members of our group were brought to tears over the grief of an elderly woman who related through

our interpreter her story of how the mudslide took her home and family.

During the time we were there, most of the relief workers had pulled out, and the remaining tasks were recovery and rebuilding. We helped remove bricks that were the “floors” of tents at a middle school playground that had served as a refugee center in the immediate aftermath of the slide. Students watched us from an upper floor classroom and, after a bit of coaxing, joined us in our work and



SVC team with student volunteers in path of Zhouqu mudslide, claiming more than 1,200 lives on August 8. Visitors had to wear masks due to disease risk.

## A Legacy Of Connecting Globally – Six Decades Of Reaching Out



*Fun with middle school students in Zhouqu – a welcome distraction from the recent tragedy.*



*SVC team with local foreign affairs officer (center) and Chinese university student volunteers, Zhouqu, China.*

a bit of play, posing for photos and sharing silly songs. It felt good to bring a moment of laughter to these children, many of whom had lost loved ones in the slide.

While our contributions to the recovery effort were limited by our short stay, we managed to sow seeds of help that are being harvested now, months after our visit. We received a donation of funds from a friend in Beijing that, with the help of the university student volunteers we met, was used to buy warm coats, shoes and other winter supplies for 212 children orphaned by the mudslide.

In addition to our service in Zhouqu, our 2010 team had the pleasure of delivering gifts and supplies to elementary school students at a rural village in the Tibetan grasslands, and a ping-pong table (donated by SVC staff) to a school for the children of migrant workers in Beijing. It was always great fun interacting with these kids and their teachers, who were so appreciative of our small offerings.

Our intrepid travelers experienced other amazing wonders of China – the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, and tasty Chinese cuisine. But it was these personal encounters with people in need, and with other like-minded Chinese who gave of themselves to help, that make us keenly aware that our common humanity and friendship bind us together more closely than any language, culture or politics can divide us.

- ♦ **1950s** Miss Louise Helmer serves as an early Advisor to Foreign Students.
- ♦ **1959** Students Margrit Wubbena (West Germany) and Vadhana Bejra-Kashen (Thailand) among the first International students to attend SVC.
- ♦ **1960** Legson Kayira (Malawi, formerly Nyasaland) walks 2,500 miles across Africa, over the course of two years, and arrives at Skagit Valley College and a welcoming delegation led by Dean George Hodson.
- ♦ **1962/1963** SVC officially organizes an official International Programs office led by Gerald Jordheim, Director and Associate Dean of Student Guidance.
- ♦ **1976** Nicolaos Paslidis (Greece) attends SVC and excels with 30+ credits per quarter, straight As, and earns the Charles Lewis Award, on his way to medical school.
- ♦ **1980s** Dr. James Ford, President, visits China, Japan, Hong Kong, Denmark, Sweden, France, and Novosibirsk, Russia to expand SVC's international relationships.
- ♦ **1980s** An Anacortes refinery brings a group of students from Saudi Arabia to the Mount Vernon Campus where they learned skills applicable in the oil refining business.
- ♦ **1989** SVC begins its faculty exchange program with Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) in China, with Lu Zhaosong serving as BFSU's first professor to teach here.
- ♦ **1990s** Dr. Lydia Ledesma-Reese, President, travels to China, Japan, and Jalisco, Mexico on behalf of SVC International Programs.
- ♦ **2005** Dr. Gary Tollefson, President, leads a delegation of Mount Vernon community members to Beijing where he formally signed an extension of SVC's exchange agreement with BFSU. Community members on the trip were Tom Moser, SVC Trustee, Don Wick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, and Rick Epting, former BFSU exchange instructor and SVC faculty member.
- ♦ **2006** Business Management instructor Marie Johnson and then-Director of International Programs Visakan Ganeson visit BFSU and other cities in China.
- ♦ **2007** Dr. Gary Tollefson, President, joins Governor Chris Gregoire's trade mission to Mexico where the delegation learned about a desire for a marine technology program as well as the need for ESL teacher trainers.
- ♦ **2007** Dr. Allan Goodman, President and CEO of the Institute of International Education, serves as the keynote speaker at SVC's International Week, a series of events designed to promote global awareness and enhance cultural and learning opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and the community.
- ♦ **2009** Five Egyptian students attend SVC for a special 10-month program, part of a Department of State study abroad program.
- ♦ **2009** Under the direction of Dr. Diane Johnson, the SVC Choir travels to Austria to perform.
- ♦ **2007, 2009** French instructor, and former SVC International student, Monique Luiten-Halter leads her language students on a two-week cultural education tour of Paris, France and the French-speaking cities of Brugge, Belgium and Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ♦ **2009** SVC expands International Week into a month-long series, GlobalFest.
- ♦ **2009** Ted Maloney, SVC faculty member, Paralegal and Political Science, leads a group of faculty, staff, and students to China for SVC's first international service learning project, Experience China.
- ♦ **2008, 2010** Whidbey Island Campus faculty members Leslie Lukasik, Mary Darden, Doris Dunn, and Dana Stone visit Chile, connecting Chilean faculty and students with SVC faculty and students on a variety of online assignments and communications.
- ♦ **2010** Rick Steves, noted author and travel expert, serves as the keynote speaker for GlobalFest 2010.
- ♦ **2010** Ted Maloney leads a second Experience China service learning trip to China. The team includes SVC students, Cynthia Scaringe (Nursing), and Dr. Claus Svendsen (Environmental Conservation), and Suzanne Butler (community member). The team tours China to learn about its culture and history and to volunteer in relief efforts in the mudslide-stricken area of northwestern China.
- ♦ **2011** Nobel Peace Prize 2010 nominee, best-selling author, and humanitarian Greg Mortenson will be the keynote speaker at GlobalFest in January.

# Another Cambridge *Connection*



*"My advice to prospective students is: if you want something, go get it. Even if people tell you it isn't possible."*

## Meet SVC Graduate Corina Logan



*"I was always interested in nature and animals, but I never realized that one could make a living as a researcher until I took Biology 101 at Skagit Valley College. I was in Brett Wallden's class and he assigned a research paper and introduced me to this career. I am forever grateful because it is exactly what I always wanted to do!"*

## Life After SVC

by Corina Logan

Aside from discovering that I could be a research biologist during my time at SVC, I most appreciated my time with Andy Friedlander, Chuck Luckmann, and Larry Sult. I use my acting (Andy) and English (Chuck) skills on a daily basis since I am always presenting my research to a diverse range of audiences, networking with other professionals, and writing publications for scientific journals. Larry influenced me in the sense of having a very grassroots international attitude: he emphasizes that every political issue has many sides and one can only gain other perspectives by seeking out and hearing alternate views. Cambridge is such an international place that I end up learning about other cultures and political matters through conversations with my friends who come from all over the planet. I find this an extremely interesting way to learn about the world.

Currently, I am a PhD student and Gates Scholar at the University of Cambridge. I study what corvids (birds in the crow family) do after they fight: do they make up with their former opponent or go to a third-party for some snuggles? A 'day in the life of a corvid researcher at Cambridge' involves cycling or taking the bus to a nearby village where I observe the birds in large outdoor aviaries. I supervise undergraduate students who help me collect data and I watch my birds for hundreds of hours every year. Then I spend hundreds more hours analyzing my data and learning about statistics so I make sure I do the correct analysis.

I'm applying for postdoctoral fellowships right now. I'm interested in continuing my comparative research in birds, only now I want to move back to the tropics to examine physical and social cognition in species with a range of brain sizes. Eventually, I would like to end up at the University of Washington because I enjoy being based in Seattle. The more I travel, the more I appreciate the Pacific Northwest. We have such an amazing diversity of ecosystems and outdoor

activities as well as a friendly, open culture and delicious vegan food.

My advice to prospective students is: if you want something, go get it. Even if people tell you it isn't possible (people certainly told me I couldn't do most of what I do now). No one knows what anyone else is capable of, so be your own judge. That doesn't mean it won't take work - you may need to gain skills or experience - but it is definitely within your reach. Don't worry about your educational background. I was homeschooled when it first became legal in Washington. Some people didn't think I would ever be able to go to college because of my outside-the-box background. In fact, being homeschooled and going to Skagit Valley College and The Evergreen State College were the best forms of preparation I could have had for conducting a PhD at Cambridge. There is an independent style of learning here: they basically throw open all of the doors you could ever want to open and say, 'Go ahead and walk through and see how far you can go.' It requires independence, the ability to find the resources you need, and the internal motivation to keep going.

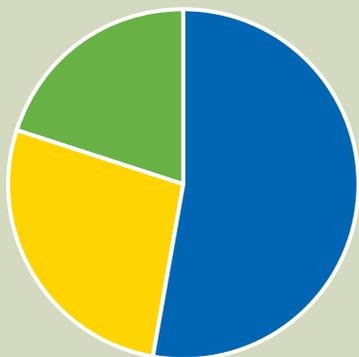
# Accountability Report 2009-2010

## FINANCIAL DATA

### SOURCES OF FUNDING

State Funds	53%
Student Tuition	27%
Locally Generated Revenue	20%

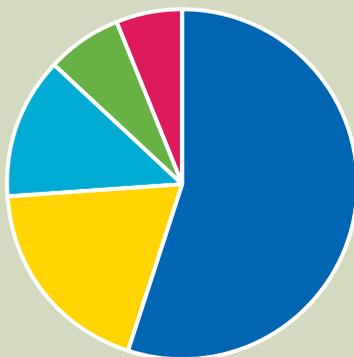
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### COLLEGE BUDGET

Operating Expenditures	55%
Student Aid	19%
Grants & Contracts	13%
Capital Projects	7%
Business Enterprises	6%

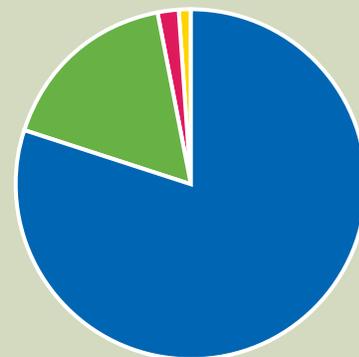
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### OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Salary & Benefits for Teaching and Support	80%
Goods & Services	17%
Equipment	2%
Travel	1%

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## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS for all students enrolled for credit in Spring 2010

### AGE & GENDER

The average age for students enrolled at SVC for credit at the college is 31. The majority of SVC students are female (59%), and the average age for females is 32. In contrast, the average age for male students is 30.

Female	59%
Male	41%

### ATTENDANCE

Part-Time	58%
Full-Time	42%

### ETHNIC DIVERSITY

	Number	Percent
White	4,760	72%
Asian/Pac Islander	275	4%
Hispanic	1,027	16%
Black/ African American	115	2%
Amer Indian/ Alaska Native	81	1%
Other/Unknown	125	2%
International	167	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PROGRAM GOALS OF STUDENTS

	Number	Percent
University/College Transfer	2,612	40%
Workforce Training	2,448	38%
Basic Skills	721	11%
Apprentice	276	4%
Home & Family	270	4%
Non-Degree	223	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2009-10 SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

In 2009-10 the SVC Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to SVC Students; \$14.5 million in Financial Aid was distributed to 1,975 students.

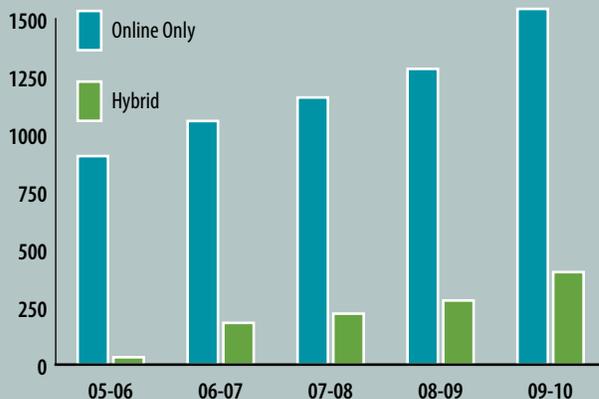
### 2009-10 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES AWARDED

The college awarded 498 degrees, 458 certificates, and 30 high school diplomas.

### eLEARNING

#### Annualized FTEs – All Funds

Over the past five years, the college has significantly increased the number of "hybrid" courses, that is, courses that substitute some part of the ground instruction with online instruction. This results in fewer commute days for many students and provides a viable means for continuing instruction in the event of an emergency.





2010 SVC Hall of Fame inductee Wallie Funk (left) and SVC Foundation Board Member Jeff Pleet (right) celebrate a successful \$50,000 Marine Maintenance Technology Scholarship Fundraising Campaign during the October opening event for the Northwest Career & Technical Academy's Marine Technology Center in Anacortes.

## Marine Tech Students Receive Big Boost in Scholarship Support

Skagit Valley College Marine Maintenance Technology students will receive a big boost in scholarship support beginning in the 2011-2012 school year thanks to generous donations from community and industry supporters. This successful scholarship campaign received tremendous fundraising support from Wallie Funk, a loyal SVC Foundation volunteer who spent countless hours on the telephone raising funds for Marine Maintenance Technology students. Funk's initial goal was to raise \$5,000 to help support the \$20,000 scholarship campaign goal. To date, he has raised over \$50,000 for scholarship support from 150 generous donors!

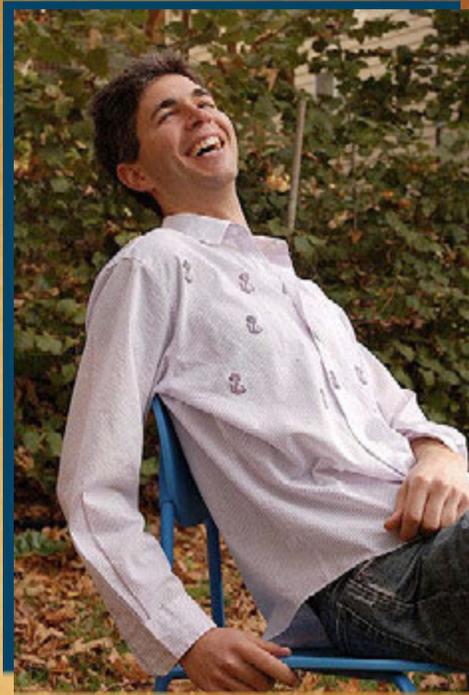
The SVC Marine Maintenance Technology Program relocated this year from Oak Harbor to the beautiful new Northwest Career & Technical Academy's Marine Technology Center in Anacortes. The program is a member of the Marine League of Schools and is one of only five schools in the United States to offer the top-rated American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) certified training.

Skagit Valley College Foundation is extremely grateful for Wallie Funk's steadfast commitment to education! Thank you donors for your amazing generosity in helping make dreams become a reality for many deserving SVC Marine Maintenance Technology students!

*The Skagit Valley College Foundation relies on dedicated volunteers like Wallie Funk to help raise funds in local communities for SVC students and educational programs. For more information on how you can help support students and educational programs, call the SVC Foundation at 360.416.7717 or email [foundation@skagit.edu](mailto:foundation@skagit.edu).*



SVC Foundation donor Raymond Perrigoue and SVC President Dr. Gary Tollefson at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy's Marine Technology Center Open House event in October.



Dr. Yoram Bauman performs at comedy clubs, colleges, and corporate events around the world as "the world's first and only stand-up economist". He is co-author of *The Cartoon Introduction to Economics* and the organizer of the humor session at the American Economic Association annual meeting. Dr. Bauman has also appeared in TIME Magazine, on PBS and NPR, and on YouTube, where his videos have over 700,000 viewings.

## SVC Foundation Fundraisers Attract 70 New Donors

Skagit Valley College Foundation's fundraising breakfast and lunch events were quite successful thanks to generous donors and event sponsor Karl's Paints & Art Supplies (owners Dale & Susan Ragan). SVC Foundation extends a special "thank you" to guest speaker Dr. Yoram Bauman, the world's first and only stand-up economist, who graciously donated his speaking engagement fees at the end of the day and half of his event book sale profits to the SVC Foundation. (Bauman is co-author of *The Cartoon Introduction to Economics*.)

Guests enjoyed Bauman's humorous approach to economics while helping support Skagit Valley College students. The SVC Mount Vernon breakfast attracted 190 guests and raised \$15,400. The fundraising lunch at Whidbey Island Golf & Country Club attracted 90 guests and raised \$5,055. These two events attracted 70 new SVC Foundation donors. Thank you donors for your commitment to Skagit Valley College students!

The SVC Foundation would also like to thank the following table captains for their time and support:

<b>Jim Anderson</b>	<b>Elna Iversen</b>	<b>Kelli Tolf</b>
<b>Jacque Beamer</b>	<b>Don Keltz</b>	<b>Gary Tollefson</b>
<b>Kate Bennett</b>	<b>Frank Krook</b>	<b>Megan Bray Wise</b>
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### Balance Sheet – June 30, 2010

#### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$431,074
Investments	\$6,846,070
Receivables	\$28,707
Prepaid insurance	\$1,455
Property & equipment, net	\$1,929,387
Collections held for investment	\$4,584
Deferred bond issue costs, net	\$46,730
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,288,007</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$19,539
Accrued interest	\$20,546
Tenant deposits and prepaid rent	\$58,234
Long-term debt	\$2,174,181
Life income annuities payable	\$69,640
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,342,140</b>

#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$397,640
Temporary restricted	\$493,623
Permanently restricted	\$6,054,604
Total Net Assets	\$6,945,867
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$9,288,007</b>

#### SVC Foundation Highlights

(From 07/01/10 - 12/23/10)

##### Gifts

Largest Single Gifts	
<i>Nursing Endowment</i>	\$50,000
<i>Bequest Gift</i>	\$80,000
<b>Total Cash &amp; In-Kind Gifts</b>	<b>\$320,927.69</b>

##### Donors

New Donors	193
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>396</b>

### Save the Dates!

**Friday, May 13, 2011**

**23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL JAMES M. FORD**

**GOLF CLASSIC** at Avalon Golf Links.

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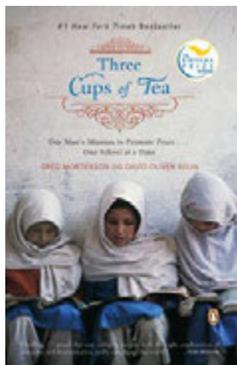
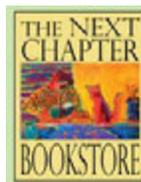
**GOLF CLASSIC** at the Whidbey Golf & Country Club.

## Local Sponsors Help Bring Greg Mortenson to Skagit Valley College



The Skagit Valley College Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors for helping bring Greg Mortenson, best-selling author and well-known humanitarian, to Skagit Valley College on January 27, 2011 at a sold-out GlobalFest Kick-Off event.

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Greg Mortenson is co-founder and executive director of the non-profit Central Asia Institute. Since a 1993 climb on Pakistan's K2, he has dedicated his life to promote community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mortenson is also founder of "Pennies For Peace" and co-author of the #1 New York Times best-seller, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, which has sold over 3.5 million copies and published in 39 countries. He is author of the new bestseller *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan*. Mortenson is a military veteran and, when not overseas, lives in Montana with his two children and wife, Dr. Tara Bishop.

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