

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM
BOARD PRESIDENT AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The 2023/24 year was a celebratory one. From breaking ground on the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center to completing student housing, we gathered to share in the collective successes of these community-wide achievements.

Our footprint at the College is ever-increasing as we harness the caring power of the community to reach more students in need of financial support. This year, we bolstered our support for the College's Career Education and Workforce Development programs by providing scholarships for the Welding and Machine Tool Programs, the Hospitality Culinary Tourism Management Program, the Viticulture Winery Technology Program, and ongoing funds to support the replanting of the Teaching Vineyard. We broke ground on the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center, awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships, welcomed new board members, and celebrated the legacy of important donors such as Warren Winiarski, who have made a lasting impact on our community.

At the core of our mission is the belief that access to education is a fundamental right that everyone should enjoy. As a Foundation, we work with the College and the community to provide programs that meet students where they are, whether through support for housing and basic needs, scholarships, vocational and career education training, or world-class facilities in Napa's fastest-growing industry.

We share these accomplishments with you on the following pages. Our mission is only possible thanks to the many donors and community partners who make our work possible.

With gratitude,

Jessica Thomason
NVC Foundation, Executive Director

Malcolm de Sieyes
NVC Foundation, Board President

WHO WE ARE

Our Mission is to provide every Napa Valley College student with access to the resources they need for an exceptional educational experience.

OUR VISION

is for every Napa Valley College student to have access to an exceptional, relevant, and affordable educational experience.



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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Todd Zapolski



Todd has nearly 40 years' experience in real estate investment and development. In 1998 he co-founded Zapolski + Rudd, LLC. Under Z+R, he built a bi-coastal operation in North Carolina and California with a value in excess of a half a billion dollars. From 1991 through 1998 Todd served as Executive Vice President of Durham, NC based Mark Properties, Inc. In that capacity he directed the acquisitions and invested in undervalued commercial properties.

Todd has served in leadership capacities in many non-profit community and industry organizations. Currently he serves on the Board of OLE Health Foundation, Chair of the Board of national Don't Ever Give Up, a support organization to the V Foundation for Cancer Research, and a board member of V Foundation Wine Celebration. He is a past two term Chair of the Board of the Durham based Genesis Home family shelter. Todd is a 1980 graduate of Duke University.

Ryan Brennan



Ryan Brennan, Managing Director at Advantage Capital, focuses on fostering access to capital and economic development in underserved communities. He leads the firm's fundraising team and initiatives to develop internal talent. As former Chief Operating Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), he implemented the Impact Quotient (IQ) to measure and improve project impact globally. Ryan serves on the Community Board of Providence Queen of the Valley Hospital, the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors and its Investment Committee, and the Napa Little League Board. He is also the former Board President of the Boys and Girls Club of Napa Valley. Ryan holds an MBA from the Wharton School and a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Truman State University.



OUR IMPACT

We provide support when state funds are not enough to meet all our students' needs. We harness the power of community giving to ensure that no student is denied an education due to a lack of resources.

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\$19,500,000

FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

\$12,5000,000

PLEDGED FOR WINE EDUCATION

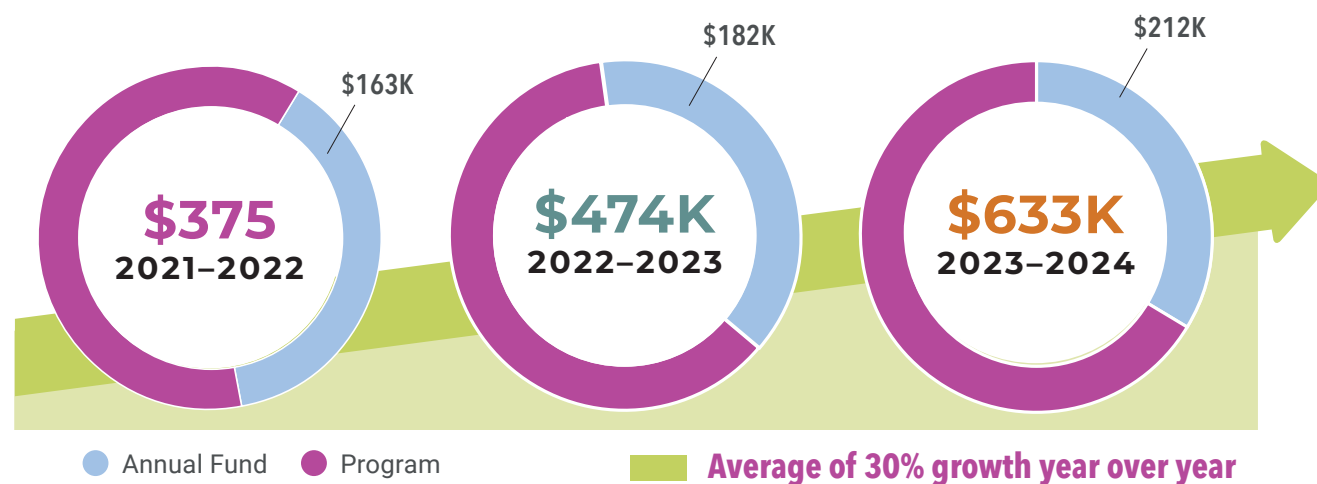
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$281,602+

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

D O N A T I O N S



WHO WE SERVE

Career Education & Workforce Development Programs:



Darioush Khaledi visiting students in the teaching vineyard.

\$100K Pledged for the **Darioush Teaching Vineyard** to provide hands on learning for students in the **Viticulture Program**.

\$17,000 for students in **Machine Tool & Welding**

\$32,875 for 25 students in the **Viticulture Winery Technology Program**

\$16,250 for 25 students in the **Hospitality Culinary Tourism Management Program**

Student Housing: **\$32,000** for rent subsidies for foster youth who are currently or formerly homeless.



OUR STUDENTS: Fall 2023 NVC Credit Students:

67.2%
attended classes
part-time

56.5%
were female

23.6%
first in their families
to attend college

48%
were Latinx

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart



FOUNDATION EVENTS

STORM CUP 23

On August 19, 2023, the NVC Foundation and Napa Valley College hosted the inaugural Storm Cup Golf Tournament at Napa Valley Country Club to raise funds for affordable student housing at River Trail Village.



Carl Servais, Dwayne Almeida, Dr. Torence Powell, Doug Marriott, David Delasantos.



Stephen Siri and members of the NVC Golf Team.

HUGH JOHNSON EVENT WITH KAREN MACNEIL A CONVERSATION AMONG FRIENDS



On October 16th, 2023, world-renowned wine writers Hugh Johnson and Karen Mac-Neil graced the stage of the Performing Arts Center for a “Conversation Among Friends.” The guided discussion was the last appearance in America for Hugh Johnson, author of several of the most preeminent texts in the field such as The Pocket Wine Guide, The Story of Wine, and On California.

HOLIDAY PARTY

November 30, 2023, the Foundation hosted nearly 100 donors and guests at the Napa Valley Country Club for the annual holiday party, a well-loved tradition to celebrate the season and show gratitude to donors and community partners.



AAUW Scholarship donors, Jeff Dodd Foundation Board Members and NVC Trustee, Councilmember Mary Luros.



NVC Foundation Board Members: Malcolm de Sieyes, Bruce Ketron, Carol Cartwright, Lachlan Reed, Penny Pawl, Ginny Humphrey, Jeff Dodd, and Executive Director Jessica Thomason.

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF AT THE HOME OF KAREN & JEFF FONTANELLA

On April 25, 2023, Karen & Jeff Fontanella hosted vintners, winery partners, Foundation board members and faculty at their beautiful home on the property of Fontanella Family Vineyards, as we celebrated the kick-off for the Campaign for Napa Valley: A Wine & Hospitality Training Center.



Dariosh Khaledi, Karen Fontanella



Malcolm de Sieyes, Karen Fontanella, Jeff Fontanella, Choolwe Kalulu, John Caldwell, Jessica Thomason, and Michael Baldacci.



Wine program and hospitality leadership, Theodor Faraud, Chef Elena Sirignano, and Oscar Navarro.

Guests enjoyed Fontanella and Baldacci wines and heard from faculty, students, Dr. Powell and Foundation board members about plans for Phase II of the Wine Education Complex project, which will include new training space for the College’s wine marketing and hospitality programs.



Karen Fontanella, Oscar Navarro, Paul Wagner, Dr. Torence Powell



Robin Baggett, Monica Stevens, Choolwe Kalulu, Todd Zapolski, Andy Erickson, and Jay Cheun.

GROUNDBREAKING OF THE WINE SPECTATOR WINE EDUCATION CENTER

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center took place on the morning of May 17th, at the future site of the Wine Education Complex, which will include new teaching facilities for the Viticulture and Winery Technology

(VWT) program. Over 200 guests gathered to celebrate the start of construction of Phase I, The Wine Spectator Wine Education Center, generously funded by a \$10 million lead gift from the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation.



Doug Marriott, Mel Mannion Wine Spectator Senior Advisor to the Chairman, Jessica Thomason, Malcolm de Sieyes, Scott Sedgley Napa Mayor, Dr. Torence Powell, Paul Gospodarczyk, Tracy Krumpen District Director for Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Alex Pader Senior Field Representative for CA Senator Bill Dodd, and Oscar Navarro.



Michael Baldacci, NVC Foundation Board Member, Capital Campaign Chair



Mel Mannion accepting on behalf of Marvin Shanken and the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation a hard hat from Jessica Thomason, NVC Foundation Executive Director, and State Certificate of Merit from Tracy Krumpen, District Director (District 4), and Senior Field Representative Alex Pader (District 3).



Lona Hardy, member of the NVC Foundation Board, presented with an honorary hard hat in memory of her late husband, Bill Hardy, who served as the former President of the NVC Foundation Board.



Dr. Torence Powell addressing the crowd.

GROUNDBREAKING LUNCHEON

Following the Groundbreaking Ceremony, the Foundation and College hosted donors and partners for a celebratory luncheon in the Paul Ash Lobby of the Performing Arts Center. The occasion included toasts by NVC President

Dr. Torence Powell, Foundation Executive Director Jessica Thomason, NVC Board of Trustee President Kyle Iverson, Foundation Board Member & Capital Campaign Chair Michael Baldacci and long-time VWT supporter, John Trefethen.



Malcolm de Sieyes, NVC Foundation Board President, Dr. Torence Powell, NVC President and Superintendent, Kyle Iverson, NVC Board of Trustee President.



John Trefethen and Dr. Torence Powell



Donna Altes, NVC Foundation Board Member



MaryAnn Worobiec and Mel Mannion, *Wine Spectator*



Karl Knight, Todd Zapolski, NVC Foundation Board Member



Jeri Hansen, Jackie Lou Raquidan, Matthew Martin, Redwood Credit Union



PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE

Our spring 2023 President’s Circle Event took place on April 10th and included a breakfast reception in the Performing Arts Center, followed by a private hard hat tour of River Trail Village with Dr. Torence Powell. President’s Circle donors and friends received updates from Dr. Powell and got a sneak peek into some of the exciting initiatives planned for the new student housing project, which opened August 2023.

We invite you to join us for the 2024-2025 membership year, which includes exclusive access to special events with NVC President, Dr. Torence Powell.

For more information or to secure your membership, please contact **Sara Berman**, Annual Giving Manager sara.berman@napavalley.edu.



Dr Powell at Karen Fontanella event.



President’s Circle members touring student housing under construction.



Barbara and Warren Winiarski

IN HONOR OF WARREN WINIARSKI

The philanthropic spirit of Napa Valley was exemplified by Warren Winiarski, who passed away on June 7, 2024.

Warren was a passionate advocate for education and cultural preservation, consistently supporting initiatives that fostered knowledge and appreciation for the wine industry and beyond. Warren and his wife Barbara were lifelong learners who recognized education as a means to elevate one’s life, both professionally and personally. Over the years, Warren and Barbara gave generously to the Napa Valley College Foundation. Their contributions have enabled the Foundation to expand the Annual Fund, which supports student scholarships, offers financial assistance for essential student needs, and facilitates campus improvements.



Dr. Powell and Warren Winiarski

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SCHOLARSHIPS

“Higher education is important – when aligned with authentic, mindful goals, Use it to create a better life not only for yourself but those around you, because more rewarding than seeing yourself grow, is sharing that feeling among a crowd.”



Agatha Ramos Maher, Napa Valley College graduate class of 2024 and scholarship recipient



SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

On May 22nd we hosted the Scholarship Awards Ceremony in the Performing Arts Center. This well-loved event was attended by recipients, their families, Foundation donors and friends. A reception included pizza, Napa Valley College Estate Wines and cookies from Busy Bee's Bakery.

MCPHERSON AWARD CEREMONY

In honor of Napa Valley College Founding President, Dr. Harry McPherson, over the past three and a half decades we have had the honor of celebrating more than seventy teachers for their excellence in education. This year on May 2nd we celebrated Antonio Castro, professor of Physics and Engineering, who was awarded the McPherson Distinguished Teaching Award. Our format for this year included the first ever “ED Talk,” where we not only celebrated Antonio, but also heard from him directly as he provided a lecture on the topic of “Pay Forward Teaching.” Congratulations to Antonio and all the teachers who have received this distinguished award.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarships directly provide for student needs and are the College's most vital philanthropic tradition. The generosity of Napa Valley College alumni and friends have enabled us to grow a scholarship program that has benefited generations of Napa Valley College students.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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