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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Each year, as we reflect on the work of the Napa Valley College Foundation, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the students who persevere and thrive, for the donors who believe in them, and for the community that stands beside us. This year was no exception, and in many ways, it was truly exceptional.

In 2024-25, the Foundation stepped up in extraordinary ways to directly support students' most basic needs. We awarded \$150,000 in housing and basic needs grants, 54 awards in all, helping students afford to live in River Trail Village and stay on track toward their goals. Reading student scholarship applications and hearing their personal stories continues to be one of the most moving and inspiring parts of our work. There is nothing quite like watching a student walk across the stage, shaking hands with donors, radiating pride and accomplishment, surrounded by their friends and family members. These moments remind us exactly why we do what we do.

This was also a year of hard hats and construction tours of turning bold plans into brick-and-mortar progress. We've watched Phase I of the Wine Spectator Education Center rise from the ground, fueled entirely by philanthropic support. Thanks to the generosity of the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation and many others, this two-phase project 100% funded through private donations, is a milestone not just for the College and Foundation, but for our entire region. Phase I opens for classes in Fall 2025, while simultaneously breaking ground on Phase II, which is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2026.

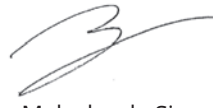
Even as we celebrate these milestones, we're looking ahead. From developing a women's leadership program to expanding community partnerships and building our next strategic plan, we are energized by what's to come. We're grateful to work closely with Dr. Powell, the College leadership team, and all of you as we continue to grow our impact.

The pages ahead highlight the stories and people that fuel our mission. We hope you feel the same inspiration we do.

In gratitude,



Jessica Thomason
NVC Foundation, Executive Director



Malcolm de Sieyes
NVC Foundation, Board President



OUR MISSION & BOARD

OUR MISSION

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

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Karl Knight



Karl Knight is Managing Partner of two Napa-based, engineering-driven companies. Bottle Systems, LLC provides specialized services to the wine industry, focused on re-work and re-branding solutions. Precision Engineering & Research, LLC (PEAR) manufactures miniature components from steel super-alloys for the semiconductor sector using advanced compound and progressive stamping DIES.

Karl Knight is Managing Partner of two Napa-based, engineering-driven companies. Bottle Systems, LLC provides specialized services to the wine industry, focused on re-work and re-branding

Karl began his career on Wall Street with DLJ and Credit Suisse First Boston, leading financing and merger transactions across the banking, insurance, industrial, internet infrastructure, and real estate sectors. His work took him to London, New York, and San Francisco. For the past 15 years, he has founded and co-founded several ventures in renewable energy and technology services.

He holds an undergraduate degree in Banking & Finance from the University of Wales and an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business.

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.

FY 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

\$21,600,000

FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

\$1,500,000

PLEDGED FOR HOSPITALITY TRAINING CENTER

\$61,572

FOR CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

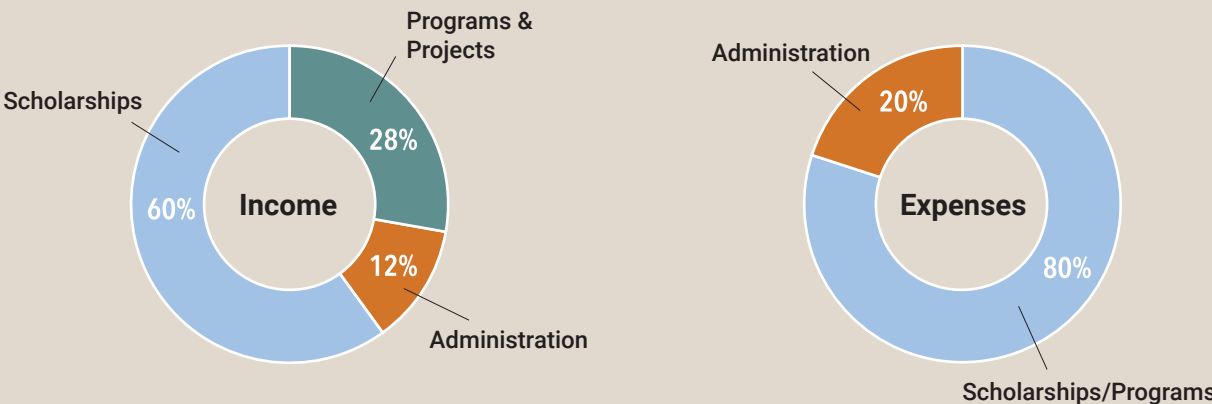
180 Scholarships Awarded

193 Scholarship Recipients

\$332,000

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

FY 2024-25 INCOME & EXPENSES



WHO WE SERVE

CAREER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:



\$19,722 for **Welding and Machine Tool Students & Supplies**

\$35,000 for **students in the Viticulture Winery Technology Program**

\$40,000 for **hands-on learning experiences in the teaching vineyard**

Students receive welding and machine tool training thanks to the Bresciani Industrial Technology Scholarship Fund.

OUR STUDENTS



Fall 2024 NVC Credit Students:

41%

Socio-economically disadvantaged

29%

First-generation college students

72%

Experience food insecurity

8%

Living with a disability

49%

Latinx

REDWOOD CREDIT UNION

A Shared Commitment to Community and Opportunity

Redwood Credit Union (RCU) became a philanthropic partner of the Napa Valley College Foundation with a clear purpose: to create lasting, meaningful impact in the communities it serves.

RCU's core purpose is to inspire hope and elevate the financial well-being of communities, through good times and bad. That purpose is strengthened through community partnerships like the one with the NVC Foundation.



“By investing in the Napa Valley College Foundation, we’re investing in the future of our community. Students at Napa Valley College are building their networks and gaining skills they need to establish meaningful careers and pursue their dreams. This is what creates a more connected and resilient community.” — Matt Martin, SVP Community & Government Relations

For RCU, supporting education and workforce development is a powerful way to promote long-term community stability.

“Education and financial wellness go hand in hand with positive social impact,” Martin said. “Whether students are pursuing higher education, technical training, or entrepreneurship, a strong foundation in financial literacy ensures the stability of individuals, families, and communities.

One example of that impact is the 2025 Napa Valley College Career Fair, proudly sponsored by the Redwood Credit Union Community Fund, a nonprofit organization established by the credit union in 2015. The event was the most successful to date, with over 120 local employers and hundreds of students in attendance.

“The energy and excitement at this year’s Career Fair were palpable and we were honored to be part of it,” Martin said. “At RCU we believe that for meaningful change to occur, everyone must have equitable opportunities and access to resources. By partnering with the Napa Valley College Foundation, we are creating a brighter and more inclusive future.”



Spring 2025 Career Fair



JIM & MARIA T. CAMERON

Investing in Education, Equity, and the Future of Napa Valley

Jim and Maria T. Cameron’s support of the Napa Valley College Foundation is rooted in a deep commitment to accessibility, diversity, and career advancement within the wine and hospitality sectors.

By supporting the Wine Education Complex and establishing a new scholarship for hospitality students, the Cameron’s are focused on education’s transformative power. “We celebrate the power of education and its ability to transform lives by providing financial assistance to others who choose these professions,” they shared.

Their alignment with Napa Valley College runs deep. “We share the NVC values: Integrity, Accountability, Respect, Inclusion, Equity-mindedness, Social Justice, and Sustainability—cultural qualities that, from our perspective, have suffered steady erosion over the past few decades.”



Through their gift, the Cameron’s hope to contribute to a stronger, more inclusive region. “Public colleges exist to advance the public good. By supporting Napa Valley College and its students, our objective is to contribute to a vibrant, prosperous, and equitable Napa Valley, where all members could have the opportunity to thrive and contribute to the community’s success.”



Rather than a single defining moment, the Cameron’s describe their giving as the product of thoughtful reflection. *“It was more about finding clarity in our purpose and allowing that clarity to fuel our determination,” they said. “It is our hope that establishing the scholarship and bequeathing our estate to NVC students and the NVCF will favorably impact both the present and future potential of Napa Valley College students.”*

With over 60 years of combined experience in the hospitality profession, Jim and Maria believe deeply in the importance of supporting students in these fields. “Investing in hospitality and wine education is an investment in the future of industry and the broader community.” Their message to others considering a philanthropic gift is simple and powerful:

“Education facilitates potential. Financial gifts, large or small, collectively can create a better future for your children, community, and local economy. It’s a worthy legacy.”

STUDENT STORIES



“Knowing that someone sees me—my successes, my struggles—and is willing to help means everything. The Foundation’s support lifted a heavy burden.” -Ashley Hall

ASHLEY HALL

Major: Sociology, Social Work & Human Services (Addiction Studies Focus) |
Expected Graduation: May 2026 | GPA: 4.0

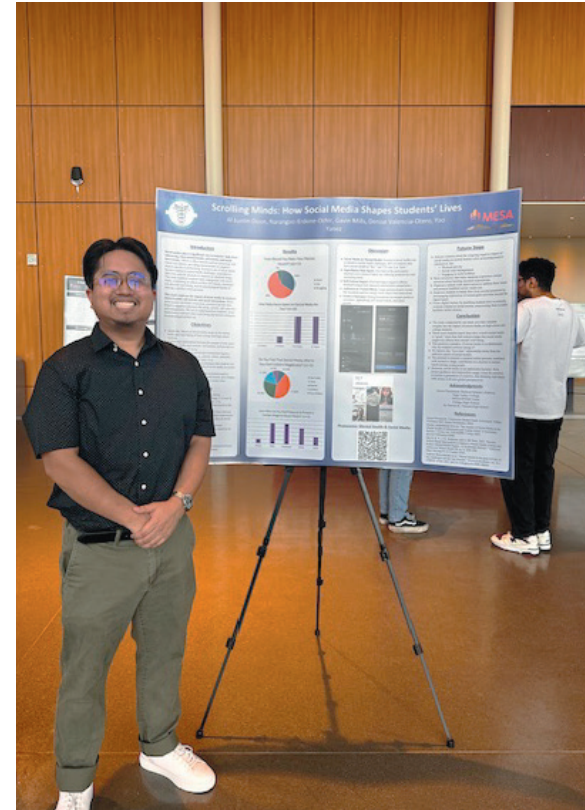
Ashley Hall’s journey back to education is rooted in extraordinary resilience. A mother of four, Ashley returned to college after years of full-time work and recovery from addiction. She entered the workforce straight out of high school, juggling early motherhood, employment, and online coursework. A traumatic divorce and postpartum depression led to a struggle with addiction, during which she lost custody of her youngest child. But Ashley’s story did not end there—through outpatient treatment, she achieved sobriety and reunited with her child after 14 months.

On campus, Ashley is a powerful presence. She serves as President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and as Senator-at-Large for ASNVC in Student Government, where she channels her passion for creating community and helping others find support.

Scholarships have played a vital role in Ashley’s success. The financial support covered essential expenses like textbooks, supplies, and transportation, and it allowed her to cut back on work hours so she could focus on school and family. One scholarship even helped her purchase a car, freeing her from the constraints of public transit.

Looking ahead, Ashley plans to transfer to San Francisco State University to earn her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in social work. She’s committed to becoming a social worker who helps families navigate addiction recovery—a mission informed by her lived experience.

STUDENT STORIES



“Every challenge, every bit of support—it’s all part of the journey. I’m here to give back through science, service, and compassion.” -Justin Dizon

JUSTIN DIZON

Major: Natural Science
(Pre-Neuroscience Transfer Track) |
Expected Graduation: Spring 2025 | GPA: 4.0

For Justin Dizon, the path to Napa Valley College was shaped by sacrifice, perseverance, and a deep sense of purpose. At 18, Justin became a full-time caregiver after his mother suffered a stroke, putting college on hold to support his family. He returned to school at age 25 with a renewed goal: to become a neurologist. Along the way, he has endured profound grief, including the loss of a close friend and his godfather, all while staying committed to his academic journey.

Now serving as the **Student Trustee on the Napa Valley College Board of Trustees**, Justin brings his voice and leadership to campus governance—representing his peers while continuing to excel in his studies.

He has also participated in enrichment programs such as Stanford SUMMA, UC Davis Pre-Health



Conference, APAHE, and Black Men in White Coats. Through these experiences, he connected with mentors in MD/PhD programs and deepened his passion for research—particularly on aphantasia and its connections to memory, cognition, and mental health.

Scholarships have allowed Justin to reduce his work hours and remain academically focused, even amid emotional and financial challenges. The funding covered tuition, books, and supplies, giving him the flexibility to pursue academic enrichment and stay on track.

Justin’s future plans include transferring to a neuroscience program and entering an MD/PhD pathway, where he hopes to lead research and provide compassionate care. He also wants to serve as an advocate for Asian equity and mental health awareness—bridging science and service.

The NVC Foundation's Scholarship Program supports hundreds of students each year, helping them stay focused on their educational journey and path to success.

2025 Scholarship Awards Ceremony, May 14, 2025

A beloved annual tradition co-hosted by the Foundation and Napa Valley College. Over 100 students, families, faculty, staff, community leaders, donors, and partners gathered in the Performing Arts Center to celebrate scholarship recipients. A pizza dinner was followed by a ceremony recognizing students for their achievements and hard work.



Student honored at 2025 Scholarship Awards Ceremony.



Maira Ayala, District Representative for Congressman Mike Thompson, presents a student with the Congressman Mike Thompson Public Service Scholarship.



Jessica Thomason, Claudette Shatto, Kristie Iwamoto, and Dr. Powell at the McPherson Awards Ceremony.

McPherson Distinguished Teaching Awards, May 1, 2025

Named in honor of NVC Founding President Dr. Harry McPherson, these awards recognize excellence in teaching. This year, the Foundation honored two outstanding faculty members: Kristie Iwamoto (Professor of English) and Claudette Shatto (Professor of Business). Special thanks to Foundation Board Member Tim Matz for assisting with the selection process. Over seventy educators have been recognized since the award's inception.



Ashlee Jones and Dr. Ed Shenk

Ed Shenk Excellence in Student Service Award, April 30, 2025

Named after Dr. Ed Shenk, NVC's first Assistant Dean for Student Services, this award honors staff who promote student learning, retention, and growth. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Ashlee Jones, Admissions & Records Analyst at NVC.

NEW 2024-25 SCHOLARSHIPS

Film Studies Scholarship

Launched in conjunction with the Napa Valley Asian American Film Festival on February 7, 2025, this scholarship supports an NVC student pursuing a career in film. The Foundation partnered with Bill Imada, co-founder of the festival, to establish this opportunity.



NVC Superintendent/President presented with \$25,000 from Bill Imada and the Asian American Film Festival representatives.

"This scholarship uplifts the next generation of storytellers and filmmakers from Napa Valley College." –Bill Imada, Festival Co-Founder

Rhone Rangers Wine Education Scholarship

The Rhone Rangers, a nonprofit championing American Rhone varietal wines, partnered with the Foundation to offer this scholarship to a student in the Viticulture/Enology program with an interest in Rhone varietals. In Spring 2025, one deserving student was awarded \$2,500.

CAREER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

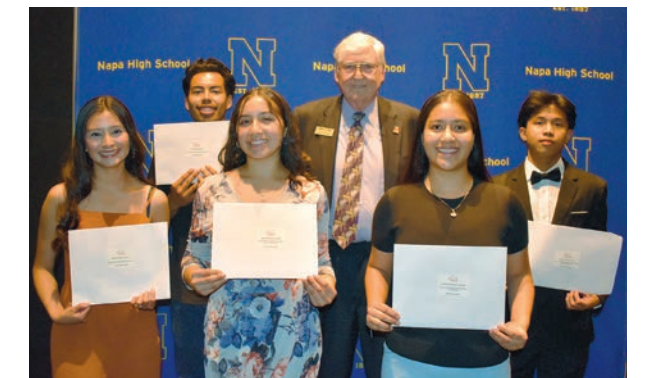
Bresciani Industrial Technology Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of Randi Bresciani, the Foundation provides scholarships, toolkits, and training—including forklift certification—for students in the Machine Tool Technology and Welding programs. This year, the Foundation awarded tool kits, covered training costs, and funded additional scholarships to help students build practical, workforce-ready skills.



NVC Foundation Board Member Bruce Ketron awarding scholarship to Napa High School students

NVCF High School Scholarships



NVC Foundation Board Member Bruce Ketron awarding scholarships to Napa High School students.

In 2025, the Foundation provided seven high schools with scholarships to 37 students totaling \$36,000.

The Wine Spectator Wine Education Center

An exciting path forward
for Napa Valley College's Viticulture Winery Technology (VWT) and Hospitality Programs



This fiscal year was one filled with hard hats and construction tours as we looked in anticipation to completion of Phase I of the Wine Education Complex—the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center. Opening for fall 2025 classes, the new Center will more than double the classroom and training space for the College's VWT Program, providing certificate, degree and employment opportunities in Viticulture, Winemaking, Wine Marketing & Sales.

The Wine Spectator Wine Education Center has been fully funded through a \$10 million lead gift from the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation as well as the estate of college supporter Evelyn Allen. It will include a sensory classroom which will seat 80 students at a time, a laboratory classroom with 28 lab stations and faculty offices and attract students from across the region and abroad to develop skilled job candidates that meet industry demands in Napa County and beyond.

Fiscal Year Highlights: Women's Changemaker Roundtable Construction Tour

On May 22nd, an inspiring group of women leaders gathered for the *Women's Changemaker Roundtable* and toured the future site of the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center. Hosted by 5T Wealth, these women leaders from a range of sectors met to see the impact the College is making in Napa's wine and hospitality industries. Construction tours were led by Senior Dean, Doug Marriott and Enoch Shully, Manager of Hospitality, Winery & Culinary Operations.



Women's Changemaker Roundtable Tours NVC's Wine Education Center

Wine Spectator Bring Your Own Magnum Party at Louis M. Martini Winery



Wine Spectator Honors NVC's \$10M Gift at their Annual Magnum Release Party.

On June 4th, the Foundation and College were special guests at the *Wine Spectator's 33rd Annual Bring Your Own Magnum Party* and proud to be recognized for the transformational \$10 million gift to launch the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center opening in the fall of 2025. Mel Mannion, Senior Advisor to the Chairman, addressed the crowd recognizing the significance of the gift, "We are close to completion of the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center at Napa Valley College. The project is the largest donation made by the *Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation, in the amount of \$10 million.*" The significant partnership between the Wine Spectator and the Napa Valley College is one that will be recognized for generations to come.

Additional tours took place throughout the year with honored guests including donors, board members and community partners... all looking ahead to a long-time vision being realized.

Coming in 2026 – Phase II: The Hospitality Training Center

With Phase I nearly complete, we now look to Phase II, the Wine & Hospitality Training Center. Construction has started and fundraising continues as we prepare to open the dynamic new space in early 2026.

Designed to advance the College's Hospitality, Culinary and Tourism Management programs, Phase II will provide training in all aspects of wine marketing, sales, and hospitality, including direct to consumers sales, wine club membership, tasting room management, and tourism. From the basics of wine and wine marketing to professional level customer service, the new facility will provide the opportunity to offer hands-on, practical experience that create world-class employees of the future.

The Wine Education Complex is 90% funded and we still must raise additional funds to complete Phase II of the project. Help us cross the finish line!



The completed Phase I and Phase II of the Wine Education Complex coming in 2026

To learn more or to support the Phase II Capital Campaign, please contact:
Jessica Thomason, Executive Director,
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STUDENT HOUSING

River Trail Village: Opening Doors to On-Campus Living

For many Napa Valley College students, living on campus at River Trail Village is more than just convenient; it's life-changing. In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the NVC Foundation **provided 54 housing awards totaling \$150,000**, providing rent assistance so students could afford the new residence halls and stay close to the classes, resources, and community that support their success.

By easing the financial burden of rent, these grants allowed students to focus on academics, engage fully in campus life, and build the connections that make college a truly transformative experience. Thanks to our donors, more students can now call River Trail Village home.

Housing Scholarships

Housing scholarships help offset rent for students living at River Trail Village. Awards are based on merit and need, and are distributed through the housing office on a first-come, first-served basis. The 2025-2026 application process is now open.

For more information, please contact **Jessica Thomason**, NVC Foundation Executive Director at jessica.thomason@napavalley.edu or (707) 256-7509.

FOUNDATION EVENTS

Storm Cup Golf Tournament – August 19, 2024

The annual Storm Cup brought together 17 teams for a day of friendly competition and fundraising. Proceeds from the tournament supported the NVC athletics program and student housing awards.



NVC Foundation President Malcolm de Sieyes with Foundation Board Member Ryan Brennan.



Foundation donors Randi Bresciani & Clark Wheeler with their Storm Cup foursome.

Student Housing Ribbon Cutting & Donor Reception – September 20, 2024

To mark the opening of River Trail Village, the Foundation hosted a private reception and tour for key donors, board members, College Trustees, and community leaders. The ceremony celebrated a major milestone in addressing basic needs and expanding access to affordable student housing. The excitement and gratitude were palpable as guests toured the new units and saw firsthand the impact of their generosity.



Foundation Board Members, Trustees, Napa Valley College Housing Team and partners celebrate River Trail Village Grand Opening.

Holiday Celebration – December 18, 2024 | Napa Valley Country Club

A cherished annual tradition, the Holiday Party brought together supporters, board members, and staff to celebrate the season and look ahead to the new year. The warmth and camaraderie in the room reflected our shared commitment to student success.



Senior Dean Dr. Doug Marriott, Choolwe Kalulu and Enoch Shully



Foundation President Malcolm de Sieyes & Senior Dean Robin Darcangelo



The NVC Foundation celebrates the holidays with Trustees & college leadership.



NVC Foundation Executive Director, Jessica Thomason, providing a tour of Wine Education Complex to President's Circle members.

Investing in Opportunity. Inspiring Transformation.

The cornerstone of Napa Valley College Foundation's philanthropic efforts is the **President's Circle Giving Society**—a committed group of donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually. These generous partners provide essential support for the College's highest priorities, ensuring students have access to life-changing educational experiences. In appreciation, President's Circle members receive exclusive invitations and recognition throughout the year.

Annual Event Recap – April 9, 2025

The Foundation proudly hosted the annual President's Circle Event with NVC President Dr. Torence Powell. This year's program offered members an insider's view of two transformational projects:

- The **Wine Spectator Wine Education Center**, a state-of-the-art facility enhancing the College's nationally recognized Viticulture and Winery Technology Program.
- The **new student housing at River Trail Village**, addressing basic needs and access to education by providing safe, affordable on-campus living.

Guests participated in a private lunch, a guided site walk, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the construction progress—experiencing firsthand the momentum their support makes possible.

For more information and to become a member please contact **Jessica Thomason, NVC Foundation Executive Director** at jessica.thomason@napavalley.edu or (707) 256-7509.



NVC Foundation Board Members Ginny Humphrey, Carol Cartwright with NVC VP Jim Reeves



Dr. Torence Powell with Hailey & John Trefethen



Foundation Board Member Michael Baldacci with Mel Mannion, Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation

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District Auxiliary Services Foundation (DAS): Advancing Co-Curricular Excellence and Institutional Impact

The District Auxiliary Services Foundation (DAS) plays a vital role in enriching the Napa Valley College experience by supporting co-curricular programs and initiatives that extend learning beyond the classroom. Through its stewardship of campus services and its commitment to institutional advancement, DAS helps foster a dynamic, inclusive environment that engages both internal and external audiences.

In addition to its operational impact, DAS holds a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of Napa Valley College with the NVC Foundation to manage a portion of the Foundation's endowment that is restricted to programmatic support. This partnership ensures that philanthropic resources are strategically aligned with institutional priorities, amplifying the reach and effectiveness of both foundations.

In the past year, DAS managed NVC Foundation funds to improve facilities for the Napa Valley Cooking School, provide essential equipment for Performing Arts programs, and support the Library and other key academic and student-centered initiatives. Other supported programs included the Napa Valley Writers' Conference and the Jessamyn West Writing Contest. These investments reflect a shared commitment to student success, community connection, and the long-term vitality of Napa Valley College.



Cafeteria Kids Theatre in the Performing Arts Center

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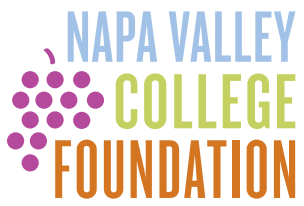
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