Napa Valley College Foundation
Impact Report
2026



The Napa Valley College Foundation provides every Napa Valley College student with access to the resources they need for an exceptional educational experience.

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Each year, as we reflect on the Napa Valley College Foundation's work, we are reminded that our impact begins with people: students striving toward brighter futures, donors who believe in the transformative power of education, and a community committed to investing in Napa Valley College.

The 2025–26 academic year brought remarkable progress. Through our scholarship program, we awarded more than $300,000 to deserving students. We also funded workforce development initiatives, addressed student housing needs, and supported the reinstatement of the College's beloved Adaptive Physical Education program. Despite state and federal funding cuts, we expanded our direct support to help students reach important milestones, transfer to four-year institutions, and build thriving careers.

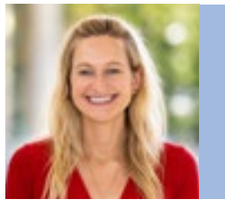
This year also marked the completion of the Wine Education Complex, made possible entirely through private philanthropy. Both phases are now open, creating a vibrant center for hands-on learning, industry training, and community engagement. Seeing these spaces in use demonstrates how your generosity extends far beyond brick and mortar.

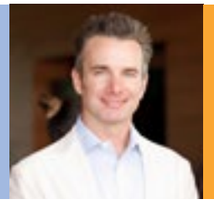
To sustain this momentum, we also focused on strengthening the Foundation. As our work grows, so does our responsibility to steward your gifts thoughtfully, foster transparent relationships, and build the operational strength needed to support the College for generations to come.

As the year concluded, we celebrated Dr. Torence Powell and thanked him for four impactful years of visionary leadership and dedicated service. We are deeply grateful for the milestones achieved during his tenure and look forward to carrying that progress into our next chapter.

None of this is possible in isolation. It relies on the shared commitment of our donors, volunteers, College staff, and community partners. The pages ahead highlight what we achieved together. Thank you for your continued partnership and for opening doors of opportunity for Napa Valley College students.

With gratitude,





Jessica Thomason
Executive Director
Napa Valley College Foundation

Malcolm de Sieyes
Board President
Napa Valley College Foundation

Our Mission and Board

Shared Commitment to Student Success

Who We Are



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Our Mission

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

Our Programs Support

- Scholarships & Tuition Assistance
- Basic Needs & Housing
- Emergency Aid
- Career Education & Workforce Development
- Capital Projects



New Board Members

Richard Hall



Richard Hall is a strategic finance and executive management consultant with extensive wine industry experience, including 14 years as CFO at Cliff Lede Vineyards. He holds an MBA from Saint Mary's College and has served as a Yountville Town Councilmember and Vice Mayor. Richard also serves on several local nonprofit boards.

Ethan Hare



Ethan Hare is a Northern California builder and business leader with more than 25 years of construction experience. He founded Hare Construction in 2006 and is now a Founding Partner and President of NICCA, an integrated luxury development platform. Ethan also served for ten years on the Board of Directors of CASA of Monterey County.

Marcus Sitzman



Marcus Sitzman is a strategic leader with more than 25 years of experience in cybersecurity and digital transformation, including leadership roles at Symantec, McAfee, and Cisco. A Napa resident, Marcus is a graduate of Leadership Napa Valley and Napa Valley College's Wine Production Program. He is also a Foundation President's Circle member and Hospitality Training Center Founders' Circle donor.

Our Impact by the Numbers

FY 2025–2026 Highlights

$1.03M
Donated to the Napa Valley College Foundation in 2025-26

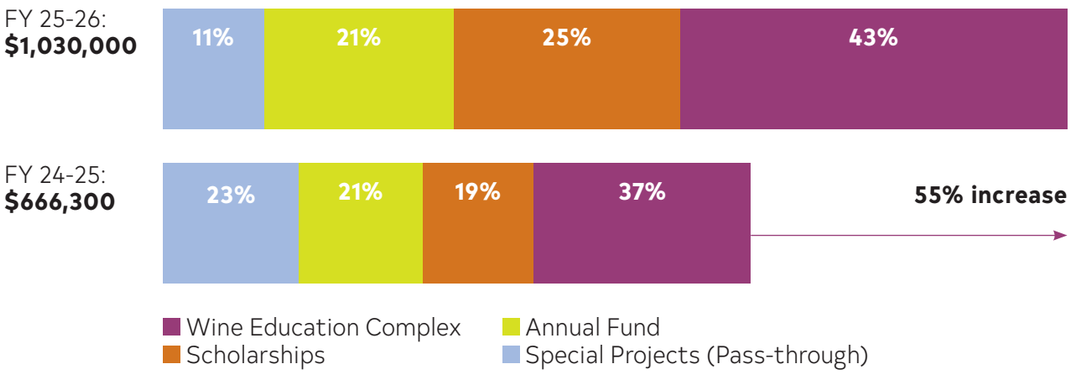
$20.3M
Total Invested Funds

$15M
To Complete the Wine Education Complex
(Funded entirely through private philanthropy)

$384,000
Total Scholarships Awarded

$140,000
Housing Support for Students Living in River Trail Village

Donations



Who We Serve

Our Student Demographics



7,492 Total Students Served

28% First-Generation Students



15% Economically Disadvantaged Students

11% Students Receiving Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS)

1,037 Dual Enrollment Students



45% Latino or Hispanic



72% Experience Food Insecurity



Workforce Impact*

*Source: California Community Colleges CTE Employment Outcomes Survey, Napa Valley College, 2025. Based on 77 survey respondents.

81.8% Working for Pay

80.9% of Employed Respondents Reported Working in a Field Close or Very Close to Their Field of Study

$39.90/hr Average Hourly Wage Reported Compared with a $25.68/hour Living Wage in Napa County

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Investing in Napa Valley's Next Generation

Sometimes the most meaningful gifts begin with seeing the possibility firsthand.

After attending the ribbon cutting for the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center, Napa Valley vintner and business leader Mark Pulido left inspired by what he saw.

"We believe that a thriving Napa Valley begins with investing in people. Our support of the Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center is an investment in Napa Valley's future. The gift reflects our belief that education and workforce development are essential to sustaining the region's world-class wine and hospitality industries."

Shortly after the event, Mark and his wife, Donna Walker, made a $100,000 gift to the Napa Valley College Foundation in support of the Wine Education Complex.

Mark built a distinguished career in healthcare before he and Donna founded Pulido~Walker Estate Vineyards and Winery in Napa Valley.

Education and community have long been central to Mark and Donna's philanthropy. Their giving reflects a belief that investing in people creates lasting benefits for entire communities. Those same values made supporting Napa Valley College a natural fit.

Today, the completed Wine Education Complex provides hands-on learning



Mark Pulido and Donna Walker of Pulido-Walker

in viticulture, winemaking, hospitality, wine marketing, and sales, preparing students to help lead the future of Napa Valley's wine and hospitality industries.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Building Capacity for Greater Impact

Behind every scholarship awarded, every donor thanked, and every student supported is an organization working to make those opportunities possible.

The Roger J. Trinchero Family Foundation has made a transformational $48,000 two-year investment in the Napa Valley College Foundation's organizational infrastructure. The support will fund the implementation and first renewal of a new donor and Foundation management system designed to bring key aspects of the Foundation's work together in one place.

The investment was made possible through the leadership of Paul Krsek, CEO of 5T Wealth.

"Supporting Napa Valley College is an investment in our students and the future of our community. Our grant for the Foundation's new CRM strengthens its ability to engage donors, steward resources effectively, and connect generosity with opportunities that make a meaningful difference in students' lives. We are proud to support the Foundation's important role in helping students succeed."
—Paul Krsek, CEO of 5T Wealth and Managing Director of The Roger J. Trinchero Foundation

By investing in the Foundation's long-term effectiveness, The Roger J. Trinchero Family Foundation is helping strengthen donor stewardship and



Paul Krsek, CEO, 5T Wealth Managing Director, The Roger J. Trinchero Family Foundation

build philanthropic support for Napa Valley College students for years to come.

HOUSING AWARDS

Providing Housing Stability for NVC Students



Move-In Day at River Trail Village

For Napa Valley College students facing financial hardship, stable housing can make the difference between staying enrolled and having to put their education on hold.

River Trail Village provides on-campus housing for NVC students, but for some students, particularly student parents, former foster youth and others facing significant financial barriers, making rent can still be a challenge. Housing instability can affect a student's ability to attend class, focus on coursework and remain on track toward a degree or certificate.

In 2025-26, the Napa Valley College Foundation provided **$140,000 in housing support for students living in River Trail Village.** These awards help students remain safely and consistently housed when financial challenges might otherwise put their housing and education at risk.

For NVC student FiFi Darden, that support has helped her continue an educational journey she restarted more than a decade after first attending college.

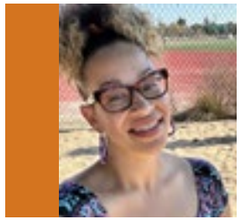
FiFi returned to NVC as a parent determined to complete her degree. Today, she is completing her Human Services degree while working at the College's Basic Needs Center, supporting other students the way she was supported.

With help from an NVC Foundation housing award, FiFi has been able to stay in school, care for her child and continue moving toward a future rooted in service to her community.



Students settling into their new campus homes

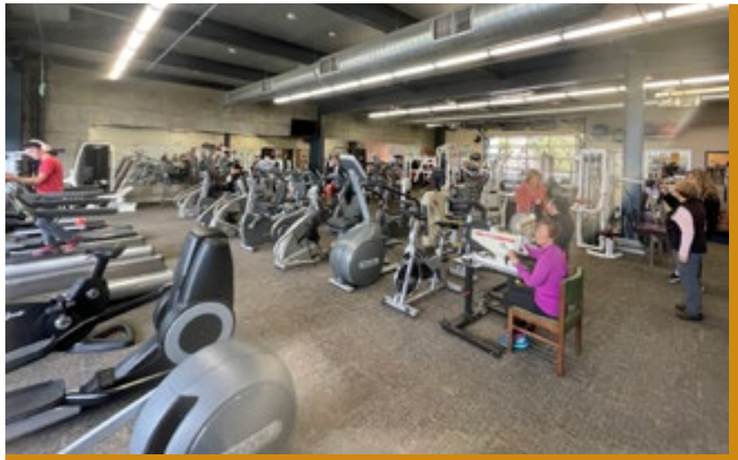
"The support I've received has allowed me to focus on my studies and give back. The impact comes full circle, not just for me, but for our entire community."
—FiFi Darden



FiFi Darden, Napa Valley College Student and Housing Award Recipient

Adaptive Physical Education

Supported by Evelyn Allen's Legacy



Participants in Napa Valley College's Adaptive Physical Education program.



Evelyn Allen, whose legacy supports Adaptive Physical Education at Napa Valley College.

Evelyn Allen (1926-2021) believed deeply in education and lifelong learning, and Napa Valley College remained part of her life for decades.

Evelyn took many classes at NVC, but Adaptive Physical Education was a favorite, especially later in her life. "It provided motivation for physical activity and socialization and, most important, helped maintain her well-being," said Pamela Elder, a member of Evelyn's family. "Because the staff was so welcoming and kind to her, she made a special point to include the program in her legacy to ensure its continuation."

When Evelyn passed away at age 94, she left a transformational gift to the Napa Valley College Foundation to support programs she believed in, including Adaptive Physical Education.

That legacy became especially meaningful this year when Adaptive Physical Education was impacted by broader College budget reductions. As College leadership and community partners worked to identify a path forward, the NVC Foundation Board approved funding through Evelyn's bequest to help support the program.

Planning has focused on bringing Adaptive Physical Education back through a Community Education model, preserving access to a program that meant so much to Evelyn and continues to serve participants and families throughout the community.

Through her generosity, a program that enriched Evelyn's own life can continue creating opportunities for others in the community she called home. Classes for the new Evelyn Allen Adaptive Physical Education Program have launched for the fall 2026 semester.

"It provided motivation for physical activity and socialization and, most important, helped maintain her well-being..."

—Pamela Elder, Evelyn Allen's cousin

Leading Through Transformation

Celebrating Dr. Torence Powell's Leadership



"When we invest in students, we strengthen our entire community"

—Dr. Torence Powell

As **Dr. Torence Powell** concluded his tenure as Superintendent/President of Napa Valley College, the Napa Valley College Foundation joined the College community in celebrating a leader whose vision, collaboration, and commitment to student success helped shape a remarkable period of growth.

During his four years of leadership, Napa Valley College reached several transformational milestones, including the opening of River Trail Village, the completion of the Wine Education Complex, expanded partnerships throughout the Napa Valley community, and continued investments in programs that support student achievement and workforce development.

As a first-generation community college student himself, Dr. Powell consistently championed the life-changing power of higher education and the opportunities it creates for students from every background. His belief that education transforms lives was reflected not only in the College's strategic priorities, but in the success stories of students like Ashley Hall, Andres Barrera, and so many others whose educational journeys were strengthened through community support.



Dr. Torence Powell with Justin Dizon, then Napa Valley College Student Trustee.

Reflecting on the impact of student philanthropy, Dr. Powell shared, "when we invest in students, we strengthen our entire community."

The Napa Valley College Foundation is grateful for Dr. Powell's partnership, leadership, and unwavering support for the Foundation's mission. As he begins his new role as Chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District, we congratulate him and thank him for the lasting impact he has made on Napa Valley College and the students it serves.



Mel Mannion of the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation cuts the ribbon on Phase I of the Wine Education Complex alongside Dr. Torence Powell, Foundation and College leadership, and elected officials.

Completing the Wine Education Complex From Vision to Reality

This year marked the completion of a transformational investment in career education at Napa Valley College, made possible entirely through private philanthropy.

Phase I: Wine Spectator Wine Education Center

On September 4, 2025, Napa Valley College and the Napa Valley College Foundation celebrated the opening of the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center. Made possible through a $10 million lead gift from the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation and a significant contribution from the estate of Evelyn Allen, the 7,000-square-foot facility more than doubles classroom and training space for the College's nationally recognized Viticulture and Winery Technology program.

Today, students learn alongside industry professionals in spaces designed for hands-on education in viticulture, winemaking, wine marketing, and sales. The Center has also become a gathering place for professional development, continuing education, and community engagement.

Phase II: Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center

On June 2, 2026, the community returned to campus to celebrate the opening of the Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center and the completion of the Wine Education Complex.

Featuring a demonstration tasting bar, flexible classroom space, and event facilities that mirror real-world environments, the Center prepares students for careers in hospitality, wine marketing and sales, tourism, tasting room operations, and winery hospitality.

Named in honor of Napa Valley College Foundation Board Member Donna Altes, whose generosity and leadership helped secure the final funding needed to complete the project. The Center represents the final piece of an integrated learning environment spanning the wine and hospitality industries.

"It stands as the legacy I hoped to leave behind and a gift that will continue to inspire, nurture and transform lives for generations to come."—Donna Altes

Together, the completed Wine Education Complex represents a $15 million philanthropic investment in Napa Valley College students, creating opportunities that will strengthen workforce development and support the future of Napa Valley's wine and hospitality industries for generations to come.



Donna Altes cuts the ribbon on Phase II with Foundation and College leadership.



Donna Altes speaking at the ribbon cutting for the Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center.

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—Donna Altes



Malcolm de Sieyes, Foundation Board President, shares a congratulatory handshake with Dr. Torence Powell, Napa Valley College Superintendent/President, alongside Mel Mannion of the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation.



Foundation board members with Mel Mannion of the Wine Spectator Scholarship Foundation at the Phase I ribbon cutting.



The completed Wine Education Complex, featuring the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center and the Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: **ASHLEY HALL**

One Year Later

Last year, we shared Ashley Hall's inspiring story as she rebuilt her life through recovery, education, and determination. One year later, Ashley's journey continues to demonstrate the lasting impact of scholarships, community, and opportunity.

In May 2026, Ashley graduated from Napa Valley College with three associate degrees while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is also pursuing a fourth degree in Addiction Studies. She accomplished all of this while raising four children, serving in multiple student leadership roles, and working in the College's Student Life Office.

Ashley served as President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Treasurer of the Associated Students of Napa Valley College, a member of the College's DEI Committee, and a representative for the Student Parent Cohort, all while celebrating four years of sobriety.

This fall, Ashley will begin pursuing a bachelor's degree in Sociology at the University of San Francisco after earning a full-ride scholarship. She was also selected for the University's Honors College and Mellon Scholars Program. Her goal is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Marriage and Family Therapist, helping individuals and families facing challenges similar to those she has overcome.

"Your past may shape you as a person, but it doesn't define you." — Ashley Hall

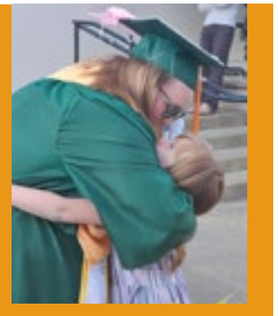
Ashley's story reminds us that scholarships do more than help students earn degrees. They create opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and lives transformed. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Ashley's remarkable journey is only just beginning.



"Your past may shape you as a person, but it doesn't define you."

—Ashley Hall





Ashley Hall celebrates her Napa Valley College graduation and shares a hug with her daughter.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: **ANDRES BARERRA**

Coming Full Circle



One year ago, Andres Barrera graduated from Napa Valley College with associate degrees in Theater Arts and Political Science before transferring to UCLA. Along the way, a housing award from the Napa Valley College Foundation helped make that journey possible.

Living at River Trail Village allowed Andres to fully immerse himself in campus life. Instead of commuting from Vacaville, he was surrounded by classmates, faculty, and mentors who encouraged his growth as a student, playwright, and theater director.

"The opportunity to live here helped me discover the opportunities that awaited me," Andres shared before leaving for UCLA. "I was very fortunate to receive a housing scholarship through the Napa Valley College Foundation. It really helped lower my cost of living and allowed me to focus on everything I was building here."

Today, Andres' story has come full circle.

This summer, he returned to Napa Valley College as co-founder of Teatro Alebrijes del Valle, leading a production of Barrio Hollywood at the Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center in partnership with Shakespeare Napa Valley. Through his work, Andres is helping bring new voices, stories, and cultural experiences to the same campus community that invested in his success.

For the Napa Valley College Foundation, Andres' journey reflects the lasting impact of donor support. A housing scholarship helped remove a financial barrier, allowing a talented student to thrive. One year later, he returned not as a student, but as a community leader, artist, and mentor whose work will inspire the next generation.

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—Andres Barrera

Scholarships & Awards

Celebrating Student Success and Teaching Excellence

The NVC Foundation's scholarships and awards support student success and recognize outstanding educators, strengthening teaching and learning across the Napa Valley College community.



NVC Foundation Board Member Donna Altes with student scholarship recipients at the Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Scholarship Awards Ceremony

The 2026 Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Reception was held on May 13, 2026, at the Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center.

More than 300 people attended the event, the 2026 scholarship season resulted in **170 scholarship awards totaling $384,000 to 181 students.** Nearly 100 students attended the event and received their awards in person. They were cheered on by faculty, family members, and friends.

Jessica Thomason, Executive Director of the Napa Valley College Foundation, and Donna Altes, Foundation Board Member, delivered remarks recognizing the generosity and impact of the scholarship donors. Napa Valley College President Dr. Torence Powell gave a speech honoring the student award recipients.

McPherson Award Ceremony

The 2026 McPherson Award Ceremony recognized two distinguished professors. Greg Miraglia, Professor of LGBTQ Studies & Criminal Justice, and Forest Quinlan, Professor of Chemistry.

The ceremony was held on April 30, 2026 at the College's Community Room. The event was presented by Dr. Priscilla Mora, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Tim Matz, NVC Foundation Board Member, provided remarks on behalf of the Foundation. Ann McCarthy Cash represented the family of Dr. Harry McPherson.

More than 60 people attended the ceremony, including members of the NVC Foundation, the NVC Board of Trustees, colleagues, administrative staff, students, family members, and friends.



2026 McPherson Teaching Award recipients Greg Miraglia and Forest Quinlan.



DONOR HIGHLIGHT:
James A. & Maria Teresa Cameron

Jim and Maria Teresa Cameron are dedicated philanthropists and hospitality industry professionals whose support of Napa Valley College is rooted in their belief that education creates opportunities and strengthens communities. With more than six decades of combined experience in the hospitality industry, they have invested in the future of Napa Valley through their support of the Wine Education Complex, hospitality scholarships, and by including Napa Valley College in their estate plans.

In 2024, they established the James and Maria Teresa Cameron Wine and Hospitality Scholarship to support students pursuing careers in the hospitality and wine industries. The scholarship benefits students studying culinary arts, hospitality, tourism, viticulture, and winery technology.

The scholarship awarded its first recipient at the 2026 Scholarship Awards Ceremony, providing a $1,100 scholarship to Melani Vargas, a viticulture student at Napa Valley College. Through their generosity, Jim and Maria Teresa Cameron are helping the next generation of hospitality and wine professionals achieve their educational and career goals.

Scholarship Funds

Generosity That Creates Opportunity

Through the generosity of donors who have invested in the Napa Valley College Foundation over the years, scholarship funds have been established to honor loved ones, create lasting legacies, and provide educational opportunities for generations of students to come.

Adams-Maclean Scholarship Drama-Music
Adrian J. Pawl Memorial Scholarship
Al Luntey Family Memorial
Albert J. Haberger Memorial Fund Scholarship
Alvin & Jeanne Soliday Scholarship
American Association of University Women—General Scholarship
American Association of University Women—Mary Lyon Memorial Scholarship American Association of University Women—Mona Humpert Memorial Scholarship
Andrew J. Fox Memorial Scholarship
Ann & Alan Cash Scholarship
Antonio J. Baldini Family Scholarship
Art Association of Napa Valley Scholarship
Arthur & Dorothy Tockey Memorial Scholarship
Asian American Film Festival
ASNVC Scholarship
Barry King Memorial Scholarship
Barry Taylor Scholarship—Welding
Barry Taylor Scholarship—Hospitality
Beatrice Murphy Memorial Scholarship
Bebe & Judge David York Scholarship
Belle & Barney Rhodes Endow Fund
Belle Rhodes Culinary Scholarship
Bernice Blanckenburg Fund
Bess Mayfield Memorial Scholarship
Betty B. Hagedorn Memorial Scholarship
Bill and Marie Bresciani Memorial Fund for Welding
Bill and Marie Bresciani Memorial Fund for Machine Technology
Bill Imada Scholarship
Billie P. Ghisletta Memorial Scholarship
Billy Browning Memorial
Blanckenburg Library Fund
Boniface Memorial Fund Scholarship
Bradley L. Forrest Scholarship
Bumpy Camp Endowment Fund
Burrell Wilson Scholarship
California Retired Teachers Association Napa Valley (CalRTA NV)
Cammarota Memorial Scholarship
Carl & Alice Benscoter Memorial Scholarship
Carl Geiser Memorial Scholarship
Carolyn T. Grassmann Memorial Scholarship
Cerina R. Vollmer Memorial Scholarship
Charles & Patricia Niccolls Memorial
Chinberg Family Scholarship
Chuck Sims Memorial Scholarship
Claire Bremer Memorial Scholarship
Clayton A. Long Family & Judy Cochran Scholarship for Music
Claudia Reed RN Scholarship
Cole's Chop House Culinary Scholarship
Congressman Mike Thompson Public Service Scholarship
Craig McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
Dale & Cynthia Brown Scholarship
Dallas Family Scholarship
Darioush Teach Vineyard
David Angelovich Scholarship Fund
Dennis Fong Memorial Scholarship
Dewey Burnsed Memorial
Dey Labs Respiratory Therapy Scholarship
Donald Chandler Memorial Scholarship
Donald S. Macky Scholarship
Donna Altes Scholarship
Dorie & Dale Zinck Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Sercu Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Weed Memorial Fund
Doud Enhancement Funds
Doud Family Scholarship
Dr. Arlin & Virginia Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Bill Feddersen Leadership Scholarship
Dr. C.J.E. Johnson DVM Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Chris McCarthy Scholarship
Dr. Diane Carey Woodruff Scholarship
Dr. George Hagen Scholarship
Dr. George W. Clark Family Scholarship
Dr. Richard & Martha Pastcan Health Career Scholarship
Dr. Stephen Krebs Scholarship
Dr. Thomas E. Malone Scholarship
Dr. Torence Powell Honorary Scholarship
Dreamers Scholarship
Dunn & Stevens Fine Arts Scholarship
Ed Cole Memorial Scholarship
Edward J. Shenk Student Services Award
Edna B. Gmelch Scholarship
Elisabeth Brereton Memorial Scholarship
Elks Larison Scholarship Fund
Elsa Morales Jaffe Memorial
Elsie Tarner Memorial Scholarship
Eugene & Jeannie Frediani Memorial Scholarship
Evelyn Allen Adaptive PE students Award
Evelyn Allen Adaptive PE Program
Evelyn Allen—WEC Award
Evelyn Allen Viticulture Scholarship
Evelyn Allen Women's Leadership
Fogarty Family Fund
Frances M. Chiarella Memorial Fund
Francesca Azevedo Poetry Award Scholarship
Francine B. Davis Memorial Scholarship
Frank & Bea Loob Scholarship
Frank & Betty Dunlap Family Memorial Scholarship
Frank C. Davis Memorial Scholarship
Frank Wagar Memorial Scholarship
Gant Family Scholarship
Gardner/Hall Scholarship
Gary & Patty Garaventa Scholarship
George Harvey Memorial Scholarship
George & Kin and Charlie Monahan Career Education Scholarship
Gerard Perez Scholarship
Gerardo Soria Memorial Scholarship
Gertrudis Agcaoili Scholarship
Glenn DuBose Endowment Fund Scholarship
Grant's Fund Scholarship
Gwynne (Katz) Pacheco Memorial Scholarship
Harris Nussbaum Family Fund Scholarship
Helen & Richard Fischer International Fund
Hubert Fruehauf Memorial Scholarship
Humpert Family Scholarship
Hussey Family Scholarship
Italian Cultural & Heritage Fund
J Doud Enhancement Fund
Jack Leggett Memorial
Jackson Bremer Memorial Scholarship
Jake Gallegos Memorial Scholarship
James M. Booth Scholarship
James Pointer Memorial EMS Scholarship
James S. Diemer Memorial Scholarship
James & Maria Teresa Cameron Wine & Hospitality Scholarship
Janice & Bernard Charlup Endowment Fund
Jayne Morrell Nursing Scholarship
Jayson Timm Memorial High School Scholarship
Jean Schroeder Scholarship
Jean Schroeder Award
Jessamyn West Creative Writing
John & Frances DeVincenzi Memorial Scholarship
John & Jeanne Zimmerman Scholarship
John Vail Memorial Scholarship
Johnnie Fawl Memorial Scholarship
Julia DuLay Montgomery Trust Teaching Scholarship
Julianna Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Justice Wes Walker Scholarship
Kathy Bollinger Elementary Teacher Scholarship
Keith P. Flaherty Scholarship
Kenneth E. Wilkens Memorial Art Scholarship
Ketron & Inman Scholarship
Korobkin Environmental Scholarship
Lillian Spiegel Memorial Scholarship
Linda S White-Settle Memorial scholarship
Lola M. Thorburn High School Scholarship
Lorenzina Gustafson Scholarship
Lorraine Bollinger Teachers Scholarship
Louis Vermeil Scholarship
Madeleine E. Mount Memorial Scholarship
Madsen-McCormick Scholarship
Make A Difference Scholarship
Margaret Swiers-Gill Memorial High School Scholarship
Martha Wren Scholarship
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Mathematics and Statistics Career Scholarship
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Merrilee Newton Nursing Scholarship
MESA/STEM
Mexican American Vintners Association
Meyers Family Scholarship
Michael & Barbara Murphy Family Scholarship
Mike Loughran Memorial Scholarship
Mildred & Thomas Jackson Memorial Scholarship
Miranda Lux Foundation
Murdoff Family Scholarship
Nancy York & Peter Juve Scholarship
Napa Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors
Napa County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship
Napa First Scholarship in Memory of William Hardy
Napa Valley Culinary Alliance Scholarship
Napa Valley College District Auxiliary Services Foundation Awards
Napa Valley Writers Conference
Nord Kangy Housing Support
Norman Badion Art Scholarship
NVC Academic Senate Scholarship
NVC Administrative Senate Scholarship
NVC Board of Trustees Scholarship
NVC Cooking Scholarship
NVC Faculty Association Scholarship
NVC Foundation Scholarship
Olivia Parker Memorial Scholarship
Osher
Ownby Memorial Scholarship
Orange County Wine Society Scholarship
Paterson Family Fund
Patty Renfrow Scholarship for Students
Penny A Pawl US Dream Scholarship
Peter & Vernice Gasser Foundation
Phillip & Birdice Phillips Memorial Scholarship
PTK Honor Society
Puente Scholarship
Rabobank Scholarship
Ralph Hunter Art Scholarship
Rand Henson Memorial Scholarship
Ray & Dorothy Cleone Memorial Scholarship
Redwood Credit Union
Respiratory Care
Returning Veterans Scholarship
Rhone Rangers
Rich Gelber Fund for Machine Tool
Richard Pierce Memorial Scholarship
Richard Struble Memorial Art Scholarship
Robert & Barbara McCleary Library Fund
Robert & Margaret Swan Memorial Scholarship
Robert Imrie Memorial Scholarship
Robert Keenan Memorial Scholarship
Robert Toigo Memorial Scholarship
Robert Van Der Velde Family Scholarship
Rotary Club of Napa
Rotary Fund of NVC President
Roy & Phyllis Patrick Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship for Success
Schrette Family Scholarship
Schuppert Memorial Scholarship
Science Program Endowment
Serena Cochran Memorial Scholarship
Shakespeare Festival
Shenk & Cosio Family Scholarship
Simone Fontaine Memorial Scholarship
Social Justice to Foster Systemic Equality Scholarship
Southern Wine and Spirits of America, Inc. Scholarship
Swan Library Fund
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A Growing Community of Leadership and Support



President's Circle members and guests at the ribbon cutting for the Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center.

The President's Circle Giving Society brings together a dedicated community of donors who share a commitment to Napa Valley College and the success of its students.

Through annual leadership gifts of $1,000 or more, President's Circle members provide vital support for the College's highest priorities. Their generosity helps the Foundation respond where resources are needed most—from scholarships and basic-needs assistance to career education, academic programs and important campus initiatives.

President's Circle members are the backbone of the Foundation's philanthropic efforts, providing dependable support that creates opportunities for students and strengthens the entire College community.

CONNECTION, ACCESS AND SHARED PURPOSE

President's Circle membership is about more than making a gift. It offers donors meaningful opportunities to connect with College leadership, experience campus programs and events, and see firsthand how their philanthropy supports students.

Throughout the year, members gather with fellow supporters, College leaders, faculty and students for special experiences that provide a closer look at the people and programs shaping Napa Valley College.

2025–26 PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE EXPERIENCES

Annual Holiday Party—December 2025
A festive gathering with friends of the Foundation to celebrate the season and reflect on the year's accomplishments.

Wine Spectator Open House Reception
—February 2026
An exclusive reception featuring wine, small bites and an open house at the historic Wine Spectator Mansion in downtown Napa.

Into the Woods: Behind the Scenes—March 2026
A special behind-the-scenes experience featuring Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center's production of Into the Woods with Director Tia Madison and Conductor Duncan Cooper.

President's Circle members also received invitations to important Foundation and College events throughout the year, including the Wine Spectator Wine Education Center Ribbon Cutting, Donna Altes Hospitality Training Center Ribbon Cutting, McPherson Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Ceremony.



President's Circle members and guests celebrate at the annual Holiday Party, featuring a performance by Napa Valley College students.









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"We believe that a community thrives when education is accessible to everyone. Napa Valley College is uniquely positioned to deliver accessible education and skills development required by local industry. As life-long learners, and NVC students ourselves, we feel privileged to support the vital work of Napa Valley College."

—Michelle and Marcus Sitzman
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