



GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Golden West College Foundation was organized in 1986 to solicit and manage gifts to benefit the college and its students. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the College's mission of providing comprehensive academic opportunities to the community for lifelong learning.

A board of directors, which provides the leadership and direction for the organization's operation, manages the Foundation. The Foundation has grown steadily since 1986 with assets over \$9,700,000. This has been accomplished through donations of cash, bequests and grants from individuals and businesses. The Foundation has provided over \$8,800,000 in scholarships to Golden West College students and over \$8,700,000 in program support. In addition to cash assets, the Foundation annually receives donated equipment and supplies that represent thousands of dollars in non-monetary gifts.

The primary focus of the Foundation Board of Directors is to work towards building support for college-wide needs. To nurture groups who have special interests in supporting Golden West College, the Foundation provides staff support and direction to two auxiliaries. Each auxiliary, managed by its own board and officers, requires membership dues to cover operational expenses.



Foundation staff (L-R) Valerie Venegas, Ryan Chung, Bruce Berman, and Sheila Cox. The Foundation Office recently moved to Business 104 on the south side of the Quad.

GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Golden West College Foundation's mission is to provide resources to support the College for advancing educational opportunities and life-long learning for students.

Golden West College Foundation Chair, Steve Olmsted



Steve Olmsted, Chair Golden West College Foundation These are exciting times for our Board, and I am proud to acknowledge and report the efforts of the Foundation Board of Directors and its supporters for 2018. This past year was one of both positive reflection and forward focus. Though the celebrations of our first 50 years are in the rear-view mirror, we still fondly reflect on what our campus has achieved.

As we look and plan forward, we're extra excited by one of our newest Board members — Golden West College President Tim McGrath. Tim's energy is infectious and our Board is energized for the opportunity to support his campus leadership. We believe more than ever in our Foundation Mission, which is to "provide resources to support Golden West College and the community by advancing education and opportunity for all students". To this end, our Board has begun the exploratory process of establishing a campaign to achieve a tuition free educational opportunity for all full-time students — keep your eyes open for more to follow in the near future.

As our Board targets specific future initiatives, we remain proud of the commitment and accomplishments of our traditional core efforts. This past year the Foundation helped fund over \$409,000 in *scholarships*, supported the *Wish List* program and *STAR Book Reserve* program. We've increased new memberships on the Foundation Board and its auxiliaries — the *Patrons* and the *Hens & Chickens Quilt Fellowship* — and increased Community Relations. Finally, our assets under management (AUM) are at an all-time high, which allows us the ability to serve the campus in a more profound manner.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Golden West College Presidents Tim McGrath and Wes Bryan, Foundation Director Bruce Berman, Foundation Staff, Board of Directors and those who have provided advice, counsel, guidance, financial support and personal time to the Board during this past year. I also extend my sincere appreciation to our community, which continues to support the Foundation and the College with its generosity. We look forward to working with you, as together, we continue to support Golden West College in its furtherance as an exemplary educational destination.

Golden West College President, Tim McGrath

I am very proud of the **Golden West College Foundation** and it is an honor for me to be part of this amazing group of people that put students first in the work they do on behalf of the college.

I have been in the world of community college education for almost 25 years, and in that time I've never experienced the support that Golden West College receives not only from the College Foundation but from the community we serve.

Just like our students, my educational path started at two community colleges. While growing up in Big Bear I took evening classes from San Bernardino Valley College and after high school I attended and graduated from Santa Monica College. In hindsight I have been so fortunate to have started at a community college because of the solid foundation these two colleges provided me, along with the excellent faculty that invested in my education. I have attended four year institutions and two different graduate programs but I can honestly say that the best instruction I received was at these two *community colleges*.

The work of a college revolves around our students. Most people are aware of the "magic" that happens in the classroom through interaction between faculty and students. What most people aren't aware of is the "magic" that happens behind the scenes. The Golden West College Foundation Annual Report is one way the college shares all the work done behind the scenes with our community. I would also like to invite you to join the Golden West team and imagine yourself in any of the areas you see illustrated in our annual report. Each dollar raised came from an individual in one way or another, that like you saw themselves being a part of the work we do in shaping our student's future.

I am excited for next year and the "magic" that this college will do but I'm also humbled by the work that we've done as illustrated in this annual report.

Thank you for being part of the Golden West family.



Tim McGrath President, Golden West College

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Board Member Spotlight



Cornerstone of a Firm Foundation

"Student scholarships are the Foundation's main focus on campus, and are a key resource for student success."

Davina Samuel has built a successful career by serving others and giving back to her community. Born in Manhattan and raised on Staten Island in New York, she attended St. John's University, and then moved to the West Coast with her husband 22 years ago. Davina resides in Irvine, CA, and serves as a banking manager for two Union Bank branches. Her focus is on helping customers, and mentoring her 15 employees.

Eight years ago, Davina was invited to attend the Golden West College Foundation's Annual Gala, and her participation in the event lead to an invitation to join the Foundation as a board member. Since joining, she's chaired the Gala on three separate occasions, including this year's event. The theme this year, "Enchanted Garden," is planned for the Hilton Resort in Huntington Beach.

"The funds we raise at the Gala help support our student scholarships throughout the year," said Davina. "Student scholarships are the Foundation's main focus on campus, and are a key resource for student success."

Last year the Gala raised over \$100,000, which in addition to student scholarships, provides funding for grants, faculty assistance, and more.

"The Foundation not only uplifts and helps students, but also supports the community through the college," Davina said. "Golden West provides open access education for all. I think that's really important, and it was the driving force for me to work with the college because they touch so many people's lives."

One of The Foundation's key student offerings is the STAR Book Program. It has become a great success among students as it allows them to access their texts through a library loan program. Last year, over 4900 book loans were circulated from 239 titles, covering 39 academic programs. The Foundation also provides funds for an annual college "Wish List," which includes supplies and funding requests for faculty and staff that range from automotive battery chargers and event canopies for counselors, to towels for the Cosmetology Department and emergency preparedness signs for the campus.

"The 'Wish List' funds help both teachers and students, and provide necessary items for instruction and learning success," added Davina. "Student leaders in our Foundation board meetings provide valuable feedback — we know that the assistance we provide is incredibly valuable for our students, especially for those who balance a job with their studies."

In her spare time from running two bank branches, Davina turned a hobby of sewing into an opportunity to work with a unique organization that assists kids in need, called the "Binky Patrol." The group crafts specialty blankets for CHOC Hospital, burn centers and Moms of Orange County, where Davina also serves as a board member.

With Davina Samuel, the Golden West College Foundation stands on a very firm foundation of leadership and student support.

To help support Golden West College students — and have fun in the process — visit: **www.gwcgala.com**

GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE FOUNDATION

A complete audit report is available in the Golden West College Foundation Office.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 -

ASSETS		
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,135,380	\$ 2,286,263
Contributions receivable		38,708
Investments, at fair value	401,433	442,280
Total current assets	\$ 3,536,813	\$ 2,767,251
Non-Current Assets		
Investments, at fair value	5,927,794	6,336,173
Investments with FCCC	232,036	228,779
Total non-current assets	6,159,830	6,564,952
Total assets	\$ 9,696,643	\$ 9,332,203
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 42,657	\$ 15,239
Scholarships payable	\$ 55,078	\$ 44,509
Due to District	13,865	5,146
Total current liabilities	111,600	64,894
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	560,138	479,360
Temporarily restricted	3,401,342	3,332,888
Permanently restricted	5,623,563	5,455,061
Total net assets	9,585,043	9,267,309
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 9,696,643	\$ 9,322,203

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018.

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017				
Cash flows from operating activities						
Contributions, grants and special events	\$ 793,964	653,813				
Vending machine commissions	7,675	7,418				
Reimbursements to Coast Community College District on behalf of emplo	oyees (71,044)	(105,391)				
Payments for college support	(273,864)	(192,866)				
Payments to suppliers	(58,146)	(87,956)				
Payments to/on behalf of employees for scholarships	(420,332)	(456,334)				
Net cash provided by operating activities	(21,747)	(181,316)				
Cash flows from investing activities						
Reinvested interest and dividends, net of expense	196,800	131,958				
Proceeds from sale and (purchase) of investments, net	674,064	(293,547)				
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	870,864	(161,589)				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	849,117	(342,905)				
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,286,263	2,629,168				
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 3,135,380	\$ 2,286,263				
Reconciliation of change in net assets to cash provided by operating activities						
Change in net assets	\$ 317,734	\$ 519,900				
Adjustment to reconcile change in net assets to cash provided (used) by operating activities						
Net investment income	(421,638)	(649,539)				
Change in value, FCCC Investment	(3,257)	(14,641)				
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:						
Contributions receivable	38,708	(37,962)				
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:						
Accounts payable	27,418	6,918				
Scholarships payable	10,569	(6,148)				
Due to Coast Community College District	8,719	156				
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (21,747)	\$ (181,316)				

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	June 30, 2018				June 30, 2017
REVENUES	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
Support and Revenue					
Contributions and gifts	\$ -	\$ 346,064	\$ 168,502	\$ 514,566	\$ 527,753
Grant revenue		75,000		75,000	75,000
Special events	142,017	23,673		165,690	89,022
Administration fee	79,924			79,924	72,299
Donated services	329,270			329,270	313,265
Donated facilities	18,000	_	_	18,000	18,000
Total support	569,211	444,737	168,502	1,182,450	1,095,339
Other Income					
Vending machine commissions	7,675			7,675	7,418
Investment income, net of expense	14,858	181,942		196,800	131,958
Realized gain on investments	(2,354)	19,188		16,834	2,937
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	10,261	197,743		208,004	514,644
Change in value, FCCC Investment		14,257		14,257	26,828
Total other income	30,440	413,130		443,570	683,785
Total revenue before net					
Assets released from restrictions	599,651	857,867	168,502	1,626,020	1,779,124
Net assets released from restrictions	789,413	(789,413)			
Total revenues	1,389,064	68,454	168,502	1,626,020	1,779,124
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Program services	828,518			828,518	843,694
Supporting services					
Management and general	357,049			357,049	330,066
Fundraising	122,719			122,719	85,464
Total expenses	1,308,286			1,308,286	1,259,224
Change in net assets	80,778	68,454	168,502	317,734	519,900
Net assets					
Beginning of year	479,360	3,332,888	5,455,061	9,267,309	8,747,490
End of year	\$ 560,138	\$3,401,342	\$5,623,563	\$9,585,043	\$9,267,309

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	June 30, 2018				June 30, 2017
	Program Activities	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Total
Donated services	\$ 28,857	\$ 253,177	\$ 47,236	\$ 329,270	\$ 313,265
Donated facilities		18,000		18,000	18,000
Scholarships and grants	409,763			409,763	462,482
Salaries and benefits	33,377	46,386		79,763	105,547
Office expenses		920		920	1,059
Information technology		22,399		22,399	28,428
Conferences and meetings		2,658		2,658	2,551
College support	273,864			273,864	192,866
Hospitality	2,733		5,435	8,168	8,459
Administration fee	79,924			79,924	72,299
Bank charges		1,826		1,826	2,596
Special events			70,048	70,048	33,913
Board expenses		882		882	882
Other expenses		10,801		10,801	16,877
Total	\$ 828,518	\$ 357,049	\$ 122,719	\$ 1,308,286	\$ 1,259,224

The Golden West College Foundation held its 20th Annual Gala at the Waterfront Beach Resort by Hilton in Huntington Beach on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

This Gala was the most successful to date with the most attendees and money raised. The Foundation raised in excess of \$140,000 in support of Golden West College students.

Guests enjoyed a reception and silent auction of travel, wine, and many desirable items before moving into the new Grand Ballroom for dinner, dancing and the opportunity drawing for a Jeep Latitude donated by Huntington Beach Chrysler Dodge

Jeep Ram. The Jeep was won by Sam Stroich of Costa Mesa.

As the pictures below show, a great time was had by all and many danced the night away.

This year our 21st Gala "The Enchanted Garden" will be held on April 13 at the Waterfront Beach Resort by Hilton and we expect an evening to surpass last year's event.

We look forward to welcoming our guests to a fabulous Gala in support of Golden West College Students.



GWC Foundation Auxiliaries offer excellent opportunities for individuals to contribute their valuable time, energy and creativity while making a positive impact on students' lives.

The Golden West College Patrons

The Golden West College Patrons is a volunteer organization comprised of current and retired GWC staff, faulty, alumni and community members. Organized in 1973, the Patrons' main objective is to raise funds for scholarships through the Chefs for Scholarships event each fall. The members also volunteer countless hours each year in support of other events such as the Gala, Art Gallery, Scholarships & Awards, and Graduation ceremonies.

Chefs for Scholarships

The Thirteenth Annual Chefs for Scholarships was held on October 7, 2018 in the Student Center and outdoor area. Guests were treated to delicious samples from local restaurants, wineries and breweries. The proceeds from the event are used to fund scholarships for high school students planning to attend Golden West College, Veterans scholarships, general scholarships and student services programs.

STAR Book Program

The Golden West College Foundation allots funds to the GWC Library for the purchase of textbooks under the STAR (Student Textbook Access Reserve Collection) Book Program. This program is necessary because not all students can afford the \$500-\$1,000 textbook costs per semester. The STAR program allows students to access their textbooks through a library loan program.

Hens & Chickens Quilt Auxiliary

The Hens & Chickens Quilt Fellowships of Golden West College began in 1989 and now has members ranging in age from 12-80.

Each year they make a beautiful quilt for an opportunity drawing and donate the proceeds to Golden West College scholarships. The winner of the 2018 quilt was Sarah Molchan of Bellflower.

The Golden West College Foundation proudly gives back to the community by supporting CIELO, Oak View Renewal, and the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter.

CIELO

Community for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Opportunities

The mission of CIELO is to cultivate leaders throughout Huntington Beach and Orange County by helping them realize their entrepreneurial dreams through education, mentoring, technical assistance, investments and peer-to-peer teams. The partnership between CIELO and Golden West College is dedicated to transforming dreams into reality, and generating economic impact for the individual and greater community.

Oak View Renewal

Oak View Renewal Partnership's (OVRP) mission is to narrow the cultural, social, educational, health, and economic gaps between the Oak View community and the surrounding City of Huntington Beach. By addressing the disparity in jobs, education, and health, OVRP is a leading example in scalable and sustainable community renewal.

Huntington Beach Youth Shelter

The *Light of Love* snowflakes support the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. The Youth Shelter is an emergency crisis and intervention program providing a safe environment for approximately 120 Orange County 11-17 year old children each year. The home provides a clean bed, meals, counseling and tutoring for runaways at risk, and homeless youth in crisis.

On the Fast Track

From the moment you meet Erin Joy Araneta, it's immediately clear that she's driven and has a clear plan for her future.

A native of Makati in the Philippines, Erin came to America just two years ago and has been on the fast track to success. In high school, Erin assertively took advanced placement and college level courses, including a summer research pre-med program at UCI during her junior year. She thrived in the college atmosphere, where people pushed harder and were more purposeful about their education.

Erin was able to finish high school early, skipping her senior year. She enrolled at GWC in fall 2017 at age 16 to study science and pre-med courses, blazing through 19.5 units during her freshman year. Her major: A liberal arts degree with

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an emphasis in science. Her goal: To be a professor of science or a leading researcher.

"Golden West College has a great reputation for science and a respected nursing school program," said Erin. "The school is smaller in size, so you can really get to know your classmates and instructors. After just a year here, I feel I have a very good awareness of the college and how to get involved."

Now in her second year at GWC, Erin has taken a leadership role on campus with membership in the Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) honor society.

"I wouldn't be where I am now if it weren't for AGS," Erin recalled. "They guided and supported me through my first year to become a better student, reduced my stress, and helped me become a more outgoing person so I could get involved on campus."

In addition to her studies, Erin also works on campus as an anatomy teaching assistant, an English and chemistry tutor, and volunteers for the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS). Her favorite teacher is Dr. Kay Dutz, a chemistry professor she immediately connected with — so much so that Erin now assists Dr. Dutz in her chemistry class.

"Dr. Dutz and my experience at Golden West helped me mature as a student, showing me that mistakes are an opportunity to grow and improve," said Erin. "I'm currently Dr. Dutz's classroom assistant, where I can help and encourage other students."

Erin's volunteer work doesn't stop at the borders of Golden West College. She actively volunteers at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, helping patients do everything from fluffing their beds, cutting their food, and making the rounds when there is a request. She also volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul's parish in Huntington Beach. Erin's charity work began in the Philippines in her hometown of Makati, where she helped with local feeding programs and medical missions. Her goal is to get her degree at GWC, transfer to Cal State Long Beach, and work toward a PhD at Columbia University, where she wants to become a nurse scientist.

"I'm really interested in how I can make health care and medicine more affordable for people," said Erin. "I want to do nursing research, and then eventually become a professor."

On campus and in the community, Erin has been on the fast track to reach her goals and improve the lives of others, and we can't wait to see what she does next.





Eden brings a richness and appreciation of world culture with him — and it shows in his commitment

Riding the Wave

When Eden Yimam arrived at Golden West College he had a vision of how his days would unfold. He would take a few classes, exploring his passion for nursing, then he'd drive 15 minutes to the beach to pursue his other great passion, surfing.

But catching the wave at the beach proved less important than riding the wave of education Eden needed to accomplish his goal of becoming a nurse. Eden chose GWC because it provides one of the finest nursing programs of any community college in the state.

"It was a no-brainer for me," said Eden. "I was immediately impressed when I got on campus."

Very focused and organized, Eden actually attended GWC before he set foot on campus in the fall of 2017. Nursing as a vocation, requires many prerequisite classes to get on track with the program. GWC provided Eden with the option to take those prerequisites online, laying a pathway for success by the time he finally arrived.

A transplant from Washington D.C., Eden loves the GWC campus, with its openness, wonderful landscape and "no clutter." Then there was the new building that housed the nursing program — everything was in one place.

"GWC has a great nursing facility, with mannequins and various opportunities to perform simulations," said Eden. "As a teaching tool it's very valuable."

A profound change for Eden arrived during his second year when Golden West supplied financial aid opportunities and assistance.

"The counseling services and financial guidance were impressive," Eden explained. "Starting in the third semester, there was not only financial assistance but additional scholarship

options, which is monumental for students with families who need the additional support for books and more. Not every school will do that."

Having lived in numerous places around the world including Brazil, Costa Rica, Paris, and now Southern California, Eden brings a richness and appreciation of world culture with him — and it shows in his commitment not only to nursing but also his life before GWC. Eden served with the Peace Corps from 2006 to 2009, stationed in places like Guinea and Ethiopia. With the personal goal of serving underdeveloped communities, both in the physical and societal realms, he found the Peace Corps an enriching experience that taught him how to listen and understand the true needs in communities he served.

"The experience was amazing, what drew me to the Peace Corps was the opportunity to serve in communities that are under served," said Eden. "That experience helped shape where I'm at today, in wanting to be a nurse and give back."

For his part, Eden has been balancing his nursing studies with tending bar at a hotel in Newport Beach. His passion for surfing still remains, but finds little space in his densely-packed, highly-organized schedule. Eden's ultimate goal after GWC is to get his Bachelor of Science in nursing at a university, give back to the community, and work in an ICU and volunteer for disaster relief organizations. His personal experiences and philosophy in surfing align quite fittingly with his view of nursing.

"In surfing, there is a gratification in being able to stand up on a wave and ride a moving object," Eden said. "There is a satisfaction of being in the moment, in nature. In life, anyone can do anything if they put the right amount of time into it."









Far left: Patty Holohan, representing Huntington Beach Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram was honored with a Pillar of Support for their sustained financial contributions in excess of \$25,000.

Clockwise from above left: Inducted into the Golden Society for their cumulative contributions of \$10,000 to \$24,999 are:

Alex Wong, Red Oak Investments Mary and Jerry Hornbuckle (Mary is shown with daughter Shelley Chretin)

Albert and Patti Gasparian (Patti is not present).

In the spirit of gratitude and appreciation, the Golden West College Foundation unveiled the Courtyard of Honor ceremony to recognize outstanding Alumni and Major Donors.

The first Pillars of Support were inducted at the inaugural Courtyard of Honor ceremony in 1991. Since that time, Golden West College has inducted 55 Pillars. A Pillar of Support represents cash gifts totaling \$25,000 – \$99,000 from an individual or business.

In 2012, the Premier Pillar of Support was added to the donor categories. Premier Pillars of Support are those individuals or businesses who have donated \$100,000 or more to Golden West College. These funds are designated

to support student success in a variety of areas, including scholarships in the Criminal Justice program, assistance for student nurses, memorial scholarships, and advanced training for students as they transfer to a four-year institution or join the workforce. To date, thirty-three Premier Pillars of Support have been inducted.

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, the Golden West College Foundation held the 27th Annual Courtyard of Honor Ceremony, honoring donors and recognizing successful alumni. This year, the Foundation recognized one new Pillar of Support, three members of the Golden Society and three Alumni Pillars of Achievement.



Chief Tom Kisela

began his career with the Orange Police Department in 1986 as a reserve police officer, and was hired full time and assigned to patrol in 1988. While in patrol he worked a

variety of assignments that included fourteen years with SWAT, special enforcement detail, and gang suppression, becoming one of the first drug recognition experts in the department. In 1993, Chief Kisela became a detective and spent six years in the narcotics unit.

In 2000, Chief Kisela was promoted to sergeant and then in 2006 to lieutenant. He held assignments in patrol as a watch commander, traffic bureau commander, and was responsible for coordinating police services for all major special events within the city. In 2009, Chief Kisela returned to administration, leading personnel & training, records, crime prevention and homeland security.

Tom continued to rise thru the ranks, being promoted to captain in 2012, where he served as the division commander for all three divisions of the police department, Field Services, Investigative Services, and Administrative Services. On April 15th, 2016 Tom was appointed Chief of Police and has led the department with an approachable yet professional manner that resonates in the department and city.

Chief Kisela grew up in Orange attending Villa Park High School, possesses a Bachelor's Degree in History and Masters Degree in Public Administration. Chief Kisela currently lives in Orange with his wife Debbie and two children, Travis and Ashleigh.



Born in Bogota, Colombia, **Laura Saldarriaga Lopez** immigrated to the United States in 1998, when she was sixteen years old. She attended Marina High School, Golden West College, UC

San Diego and then UCLA. Laura received her PhD while working part-time at Cal State Fullerton and at Golden West College. Laura currently works as a professor at El Camino Community College.

"Golden West was an extremely important part of my life here in the United States," Laura explained. "I moved to a new country and culture with no English skills, and I had to face a number of challenges. After one year at Marina high School, and with the little English I learned, I started taking classes at Golden West College as a part-time student. After I graduated from Marina I decided to come to Golden West instead of going to a four-year school, mostly because I did not think I could make it elsewhere. I spent four years here at GWC, and those four years made the biggest difference in my life. Why? Because of the people that worked here — the professors, and staff. Getting to know the faculty and staff was key in my success."

While at Golden West, Laura also worked in the biology stockroom, in the tutoring center, and was part of several student organizations. Being completely immersed in the college made her realize she wanted to come back and give back to the community as a professor. "After I finished my PhD, I came back to GWC to teach chemistry in the same classrooms where I first learned to love it. Now I am a full-time professor at El Camino Community College in Torrance, but I will always have a special place in my heart for Golden West College."

Alumni Pillars of Achievement



Although Matt
Liffreing would
have loved to have
been born in the
city that has given
him so much —
Huntington Beach
— it was Las Vegas
where he spent
his early years.
His exposure to
Vegas Showrooms

sparked a curiosity and excitement for being in front of an audience. After moving to Huntington Beach and graduating from Marina High School, Matt became a member of the first Golden West College Acting Company & Conservancy.

In the early 1990s the City of Huntington Beach hired Matt to interview city council candidates for HBTV 6. The relationship between Matt and the city has continued for over 25 years,

and has included many TV programs like *Made in Huntington Beach, Election Night Live Coverage*, and the current monthly *Surf City Highlights*. Matt was also segment producer, anchor and associate producer for *Local Cable Update*, a weekly TV program that lasted over ten years.

Today, Matt continues to work closely with the City of Huntington Beach as a producer, videographer and editor and has created weekly online stories about the business community with *HB Business News* for the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce. In these roles, he has been a part of the city's most memorable moments over the last 25 years. For his work behind the camera, Matt has received awards and accolades from the city, State of California and he received the Operation School Bell Award from the National Assistance League in 2017.

Matt has two wonderful children: Ilyse, a journalist in New York City, and Jared, a graduate of Cal Arts in film animation. Both are also graduates of the HBHS Academy of Performing Arts Program.



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Since 1986, the Golden West College Foundation has processed over \$8,800,000 million for student scholarships. Each scholarship application involves a process of review by scholarship committees who select the recipients based upon individual scholarship criteria.

At the Scholarships and Awards Ceremony held last May, 453 scholarships worth \$517,000 were awarded to 294 GWC students. The Scholarships and Awards Ceremony recognizes both the scholarship recipients and the donors who support them. The ceremony is held annually at the college.



Centerfield Scores a Touchdown

At age 27, James Baldwin III is ending a career, beginning a new one, and bringing excitement to Golden West College.

After James graduated in 2010 from Pinecrest High School in North Carolina, numerous baseball scholarship offers poured in. However, James decided to "go pro" and found himself selected in the third round of the 2010 Major League Baseball draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. At centerfield, he played six successful seasons. Later, he joined the Chicago White Sox for several years in the same position, following in the footsteps of his father, James Baldwin Jr., who spent a full 15 years in the Windy City playing for the Sox.

With his background, positive attitude and playing ability, he could have gone anywhere But after a successful career in baseball, James retired in 2017 and decided to switch gears, wanting to make his own name in a different sport. He had a new goal in sight, wanting to enroll in college and trade his bat and mitt for a football helmet.

"All I know is sports, I've never been to college before GWC," James remarked. "I talked to some former coaches about the best colleges and football programs they knew. They recommended Golden West."

As an older college student, James already had a professional sports career under his belt and the maturity to take life in stride. With his background, positive attitude and playing ability, he could have gone anywhere, but he chose to develop and sharpen his academic and sports skills at Golden West College.

"If it wasn't for Golden West, I'd probably still be playing baseball," said James. "You get a great foundation here, the education you get is amazing."

Since enrolling at GWC in 2017 as a psychology major, James likes to say he's been all over the field for the Rustlers: Defensive end, punter, kick-off return team, and safety. In fall 2018, he took a full load of 12 units — on top of the enormous rigors of football practice and games. He credits football coach Nick Mitchell with helping him hone his skills on and off the field, including coach Mitchell's advice on how to maintain a clear career track.

"Golden West is a genuine place, everyone feels like family here," James said. "Coach Mitchell has been amazing, and the professors and counselors have been supportive too. They talk to you and help you with support and guidance."

James enjoyed playing for the Rustlers, helping them finish #7 in Southern California during the 2018 season. He credits his positive experience at GWC with helping to prepare him for the next chapter in his life: Division I football. He's currently weighing options at Marshall University, Portland State, Florida Atlantic, and West Virginia.

Golden West College once again proves that it provides opportunities for everyone, of any age and ability, from diverse backgrounds. GWC's faculty and staff's mission is to provide the resources and support for student success — just ask James Baldwin III — if you can catch him as he plays for his next football team in the NCAA.



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Whether you are looking to make a gift now or planning for future giving through bequests in your will, IRA or retirement accounts, charitable annuities or trusts, the Foundation Office at Golden West College can help. Please contact us at (714) 895-8316 or email bberman@gwc.cccd.edu for more information.

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One of the ways the GWC Foundation provides support is through a small grants program called the "Wish List." Through this program the Foundation offers \$25,000 in grants (no grant to exceed \$1,000) as well as a single grant of \$25,000 to Faculty and Staff for projects that directly increase student success.

In order to offer more support to the College and its students the Foundation is focusing on increasing the cultivation and solicitation of new major gift donors as well as exploring new avenues of generating revenue to offset student tuition and make it possible for anyone who wishes to attend GWC full time.

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HB Jeep presents: The Enchanted Garden.
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