“Celebrating our past, Investing in our future”

(left to right) Cheryl Schmid, Linda Lou Knecht, and Kathy Naccarato
To the Friends and Family of Big Bend Community College:

Where has the time gone? For most of us Big Bend Community College has always been here; a friend we could always count on!

Some may dispute the analogy, but quite simply it reflects the fact that anyone in our service district could earn a college degree right here since we opened our doors.

It’s been a long journey since 1962, with a few twists and turns. But we end every year on a high note, celebrating the success of our students who complete their degrees. We stand with their families and friends, being recognized for all our efforts to help them earn that degree.

A 50th anniversary is special because so many of the college’s founders and first students are still with us. Their testimonials and history of the college need to be saved.

As we continue our march into the 21st century, please pause to join us in our salute to all the students, staff, and residents who have been part of our growth and development. Come visit us this year.

If you think we’ve come a long way in our first 50 years, get on board for a truly amazing journey to our 60th year and beyond!

Bill Bonaudi, President
Big Bend Community College

Celebrating Our Past,
...Investing In Our Future

BBCC has unveiled a 50th Anniversary website at www.bigbend.edu. Alumni and friends of the college also can share their stories on BBCC’s Foundation Facebook page and keep track of upcoming events on this portal. Over time BBCC wants to develop a historic virtual exhibit including a timeline, interesting facts, and a photo gallery.
Double Your Donation

Foundation can match your gifts

As BBCC celebrates its 50th year, donors can double their donations by making a gift to endowment funds being established for the future of the college and its students.

Every gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by federal funds, up to $559,630. The BBCC Foundation has five years to raise the matching funds. It is a great opportunity and it would be a shame to leave any of the federal money on the table. For information, contact BBCC Foundation Executive Director LeAnne Parton at 509.793.2004.

We want your alumni story!

Post yours at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/50anniversary

These are the questions you'll be asked:
* When did you attend BBCC?
* Your current occupation/title.
* How would your life be different if BBCC wasn’t there when you needed it?
* Comments on memorable faculty or staff
* Your contact information

You can post the information by e-mail, Facebook, or by letter to the Foundation Office. We’d like to assemble stories for distribution and display during the year. Photos with identification are greatly appreciated. Mail to:

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(Above) Gov. Albert Rosellini and BBCC President Dr. Alfred Philips at BBCC’s dedication on April 6, 1964.

(Below) BBCC Charter Graduates Class of 1963
Foundation receives $1.1 million planned gift

An anonymous donor has made a planned gift valued at more than $1 million to the Big Bend Community College Foundation. College officials said the Foundation is named beneficiary of the donor’s retirement plan. In 2012—BBCC’s 50th anniversary year—minimum distributions of approximately $40,000 per year will begin.

“This is like having a $1 million endowment to support the college,” said BBCC President Bill Bonaudi.

Bonaudi said income from the gift will be distributed every year. The balance goes to the Foundation upon the donor’s passing. “This is a source of funding the college can count on as we plan for the future,” Bonaudi said.

Gift from Col. Owen

Col. Clyde Owen has made a $100,000 cash gift to the BBCC Foundation. A member of the Foundation Board since 2000, Col. Owen was the last Commander of Larson Air Force Base and the first manager of the Port of Moses Lake. He’s still active supporting the College and its activities.
The two largest health care providers in BBCC’s service district have committed $120,000 ($60,000 each) to help pay a nursing faculty salary and benefits for the next two years.

Without this assistance, BBCC would have reduced enrollment of its registered nursing program due to ongoing budget cuts.

The move by Samaritan Healthcare and Wenatchee Valley Medical Center (on behalf of Moses Lake Clinic) means BBCC’s RN program was not reduced from 24 students to 18, said BBCC Dr. Bill Bonaudi.

BBCC officials were delighted to announce on Aug. 9 the vacant nursing faculty position had been filled. Nursing educator positions are notoriously difficult to fill because nurses with a master’s degree can earn more money working in a clinical hospital setting.

“As long as BBCC is producing nurses, we are safe from having a local nursing shortage in this community. But that was being put at risk,” said Samaritan Healthcare CEO Andrew Bair.
Christmas came early last year for advanced students in BBCC’s automotive technology program. The Moses Lake Classic Car Club bought each student in the class an engine performance “tool kit” which students can use the remainder of the year and get to keep.

The car club helped BBCC automotive students in the past with tuition scholarship awards. This year they found a way to help every student in the second year of the program.

The tool kit includes an auto link scan tool, a light set, wire tool, remote starter, spark tester and fuel disconnect set. The cost is about $170 per kit.
BBCC Trustees unanimously declared a financial emergency for the 2011-13 funding cycle on October 19, 2011. The resolution is the first step of a process required for the college to consider an expedited layoff process.

BBCC has lost $3.7 million of its state-funded budget since 2009. College officials have planned for cuts of another $800,000 in 2012—representing total cuts of 40 percent from 2009 operating levels. The last time Trustees declared a financial emergency was in 1981 in response to a 10 percent budget cut.

The continuing loss in revenue threatens programs. BBCC has lost 26 positions, zeroed out equipment budgets, and cancelled classes to make ends meet. Class offerings were reduced in fall of 2011 and enrollment dropped 9.6 percent.
A summer labor strike delayed completion of the first BBCC campus in 1962, so the first classes were held in Moses Lake High School in September.

There were 20 “Charter Graduates” in the first graduating class of BBCC in 1963.

Gov. Albert Rosellini gave the dedication address for Big Bend Community College on April 5, 1964.

In 1967, BBCC men played on the tennis team and women played on the badminton team.

The Rifle Pistol Club was one of the first clubs formed at BBCC in 1963.

Jon Lane won a national junior college wrestling championship at 152 lbs. for Big Bend in 1967. Today Jon is a member of the BBCC Board of Trustees.

The price of coffee in the student union building was increased from a nickel to a dime in 1964 because students were leaving such a mess. It was lowered to a nickel again after students agreed to clean up after themselves.
Enrollment at BBCC dropped 30 percent in 1966 following closure of Larson Air Force Base.

A student was dismissed from the Big Bend commercial pilot program in 1968 for growing a beard. The student took the matter to court, and a judge ruled in favor of the College.

Tuition for 18 credits at BBCC cost $83 per quarter in 1976, and people complained about the high cost. In 2011, tuition for an 18-credit load costs $1,180.

From 1973 to 1977, Big Bend awarded 18,000 Washington State High School diplomas to U.S. military personnel stationed in Europe through the PREP program.

BBCC journalism students interviewed Walter Cronkite by speaker phone for 40 minutes in 1980. Journalism instructor Dave Johnson worked with Cronkite at United Press International in the Midwest in the 1940’s.
A $4.4 million federal grant focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) was awarded to BBCC on Sept. 20, 2011.

The grant provides $900,000 per year for five years toward STEM curriculum, facilities, equipment, and career advising. One of the first grant activities is an $800,000 remodel of the Math/Science Building to include dedicated STEM labs and learning areas.

STEM job opportunities in BBCC’s service district are plentiful due to a growing and diversified industrial sector. Companies like REC Silicon, Microsoft, SGL Automotive Carbon Fibers, Genie, Takata, Yahoo, Dell and Intuit have created local demand for STEM professionals.

(below) Big Bend’s honor’s society induction for Rho Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in 2012.
Innovative CDL Program Gets Governor’s Award

BBCC is the recipient of the Governor’s 2011 Best Practices Award for its innovative program to help farm workers move from the field to behind the wheel of a commercial truck.

The Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) Program uses the model of two instructors in the classroom—one teaching content while the other supports development of basic skills in reading, math, or language skills. The program has prepared more than 150 low-wage workers for higher-wage, in-demand transportation jobs needed by the area’s agribusinesses.

The Governor’s Best Practice Awards recognize programs that create new jobs and help workers get the training they need to land a job. BBCC was the only community college in the state to receive the recognition.
Helicopter PILOT

Program Starts in 2012

A partnership between BBCC and Inland Helicopters of Spokane will provide opportunities for students to become helicopter pilots while earning an associates degree starting in 2012. The helicopter pilot program opens a new range of careers for BBCC aviation students, including emergency medical services, law enforcement, tourism, logging, agriculture, aerial photography, news gathering and fish and wildlife counts.

Inland Helicopters provides the equipment and flight instructors, while BBCC provides instruction in ground school, meteorology, technical writing, and other classes required by the Commercial Pilot Program.
BBCC Gets Share of Aerospace Grant

BBCC will receive a $1.8 million share of a U.S. Department of Labor grant to develop programs to support the aerospace industry.

BBCC is one of 14 colleges to share $20 million awarded to the Air Washington Consortium. The college operates one of five airframe and power plant schools in Washington.

Training initiatives will focus on degrees or certificates in programs such as avionics, computer assisted drafting and design, machinists, computer software engineering, hydraulic and pneumatic automation, and welding.

Shortly after the grant was announced, The Boeing Company announced it will assemble its 737 MAX at Renton, WA.
Ways to help BBCC in 2012 ... and have a good time!

Cellarbration! for Education: May 19, 2012

The BBCC Foundation’s biggest scholarship fundraiser is set for May 19 in the Masto Conference Center. Now in its 11th year, Cellarbration! has raised $720,000 for scholarships for BBCC students. The event features a gourmet meal served with Washington wines and silent and live auctions. A 1-carat diamond is raffled. Much of the total raised by the event comes from sponsorships. For sponsorship and reservation information, contact 509.793.2006. If we don’t make our goal in these difficult financial times, scholarship awards will have to be reduced accordingly.
Dr. Bill Bonaudi Announces Retirement

Bill Bonaudi will retire June 30 after serving 17 years as president of Big Bend Community College. He’ll retire after a 47-year career as a community college instructor and administrator. “I’ve had a wonderful career and have been blessed to complete it at Big Bend,” Bonaudi said. “Moses Lake has been a wonderful home for my family and me, and I will remain here in retirement.”

BBCC Trustees have initiated the presidential search process. The application deadline is April 6, 2012, and the target date for having a new president on board is Sept. 1, 2012. A presidential search advisory committee representing the college’s constituent groups has been appointed by Trustees.

Bonaudi was hired as BBCC President in May 1995. Before coming to Big Bend, he was Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northern Nevada Community College.
Foundation sets goals to help BBCC

With BBCC in a climate of financial emergency, the BBCC Foundation Board hopes to raise $750,000 in five years for specific needs of the college. The goal includes raising funds for nursing equipment, technical/professional equipment, and servers and computers needed by the College. BBCC has lost $1 million in equipment funds in the last three years.

The goal also includes raising $559,630 to match federal money to establish endowments totaling more than $1.1 million. (You can double your donation by making a gift to one of the endowment funds.) The Foundation Board is making progress in all four fundraising areas, having met or exceeded the first year’s goals in each category.

BBCC Foundation Hires New Executive Director

Moses Lake native LeAnne K. Parton is the new Executive Director of the Big Bend Community College Foundation. “LeAnne has the skills and experience we need,” said Katherine Franz Swinger, Chair of the BBCC Foundation Board. “It’s an advantage for the Foundation that she has always lived and worked in this area.”

Parton graduated from Moses Lake High School, is an alumnus of Big Bend Community College, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University.

The Foundation Board noted her demonstrated abilities in fundraising, administration, property management, and recruiting. She has more than two decades experience organizing special events. She was Administrator of Moses Lake Christian Academy from 2001 to 2009.

Parton replaces Doug Sly, who served 12 years as Foundation Executive Director. In December Sly was hired as BBCC Director of Public Information. Sly will continue to work with donors and friends of the college and assist with Parton’s transition to her new position.
I’d like to double my donation and make a matching gift

☐ $1,000  ☐ $100
☐ $500  ☐ $50
☐ $250  ☐ $25
☐ I’d like to support another scholarship, program, or fund in the amount checked.

Other

Name

Phone

Title

Company

Address

City

State Zip

☐ Cash  ☐ Check Enclosed $

(Please make checks payable to BBCC Foundation.)

or

☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ DISC

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☐ Please send me information about making gifts to the BBCC Foundation with securities, property, life insurance, or by including the Foundation in your will or trust.

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