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Dear Friends,

Big Bend Community College prides itself on helping our students succeed through a personalized educational experience, on promoting economic growth through workforce development, and on serving as a catalyst for community transformation. Our students can learn English and earn their high school diploma, their two-year degree to transfer to a university, or their certificate or degree to obtain a high-wage, high-skill job without leaving their community or incurring lots of debt. Whatever their goal, we can help students transform their lives!

This past year, we have been eagerly watching construction of our new

Workforce Education Center, which will house Agriculture, Automotive Technology, Business Information Management, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, Industrial Electrical Technology, Maintenance Mechanics Technology, Mechatronics, Transitional Studies, and Welding. We also will complete a new hangar for our Aviation Maintenance Technology program this year. Having 21st-Century facilities for our outstanding workforce programs will provide our programs with appropriate technologies and spaces plus expand our capacity to meet employers' growing needs for skilled employees.

These new facilities are made possible by generous support from the state of Washington and from donations by individuals, employers, and organizations. We are grateful for everyone's willingness to invest in the future of our students and college! The Big Bend Community College Foundation has secured more than 72% of its \$3.75M capital campaign goal. This funding, plus state monies and college reserve funds, allows us to expand our facilities to meet the future workforce needs of a growing Central Washington region.

Working with supportive community leaders like you, Big Bend can accomplish so much more on behalf of students, employers, and local economies. By supporting public higher education, you ensure that our students can realize the American Dream, employers can compete globally, and we all work together to preserve democracy.

Gratefully,

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Terrence Leas, Ph.D. President



Our Demographics

- 4,225 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY
 - 2006 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT* *One full-time equivalent (FTE) student is the equivalent of one student enrolled in 15 credits per quarter
 - **448** RUNNING START STUDENTS
 - **63** VETERANS
 - **133** STUDENT ATHLETES

More than half of the 740,000 job openings in 2021 will require education past high school. — Washington Roundtable, 2016

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50% STUDENTS OF COLOR

345 EMPLOYEES* *Not counting student employees

74% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

- **48%** ACADEMIC TRANSFER STUDENTS
- **31%** WORKFORCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

21% TRANSITIONAL STUDIES STUDENTS

Overall, the quality of education was good. Faculty and staff were helpful and kind. Extra help outside of class was excellent. — Graduate, Class of 2018

MIGUEL Cruz-Santiago

Born in Oaxaca, Mexico, Miguel moved to the United States at the age of 15. After settling in Quincy, Miguel got a job working in the Washington apple orchards for a large company. Despite performing well at the physically demanding job, there was very little upward mobility.

Miguel enrolled in the Transitional Studies program at Big Bend, and over the course of four years, he earned his GED[®] despite working long hours as an agricultural laborer, a language barrier, and financial hardship. After earning his GED[®], he continued his studies graduating with an Applied



Science transfer degree from BBCC in the Spring (2019).

Miguel will be continuing his studies this fall at Washington State University and pursuing a degree in Field Crop Management with a minor in Agribusiness.

2018-19 Foundation Scholarships:

- Fred and Charles (Chuck) Huston Memorial Scholarship
- BBCC Foundation-Returning Student Scholarship
- Art & Gail Erickson Memorial Scholarship
- Roy & Leona Nelson Foundation Scholarship
- Washington State Potato Commission
- W.E. and Millie Jones Charitable Trust Scholarship

FRANCISCA Juarez

A first-generation college student, Francisca was the first person in her family to attend college after coming to America from Mexico when she was a teenager. Her older brother Joaquin worked as a mechanic, and she would shadow him when she was younger — he passed away when she was 12-years-old.

She enrolled as the only female in Big Bend's Automotive Technology program and graduated with honors in June of 2018. Her performance was so impressive, she was encouraged to apply for Tesla's START training program



by her instructor. The intensive training program is designed to provide students with the skills necessary for a successful career with the company.

Francisca recently completed the program and is now employed by Tesla in Bellvue, WA.

Accomplishments:

- Graduated from Big Bend's Automotive Technology program with highest honors
- First-ever BBCC graudate accepted into the Tesla START program
- Recently began working for Tesla in Bellvue, WA.

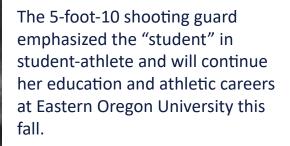
LEAH Dougherty

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Leah Dougherty lit it up on the court for the Lady Vikings basketball team scoring an average of 11.1 points per game over her two-year career on the hardwood. She started all 32 games during her sophomore season and helped lead Big Bend to their second-consecutive Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) Final Four appearance.

What is even more impressive is that this student athlete also graduated with highest honors (cumulative GPA above 3.75) earning her Associate in Arts and Science degree in Spring of 2019.



Accomplishments:

- Graduated with higherst honors
- NWAC Academic Excellence Award
- NWAC 2018-19 East Region All-Defensive Team
- Associated Student Body Public Relations Officer

Scholarships:

- Floch Scholarships
- Star Night Scholarship

OMAR Alvarado

Omar Alvarado is not yet a Big Bend graduate; however, he is one of the first students to complete Big Bend Community College's new Data Center Certification program. As part of the pilot cohort, Omar finished the one-year program and is now employed as a data center technician with Zoho Corporation in Quincy, WA.

In the fall of 2018, BBCC collaborated with several regional data centers, including Sabey Data Centers, Microsoft, H5, NTT, Oath and Vantage Data Centers, to come up with a way to meet their growing need for trained IT



professionals. The collaboration resulted in a specialized one-year training program that prepares students for entry-level data center operations positions.

Omar was offered his position before he completed the program, which resulted from the need for trained data center technicians in Grant County.

Accomplishments:

- Earned Data Center certification through BBCC's one-year specialized training program
- Employed with Zoho Data Center in Quincy, WA.

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JAMES Leland

James Leland is a military veteran. He was employed at REC Silicon after leaving the service. He was facing a reduction in force (RIF) layoff for the second time in as many years.

A military veteran, the sole provider for his family, and being a father and husband had not provided much time previously for returning to school. However, his most recent layoff had him struggling to decide if he wanted to keep working for others not knowing what his future would hold or return to school and get the education that would allow him to put his fu-



ture back in his own hands.

James enrolled in Big Bend's Unmanned Systems program, and two years removed from the RIF, he and his wife have opened their own business, 360 Aviation.

Foundation Scholarships:

- BBCC Workforce Education Scholarship
- John O. & Kathryn G. Green Memorial Scholarship
- BBCC Foundation-Returning Student Scholarship
- American Legion Auxiliary #209 Scholarship
- Roy & Leona Nelson Foundation Scholarship

TAKUMI Yamakuchi

Originally from Los Angeles, Takumi spent 20 years growing up in Japan. His dream, ever since he saw the sunrise from the cockpit of a 747 as a 4-year-old boy, was to become a professional pilot.

After finishing high school, he enrolled at a community college on the western side of Washington State. A chance encounter with a test pilot from Boeing would bring him east to Moses Lake at Big Bend Community College where he enrolled in the Commercial Pilot program.



"I was told that if I was serious about becoming a pilot, then Big Bend was the place that I needed to be," Takumi says. "I began to apply immediately after speaking with him."

Takumi graduated this spring (2019) and is now an FAA Licensed Commercial Pilot.

Foundation Scholarship:

- Clyde W. & Audrey M. Owen Scholarship

JAIME Hernandez

When he was 7-years-old, Jaime and his family took a 400-mile journey from Mexico into California. He remembers that the six travelers in his group had one gallon of water between them, and it did not last very long.

Jaime grew up in California and did well academically until he made it to high school where he struggled. His family moved to Washington, and although he graduated from high school, his grades were not good (1.6 GPA).

He was working one day in the apple fields, when he concluded there had



to be more. He took a chance and enrolled at Big Bend where he thrived and eventually graduated from the Early Childhood Education program with a 3.7 GPA.

He credits the many resources offered at BBCC and the attentive instructors for helping him achieve success.

Jaime is currently working as an assistant teacher at Head Start and is continuing his four-year degree online.

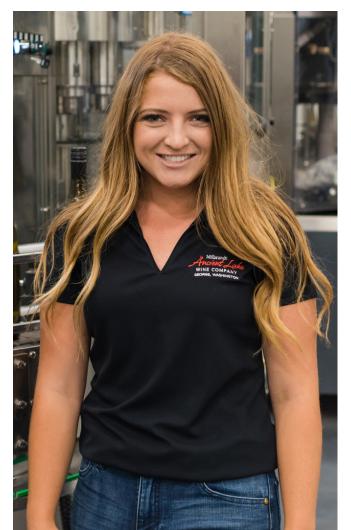
Accomplishments:

- Early Achievers Grant Award Winner
- First-generation college graduate

EMMA Gunderson

Emma always wanted to pursue a career in the wine industry, but as a 2016 graduate of Ephrata High School, she was not sure how to go about it. Her decision to attend Big Bend initially was so that she could save money before transferring to a university. However, when a friend that was enrolled in the Agriculture program told her about the options right near home at Big Bend, she decided to get her Agricultural Business degree.

She says that she enjoyed learning from her instructors who either worked previously or still do work in the Ag industry. Learning from their real-world



experiences was one of the best parts of the program.

Shortly after earning that degree (Winter 2019), Emma was offered a full-time position with Ancient Lake Wine company in Quincy where she works in quality control.

Eventually, she hopes to move into the marketing and management side of the business but right now is just enjoying absorbing as much knowledge about the industry as possible.

Foundation Scholarship:

- BBCC Foundation High School Graduate Scholarship

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Notable Achievements



Big Bend is wrapping-up construction on its **129,000** square foot Workforce Education Center. The building is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2019. The building has more than **30,000** square feet of two-story lab space, a **3,000** square foot collaborative lab, and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

The BBCC Foundation had a record year providing students with more than **\$249,541** in scholarships. The 2019 Annual Cellarbration for Education fundraising dinner and auction raised **\$123,518**.



The Lady Vikings basketball finished as the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) **East Region Champions** and advanced to the **Final Four** for the second-consecutive season. Big Bend Coach Preston Wilks was named the East Region **Coach of the Year**.



The Big Bend Community College Simulation Technology program earned provisional accreditation status from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) — the largest healthcare simulation accrediting body in the world. The program was commended for having **state of the art labs and simulators**, an innovative curriculum and staff and instructors who were **highly-qualified industry experts**.

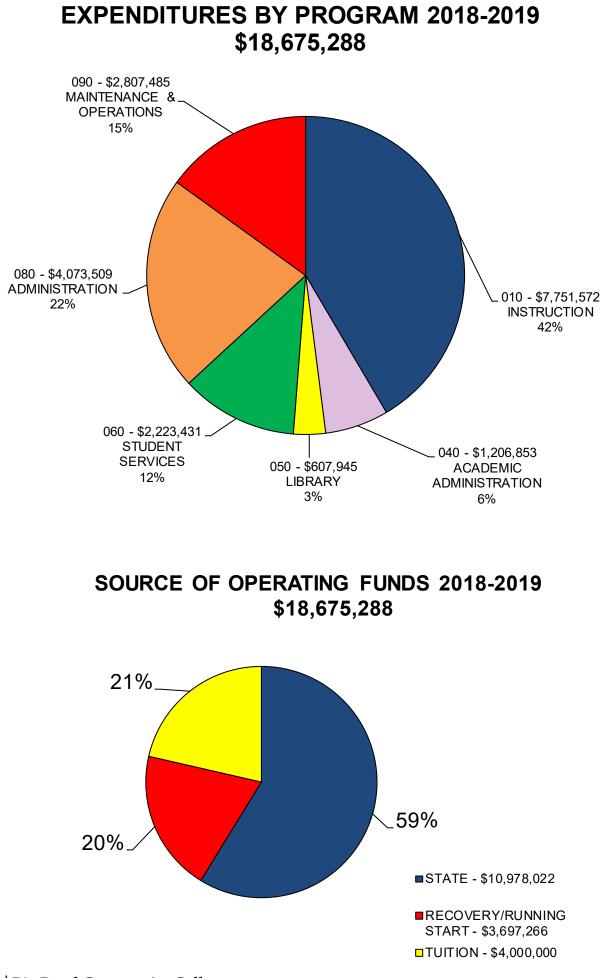


The Viking Food Pantry celebrated its third anniversary of providing the Big Bend Campus Community with access to nutritious food, non-perishables and personal care products. To date, more than **36,000** pounds of food and **4,000** personal care items have been distributed.

Class of **2019**

• 493 total graduates

- 513 total degrees earned
 - 298 Arts & Science degrees
 - 125 Applied Science degrees
 - 26 Business Transfer degrees
 - 18 Pre-nursing Transfer degrees
 - 15 Associate of Science degrees
 - 22 General Studies degrees
 - 7 Applied Science Transfer degrees
- Oldest graduate: 60 years old
- Youngest graduate: 17 years old
- 62 percent of graduates are female
- 38 percent of graduates are male
- Graduates come from 78 cities and towns in the state of Washington, as well as, the states of Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Texas, Arizona, California, Georgia, Montana, North Dakota, and Oregon.
- 115 of our grads are Running Start students who earned both a high school diploma and an associate degree during the last two years.



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2019 Former Student Survey

"I feel BBCC went to great lengths to offer quality instruction and had awesome instructors. The preparation I received could benefit anyone looking to further their education."

"It's close to home; the faculty are amazing and down-to-earth people; the quality of education is good; it's not expensive to enroll and attend; it's a good way to ease into the academic lifestyle and get your bearings."

"I learned a lot, made friends, and had a great experience with my instructors making it an all around positive experience."

"I had a great experience, all of my instructors helped me immensely. The class sizes were perfect for learning."

"BBCC offers several services that are beneficial in the long run. The staff/faculty really does care about your academic and career success."



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