

Annual Report 2018

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n behalf of the Galveston College Foundation (GCF), this inaugural issue of the 2018 Annual Report is dedicated to our immediate past Chair, Jan Coggeshall. She gave in every way to the cause of education, and in particular, higher education. Her extraordinary personal generosity as well as her ability to lead inspired people from every walk of life and political persuasion to be part of the solution. Jan's passion was that the community guarantee an opportunity to earn a college degree on the Island without incurring inordinate debt.

For over 17 years, the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship (UA) has supported over 1700 students to attain a college degree, workforce certifications, or acquire transferable credits to a state college or university. More than 94% of our scholars are retained and eventually graduate or transfer on within 2.6 years of initiating their college career. In 2017-18, GCF was supporting 112 current students and graduated 55.

message from Garrik Addison, Chair Galveston College Foundation

In 2013, the total UA award for each eligible student was \$2,400. This amount covered just over half of the total cost of tuition and required fees at GC. Over the next five years, the GCF Board renewed its fundraising efforts to achieve the original mission of UA, which was to pay the full tuition and required fees for eligible Galveston high school graduates to attend GC.

In 2015, the GCF received a \$3,000,000 grant from The Moody Foundation. In 2016, the Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) granted \$500,000 to UA.

These grants, along with other significant local gifts, more than doubled the assets of the UA endowment. Today I am proud to say that UA students, starting this Fall 2018, will receive a UA award of \$4,620, which finally meets the goal of UA.

With tuition and required fees essentially secured, the GCF was inspired to find additional ways to help remove barriers to retention, graduation and employment for UA students. This effort further gained momentum in 2016 when a separate seed gift from the PEF of \$100,000 was awarded specifically to begin a second community endowment for non-tuition educational expenses.

GCF began focusing on how to cover the costs of these non-tuition educational expenses such as books, digital equipment, course required tools, as well as testing & licensure fees for students.

Earlier this year, the GCF Board embarked on a \$6,000,000 campaign to help defray costs associated with non-tuition related needs. In August of this year, The Moody Foundation awarded another grant of \$3,000,000 for this purpose. This grant has helped leverage principal donations and pledges for non-tuition educational expenses totaling just over \$3,400,000 spearheaded by the GCF Development Growth Committee.

The Universal Access Community Endowment is a profound catalyst for personal, professional and community success. In this inaugural annual report, we celebrate the successes of the students we serve, and those who make it possible.

Thank you, to the Galveston community, for all you do to make it a reality.

Garrik Addison

Universal Access Community Endowment Non-Tuition Education Expenses scholars: Top—Ethan Torres and Haelen Betancourt*. Bottom left—Taylor Johnson*. Bottom Right— Kyle Wheeler. *2017—18 Graduates





*message from*Karen Flowers, Chair Board of Regents

nce upon a time, back in the day, and for a minute, I was an elementary school teacher with aspirations of changing lives on the front lines of a classroom. As a young girl, my family moved to the island. I attended Galveston schools and graduated O'Connell High School. And true to form, followed the path of most of my peers, I went away to school, earned a baccalaureate degree, and teaching certificate. Also, like many Galvestonians, I later went to work in the family business; and, in my case, entered my father's world and learned about everything automotive!

Then, as now, the meaning of family and the value of education were inextricably linked together. The love of learning and making it universal in my community has been a running theme, but never more so than during the last five years as a member of the Galveston College Foundation Board of Directors.

The Foundation's symbiotic relationship with the College has allowed public confidence in our programs and scholarship opportunities to flourish and grow dramatically over the last four and half years in an unprecedented way. Moreover, access to existing academic and technical programs are available through private Foundation funds to Galveston high school graduates (within the College's taxing district) who are ineligible for federal sources of higher education funding such as Pell Grants.

In the last year alone students who received the renowned Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship, were retained and graduated within 2.6 years of beginning their college career. Within the pages of this report, you will see read about Universal Access scholarship alumni

who live and work in Galveston in the careers for which Galveston College prepared them. A fine artist, a well-respected

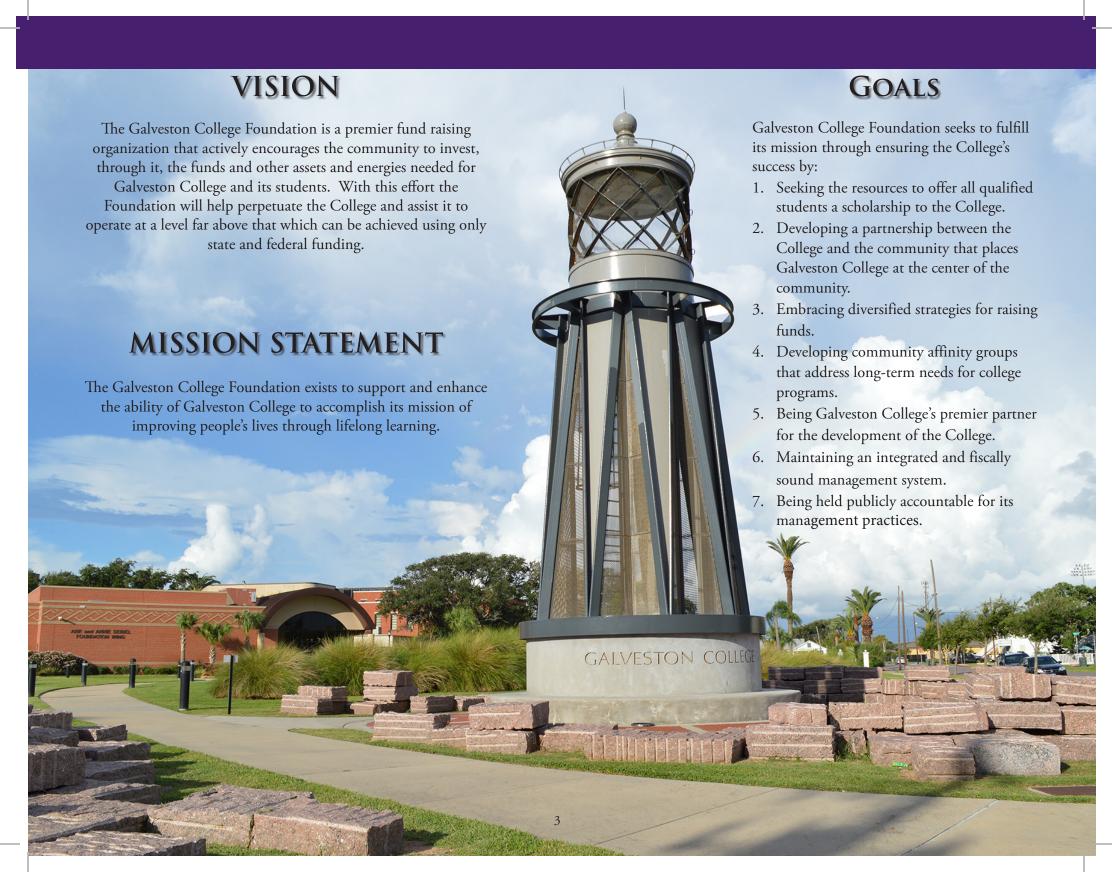


biologist, a dynamic restauranteur/executive chef, and an aspiring business developer are among the ranks of those that GCF has recently supported through the generosity of the community at large. That is quite an achievement.

The best part of that achievement is that each of them returned to be a part the community that loved them. I can identify very well with their longing to bring their futures and that of their children back to the Island that gave them their start. We are fortunate that Galveston College has been a part of us for over fifty years and that Galveston College Foundation has provided the means and opportunity for so many. Although no longer in the classroom or in the family business, I continue to serve the community that gives everyone an opportunity to succeed. The College and the Foundation permit me to be part of changing lives for the better, and advocate for the progress necessary to insure the future of our Island home.

Enjoy the Annual Report 2018 and let me know what you think!

Karen Flowers



message from W. Myles Shelton, President

mid all the conversation about endowment and asset size, investment performance, and even cuts in state funding, it would be easy to get lost in the numbers. As stakeholders in Galveston College Foundation (GCF), Galveston College would never want the "how" of giving to overshadow the "why" of your generosity.

GCF's purpose is to encourage, support and invest in charitable giving for the benefit of the College's academic and technical programs and scholarships to aid students in attaining an associate college degree, transfer of credits to a four year university program, or necessary workforce certification. It also manages and invests funds for essential facilities growth such as the eagerly anticipated Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Student Residence Hall complex.

GCF's Development Growth Committee seeks and manages preliminary dollars in support of the upcoming campaign for the Nursing, Health Sciences & Culinary Arts/ Nutrition Systems Building. Every day, the College acknowledges the powerful mission of the Foundation and its conscientious Board of Directors through their service which informs, inspires, and works closely with generous donors who support our College.

As you read through the impressive achievements of the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship recipients, know this cannot happen without you.

GALVESTON COLLEGE

The Foundation's commitment to you is accomplished by the Office of Development/Foundation & Grants in the following ways:

Make giving simple—Whether you make a gift online, write a check, perform a wire transfer, or create a planned gift or bequest, they are here to help.

Let you know that your gifts matter—Supporting the College and Foundation is an important expression of your priorities and values. As a transparent organization, you are encouraged to play an active role in knowing where your money goes and how it is spent.

Invest and manage your gifts wisely—The Foundation's outstanding investment results happen by design, not chance.

The GCF's senior volunteer leadership and skilled investment management will confidently establish or upgrade endowed funds.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, allow me to

express sincere appreciation for your generosity and our pride in the Foundation's stewardship of your gifts.

Myles Shelton





Universal Access Community Endowment scholar, Litao Xiao, with Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President of Galveston College



From left to right – student Mia-Monica Laluan, Michael McDaniel, student Devon Painter, Mark McDaniel, student Brianna Alcazar, student Anthony Lozano, Matthew McDaniel, student Gabriela Zepeda, and Morris McDaniel. McDaniel Construction Co., Inc. is a sustaining donor of the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship

BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in 1996, Galveston College Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that receives gifts, grants, donations, and scholarships for the benefit of Galveston College and its students. Since its founding, it has helped more than 1,700 students attain their dream of attending college. Thanks to the generosity of a consistent community of donors and strategic financial management.

Galveston College Foundation holds assets as of August 31, 2018 of \$17,500,000 largely restricted in areas of the performance-based Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship (UA), separate UA Books, endowed and special program project funds, and a Title V Endowment. Since 2013, the Foundation has embarked on an aggressive growth strategy to build

upon existing and future donations to ensure the continued viability of meeting its strategic mission goals and objectives.

The Foundation Mission exists to support and enhance the ability of Galveston College to accomplish its mission of improving people's lives through lifelong learning.

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LETTER FROM A UNIVERSAL ACCESS COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT SCHOLAR

Dear GCF Directors,

I am a first-generation college student. My mother and father both lacked the funds to pursue their education beyond high school and that was nearly the same reality for me. Being the oldest of three siblings, I was advised to get a full-time job and not attend college, but my teachers encouraged me to pursue a degree.

Due, in large part, to the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship, I am currently completing course prerequisites before transferring to UTMB School of Nursing in Fall 2018 where I will obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. I plan to ultimately get a Master's Degree and become a Nurse Practitioner.

In the spring of 2018, I graduated from the College with a degree in Associate of Science in Health Sciences. Attending GC was a wise decision for me academically and financially. I met many good mentors, and have become acquainted with different successful individuals. One day, in the not too distant future, I will be able to give back in terms of time, and money, to the Foundation to help others like myself.

Galveston is a city with so many possibilities. Many of my peers are oftentimes unaware of how rich the island is in all the ways that they can succeed.

Even now, I share the word with as many fellow students as I can to stay in school and access the important programs available in this exceedingly generous community. Although this is a small college, it really cares about its students, and shows it by providing scholarships, tutoring, and mentoring. I know. I have taken advantage of all of it!

You have made it possible for me to make a good living and be able to support myself and one day, perhaps, even a family of my own.

The future is bright on Galveston Island—somewhere near the coast of Texas.

From my heart,

Juan David Vela



UNIVERSAL ACCESS COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

ince the fall of 2001, the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship has supported almost 1,700 students. These students are not eligible for federal or state funding-often because they or their parents make too much money and yet, they need help to complete their studies and graduate.

Gifts of size as well as highly professional management and investment practices of Board volunteer leadership grew the universal access endowment to approximately \$8,800,000. In fall 2018, Galveston College Foundation's Universal Access Community Endowment will meet the cost of full tuition and required fees

(\$4,620 plus \$200 book stipend) to complete a 60 credit-hour degree plan at Galveston College allowing for graduation in a variety of programs/certifications, or transferable credits to any public college or university four-year program and/or gainful employment.



Universal Access Community Endowment scholars Graciela Salinas (above) and Cindy Bonilla Banegas (below)

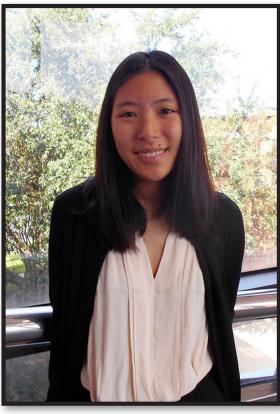


2017-2018 UNIVERSAL ACCESS SCHOLARS & GRADUATES

Aguilar, Daniela Aguirre Aparicio, Cristian* Ahmed, Farah J. Alcocer, Jordan Marie Aldape, Alexanne* Antonio, Jhanna Marie Suzon Araujo Perez, Luis* Arroyo, Jasmyne A. Avina, Jessie G.* Avina, Matthew Antonio Badrakumar, Aathisekharan Bailon, Gabriela* Banda, James D. Bautista, Claudia Bautista, Sugey Pacheo Beall, Jared Mason Becerril, Priscila Benavides, Marcus B. Betancourt, Haelen Lee* Blume, Brooke* Bly, Cameron P.* Briseno, Alanis Bustamante, Herlinda* Calderon, Analyssa* Carter, Cambrye Jordan Caszatt, Katrina Patrese Chapman, Konnor Anthony* Chavez, Nicole* Dalton, Katheryn McKenzie Davalos, Alexis Davis, Alyssa Briana Delagarza, Veronica* De Los Santos, Alfredo* Demack, Alexandra Nicole

Dubon, Bertha* Dutzel, Nathan Edward Enriquez, Kora Fentanes, Jourdan* Ferguson, Kristi Flanagan, Bobby* Flores Jaimes, Aldo* Flores Romero, Karla* Flores Santiago, Marcos Adolf Fonseca, Sabrina* Ford, Christopher* Fowler, Morgan E. Fullen, Steven* Galan, Amanda Grace Ganem, David Jay Garcia, David A. Garcia, Emiliano Garza Anjelica* Garza, Taylor* Gutierrez, Samuel A. Hall, Chandler* Haupt, Bianca Balfour Henriquez, Ronald Alexander Hernandez, Cristal Hernandez, Esmeralda Hernandez, Fabian Anthony Hernandez, Glenda M. Hernandez, Heriberto Hernandez, Jose Ruben Hernandez, Vanessa* Herrera-Ramirez, Emily Hudson, Neena* Jenkins, Nylya Gabriel Jerez, Brigitte

Johnson, Taylor Royal*
Jones, Aaron*
Jones, Mary Magdalen
Kenney, Annie*
Kleinecke, Jordan Matthew
Koehler, Lexie Nicole
Lara, Alessa A.
Lee, Asia Patricia*
Legrand, Daniel M.
Lidstone, Maxwell Charles



Kelley Shepherd Universal Access Community Endowment Scholar

Little, Destiny M. Longoria, Liliana Lopez, Denora A. Lopez, Karina* Luck, Jessie Lee Lujan, Leslie Lund, Evan Andreas Marquez, Elena M. Marquez, Martin Martinez, Ashley* Martinez, Aydee Ailed Martinez, Lisbeth L. Mathers, Shannon Christine McNatt, Paul* Mendoza, Oscar* Mills, Lashana* Miskowic-Fajardo, Daniela Moffett, Tiffany Nicole Moffett, William Albert Morales, Jonathan Alexander* Mosley, Keylan D* Murphy, Kevin* Nepomuceno, Christian M. Nolasco, Sebastian Cesar Nusbaum, Ralph* Ortega, Samuel Benjamin Ortiz, Karen Pamela Oyervides Rosales, Vanessa Pameron, Adam Nathaniel* Pena, Maurissa* Pennington, Megan Rose Perez, Leslie* Perez-Carrasco, Yareli Peters, Lynde Vi Plata Coverston, Nayeli Profitt, Devon Anthony

Puckett, Carolyn E.

Quevedo, Maria Paula Ramos, Anali* Ramos, Mayte* Ramos Barrios, Yessica S.* Randle, J'Armon* Randle, JoMar Xaviar Reddin, Brandi* Rodriguez, Katarina J. Rodriguez Martinez, Melissa Rosales, Alberto* Rumgay, Liam Patrick Ruttiger, Megan* Salazar, Alejandro J. Salinas, Brittany* Salinas, David* Salinas, Julissa Guadalupe* Sanchez, Petra Gabriela Santillana Escalante, Aminta Schaun, Joao Victor Shepherd, Kelley Jane Smith, Kathryn Clark Soord, Nathan Jamar Sosa, Dayana* Stakes, Kristi Elizabeth Stephenson, Lindsey C. Stevens, Katherine Elizabeth Tapia, Paola Termini, Caroline Antoinette Thomas, Catherine Alia Torres, Ethan Jacob* Torres, Heather* Trevino, Destine* Trimble, Taylor Elise Tzoy-Lopez, Edgar Gudiel Urushihara, Henri Fabius Vega, Alicia*

Vega Cerda, Sandra*

Vela, Juan*

Vergara, Camila*
Webster, Haley
Weldon, Alison M.
Wheeler, Kyle Richard
Woods, Brandon Matthew*
Xiao, Litao*
Zepeda, Felipe E.
Zuniga, Ryan*

*Graduated



Universal Access Community Endowment Scholars Jeremiah Henderson, Brandon Woods, and Rachel Minton-Marshall



Universal Access Community Endowment scholar, Nathan Soord, with Ron Crumedy, Acting Vice President of Student Services



Former GCF Chair, Jan Coggeshall, and Universal Access Community Endowment scholar, Adam Pameron



alveston College graduate Gabriel
Prusmack is an industrial pop artist.
His vibrant spray-painted murals
with his "be free" signature swirl can
be seen in public spaces and establishments
throughout Galveston County and the Gulf
Coast region.

But Gabriel's story is more about freedom – a journey of faith and a belief in God that he credits with the fulfillment of his dream of becoming a full-time artist.

The youngest of six children of parents Thomas and Leticia Prusmack of Galveston, Gabriel has lived in Texas all of his life.

Humni Success Story GABRIEL PRUSMACK

The art of being free Faith fuels Galveston College graduate's passion for art, life

"I grew up in a family of artists," Gabriel shared while working on his latest commissioned piece – interior wall murals for the new Delores Fenwick Nature Center in Pearland (shown in photo above and on right).

"My grandmother was a painter. One of my brothers paints and sketches. Two of my brothers are musicians," he said. "I have been surrounded by art all of my life."

While visiting an older brother in Venice Beach as a teenager, Gabriel took notice of the art of graffiti.

"I was working with my brother out in L.A.," Gabriel said. "And I saw all of the graffiti. It inspired me. I thought, 'I can do this."

Gabriel's work has evolved from his early days of tagging abandoned buildings with graffiti to widely acclaimed pieces, most of which are commissioned, and wood and metal art.

His striking murals can be found in a variety of places on the Island, including "The Voice of God," his largest outdoor piece to date, which is located on the exterior wall of Shark Shack at 24th and Strand in Galveston; "Greetings from Galveston" at Saengerfest Park, 23rd and The Strand, Galveston; "Sea Turtle" at Menard Park, 28th and Seawall Boulevard; a mural on the back wall of the Sherwin-Williams' paint store building at 61st Street and Broadway; and a wall at the Antonelli Plaza at 2528 Ball St.

His favorite piece is a commissioned mural at Moe's Corner Store, 1902 23rd St., Galveston, which features his signature "Be Free" design and his favorite subject: birds.

"I got a lot of jobs from the Moe's job," he said. "I love painting birds. They are fun to take apart and put back together. Birds and vehicles. I like to deconstruct and reconstruct vehicles, too."



Growing up in Galveston, Gabriel learned to surf and skateboard at an early age. He won several state championships in surfing and traveled throughout the nation to compete in both surfing and skateboarding competitions.

Soon after graduating high school in 2006, Gabriel joined the staff of Island Church with Pastors Rusty and Leah Martin. He also started a skate park ministry called Skating for Jesus in the spring of 2012.

He came to Galveston College as a Universal Access Community Endowment scholar, and in May 2013, graduated from Galveston College with an Associate of Arts in general studies.

Gabriel is quick to praise Galveston College art professor, John Stovall, and other mentors at Galveston College and Ball High School who have helped him hone his craft.

"I wish they would have taught me about taxes in school," he joked. "My whole family is all about business, and now that I have my own business, I'm learning." Gabriel said his art is designed to inspire positivity and happiness.

"All I promote is joy. I don't paint skulls. I don't paint nudes," he said. "I would rather paint a smile. My joy comes from Christ. The reason I live a 'be free' life is because Christ has made me free."

To see more of Gabriel's work, visit gabrielprusmack.com.

Article and photographs courtesy of Galveston College Offices of Public Affairs and Development, G.C. Foundation & Grants.



Photographs in clockwise order: "Gabriel Prusmack Surfing in Galveston"
photo courtesy of Galveston County Daily News,
Shrimp 'N Stuff Parking Lot Mural and Moe's Corner Store Mural.
All location are in Galveston, Texas.





NON-TUITION EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES ENDOWMENT \$6 MILLION CAMPAIGN 2018—2021



Universal Access Community Endowment Non-Tuition Educational Expense Scholars (left to right): Litao Xiao*, Maria Quevedo, Yessica Ramos-Barrios*, Leslie Lujan, Asia Lee*, and Matthew Avina

ith success in meeting the fully funded tuition and fees objective in 2018, the Board began to address the question of how to reduce attrition and decrease the total number of semesters a UA scholar takes to meet their educational objective.

With this in mind, the Foundation reviewed the costs of attendance at Galveston College. The resulting report to the Board highlighted the impact of rising costs outside of tuition and fees. For example, monies required for books typically comprises another 25-40%. In addition, program-specific fees can easily increase costs by another 30-35%.

Another powerful deterrent to student achievement and success are the costs of digital equipment and access codes which are essential for every 21st century college student regardless of major.

Early and on-time graduation for UA scholars delivers a sizeable return on

investment in the form of economic expansion through sustained employment, higher earnings, new and continued business development, and ultimately, higher tax revenues. Long-term economic progress in Galveston is contingent upon the financial support given to our students to pursue higher education.

The successful application to the Moody Foundation for \$3,000,000 allows the Foundation to expand on the success of the UA scholarship program.

Currently, the Board is in the process of reviewing, adapting and incorporating the policies needed to administer the Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Fund (NTEEF).

At \$3,400,000 in cash and pledges, GCF is slightly more than half-way to goal.

mission launch

THE MOODY FOUNDATION AWARDED \$3 MILLION TO GALVESTON COLLEGE FOUNDATION FOR NON-TUITION EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES CAMPAIGN

he Moody Foundation awarded \$3,000,000 to Galveston College Foundation toward a second community endowment campaign for new funds to cover specified non-tuition educational expenses.

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors of the Galveston College Foundation launched an ambitious \$6,000,000 fundraising campaign to establish policy and distribution of invested funds for eligible Universal Access scholarship recipients to receive not only tuition, fees and books, but funding for other unmet education needs.

The Universal Access Community Scholarship Endowment (UA) supports Galveston high school graduates who are ineligible for federal funding toward their higher education goals at Galveston College. Currently, the UA Endowment pays for up to 60 credit hours for tuition, required fees and a book stipend.

In 2014, the Moody Foundation gave the UA Community Endowment \$3,000,000 effectively more than doubling the endowment. That gift reinvigorated support from the community toward fully endowing the UA Scholarship for Galveston students.

In fall 2018, Universal Access scholars began receiving \$4,620 plus a book stipend toward an academic degree and/or workforce certificate. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade-point average to retain the scholarship.

As of Aug. 1, the Moody Foundation committed to supporting half of the funds necessary to support a second campaign to underwrite associated costs beyond that of tuition and mandatory fees. The foundation's \$3,000,000 gift will be awarded in two installments: \$1,500,000 was paid in August. The remaining balance is expected in early 2019. These funds will be added to more than \$340,000 in cash and pledged support from individuals and families

The Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Fund is designed to potentially fund program-specific needs, including books, testing, licensure fees, and digital tools with internet access codes.

"The Universal Access Community Scholarship Endowment and the Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Fund campaign seek to fully assure a college



Moody Foundation Trustee, Ross Moody with Daniel Fink, Galveston College Radiography Program Director

education for Galveston students and their families without incurring debilitating debt," said Maria S. Tripovich, director of the Office of Development/ Galveston College Foundation & Grants.

"An enlightened citizenry is necessary for a well-functioning society and propagation of our country's highest ideals. Toward that end, The Moody Foundation and Galveston College Foundation are allied through a dedicated investment of resources to make higher education universal in Galveston."

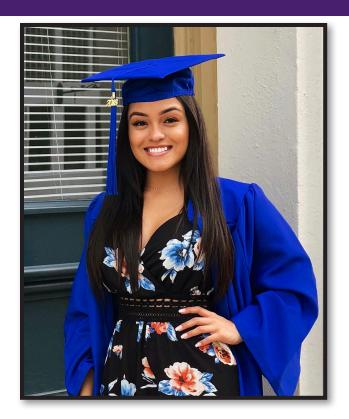




Above (from left to right): President Dr. W. Myles Shelton, Angela Blair, Director of Education at The Moody Foundation representing the \$3,000,000 gift for Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment, and Dr. Donna Lang, GCF Director attending the inaugural Universal Access Community Endowment for Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Award Ceremony.

Right (left to right): William Maury Darst Memorial Scholarship donors Dr. Sidney & Mrs. Marlene Young, Mrs. Catharine Darst Knight, and Darst scholar, Dalia Orea.





urrently, I am continuing to further my education by attending the C. T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston and planning on majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS). I'm currently living in Aspen Heights, which are off-campus student apartments while looking for a steady job. The best experience I had at Galveston College was my last semester (Spring 2018) and graduation. My last semester I was taking 15 hours while working to graduate with high honors which taught me determination and perseverance. All of that hard work payed off when I graduated with high honors and truly earned my name on that diploma.

I am so appreciative to Mr. Don Davison; he has contributed to my success at Galveston College significantly. Mr. Davison was not only intelligent

2018 UA TOP TEN GRADUATE: YESSICA RAMOS-BARRIOS

and dedicated, but he would go above and beyond the expectations I had for a professor. Ms. Geisu Lewis, my advisor, also had a tremendous impact on my success. Ms. Lewis was there for me since the beginning of my journey at Galveston College. She has helped me every step of the way, she had encouraged me to dream big, and because of her and the support she gave me I know that I can accomplish anything, and above all she cared about me and my success at Galveston College. I'm beyond grateful to have had an advisor like Ms. Lewis who to this day believes in my potential and my future accomplishments.

Universal Access was the biggest reason I was able to complete my Associate Degree in Business Administration. When I started to attend Galveston College I had limited funds for my courses since I only had a summer job in high school. My mother was devastated knowing that she could not provide the financial help that I needed. While struggling to make ends meet and prioritizing my two younger siblings' needs, the dream of a higher education began to seem unattainable. When I qualified for the Universal Access 21st Century Scholarship some of the financial pressure was lifted from my mother and I was motivated to continue my hard work and pursue my dream of being the first in my family to obtain a college education. This scholarship made getting my associate degree possible and achievable. Universal Access was a tremendous financial help and because of this scholarship I have earned and saved funds to continue my education at the University of Houston.

I would like to be a full-time student, but I am faced with an even heavier financial burden now that I am attending the University of Houston and am receiving no help from TASFA. Although this is another financial obstacle, I know that I can overcome it again as I did at Galveston College. My goal is still the same, which is to earn a college degree, and I am going to achieve it. I am extremely grateful to Galveston College and the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship which played an enormous role in my success.



WHAT WE SUPPORT:

Tuition, Required Fees and Books

Non-Tuition Educational Expenses:
Books, Equipment,
Online Access Codes for Distance Education,
Digital Books, Licensing Fees,
Testing Fees

LARGEST GIFTS:

From an Organization

\$3,000,000

Universal Access Community Endowment Non-Tuition
Educational Expenses
The Moody Foundation

From a Family

\$50,000

Armin & Gail Cantini Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing Scholarship

From a Corporation

\$50,000

Del Papa Distributing Company Lawrence J. Del Papa Memorial Nursing Endowment Scholarship

\$50,000

Gaido Properties II, Inc. Maureen E. "Kewpie" Schwerdtfeger Gaido Resource Library Fund

Planned Bequest Gift

\$50,000*

Dr. Bruce and Kay Leipzig Faye and Nick Kralj Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Gift to an Existing Scholarship \$10,000

Dr. Sidney & Marlene Young William Maury Darst Memorial Scholarship

*Pledge



Galveston College Foundation Statements of Financial Position

As of August 31, 2018

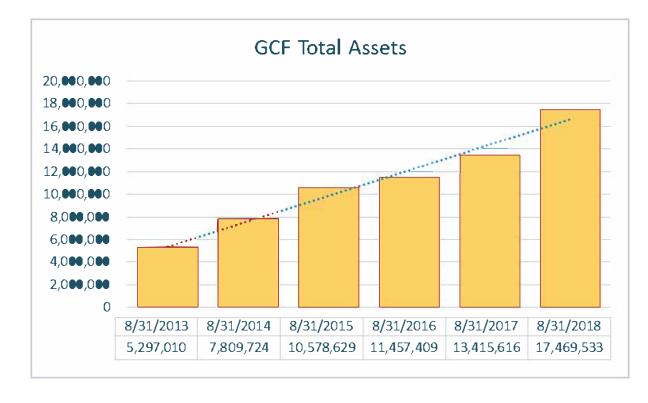
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	As of Au 2018 (aud		As of Aug 31, 2 (audited		
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20	0,107	\$	38,102	
Contributions receivable - current	1,53	1,963		67,850	
Contributions receivable - future	3	1,308		40,169	
Investments	15,886,155		13,269,495		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,469,533		\$13,415,616		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable - Galveston College	\$	0	\$	43,902	
Total Liabilities	\$	0	\$	43,902	
NET ASSETS					
Unrestricted	22	6,348		237,188	
Temporarily Restricted	5,94	8,405		4,994,401	
Permanently Restricted	11,29	4,780		8,140,125	
Total net assets	\$17,469,533		\$13,371,714		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$17,46	9,533	\$	13,415,616	

WHAT WE SUPPORT:

The Galveston College Foundation is an independent 501 (c) 3 that was founded to support Galveston College through fundraising locally, regionally and nationally. Our mission is to support Galveston high school graduates through an earned scholarship program as they strive to obtain their first two years of a baccalaureate or the foundation of a career through an Associate degree or Certificate debt free regardless of their family's ability to pay.

In 2018, GCF began its Community Endowment for Non-Tuition Educational Expenses at Galveston College campaign. Building on an initial award of \$100,000 by the Moody Permanent Endowment Fund, GCF obtained a \$3,000,000 award from The Moody Foundation to aid in developing a scholarship program to raise funds to help our Universal Access scholars meet the rising costs of education outside of tuition and fees.

At the center of the Foundation's effort is the recruitment and nurturing of endowments. The financial health of the Foundation has never been



better resulting from the introduction in 2013 of a thoughtful and active process of establishing carefully managed, growth-bearing accounts with oversight by a knowledgeable board. The above graph shows Galveston College Foundation assets have increased from \$5,300,000 to approximately \$17,500,000.

Because of this period of successful fundraising coupled with grant submissions, the benefits quickly became evident by 2015 and are reflected in the graph above. The resulting growth allowed for a series of increases in the total UA lifetime award and introduction of the textbook stipend. By August 31, 2018, the amount for the Universal Access endowment balance had grown to \$12,265,695. In 2017, Galveston College Foundation was able to award ten "UA Plus" scholarships to its highest academic achievers at an awards ceremony held in their honor.

In 2018, the Board achieved a major objective to fund a 60 credit hour Galveston College education for eligible students through the Universal Access program. Starting in fall 2018 semester GCF is able to provide \$4,620 (the cost of a sixty credit hour Associate degree) and a \$200 one-time stipend towards books.

Other Scholarships:

In addition to the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship program, GCF administers over fifty scholarships designed to benefit students that range from focuses on music, athletics, culinary arts, to degree-specific such as nursing or psychology.



Humni Success Story JESSICA RAEKE

essica Raeke hails from Baltimore, Maryland, and moved with her family to Galveston when she was seven. Daughter of two science centric parents, she knew from a young age she wanted to work with animals. Her father worked with penguins at the Baltimore Zoo, then at Moody Gardens, so it was a natural path for her to be interested in becoming a biologist and work in zoology.

Having volunteered at Moody Gardens during high school, when she graduated from Ball High, she wanted to immediately get hands-on working experience while starting college. She started

at Galveston College as a Universal Access Community Endowment scholar, while working at Moody Gardens as an Interpretive Naturalist. Once she achieved her Associate of Arts in General Studies, she was ready to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology at Texas A&M University Galveston Campus, while continuing her career at Moody Gardens as a biologist working with South Atlantic Penguin species and Humboldt Penguins.

You may have met her if you have had the opportunity to take advantage of Moody Garden's penguin experience. Her enthusiasm

for sharing nature in an educational yet entertaining environment is catching, and I am sure she has recruited many volunteers to their cause.

When asked how she adjusted to the smells of the penguin environment, she responds "it never really bothered (her) since she grew up with the smell of penguins through her father's work at the Baltimore Zoo."

She graduated from Texas A&M Galveston in 2016 and now works in Moody Garden's rainforest caring for more than 120 rain forest birds, with more than 40 species and 16 exhibit macaws in their 1 acre, 10 story, free-flight aviary.

As we visited, Jessica blew a whistle, calling to certain of the bird species that it was feeding time, and out of the "jungle" came Scarlet Ibis, a Blue-Crowned Motmot,



Purple Glossy Starlings, and a slightly shy Sunbittern, among other beautiful birds the average person would only see in this type of environment. Hanging back were Blue and Gold Macaws, though they were close enough for guests to get a good view. Jessica was surrounded by her "flock" as visitors came to watch the beautiful birds as they fed. Children and adults alike asked questions, and it is easy to see Jessica's passion for sharing information about the different varieties.

Jessica was happy to hear of the growth of the Universal Access Community Endowment and the new Endowment for Non-Tuition Educational Expenses. "Galveston College was a great transition for me to start my college career while also working in the field that I was planning to pursue."

Photos courtesy of Jessica Raeke, Aviary Biologist, Moody Gardens, Galveston Island





Humni Success Story DENISE VARGAS ESCOBAR

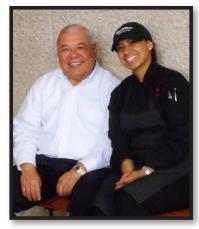
Chef and entrepreneur Denise Vargas Escobar is about to accomplish a family business dream: A restaurant located where Club 21 previously existed which they have long thought would be perfect for the Vargas family's next restaurant, a steakhouse. Thus, Vargas Cut & Catch has been born and Galveston can expect a new culinary experience.

Denise and her brother Juan have been working hard all summer to have it ready to open this fall. They are perfecting the menu which will include many types of steaks, and don't we wish we were on the taste testing crew! Denise's culinary background has taught her how restaurants evolve "almost like fashion trends," and now there are so many dietary needs that need to be adapted to. "The culinary chef needs to understand you are cooking for the guest, not yourself," she stated.

Even while working long hours on the new restaurant, she considers family the most important focus in her life. With her free time she spends time educating her daughter Sophia, spending as much time with her outdoors "exploring the world." She is also very proud of her heritage and being a first generation Nicaraguan-American, and shares that pride with her daughter. Yet, even with those major obligations in her life, she has time to give back to the community. Higher education was always a Vargas family focus. Denise serves as President of the Galveston Restaurant Association, and through the organization's golf tournament, raises money to support the Francisco "Paco" Vargas Scholarship.

She was also instrumental in participating in three of the Five Fabulous Chef events at Galveston College, working side by side along with her father Paco Vargas, while teaching students the fine art of delivering delicious food in a professional manner.

BOI (Born on the Island) and Ball High graduate, she attended Galveston College as a Universal Access Community Endowment scholar,



then attended the University of Houston, earning a Certificate of Entrepreneurship from the Bauer School of Business and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Denise was immediately recruited by Macy's for their leadership program where she became the youngest manager in the program. But, she felt that her heart and soul belonged in the restaurant, and when Hurricane Ike hit she came back to work to help rebuild her father's legacy. She enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at the Art Institute of Houston to learn more about the business and graduated at the top of her class. The Vargas-Escobar families are growing Galveston into the next generation.





Above: Armin Cantini (left), of the Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing Scholarship with Dr. Bruce Leipzig (right), of the Faye and Nick Kralj Memorial Endowment Scholarship.

Below (left to right): JoAnn Del Papa, Larry Del Papa and Lauren Del Papa present the Lawrence J. Del Papa Memorial Nursing Endowment Scholarship



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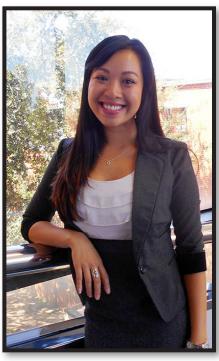
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Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing scholar Kim Escamilla (left) with Jennifer Barrett (right), recipient of Carl Kelly Scholarship and Drs. Charles Eric and Octavia Hall Scholarship



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A TRIBUTE TO JAN COGGESHALL

To yield is to be preserved whole.

To be bent is to become straight.

To be empty is to be full.

To be worn out is to be renewed.

-----Lao Tsu

e met Jan Coggeshall not long after moving to the Island. My wife Michelle and I volunteered to be board members of the Strand Street Theater. It was located just across the street from our Strand Lofts condo and we wanted to become active contributors to our newly adopted community.

Jan was heading up the board of the struggling theater at that time. We were immediately impressed by her wit, energy, diplomacy, passion, and effectiveness. We soon learned she had been Mayor of Galveston, no easy task.

In discussions over time with my former neighbor, current Mayor Jimbo Yarbrough, I discovered that being Mayor of Galveston is an incredibly difficult unpaid position, though he seems to relish it, the good, bad, and ugly. It is like volunteering to stand in front of a machine gun nest with no protection beyond one's own principles, courage, and equanimity.

Though we didn't live here when Jan served as Mayor, such courage under fire was her strong suit. Diplomacy, activism, and persistence are what she brought to Galveston College's Foundation as well. At a time when the structure,

financing, and direction of a program designed to provide scholarships support and funding for local high school graduates was somewhat adrift, she and her colleague, Roland Bassett, helped right the ship. The Foundation would not be what it is without her Steel Oleander presence, an award she garnered which is given to remarkable women in Galveston.

Due to her perspicacity, healing presence, and an enduring spirit of "can do," the G.C. Foundation is now endowed with well over \$17,500,000 to support the needs of our local high school graduates to enable them to prepare for careers in a broad variety of disciplines including computer science, culinary arts, nursing, cosmetology, welding, and many more.

This year marks a highwater mark in enrollment of full and part-time students allowing the GCF to reach ever more broadly and positively impact in supporting those seeking a high-quality college education from the top-ranked community college in Texas.

I am blessed to have known Jan as friend, colleague, and eventually as a patient as she cast her considerable light across the Galveston community for real and enduring good. Her life

was one well lived. We miss her vibrant presence but are thankful we had the opportunity to walk with her awhile.

Victor S. Sierpina, MD, Galveston College Foundation Board Director



Former GCF Chair, Jan Coggeshall, with Universal Access Community Endowment Scholar, Perla Arauza







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