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MPC Foundation Celebrates Thirty Years of Empowering MPC Students!

Traditionally, 30th anniversaries are celebrated with pearls, a symbol of wisdom - which is rather fitting for an organization whose purpose is to facilitate learning!

As the MPC Foundation launches into its 30th year in 2024, we have a lot to be proud of and so many people to thank (far too many to name here, unfortunately).

Here are just a few of the milestones we've reached since our humble beginnings as a small group of concerned citizens in 1994:

1. Provided over **\$5 million to more than 2,500 students** in scholarships and Evans College Incentive Program awards.
2. Awarded **392 Faculty and Staff Advancement Awards totaling \$495K** to allow for continued learning and innovation at MPC.
3. Played leading roles in both of MPC's capital bond measure campaigns (Measures I and V), securing a total of **\$375 million for campus facilities and technology**.
4. Raised support for significant campus projects, notably the Library & Technology Center through the Renaissance Campaign.
5. Secured an additional **\$20 million in State & Federal grant funds** for MPC for a variety of projects, including STEM, online education, student services, and more.



We hope you're as excited as we are to see where the next 30 years will take us! In the meantime, here are some ways you might join us in celebrating:

1. Make a **commemorative \$30 gift** - perhaps to honor a loved one, professor, or alumni whose life was touched by MPC - or simply to help a current student get a start on their college education.
2. Share your **MPC Story** - we love to hear from retirees and alumni!
3. Join us for a **"Year in Review: Empowered by You"** virtual event on Thursday, February 8 from 4-5pm where we'll recap the impact our donors made in 2023 and share some student success stories. [Click here for more information.](#)

Be on the lookout for more ways to engage, empower, and connect with us throughout this celebratory 30th year for the MPC Foundation!

Remembering Dr. Peggy Downes Baskin

Like so many other community members and organizations, the MPC family mourns the recent loss of the remarkable Dr. Peggy Downes Baskin.

Having begun her esteemed teaching career at MPC, she remained deeply committed to the college, its faculty, staff, and students. In 2011, she was presented with the prestigious MPC President's Award in

recognition of her many accomplishments and contributions to the college and communities we serve, including her unwavering devotion to education and helping students overcome obstacles in order to achieve their academic goals.

Dr. Baskin's enduring legacy continues at MPC through the library commons area that bears her name, as well as the crucial programs that she inspired and generously supported. Among those is an endowment fund that allows faculty to engage in ongoing professional development, demonstrating her lifelong commitment to continued learning.

In addition, Dr. Baskin was among key contributors to the Women Supporting Women component of the MPC Foundation's Emergency Assistance program, providing crucial support for female students facing financial difficulties that may otherwise cause them to drop out of college. We are also honored to be among the organizations who receive grant funding from the [Peggy & Jack Baskin Foundation](#), an organization dedicated to creating and supporting strategies to reach gender and racial equity.



[Read More About Dr. Peggy Downes Baskin](#)

Honoring the 2024 Lobo Hall of Fame Awardees March 15, 2024

Save the date and help us honor the following MPC alumni who will be inducted into the MPC Lobo Hall of Fame on March 15!

Alumni Athletes

Rebecca Pokrzywinski Caguimbal
Dr. Jamal Splane
Les Waddel
Veronica Ware Golden
Sandy McFarland (posthumous award)

Distinguished Alumni

Rick Johnson
Alexandria Leavenworth
Stephan Lins
Lt. Col. Gregory Mislick

We look forward to celebrating with them and hearing their stories in person at the Lobo Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on Friday, March 15, 2024 at the Monterey Marriott. Reservations and sponsorship opportunities will be available in mid-January.

Ever Thought About Teaching a Class at MPC? This could be your opportunity!

The Monterey Peninsula College Continuing and Professional Education program is dedicated to empowering individuals to enrich their lives and enhance their careers through lifelong learning, professional skill development, and personal development opportunities.

We are looking to offer a wide variety of classes on topics such as:

1. Holistic health and wellness
2. Healthy cooking
3. Local area culture and history
4. Fitness/physical activity
5. And many more...

The program is looking for individuals who have a passion for teaching and are interested in working with our community. If you're interested, complete a Continuing & Professional Education Class Proposal Form available on the program's [webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Alexis Bollin](#).

Thank You MC Gives! Donors

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the MPC Foundation through the Monterey County Gives! campaign in 2023!

Thanks to your generous gifts, we will have more than \$60,000 available to support students engaging in internships at local non-profits and small businesses. These meaningful work-based learning experiences benefit students in so many ways while giving back to the broader community.



Local Businesses Investing in Students

We are honored to acknowledge our Business Partners who support MPC students through their contributions to the MPC Foundation. Thank you for giving back to our local community!



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