



Everyone dreams of *"Building a Brighter Tomorrow."* For over 50 years, the Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) has been an integral part of helping students *Build Brighter Tomorrows*. CCS faculty, staff, and administration are instrumental in educating,

training, and equipping students in their pursuit of a brighter tomorrow and a brighter life.

The Foundation at CCS recognizes the reality that *Building Brighter Tomorrows* can be daunting and difficult. Thankfully, the CCS Foundation is able to play a vital role in helping students achieve the education and technical skills they need to create and shape a better tomorrow by providing scholarships and program support. While we are pleased with our accomplishments, we realize there is still more we can do.

With over 30,000 students attending the Community Colleges of Spokane each year, there is a significant ongoing need and opportunity to provide scholarships and programmatic support to ensure the academic achievements of CCS students. These student achievements will continue to significantly benefit our local employers and communities, *Building a Brighter Tomorrow* for all of us.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to our donors and benefactors for your support of our mission. Your generosity has, and will continue to, change lives, and we encourage each and every one of you to join us in *Building a Brighter Tomorrow*.

Scott Ewing
CCS Foundation Board President



It is with pride and excitement that I write my fourth annual report letter as the director of the CCS Foundation. Never in my life would I have imagined being in this position and having the opportunity to lead such an amazing organization. Thank you to the CCS Foundation board

and staff for all that they do to make this such an amazing job. Above all, huge thanks to our partners and funders who have supported us, as well as our students and programs, along this journey.

A sampling of the 2013-2014 Foundation highlights include:

- Awarding almost \$500,000 in scholarships to more than 800 students, and reinvesting over \$600,000 in CCS in the form of program support, innovation grants, and awards to outstanding faculty and staff.
- A record-breaking Sip, Swirl & Savor event that raised over \$80,000 for student scholarships, as well as the launch of the first-ever d'Elegance Auto Show.
- Assisting CCS in obtaining almost \$2 million in federal and state grants to support initiatives across the district, including entrepreneurship, aerospace and early learning programs.

I am reminded every day that for each step forward we take, there are yet more students who need our help. I wish each of you could read the letters of gratitude we receive on a daily basis to hear first-hand the difference your donations make. I can attest unequivocally that your gifts, no matter what size, are being used as intended, and that they are having the desired impact!

2015 promises to be another exciting year. We invite you to join us as we continue our commitment to helping students change their lives through education!

Thank you for all that you do,

Tony Higley
CCS Foundation Executive Director

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The Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation has joined **#GivingTuesday**, a first of its kind effort that will harness the collective power of a unique blend of partners—charities, families, businesses and individuals—to transform how people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season. Coinciding with the Thanksgiving holiday and the kickoff of the holiday shopping season, **#GivingTuesday** will inspire people to take collaborative action to improve their local communities, give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they support and help create a better world. **#GivingTuesday** is an opportunity to help the CCS Foundation support the students of Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls Community College through scholarships and program support.

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OUR MISSION & VISION

Supporting students is at the heart of everything the Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation does. Since 1973, the Foundation has worked to improve educational access for students, as well as enhancing programs and services at the Community Colleges of Spokane. We invite you to join us in providing a "hand up" to local residents working to improve their lives through education.



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Building Brighter Tomorrows

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BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Chris Mayo is determined to *Build a Brighter Tomorrow* for himself and his children, despite a troubled upbringing and a history that includes ten years of incarceration. After a family emergency brought him to Spokane, he decided to enroll in the Spokane Community College Hotel and Restaurant Management Program. There, Julie Litzenberger, Culinary Arts Instructor, immediately noticed Mayo's poise and charisma. "Every once in a while, someone walks down the hall and catches your eye and shakes your hand. You know instantly that person is going to be a success, no matter what his background is," Litzenberger says.

After hearing about Mayo's difficult past and seeing his determination to succeed, Litzenberger decided to take Mayo under her wing. She introduced him to the CCS Foundation and encouraged Mayo to apply for a scholarship. Mayo's hard work and perseverance paid off, as he was ultimately awarded a Washington Restaurant Association (WRA) Scholarship. Mayo says, "The scholarship enabled my kids to have a little more. It was a godsend."

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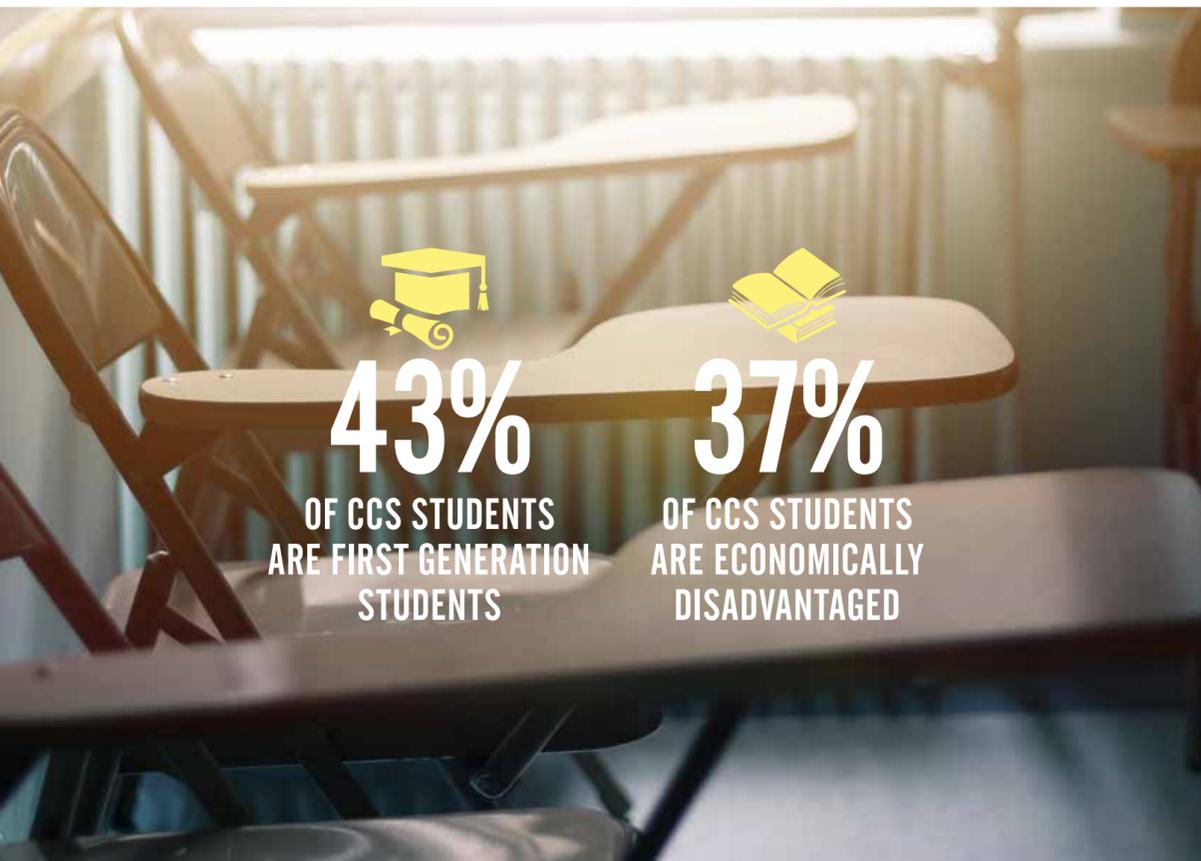
In addition to supporting his family, Mayo is continually giving back to the community, including volunteering his time at CCS Foundation special events and serving as a judge at the 2014 ProStart competition. "At ProStart, I got to judge high school students in a statewide culinary competition. I loved being able to talk to the kids, especially the kids that have the same background or come from the same neighborhoods that I'm from."

Mayo plans to complete his A.A.S. degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management in June, 2015 and then open a soul food restaurant in Spokane. He says, "that's something that we don't have here. We are becoming more diverse as a community, and that diversification needs to be represented in the food that is served in this city." Above all else, Chris Mayo wants his story to be an example to encourage others to "Give that one chance to someone -- that one chance may make all the difference in a person's life. It did for me."



36%
OF CCS STUDENTS
ARE ACADEMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED

25%
OF CCS STUDENTS
SUPPORT FAMILIES



43%
OF CCS STUDENTS
ARE FIRST GENERATION
STUDENTS

37%
OF CCS STUDENTS
ARE ECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED

BUILDING A BRIGHTER LIFE



After spending 13 years in the computer industry, David Denbroder was displaced from his position and unsure where to turn next. Through the help of a CCS Workforce Program Coordinator, he began exploring Spokane Community College's Toyota Technician Training and Education Network (T-TEN) program. Denbroder has had a lifelong interest in automotive service and repair, and the T-TEN program offered him a way to make his dream of becoming an auto technician a reality.

"It was just like fate getting into the T-TEN program," says Denbroder. "The program had a long waitlist, but I decided to just stop by the Automotive Shop and take a look." Denbroder's intuition served him well: his impromptu visit just happened to coincide with a no-show entrance interview with SCC T-TEN instructor and coordinator, Paul Overfield. That conversation with Overfield, combined with the support of the Workforce Program, inspired David to enroll in the T-TEN program.

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Once he enrolled, however, Denbroder worried about how he was going to continue funding his education and the cost of tools needed for this profession. The automotive faculty encouraged him to apply for a CCS Foundation scholarship, and he was surprised and grateful to receive over \$4,000 in scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. "The scholarships helped me out tremendously," Denbroder says. "I'm not a rich kid, so I didn't think school was an option. Getting assistance from the Foundation made the dream of attending school a reality."

David plans to graduate in June, 2015 with a 4.0 GPA, having completed all eight ASE certification tests. His ultimate goal is to work in a local Toyota dealership as a Master Diagnostic Technician, although he is keeping his options open as he is already starting to receive an influx of job offers. He and his wife of 11 years, Crystal, are the proud parents of two children, as well as four new foster children. "My family is the reason I am still a 4.0 student," says Denbroder glowingly. "They are so supportive and I want to show my kids that no matter how old you are, you can do whatever you want."

FUNDING BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



Illustrating a true commitment to Building Brighter Tomorrows for students, in 2008, Associated Industries (A.I.) created the Bright Promise Scholarship Fund. Jim DeWalt, President and CEO of Associated Industries, started the A.I. Bright Promise Scholarship Fund to assist non-traditional students. DeWalt witnessed the challenges many students face in earning an education, especially those who "may be single parents, have a gap between attending high school and higher education, or may have struggled during high school to maintain good grades." DeWalt recognized the transformative impact a scholarship can have on a student, as well as the student's family. From this inspiration, the Bright Promise Scholarship Fund was born.

Since its inception, Bright Promise Scholarships have funded 126 Community Colleges of Spokane students with more than \$179,000 in scholarships. The A.I. Bright Promise program is designed to develop a strong local workforce that will help ensure the continued growth and success of the Inland Northwest. DeWalt says, "Investing in a well-trained, educated workforce is one of the best ways we can achieve success in our region. We want to help ensure a bright future for Northwest area students and businesses."

DeWalt encourages others to contribute to the Bright Promise Scholarship Fund: "If a donor truly wants to make a difference in their community and the community's future employee base, consider contributing to the Bright Promise Scholarship Fund. The need for financial contributions is only increasing."

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL EVENTS!



Sip, Swirl & Savor
April 18, 2015



Bigfoot Golf Classic
June 12, 2015



d'Elegance Auto Show
July 10 - 12, 2015

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Revenues, Gains & Support			Expenses		
	2013	2014		2013	2014
Cash contributions	\$762,046	\$675,560	Program support	\$368,201	\$239,008
Noncash contributions	\$245,894	\$373,473	Noncash program support	\$245,894	\$373,473
Investment income, net of fees	\$1,879,170	\$1,960,403	Scholarships	\$385,244	\$440,990
Gain on sale of property	\$79,462	\$2,172,845	General and administrative	\$388,682	\$481,037
Grant income	\$23,500	\$67,250	Fundraising expenses	\$42,979	\$55,355
Other income	\$109,820	\$123,426	Total Expenses	\$1,431,000	\$1,589,863
Rental income	\$513,414	\$859,045	Change in net assets	\$2,182,306	\$4,642,139
Total revenues, gains & support	\$3,613,306	\$6,232,002	Net assets, beginning of year	\$13,718,376	\$15,900,682
			Net assets, end of year	\$15,900,682	\$20,542,821