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One Island One Ocean

SVC marine technology students assist in preparing One Ocean for its sail around North and South America. | Page 3

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Dr. Christopher Villa
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Focused on Student Success

Fall quarter is in full swing, and our campuses and centers are vibrant hubs of activity as we welcome many new students, faculty, and staff to Skagit Valley College for the 2024-2025 academic year. I am pleased to present the newest issue of *Currents*, highlighting the remarkable accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff.

Within this publication, we highlight uplifting stories that underscore our unwavering commitment to student success. The *Around the Americas* project demonstrates the innovative spirit of our Marine Technology students and faculty. Additionally, you will find inspiring tales like that of Cesar Osornio Ramos, who received his associate's degree from SVC and transferred to the University of Washington as a McIntyre Scholarship recipient. We also celebrate SVC Alumni, Judge Cecily Hazelrigg, who exemplifies resilience in overcoming significant challenges, showcasing the diverse strengths of our student body.

I am also honored to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the Skagit Valley College Foundation highlighted in the 2023-2024 Annual Report. With an impressive **410** scholarships awarded this year totaling more than **one million dollars**, annual donations of **\$3,586,866.00**, and a current invested endowment of over **\$23,000,000** to support SVC students and college programs, the Foundation's impact is truly transformative!

With SVC's centennial year approaching in 2026, stay tuned for details on significant events commemorating this remarkable legacy. The festivities kick off in fall 2025 and culminate in December 2026.

I look forward to another incredible year focused on teaching and learning, student success, and continuing to foster strong connections within our community.

With gratitude,

Dr. Christopher Villa
President of Skagit Valley College

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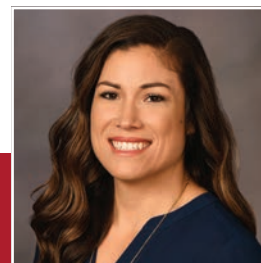
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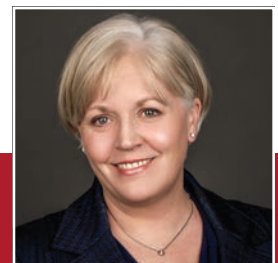
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COVER STORY

One Island One Ocean

SAILING AROUND THE AMERICAS

Captain Mark Schrader grew up far from the ocean on a farm in Nebraska. At a young age, his family moved to the California coast and he became fascinated with the ocean and ultimately a boat captain later in life.

Sailing around North and South America in one journey is an incredible feat. Mark conceptualized this expedition after he single-handedly circumnavigated the globe twice. He wanted to share what he had seen and experienced in those thousands of sea miles. This ignited a new idea.

In 2009, Mark drew a circle around North and South America and decided to sail that route with educators, scientists, and crew, to emphasize the fact that it was one island surrounded by one ocean. The expedition, named Around the Americas (ATA), became a 14-month sailing expedition which concluded in 2010.

Schrader, now working with local educator, Jennifer Dalton, leads the second ATA expedition launching in May 2025 from Anacortes, Wash.

Skagit Valley College is serving as a lead partner in the project through various program partners including SVC's marine technology program. The program serves more than 50 students studying for their associate's degree or certificates in marine maintenance technology, marine electrical technician, and marine mechanical technician.

Throughout the fall and winter, these students are refitting the 48-foot Ketch, One Ocean, in preparation for the expedition. Currently, One Ocean is



SVC Marine Technology program students Saurda de Montano and Maxi Polihronakis prepare "One Ocean" for its journey.



Mike Beemer, Jennifer Dalton, and Captain Mark Schrader

dry docked at the center and students are working on the boat to replace the engine, electronics, and other onboard systems while learning about rigging.

"This project will have a large educational impact on SVC students," said Mike Beemer, SVC marine technology instructor. "Over the next six months, our students will complete necessary projects and later follow along once the boat sets sail."

While on a much larger scale, Mike said the project is similar to others that students in the Marine Technology program have worked on over the years.

Jennifer added that students from other universities and local school districts will learn and contribute to the expedition on all levels including educational outreach and onboard scientific data collection.

"The collaborative education outreach immediately connects and impacts more than 50,000 students before the expedition departs," added Jennifer. "It will include live broadcasts, social media, educational videos, school visits, and in-person presentations."

The SVC Foundation is collaborating to provide fiduciary support for the funding of the project. Currently, \$475,000 has been donated with a goal of \$970,000

to help with necessary refits, equipment, pre-voyage planning, post voyage summaries, and the boat acquisition.

"Local support is the key to the success of this effort," said Mark.

According to Mark, the goal of the ATA expeditions is "to highlight the importance of a healthy ocean for all living creatures on the planet."

All scientific data collected on the expedition will be available open-source and shared with scientists, educators, students, and ocean enthusiasts.

While on the expedition, the ATA team will make 52 stops throughout both North and South America including locations through Canada, U.S., Argentina, Chile, Peru, Mexico, and others. At each stop, an open education curriculum and outreach component will be shared in multiple languages including English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The first stop is Victoria, B.C. to participate in the International Seaweed Symposium and continue on through the Northwest Passage to Brazil's COP30 Climate Change Conference in November 2025. The expedition will navigate around Cape Horn and sail along the west coast of South America before completing the 14-month circumnavigation back to Anacortes in June 2026.

The ATA crew includes Mark, Jennifer, Mike, and two student interns as well as various scientists throughout the expedition.

To support the expedition:
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Cardinal Achievement Program AND SUMMER BRIDGE

Cardinal Achievement Program (CAP) is a new initiative at Skagit Valley College created to directly address success outcomes, completion rates, and other equity gaps for 200 students. CAP coaches create and provide personalized coaching and mentoring throughout a student's college career, with academic interventions when needed, and connections to campus and the larger SVC community. CAP also leads the Summer Bridge cohort program for approximately 70 recent local high school graduates.

Cardinal Achievement Program (CAP)

CAP was developed under the leadership of Yadira Rosales, Vice President of Equity and Inclusion at SVC. The program's primary goal is to provide tailored support for marginalized student populations and improve completion rates for underserved groups.

"As part of our student success and DEI strategic priorities, SVC President Dr. Christopher Villa's goal was to create a program that would capture students who may not qualify for federal support," Yadira shared. "It is amazing to lead the direction of the program with Dr. Villa's vision. Programs like this make our college more accessible and provide the necessary support for our community of students."

Launched in January 2024, CAP is funded by Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion legislative funding. It is part of a broader effort to create sustainable interventions to ensure equitable access to academic resources and promote long-term student success.

To be eligible for CAP, a student must identify as first-generation, graduate from an Island, San Juan, or Skagit County high school, and plan to attend SVC in the fall after graduation.



Summer Bridge Program: Supporting the Transition from High School to College

A key component of CAP is the Summer Bridge program, which focuses on local high school seniors preparing for the transition to college. Designed specifically for first-generation and underrepresented students, the Summer Bridge program offers essential tools and



“It is amazing to lead the direction of the program...”

resources to navigate this critical transition. It provides personalized success coaching, college navigation mentoring, and introductions to important campus resources.

Summer Bridge engages in culturally relevant curriculum that emphasizes

college success skills. In addition to academic preparation, students receive assistance with technology setup, degree planning, and access to support services such as Disability Access Services and TRiO. Students also earn two free college credits, giving them an academic head start and boosting their confidence as they begin their college journey.

"The success of the Summer Bridge program is evident in its retention rates—none of the participating students dropped out during the transition to the fall quarter," said Veronica Perez, Cardinal Achievement Program Manager. "It's amazing seeing our students' bond so quickly in two short weeks. They are already planning a reunion because they want to see each other again."

CAP and Summer Bridge plays a crucial role in helping SVC achieve its goal of becoming an official Hispanic-Serving Institution by 2025, which requires that at least 25 percent of the full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student enrollment be Hispanic.

For more information about CAP or the Summer Bridge:



SUMMER
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ONWARD AND UPWARD: Cesar's Story

The Journey

Born and raised in Tijuana, Mexico, Cesar Osornio Ramos moved the U.S. in 2019 at the age of 16 with his family to Oak Harbor, Wash. Before he graduated high school, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do but knew he wanted to do something different.

"My parents encouraged me to pursue college and a career but we didn't have the economic means to go to a university," said Cesar. "An advisor at my high school recommended that I go to Skagit."

Cesar had no idea what a community college was and that it was an affordable option.

"Going to a university was my end goal," said Cesar. "I thought to myself that I would work really hard at a community college and earn a transfer degree then move on to a university."

After graduating from high school, Cesar enrolled at SVC's Whidbey Island campus to pursue a degree in the STEM field. In high school, he had taken an engineering class that sparked his interest in STEM.

After his first quarter at SVC, Cesar learned that his mom was diagnosed with leukemia.

"That changed my whole perspective on how I could help people," said Cesar. "Because of my mom's health condition, I decided to pursue pre-medicine."

Making His Mark

Cesar has many fond memories of his time at SVC but a few stand out.

"Participating in undergraduate research gave me an edge over other students because I was able to learn multiple concepts that I wasn't familiar with and it later helped me in my classes," said Cesar. "It was a fun way for me to actively learn."

Cesar also started the Latinos in STEM club and served as president of the club.

"It was a great way to get to know other Latino students studying STEM," said Cesar.

Ramos was awarded SVC's prestigious Lewis Award which is given to the overall outstanding graduating student at the MV campus. He was also named one of four SVC students on the 2023 All-Washington Academic Team which recognizes and honors the state's finest higher education students.

Feeling the Support

There are several staff and faculty that stand out to Cesar during his time, many instrumental in his success. His mentors and supporters include biology instructor Dr. Brian Brady, counselor Julie Kunz, English instructor Tina Mohler, and chemistry instructor Roxanne Hulet.

"They were so easy to approach," said Cesar. "Every time I encountered any of them, I knew I could count on them."

These mentors encouraged Cesar to apply for scholarships. Ultimately, he earned four scholarships including the prestigious **Sidney S. McIntyre, Jr. Skagit Valley College Memorial Scholarship**.

Striving for Success

His advice to current SVC students is to rely on others.

"During my first year, I struggled a lot and wanted to do everything by myself," said Cesar. "When I started to rely on other people and acknowledge that I can't do everything on my own, I found the most success at my time at Skagit."

He also recommends to learn from your failures and to use them as a learning experience.

Cesar is now a biology major at the University of Washington in his senior year. He plans to attend medical school and become an anesthesiologist. He also has dreams of joining a branch of the military so he can actively serve others. But for now, he's focusing on one quarter at a time.

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FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO THE APPELLATE COURT:

A Conversation with Judge Cecily Hazelrigg

In a candid interview, Cecily Hazelrigg, Acting Chief Judge of Division One at the Washington State Court of Appeals, shares insights from her journey to the bench, beginning with community college and culminating in a distinguished career in law. Here, she discusses mentorship, community, and representation in legal spaces.

Q: Could you start by introducing yourself and sharing a bit about your background?

A: I am Judge Cecily C. Hazelrigg. I was elected to this position in 2018 after a contested race across four counties: Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan. Before taking the bench, I was a public defender in Skagit County, handling a range of criminal cases, and had practiced immigration law in Whatcom County. I started at SVC's Whidbey campus during high school, later transferring to the paralegal program at the Mount Vernon campus. From there, I went to Western Washington University and then on to law school at Gonzaga.

Q: What factors influenced your decision to start your college career at Skagit Valley College? Were there specific programs or opportunities that attracted you?

A: I became a mom at 19 and needed credentials quickly in order to support my child. My stepdad reminded me that I had been interested in being a lawyer when I was younger, and Skagit's paralegal program seemed like a great fit. It allowed me to jump start a legal career without the overwhelming commitment of high tuition and many years of higher education.

Q: How did your education at the community college influence your decision to pursue a career in law?

A: The faculty were amazing. Director Ted Maloney ensured that our instructors were all local paralegals or attorneys, bringing practical experience into the classroom. I worked with Nancy Ivarinen, an attorney who emphasized community service and pro bono work, which had a big impact on me. Her mentorship was invaluable, especially since she was also a first-generation attorney.

Q: Can you describe your journey from community college to becoming an appellate court judge?

A: At 19, law school felt unattainable due to the time and expense, but mentors helped me set manageable goals and encouraged me to keep going. I was always pulled to public service, but I imagined civil legal aid. Later, my focus shifted to immigration law, then public defense, in order to serve marginalized communities.

Being a judge wasn't ever on my radar; mostly because, as a first-generation Chicana lawyer, I didn't see anyone on the bench with a background like mine. But I realized I could contribute in broader ways and that my unique voice could be an asset to our judiciary.

Q: How did your time at community college prepare you for law school and your legal career?

A: SVC gave me significant advantages; I had hands-on experience with legal research and court processes, which set me apart from many of my law school peers. The rigorous paralegal program prepared me for later academic challenges.

Q: As an appellate court judge, what unique perspectives has your community college experience brought to your role?

A: Community college grounded me in... community. My work is not just about lawyers and trial judges; the people at the heart of these cases are our neighbors. SVC does a great job of fostering connections both on-and off-campus.

Q: What advice would you give to current community college students interested in pursuing a career in law?

A: Find mentors. If you see someone doing work that interests you, invite them for coffee and ask how they got there. People like sharing their expertise, and in my experience, are often generous with their time.

Q: How has your family's relationship with the community college shaped your or their educational and career aspirations?

A: My mom began at a community college in south Texas as a first-generation Mexican American woman in college in the 1960s, it is a legacy we value. My older child, also a single parent, chose SVC for its supportive environment; they're now completing a bachelor's in psychology with a minor in human development and planning for grad school. My younger daughter recently started at SVC, opting to stay home and earn her associate's before she continues on her own academic path.

Judge Hazelrigg's story demonstrates the power of community colleges in shaping legal careers and emphasizes overcoming barriers through dedication and mentorship.



FIRE TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Grand Opening

Skagit Valley College (SVC) celebrated the grand opening of its new Fire Technology Building on May 15 at the Mount Vernon campus. The new facility is specifically designed to support the college's long-standing Fire Protection Technology program.

For more than 20 years, the Fire Protection Technology program has provided students with the education and training necessary for successful careers in firefighting.

Previously housed in temporary facilities, the new Fire Technology Building is a modern, permanent learning environment where students learn through hands-on experience.

The new building features one large-bay parking garage to accommodate the program's fire truck, a modern classroom and laboratory space, and dedicated storage for essential equipment and firefighting gear. The design reflects a model fire station, offering students a realistic environment to hone their firefighting skills.

"The new facility is a significant upgrade for our fire program," said Patricia Binion, fire protection technology instructor. "Our students now have a true firehouse learning environment for training. The

space allows students to see this facility as their own, and that makes all the difference in their dedication and focus."

The project aligns with the goals outlined in SVC's 15-year Master Plan, specifically the focus on providing students with the resources and facilities needed to achieve their educational goals and seamlessly transition into the workforce as qualified firefighters.

"The new building is the culmination of years of work – specifically by the former department chair of the Fire Science program, Patrick McVicker," said Darren Greeno, vice president of academic affairs. "Pat's tireless dedication to the program and his vision to construct a facility capable of equipping students with the skills needed to be professional firefighters has resulted in the building we see today."

About the Fire Protection Technology Associate's Degree

The Fire Protection Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program is designed to prepare students for entry-level firefighter positions. The program equips students with the knowledge, certifications, and professional affiliations valued by fire service leaders.



For more information about SVC's Fire Protection Technology program, skagit.edu/fire-science





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Annual Report

2023-24

Thank you for your steadfast support of the Skagit Valley College Foundation. I am honored to share that **for the 2023-24 academic year, we awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to SVC students.** As we celebrate nearly half a century of impact, your partnership and generosity have been instrumental in building our endowments to more than \$23,000,000, enabling us to meet the immediate and diverse needs of our students through scholarships, emergency funds, and childcare assistance.

Your contributions, including generous in-kind donations to our professional-technical programs, have directly facilitated student success at SVC. As we approach the centennial celebration of Skagit Valley College in the fall of 2025, we are reminded of the transformational power of education and the role your contributions play in shaping the futures of our students and their families.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership as we continue to provide hope and opportunity. Together, we are changing lives and enriching our community.

Thank you for being a part of this enduring legacy.



Vhari Rust-Clark, MBA, PhD.

MORE THAN \$3.4M

RAISED IN CASH, PLEDGES, AND IN-KIND GIFTS

MORE THAN \$608K

AWARDED TO SUPPORT VITAL COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND FUNDS FOR STUDENTS

MORE THAN \$1M

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,932,327
Pledges receivable	\$39,818
Advances due from Skagit Valley College	\$225,303
Cash held for endowment	\$597,619
Investments	\$23,000,317
Property and equipment, net	\$3,022,977
Other assets	\$4,584
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$28,822,945

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$21,863
Advances due to Skagit Valley College	\$286,450
Deferred sponsorship support	\$88,313
Tenant security deposits and prepaid rent	\$35,759
Pass-through funds held as agent	\$19,410
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$451,795

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	
Board designated – endowment	\$1,781,908
Board designated – endow., operating resrv.	\$96,743
Board designated – Campus View Village	\$1,676,547
Board designated – Booster Club	\$333,001
Undesignated	\$2,041,260
Total Without Donor Restrictions	\$5,929,459
With Donor Restrictions	\$22,441,691
Total Net Assets	\$28,371,150
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$28,822,945

Platinum
Transparency
2024

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The Platinum seal is the highest possible rating attainable by a nonprofit organization, and indicates that the SVC Foundation and its programs exceed nonprofit industry standards. This prestigious designation sets the SVC Foundation apart in demonstrating our ethical and transparent practices to the public.

Opportunity for **Excellence:**

T BAILEY, Inc. donates \$30,000 in materials to Skagit Valley College welding program

Skagit Valley College's welding program recently received a substantial boost through a donation of \$30,000 worth of steel plate and carbon material from T BAILEY, INC. T BAILEY, INC. is a leader in the Northwest's heavy-civil, industrial construction, and heavy steel fabrication sectors.

This generous contribution provides students with high-quality materials crucial for advanced welding and cutting processes, enabling instructors to design class projects and industry-specific lab assignments with diverse and thicker materials that are costly and hard to obtain. These materials enhance the experience for welding students, better preparing them for careers in the field.

Beyond material support, T BAILEY, INC. partners serve on the welding program's advisory committee, collaborating with faculty to develop a specialized curriculum that facilitates students' transition from education to industry. T BAILEY, INC. currently employs four graduates from SVC's Class of 2024.

John Burton, T BAILEY, INC.'s fabrication and hiring manager, frequently visits the SVC welding lab, sharing his expertise in metal fabrication and welding techniques. Welding instructor Matt Williams expressed gratitude for Burton's involvement and mentorship. "The students really enjoy when John visits the classroom," said Matt. "He is very generous with his time; we feel extremely lucky to have John's support and look forward to working with T BAILEY, INC. for years to come."

Athletics Scholarships

\$97,196 awarded to 127 student-athletes

Angus Nelson, a member of Skagit Valley College's men's basketball team and an international student from Melbourne, Australia, came to SVC eager to take on new challenges. Trading the beaches of Australia for the Pacific Northwest, he brought with him athletic skills and the resilience he gained through his experience in beach rescues and first aid that taught him to face life's unpredictable challenges.

"Moving to Skagit Valley College was one of the biggest challenges of my life," Angus shared. "But I knew it was an opportunity to push myself outside my comfort zone."

On the basketball court, Angus is a leader, helping boost the Cardinals' performance. Beyond sports, his leadership extends to

academics and sharing his Australian culture with teammates while learning from the diverse backgrounds of his peers at SVC.

Angus is pursuing a business degree with a focus on corporate accounting and finance. His passion for finance started in Australia, where he studied economics.

He plans to use his education to address social and financial inequities.

In addition to an athletic scholarship, Angus is the recipient of the **Sidney and Fosma Rood Scholarship**. Angus feels grateful for the opportunity to thrive. "Receiving these scholarships has truly been life-changing," he said..



More Than \$1 Million in Student Scholarships

At 34, Rebecca Castaneda exemplifies resilience and determination. After leaving high school as a teen to care for her six younger siblings and her own first child, she completed her high school diploma through Skagit Valley College's High School and Beyond program.

Now, as a mother of three, she is pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse to provide a better life for herself and her family.

At just 17, Rebecca began working two jobs to support her family after her parents were no longer around. She legally adopted her siblings at 18, providing them stability and keeping her family intact.

"I gave up my dream to be a nurse to raise my family," Rebecca reflected. "Now that they are grown, I realize it's never too late."

After earning her diploma, Rebecca began her nursing prerequisites at SVC. With the help of scholarships like **Champions of Diversity** in 2007, and more recently, the **Leo Guggemos Scholarship** and **Sharon Cole-Waldschmidt Scholarship**, she can focus on her studies.

"These scholarships mean the world to me," she said. "The support helps make my dream a reality."

Rebecca's unwavering dedication to her family and career embodies the compassion and perseverance of the SVC community.



Transforming Dental Care in Tribal Communities

Dana Marie Obey, a single mother and member of the Sault Ste Marie of Chippewa Indians, is a member of the first cohort enrolled in SVC's Dental Therapy Education Program. This innovative program, in partnership with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, addresses oral health disparities among American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

Dana's journey faced significant hurdles, including housing instability, urgent car repair, and health issues, which nearly halted her studies. The **SVC Foundation's Student Emergency Fund** provided crucial support during this time, helping her secure housing and allowing her to continue her education uninterrupted.

The **Student Emergency Fund** plays a vital role in breaking cycles of poverty and supporting students at their most vulnerable, helping them overcome personal and financial challenges to continue their education. Dana's story highlights the transformative impact of this support and how timely assistance enables students like her pursue and achieve their professional and educational goals.

Dana's resilience and the support from our donors exemplify the power of community in fostering success and stability for students facing adversity.

CHRISTOPHER PALACIOS'

Path to Senior Engineering Specialist

Christopher Palacios is a proud graduate of the SVC Class of 2024. Christopher faced challenges of balancing life as a full-time student in SVC's Diesel Technology program, a full-time employee, and a parent.

Despite these demands, he successfully transitioned to become a senior engineering specialist in the Climatic Chassis Dyno Group at PACCAR Technical Center, thanks to the vital support from the SVC Foundation's **Student Emergency and Childcare Assistance Fund**.

Financial challenges were a constant during his academic journey, with a daily routine that included classes from 7 a.m. to noon and work from 1 p.m. until midnight.

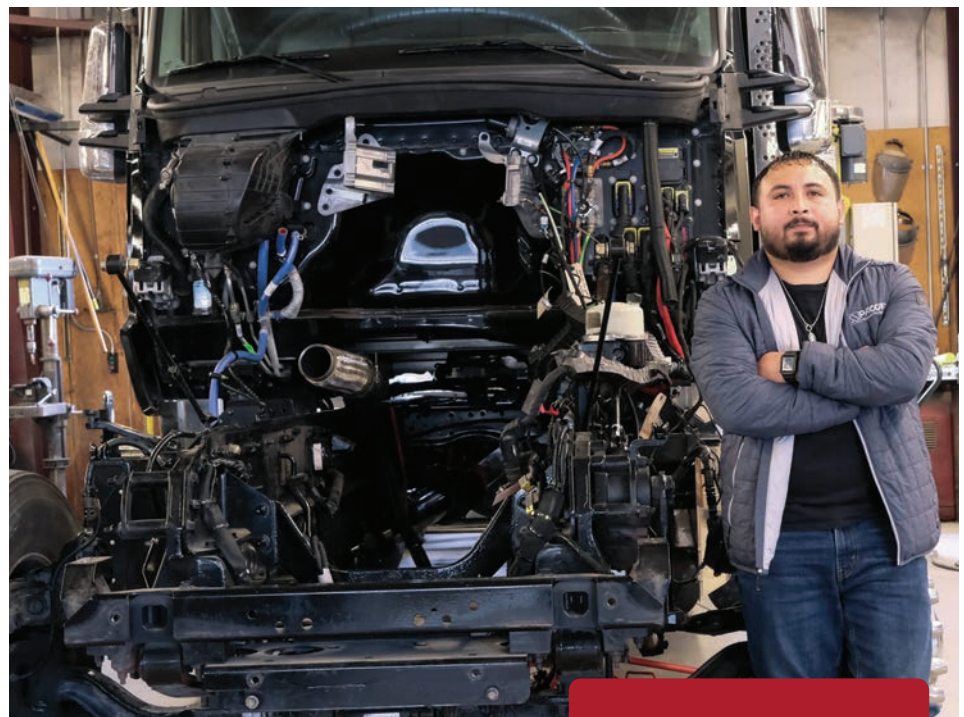
The high cost of childcare nearly derailed his educational ambitions, but Christopher's resolve never wavered.

He aimed to be the first in his family to graduate from college and launch a successful career.

The **Student Emergency and Childcare Assistance Fund** helped alleviate a significant portion of his childcare costs. This fund allowed him to concentrate on his studies and career goals.

"The support I received was transformative, empowering me to excel academically," shared Christopher. "It allowed me to achieve my goals and set a positive example for my children that with hard work and determination, anything is possible."

Christopher's story exemplifies how the **Student Emergency and Childcare Assistance Fund** is a lifeline for students, enabling them to overcome financial barriers and achieve their full potential, balancing educational and family responsibilities.



Student Emergency and Childcare Assistance Fund:

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Exceptional Faculty Awards

Last year: \$19,746 awarded to six SVC Faculty



Exceptional Faculty Awards are granted to faculty members who engage in noteworthy activities that lead to program enhancements at SVC. Awards are also made for distinguished accomplishments, recognized by the college or professional community at large. Last year's Exceptional Faculty Awards went to:

Gail Bruce, Ph.D., and Kristine Duncan, MS. RDN. CDCES – For their dedication to the Cardinal Care health and wellness programming to support the well-being of the SVC community.

Celeste Eastwood, M.Ed. – For instrumental work enhancing the INVEST Pathways program to improve educational opportunities and career readiness for SVC students.

Aaron Klesick – For his role in organizing the 2023-24 college-wide career fair,

significantly enriching opportunities for students across all disciplines.

Mary Iverson, MFA – Whose creative vision brought the Beaver Tales Coffee Shop mural to life, enhancing our campus community with vibrant, visual storytelling

Sunaina Virendra, M.Ed. MBA – For the development, implementation, and ongoing improvement of the Essential Competencies for SVC faculty and current faculty evaluation process.

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