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Focus

Coming Out of the Storm

“And once the storm is over you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what the storm’s all about.”

~Haruki Murakami

A Word From the Executive Director

I came across this quote that I thought was quite relevant to our current situation. Two months ago, who would have thought we’d be faced with sheltering at home, not being able to eat in a restaurant or go to a movie, being afraid you’d run out of toilet paper, or losing your job because of a virus. COVID-19 has rocked our world and may have changed our lives forever. But despite all the challenges we are facing with work, family and the “new normal”, there are some bright spots that have come from these dark times.

We are re-connecting with our individual family units, we’re finding creative ways in which to entertain ourselves, work from home, stay active and keep one another safe. We have more time, if we choose to, to cook a meal, clean out that closet or binge on our favorite movies or books. Best of all, we have stepped up to take advantage of online and virtual technology to work, go to school, shop, see a doctor and stay in touch with family and friends.

Our country and its people remain strong and resilient during our history’s toughest times. Together we will face this current disaster as we have in the past, relying on our resources, our intellect, our faith, compassion and each other. We have seen acts of kindness, selflessness and generosity across the nation and around our communities. We will come out of the storm. Our world, nation, state and hometown may look different in the future but our hope and love for our country, family and friends will always remain.

We hope you stay strong be kind to yourself and others. *~ Cathy Yasuda*

June Garden Tour Still On Schedule

Upon release of this newsletter the 2020 Garden Tour is still scheduled to take place on June 20. This year’s tour will take place at sites in Ontario, out towards Vale and in Nyssa. Special thanks to this year’s garden hosts that include Joie Torvend, Debbie DeLong, Carol Knothe, Dawn and Evan Smith, Susan Barton and the Palmer Healing Rose Test Garden & Museum. The final decision on whether the tour will take place will depend on any new mandates from Governor Brown or President Trump. We are grateful to our hosts and we are hopeful we will be able to have the tour this year. Be watching for an announcement.



Upcoming Events for 2020

- **June 20** – Annual Garden Tour
*Date subject to change
- **June 22**
Summer Term Begins
- **November 6**
TVCC Foundation Scholarship Gala



Scholarship Review Night February 3.

Mick & Keri Deitz and friends

Future Foundation Events

Support the Chukars:

We want to hear from you! Were you in the first graduating class at TVCC? Are you an athletic booster? Have you established a scholarship through the Foundation? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, we would love to connect with you. Whether you attended TVCC or if you just support the college, we invite you to join our TVCC Alumni & Friends Association. The Alumni & Friends Association is committed to fostering a life partnership with students, employees, and friends of the college to promote, support and serve TVCC students and our community.

There is no charge to join and signing up is easy. Just go to our website at www.tvcc.cc/foundation. Sign up today and support the Chukars.

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Our Donor Reception scheduled for this week, along with a mass of other public gatherings, has been cancelled due to COVID-19. This is one of my most favorite Foundation activities as we recognize and celebrate our student scholarship recipients and the many donors who make these awards possible. This year we had nearly 200 applications for over \$250,000 in available funds. Unfortunately, the demand exceeds the supply but each year we increase our scholarship fund thanks to the generosity of our supporters and friends who make an investment in TVCC and the students we serve.

In the absence of our reception, we will be acknowledging our donors, recipients, and this year's new scholarship donors through social media and on our website. Thank you to all our faithful contributors and friends. The recent pandemic has exacerbated the needs and challenges of our students as they strive to stay in school and pursue their educational goals.

COVID-19 has also forced cancellation of our Annual Pops Concert which was scheduled to take place in May. The concert is one of our most popular events and proceeds from this performance go directly to help music students at TVCC. While we will miss hearing our orchestra and vocal groups we will look forward to next year's concert.



Foundation board members, Rita Lewis, Debbie Blackaby, and Judy Cordinez help review scholarship applications.

Foundation's New Normal

As TVCC continues to operate under the "new normal" our students, faculty and staff are adjusting to the migration of instruction, meetings and contact through virtual and online technology. For spring quarter most of the buildings on campus are closed except essential functions such as the residence hall, library and a few other locations. Social distancing, safety and hygiene practices are in place for all the open spaces.

The majority of TVCC employees are working from home including myself and my assistant. Thanks to our stellar IT Department I have access to most of my files and information on my virtual desktop and have now settled into a routine in my office at home. My days are filled with Webinar and Zoom meetings and I spend a lot of time on the phone and laptop. I am grateful for the technology that allows us to continue to perform our work and stay in contact with our co-workers, our students, family and friends.

What I miss the most during this pandemic is the physical face-to-face contact with our donors and supporters. Home visits, lunches, and coffee dates are not possible, so I find myself sending emails, writing hand-written notes and cards and picking up the phone.

I know we're all facing similar challenges in coping with this crisis. All I can say is that I am trying my best to stay positive, hopeful, faithful and strong. I look forward to the day when businesses are back open, social gatherings can take place and I can see you again in person.

President Young addresses a large crowd at the groundbreaking for the new CTE Center in February with Senator Lynn Findley looking on.

