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Leon S. Peters Foundation, Inc.

State Center Community College Foundation
2008 Fiscal Year Annual Report
The mission of the State Center Community College Foundation is to encourage philanthropic gifts that directly enhance the access to and quality of community college education for the students and faculty of the State Center Community College District.
Thank you donors’ generous gifts and support, this year we have
continued to strengthen SCCCD’s place in the Central Valley and
work toward a lasting legacy.

The clearest sign of this shared legacy is the restoration of the Old
Administration Building (OAB) at Fresno City College. Unused for
more than 30 years, the retrofitting and renovations are making
excellent progress. When final funding goals are met and the redevelop-
ment is complete, the halls and classrooms of the OAB will serve as
a fitting backdrop for the ongoing work of the SCCC Foundation. This
92-year-old building will stand as a compelling reminder of our place
in higher education–where we have come from and, more importantly,
where we are going.

In this report, you will read about much of the work being done to benefit
our community now and in the future. We thank you for your contributions
to this important work, and for sharing in this enduring legacy.

Thomas A. Crow
Chancellor, State Center Community College District
President’s Message

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

While serving as president of the State Center Community College Foundation, I have witnessed the growth in our valley and of the need for our community colleges and the populations they serve. The Foundation works to provide resources for our campuses, fundraising for scholarships, unrestricted funds for quality programs, renovation of the Old Administration Building, and much more. We could not have done it without your support.

This year, the Foundation recognized an elite group of donors; our Legacy Makers. Legacy Makers are donors who, through private, corporate or foundation gifts, have contributed $100,000 or more to the Foundation. As we acknowledge these donors, know that each and every contribution we receive makes a difference. In this economy each of you are undoubtedly asked many times over for contributions to a number of deserving nonprofit organizations in the community. We appreciate that you have chosen to support the work of the Foundation.

Executive Director Gurdeep Sihota, formerly Fresno City College’s College Activities Director and an eighteen-year employee of the District, brings to the Foundation great energy, enthusiasm and knowledge of the history of our colleges and campuses. Together, the Foundation, District and the Board of Directors will continue to strive to provide quality leadership as we carry forward our mission.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for providing a future for our community through education of students who are our future.

Best Regards,

Greg Baxter
Foundation President
Dan Bailey Trust: Dan Bailey was a Fresno City College graduate who majored in electronics. He met his boss while attending Fresno City College and worked for the next 40 years for Arrow Electric Motor Service, Inc. Dan was a single man who left his entire estate in excess of $1 million to charity upon his death at the age of 61.

Robert and Debbie Bagdasarian: Bob is the President of US Script, Inc. and has been a member of the Foundation Board of Directors since 2001. Bob grew up in the valley and realizes the importance of investment within the community. Bob and Debbie are generous supporters of both the Renaissance Feast for Scholars and the renovation of the Old Administration Building.

Jo Nell Beal Endowment: Jo Nell Beal taught for almost 30 years at Fresno City College. She was also one of the founding members of the SCCC Foundation Board, serving as president for two years. In addition to teaching remedial reading, English and speech, she also served on the curriculum committee for six years. Mrs. Beal’s gift played a significant role in funding the Fresno City College Speakers Forum, the Honors Program at the North Centers, and a campus identification program at Reedley College.

Dru & Robert Benefiel Scholarship: These grant monies were originally given to Northrop University by alumnus Robert Benefiel to be used for scholarships in the Aviation program. When Northrop University closed for the last time in 1993, the funds were transferred to State Center Community College Foundation, with the help of attorney Clifford Clark. This scholarship now assists students in the Reedley College Aeronautics Program.

Coca Cola Bottling Company of CA: Since 2001 the Coca Cola Bottling Company has provided monies to State Center Community College District to provide assistance in the following areas of need: sports programs to enhance equipment, uniforms and travel; revitalization efforts for Ratcliffe Stadium entrance; Associated Student Body activities, club programs and development of student leadership and scholarships.

Alden Edgar Endowment: This endowment was established by the late Alden Edgar, who began a rewarding career as a Business Education instructor in 1950. He was at Fresno City College from 1965 until his retirement in 1989.

Educational Employees Credit Union: EECU is the largest credit union based in the Central Valley, ranking 16th in California based on asset size and 68th in the United States. One Board member and two Fresno City College faculty members were instrumental in the development of the Credit Union in the valley; Robert Winter, Cliff Eischen and C. Thomas Witt. EECU was instrumental in the initial funding for the Old Administration Building, as well as numerous student scholarships and support of Foundation programs.

McHenry-Johnston Scholarship Fund: This fund was established by Bruce Johnston and James McHenry, emeriti faculty members of the Fresno City College Biology Department. Bruce and Jim published the Lab Manual for Biology 3: Intro to Life Science, which is currently sold at the Fresno City College Bookstore. First published in 1991, the lab manual continues to provide endowment revenue which results in yearly scholarships for Life Science Majors going into teaching careers. Both Bruce and Jim have had a lifelong commitment to life science education and the teaching profession.
LEON S. PETERS FOUNDATION, INC.: Leon S. Peters graduated from high school in 1923. His family, of Armenian descent, started farming in the San Joaquin Valley. Some years later after the loss of his parents, Leon went to work as a salesman for Valley Foundry in 1929. Seeing the potential of the company, Leon purchased it from the owners. He and his brother Pete went on to lead the company through change and expansion until Valley Foundry and Machine Works became a world recognized supplier of equipment to the agricultural industry.

MILLER BREWING COMPANY: Between 1994 and 1998, Miller Brewing Company donated over $100,000 to purchase tool boxes filled with tools for students completing courses at Fresno City College and Reedley College Vocational Programs.

LINDA CAROL MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was an endowment left to Fresno City College by Linda Carol Colby upon her death in 2005. Linda Colby felt education was an important aspect for our community and gave scholarships to both Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno.

S & J LUMBER, INC.: Steve and Jill Cholewa are generous supporters of State Center Community College District. They have provided scholarships and developed the athletic facilities at the Madera campus, including the baseball diamond and weight room. Jill Cholewa is a past Foundation Board Member. Steve and Jill are very active in the Madera and Fresno communities, volunteering for a number of non-profit organizations.

PAUL & KATHERINE SCHMITT SCHOLARSHIP: This endowment was arranged to establish a permanent scholarship fund to be used for students at Reedley College for the purpose of obtaining an “Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Certificate.”

SHEHADEY FAMILY/PRODUCERS DAIRY: The Shehadey family began their support for Fresno City College by sponsoring the Producers Dairy Bowl in 1990 and have been generous supporters ever since. Larry Shehadey built Producers Dairy Foods, Inc. into one of the largest independent family-owned milk producers in the United States. Producers employs 330 people and provides a wide variety of dairy food products from Eureka to Santa Barbara. The company is now run by his son Richard and the next generation of community minded Shehadey family members.

EARL & MURIEL SMITTCAMP: Earl and Muriel Smittcamp are generous benefactors for a number of organizations in the valley. The owners and operators of Wawona Orchards, a successful regional business that leads the industry in development and distribution of fruit and fruit products, the Smittcamps have long supported the importance of education and the impact that can result in lifelong well being.

GARY & CAROLYN SOTO: Gary Soto is a noted alumnus of Fresno City College. The author of ten poetry collections for adults, most notably New and Selected Poems, a 1995 finalist for both the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the National Book Award. His most popular books include Baseball in April, Too Many Tamales, Chato’s Kitchen, and Buried Onions. He and Carolyn reside in Berkeley, California.

DENNIS AND CHERYL WOODS: Dennis has been a Foundation Board member since 2000. Dennis and Cheryl started the Woods Family Endowment to provide scholarships to single parents in achieving their goal to a better life with a college degree. They have also been generous supporters of the Renaissance Feast for Scholars and the Old Administration Building. We appreciate their ongoing support.

This recognition award for our “Legacy Makers” will be presented each year at the annual Heritage Dinner. The Foundation will continually strive to recognize all donors who have reached the Legacy Maker gift level of $100,000 or more. All of our donors who have contributed to the Foundation are appreciated. Legacy Donors have shown an extraordinary level of financial commitment reflecting their interest in the community and confidence in the colleges and campuses of the District.
Success STORY

Hana El-Farra is an ambitious honors student at the Willow International Community College Center who has struggled with her health through the years. She was diagnosed with renal failure when she was 9 years old. After receiving a donated kidney from her mother when she was 11, she focused her energies in the classroom, became a student leader and has volunteered her time tutoring students in Spanish and English.

“At Willow International I have had the opportunity to study what I wanted to and have taken many core classes in order to determine my major,” she said. Hana has taken extra calculus and English classes in order to build a strong foundation to enter a UC campus next fall.

“My goal is to transfer to UCLA and study Arabic,” she said. Her father, who died from kidney failure a few years ago, was Muslim and immigrated from Palestine to the U.S. in the 1980’s. “He is the reason I want to continue my studies in Near Eastern Languages, Cultures and Arabic,” said El-Farra.

Hana is the co-president of the newly established Green Club at the Willow International Center, a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma, a volunteer based honor society, and has maintained a 3.9 GPA.

“I have been quite fortunate to receive a number of scholarships while attending college which has enabled me to pay for books and other living expenses,” she added.

She has received scholarships through the Clovis Rotary Club and Pete’s Sport Shop, which is owned and operated by Rochelle Noblett, a State Center Community College Foundation Board member.

“The quality of the instructors at Willow International has been quite beneficial and I know that this will enable me to succeed at a 4-year university,” El-Farra said.

With this strong foundation and motivation Hana’s goals for the future include furthering her education to become a professor, teaching the Arabic language.
Veterans Peace Memorial

The Veterans Peace Memorial Monument and Court of Honor receives Mini Grant

One of the Foundation’s programs is to provide the funding of Mini-grants; grants of $1,000 or less which are funded with unrestricted gifts. Mini-grants considered for approval are to support projects and programs that directly benefit students and classroom instruction. These grants are available to all faculty and staff and are awarded in the fall and spring. This fall, the Veterans Peace Memorial project was one of 28 mini-grants awarded at our colleges and campuses. The mini-grant that was awarded was given to provide some repair, upkeep and landscaping maintenance of this valuable memorial which is located on a grassy knoll in the Free Speech Area at Fresno City College.

The Veterans Peace Memorial was dedicated on November 9, 1993, and is surrounded on the three sides by the “Court of Honor,” which was dedicated on May 3, 1995. The memorial is a white granite five-point star resting on two black polished granite pillars. The star symbolizes World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. The two pillars are symbolic of the connection between the earth and stars and the dual nature of the ‘citizen soldier’. It honors the men and women who have served their country in time of war, with some making the ultimate sacrifice. The height of the memorial reinforces the concept of looking up to the American servicemen and women.

The award will maintain this valuable memorial which serves as a place of honor for students and faculty alike. It benefits students and staff who have served our country, and also the broader community such as community members and local and state representatives.
The Renaissance Feast for Scholars is the only special-event fundraiser hosted annually by the Foundation. Set in the stunning reference room of the historic Fresno City College Library, the Feast has emerged as one of the area’s most notable social events. Authentic Renaissance royalty and court performers entertain guests throughout an evening that includes professional actors and musicians, festive social interaction, gourmet food and an exciting auction. Because this is a unique experience for all those who attend, a prominent venue for interaction with business and community leaders, and proceeds of the event benefit a worthy cause, the Renaissance Feast for Scholars sells out every year. Through ticket sales, sponsorships, and auction proceeds, funds are raised for student scholarships and general support of the mission of the Foundation.

We sincerely appreciate the enthusiastic support of our business and individual sponsors and scholarship donors.

**2008 Sponsors**

**King’s Court - $10,000**
- Ashwood Construction Company
- Eye Q Vision Care

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- Barlumi & Associates Insurance Services
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- U S Script, Inc.
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- Meeder Equipment/Ransome Manufacturing

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- Center for International Trade
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- Fresno County Board of Supervisors
- HAW 1956 Development Company
- Chris and Michelle Morse
- Paoli & Odell, Inc.
- Phoenix Coatings
- Joanne Quinn
- UBS Financial
- Union Bank of California
- Valley Iron
The renovation of the 100,000-square-foot historic Old Administration Building (OAB) at Fresno City College is underway. Selective demolition and hazardous materials removal was completed in the spring of 2008. Construction is now in progress on the building renovations, including: seismic retrofit; structural, mechanical and electrical upgrades; fire/life safety; and access code compliance. This includes new roofing, wiring, windows, and a heating/cooling system with a new central plant.

As part of the Environmental Impact Report, the District made changes to the original plans in order to reduce noise levels for neighbors of Fresno City College and the OAB. A smaller trash compactor has been installed near the OAB and a block wall has been built to shield it from view. These changes will greatly reduce noise to the surrounding neighborhood. In addition, the central plant that houses the heating and cooling system for the OAB will be built behind the cafeteria, further removed from the surrounding neighborhood to lessen the noise levels for neighbors.

The next phase of the project is the interior improvements to the entire west and south wings of the building. By fall 2010, the structural upgrades and the interior improvements will be complete, opening the doors to classrooms, administrative offices, faculty and campus organization offices, music/choral rooms, library, staff workrooms, and restrooms in the west and south wings.

For the final stage of renovations, SCCCD needs an additional nine million dollars to complete the north and east wings for classrooms, offices, music and dance studios. The District has applied to the state for nine million dollars in future bonds.

Currently, we have reached half of our original four million dollar capital campaign goal. We are still working to secure funding for the final renovation and finishing touches of the auditorium. Help return the OAB auditorium to its original beauty so it can once again be a center of community involvement and pride.

Learn more at www.oabalegacyrenewed.com
Friends OF THE FOUNDATION

We’re pleased to acknowledge the gifts made by so many to benefit our growing enrollment of students and special programs.

Chancellor’s Circle

The Chancellor’s Circle is an annual membership for our donors who have invested at a leadership level. Members have the opportunity to interact with the Chancellor, campus Presidents, Vice Presidents, Deans and department heads by invitation to at least three business forums a year as well as the exclusive Chancellor’s Circle Dinner. Members provide a positive impact through their participation in the workforce and community.

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Bijan and Cynthia Azari
Barry and Rosemary Bauer
Greg and Penny Baxter
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Karen White Brown and Dr. W.L. Brown, Jr.
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Heritage Society

Members of the Heritage Society have made a substantial commitment to our students either through a future gift in an estate or through an endowment made today that will support scholarships and programs in perpetuity. These gifts memorialize a loved one, or establish a personal legacy and often involve thoughtful estate planning.

Harmon Allen
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STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifies all aircraft mechanics. For an Airframe or Powerplant license, the FAA requires graduation from an FAA-approved school like Reedley College. Reedley College has offered Aviation Maintenance Technician courses for more than 50 years. Students can earn an Associate in Science degree or a Certificate. Graduates of this program are prepared to take the FAA exams required for certification. As an added feature, the federally regulated oral, practical and written exams may be taken on-site at Reedley College.

State-of-the-art facilities of the Reedley program include a 22,000 square foot laboratory with adjacent classrooms, their own fleet of aircraft and helicopters, and a landing and takeoff access strip for flying aircraft in and out of the facility.

Reedley College Aviation Department’s scholarship recipients are the beneficiaries of two of our noted Legacy Makers, the Paul & Katherine Schmitt Scholarship and the Dru & Robert Benefiel Scholarship, thanks to the assistance of attorney Clifford Clark, an avid pilot himself. Both scholarships encourage the study of aviation maintenance and the pursuit of higher education in the Aviation Maintenance Technician School.

We are pleased to announce a new endowment, ‘Pay it Forward’, which was established with a $100,000 donation from an anonymous Fresno City College Alum. The donor challenges the community to participate in this wonderful effort to provide grants to deserving SCCCD students by giving any amount to this fund.

The “Pay it Forward” endowment will come from a portion of the proceeds from the sale of a home in Reedley that was owned by the anonymous donor. The home is located in the highly desirable river bottom area on Kingswood Parkway. This lovely Victorian-style custom, 2897 sq. ft. house features four bedrooms, three baths and an open floor plan downstairs with an inside utility room. The beautifully landscaped yard has raised brick retaining planters in the rear yard and the front landscaping features a circular driveway.

The remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the house will go towards classrooms in the Old Administration Building.

This endowment is an investment in the future. We challenge you to make an investment in the future of our community and ‘Pay it Forward’.
Thank you to the following donors who gave to our scholarships and programs:

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Statement
OF FINANCIAL POSITION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets:
Cash $ 91,344
Receivables 123,034
Pledges receivable, net of allowance for uncollectable amounts 566,197
Short-term investments 669,877
Total Current Assets 1,450,952

Pledges receivable, net of current portion 246,133
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation 2,729
Long-term Investments 10,516,367
Total Assets $12,216,181

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities $ 73,200
Annuity agreement liabilities – short-term 10,317
Total Current Liabilities 83,517

Annuity Agreement Liabilities – Long Term -
Total Liabilities 83,517

Net Assets:
Unrestricted $ 600,324
Temporarily restricted 6,814,328
Permanently restricted 4,718,012
Total Net Assets 12,132,664
Total Liabilities and Net Assets $ 12,216,181
State Center Community College Foundation

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The Honored Board members served on the State Center Community College Foundation Board in an admirable manner. They were involved in the late 80’s or 90’s and have contributed to the current success of the Foundation.

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We sincerely thank the Educational Employees Credit Union for their support.

Thank You

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