MISSION

statement

The mission of 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 State Center Community College District.
DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION,

It takes a team to build a thriving educational system. Our Foundation could not exist without you! Your support of our students and programs enhances the educational experience. State Center Community College District provides the structure for our students to receive an outstanding education; State Center Community College Foundation provides the catalyst for your generous contributions to expand educational opportunities for students.

Without you on our team, we could not make educational dreams become a reality. From this reality comes the birth of the next generation of people who will continue to strengthen and build our communities. In addition, accomplishing educational goals helps our students support their families who, in turn, will continue to carry the torch of pursuing and meeting their educational goals.

Within the covers of this annual report, you will see success stories of students who attended our community college campuses and benefited from the scholarships and programs that have been created with funds contributed by you. These stories show how an education received at the community college level establishes a pathway for students to start their own businesses or to continue in their studies to become great leaders and employees.

We graciously offer our donors and friends our sincerest thank you for your support of State Center Community College District and the Foundation representing Fresno City College, Reedley College, Willow International Community College Center, Madera Community College Center, and the Oakhurst Center.

Respectfully yours,

Jill Cholewa
President, State Center Community College Foundation
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Deborah G. Blue, Ph.D.
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WELCOME A NEW BEGINNING

Dr. Sandra Caldwell
President, Reedley College

July 1, 2013, was the start of a new beginning for Reedley College and two campus centers in Madera and Oakhurst. The campuses welcomed their new president, Dr. Sandra Caldwell, as she began her official duties. Instantly, Dr. Caldwell’s enthusiasm and interest in people spread throughout the campuses and communities surrounding the college.

State Center Community College District Board of Trustees meticulously searched for the best qualified person for this position. Dr. Caldwell brings with her experience that includes recently serving as associate vice president for planning improvement for two years and as associate vice president for student learning for six years at Western Wyoming Community College. Prior to Wyoming, Dr. Caldwell worked ten years at Paris (Texas) Junior College.

Dr. Caldwell’s inspiration for working in community colleges began when she attended a rural-based community college. “As a person who got my own start in higher education at a community college, my number one focus is student learning and success. Everything we do should always be in consideration of how it will impact students whether developing success pathways for students engaging the community, business, and industry, or promoting institutional excellence. Through collaboration, diligence, and the hard work of the employee base as well as implementation of the college and district strategic plans, students will benefit through learning, completion, and success.”

Her college experience earned Dr. Caldwell a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and master’s degree in statistics from Oklahoma State University. She continued her education and received a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce in supervision, curriculum, and instruction in higher education with an emphasis in community colleges.

Dr. Caldwell is no stranger to supporting foundations. While in Wyoming she served as president of the Wyoming Women’s Foundation. Upon her arrival to our district, Dr. Caldwell immediately offered her support to State Center Community College Foundation. Thank you, Dr. Caldwell!

On a personal note, Dr. Caldwell married her high school sweetheart, Jeromy Caldwell, and they have two sons. If you haven’t had the opportunity to meet Dr. Caldwell, you will immediately know her because her smile is testament to the warmth and care she projects to those she meets.

“As a person who got my own start in higher education at a community college, my number one focus is student learning and success.”

– Dr. Sandra Caldwell
Repurposing MEMORIES

Tim Schultz
FCC Alumni and Owner, ReVive Industries

Fresno City College (FCC) alumni Tim Schultz, owner of ReVive Industries, turns pieces of wood or metal marked for demolition into custom works of furniture and art. Repurposing discarded pieces of wood or metal is a rare talent that Tim has developed into a career.

Tim was drawn to the FCC construction program. The program allowed him to find his passion of uncovering the potential in material that is often overlooked. He applies the skills learned through this program when he is designing a piece of furniture, using his drafting experience, or taking an old cabin apart piece by piece using his framing courses as a reference.

Tim speaks fondly of his time at Fresno City College stating, “I was hired in my first significant construction position while attending FCC, based on an instructor’s recommendation to my then prospective employer. Having the degree and the building trades certificate were what got my foot in the door . . .”

ReVive was involved in saving the wood from the Cedar Lanes Bowling Alley in Fresno. Many people who felt a connection to the historic bowling alley can now enjoy a part of the lanes as dinner tables or picture frames.

ReVive Industries’ goal is to continue to build memories by allowing people to own a piece of history.

“Having the degree and the building trades certificate were what got my foot in the door . . .”
– Tim Schultz
The Renaissance Feast for Scholars, held in the historic Fresno City College library on March 9, 2013, celebrated the 9th year of travels for the Queen of England and her entourage. The Queen traveled to the African Serengeti, and her guests reveled in the festivities of wine, food, and merriment of the Renaissance period. Hors d’oeuvres were hand-passed during the cocktail hour, dinner for a queen was served, and live entertainment filled the Great Hall with Serengeti ambiance.

This event is the Foundation’s largest annual fundraiser. Last year over $128,000 in contributions were raised for scholarships that directly help the students of State Center Community College District.

The Foundation would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors for making the Queen’s trip to the Serengeti so memorable!

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We hope you will join us as the Queen travels to Scotland on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Linda and Angrest Harris
If you hear a Reedley College student mind-boggled about new 14-year old geniuses appearing on campus, they may be mistakenly referring to high school students from Reedley Middle College High School (RMCHS). The charter school enrolled its first 22 students in 2012-2013. The student population expanded to 61 for its second year in operation.

RMCHS is called a middle college high school because students are on track to complete a year of college courses prior to their high school graduation. All expenses for books, laptops, and other supplies are waived for the high school students making the program very appealing.

In August 2012, RMCHS opened its doors as a collaboration between Reedley College and Kings Canyon Unified School District and was only open to KCUSD students. Now that the school has been given charter status, RMCHS students represent several cities including Dinuba, Orange Cove, Orosi, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, and Selma. In order to be a part of the program, each student goes through a comprehensive admissions process consisting of an essay, two referrals, and an interview. Adelfa Lorenzano, liaison between RMCHS and Reedley College, says “there are no exact qualifications for prospective students; however, we’re looking for motivated students.”

Students at RMCHS are given the option of focusing on either agriculture business or business entrepreneurship. Focusing on one of these options does not mean the student will have to pursue a degree in one of the two subjects. All college credit will count toward general education. However, Reedley College’s renowned success in both of these fields gives students great resources to take advantage of during the program.

School days begin with two college courses in the morning followed by five high school courses in the afternoon. Unlike the traditional high school schedule, students return from winter break to new classes allowing them to transition to the real college experience by taking different classes each semester.

The social aspects at RMCHS are different from a regular high school. There are no “passing” periods between classes and no rallies. Students can, however, participate in their home school athletic programs. There are some traditions maintained by the students, such as selecting school colors and a mascot.

RMCHS student, Moises Pineda, considers the relationships he has made in the program just as important as the school work. Moises has made several friends from different cities and has also created close ties with his instructors. Moises stated, “The teachers are always supportive and optimistic when it comes to our performance.”
CHANCELLOR’S CIRCLE

Chancellor’s Circle, established in 2002, celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2012-2013. The annual dinner held to thank Chancellor’s Circle members for their generosity was hosted at the home of Harold and Debbie McClarty, and several of the founding Chancellor’s Circle members were present and acknowledged. Chancellor’s Circle membership continues to grow and exceeded the goal of 100 members for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

An annual $1,000 membership fee to join Chancellor’s Circle supports the goals and mission of State Center Community College Foundation and provides funds where they are needed most. In addition to establishing scholarships for students, Chancellor’s Circle fees support the Mini-Grant program that gives faculty and staff the opportunity to propose educational enrichments that benefit students.

Members are invited to the annual, exclusive Chancellor’s Circle Dinner, as well as a series of “luncheon sessions” held at campuses throughout the district. These programs provide an opportunity for the members to meet with administrators, faculty, and students, and to learn about the various programs that are offered in the district. Membership also provides admittance to certain campus theatre and athletic events as guests of the district.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this distinguished group of community-minded individuals and businesses, please contact the Foundation office at 559-324-6484.
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AG AND EDUCATION

Harold McClarty
Foundation Board Member
President, HMC Farms, Kingsburg, CA

At an early age Foundation Board member Harold McClarty understood what hard work meant. Growing up on a farm in Parlier meant long hours, often working from sunrise to sunset. Working was a way of life, if you wanted anything you had to earn it on your own. His vigorous upbringing has shaped Harold to resolve many challenges he encounters today.

Harold is an avid supporter of education. He sees college as a chance to live and comprehend life. “Much like farming, education creates something from nothing and is slowly grown.” Harold and his family created several scholarships with State Center Community College Foundation. He generously supports numerous programs at Reedley College and is always there to contribute when there is a student in need.

When Harold attended the University of Santa Cruz he created his own major – environmental geography. As he studied building and planning, with an emphasis in environmental issues, he soon realized how much he loved agriculture. To Harold, agriculture “is more than a job, it is a way of life.”

Harold attributes his agricultural success to the people who he considers to be the backbone behind his farming operations…the farmworkers. According to Harold “labor is the number one issue in the farming industry, and the field laborers are the number one force behind every successful farmer.”

Harold and his wife, Deborah, raised two children who are following in their parents’ footsteps. Their son, Jonathan, received a masters from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and their daughter, Chelsea, graduated from Cal Poly. Jonathan and his wife, Sarah, and Chelsea and her husband, Drew Ketelsen, all work together at HMC Farms. The choice to enter the family business was their own.

In addition to running a successful business, Harold takes time to support many agricultural organizations including the Western Growers Association, California Table Grape Commission, UC Davis Foundation Board, and the State Junior College Foundation Board. Harold was named Reedley’s Agribusiness Leader of the Year in 2012, and humbly credits his success to the family members who help run HMC Farms.

“Much like farming, education creates something from nothing and is slowly grown.”
– Harold McClarty

Chelsea Ketelsen, Harold McClarty, and Jonathan McClarty
PAID-IN-FULL
PG&E’s Bright Mind Scholarship

Carlos Corona, Student, Fresno City College

Carlos Corona walked into a conference room in the Old Administration Building prepared for an important interview. Little did Carlos know he was selected as a recipient of PG&E’s Bright Mind Scholarship – a scholarship that covers educational expenses totaling $30,000 for up to five years or until graduation. Each year, thousands of applications are submitted, and ten people are granted the scholarship.

Carlos was encouraged to go back to college by his wife after serving two tours in the military. Carlos plans to major in criminology, but his heart is dedicated to helping veterans. His goal is to write and publish a novel regarding veteran’s stories of war.

Now that his bachelor's degree is paid-in-full, a master's degree might be a possibility. Carlos is the first in his family to graduate high school and attend college. He is extremely thankful to PG&E for the scholarship and to Fresno City College for starting his pathway to education.

music in the making:
KIDMUNITY — FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

Kevin Cooper, Music Instructor, Fresno City College

Kevin Cooper and his wife, Catherine, saw a need in Fresno County. As schools were eliminating music and art from daily instruction, children were left with no way to express their creativity. In the summer of 2010, the Coopers decided to start a program to encourage community music education, and KIDmunity was born. During the summer months the KIDmunity program is held at the First Congregational Church in Fresno, and moves to Fresno City College for the fall and spring semesters. In a typical summer session 60-75 elementary school students attend, and in the fall and spring 40-50 join the program. With the help of FCC music professor Julie Dana, FCC students gain valuable experience for their future as music educators by assisting the KIDmunity program.

The students in KIDmunity experience visual arts, singing, poetry, playing the guitar, recorder and Orff instruments. Money provided from State Center Community College Foundation through the Peter Buffett performance was used to purchase much needed instruments to help the continued growth of the program.

KIDmunity is focused on bringing the highest quality instruction at the lowest cost. Most of the students often have no previous musical experience; however, every child leaves the program able to read music at some level. “Children need to have positive personal expression,” Catherine stressed, “and KIDmunity allows them to do that in a safe environment.”
HERITAGE SOCIETY

Each year donors who have reached the level of giving of $100,000 or more are recognized at a dinner for major donors. The 2012 Heritage Society Dinner, held at Fort Washington Country Club, acknowledged three generous donors as Legacy Makers: Ashwood Construction, the Chesemore Family, and Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Michael Yoshikami, a distinguished alum of Fresno City College and the CEO, Founder, and Chairman of Destination Wealth Management, an independent money management firm that has successfully managed State Center Community College Foundation’s investment portfolio since 1998, addressed the group.

The Heritage Society is comprised of a very special group of individuals who have committed major resources to the future health and viability of State Center Community College Foundation. This group includes donors who have chosen the Foundation as a beneficiary in his or her estate, either through a will or a charitable trust. These are trusts that are tax advantaged and are a means by which the donor can receive current tax deductions. Additionally such donors receive annual cash flow from the trust during their lifetime. The Heritage Society also includes major donors of $10,000 or more, who have helped to construct a facility, endow a scholarship, or to fund a program that contributes to the future stability of the Foundation and State Center Community College District.
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THE FAMILY

Rochelle Noblett
Foundation Board Member
Madera Community College Center Supporter

At the Madera Community College Center scholarship awards ceremony, the name “Noblett” seemed to pop up over and over again as the “Noblett family” scholarships were awarded to students. In tracing the “family tree” of Noblett family scholarships, five endowed scholarships were recently developed that provide annual scholarships of $1,000 to students attending the Madera Center.

Rochelle Noblett, a State Center Community College Foundation Board member, is instrumental in developing scholarships and soliciting funds to support Madera Center programs. In 2002, as a new member of the Foundation Board, Rochelle established scholarships for her employees to attend the Madera Center. The feedback from her employees motivated Rochelle to create additional scholarships to attend the Madera Center. Rochelle was instrumental in getting the Madera Kiwanis Club, of which she is a member, to fund four annual scholarships of $1,000 each.

When Rochelle’s sister-in-law, Melanee Ann Noblett Burchfield, passed away, Rochelle worked with Melanee’s husband, Bob Burchfield, and with Melanee’s parents, Jewel and Roy Noblett, to create a special scholarship in memory of Melanee. Another scholarship was created by the family in memory of Melanee when the Bernard Osher Foundation came to California Community Colleges in 2011 with an agreement to match donations of $13,344 resulting in an endowed scholarship that was guaranteed to provide at least a $1,000 award for a deserving student each year for eternity.

With the match program from the Osher Foundation in place, Rochelle called on the Noblett family to help create more scholarships. Aunt Charlene Dilliard started an Osher-matched scholarship in memory of her late husband, the James R. Dilliard Memorial Scholarship. Another Osher-matched scholarship was jointly created by the family and entitled the Burchfield-Dilliard-Noblett Family Scholarship. Family member Marty Noblett contributed funds to start an Osher-matched scholarship in memory of her late husband, Jerry Noblett, who served as the former chief of police in Madera. Her scholarship is entitled the Jerry Noblett Memorial Scholarship and is awarded to a cadet from the Madera area who attended the Fresno City College Police Academy.

Madera Community College Center is very fortunate to have family members and friends of the Noblett circle to support their students and programs.
John “Sonny” Vaccaro was a graduate of Reedley College in 1958. He is most noteworthy for his tenure with Nike, Inc., specifically signing Michael Jordan to his first sneaker deal that inevitably skyrocketed both their careers. Mr. Vaccaro was the alumni speaker for the 2013 commencement ceremony at Reedley College.

A few days preceding the commencement ceremony, Mr. Vaccaro and his wife Pam visited the Reedley campus for a speaking engagement. This all culminated in a whirlwind campus tour that was filmed by an ESPN documentary crew.

Sonny pointed out that there would be “no Sonny Vaccaro without Reedley College.” He fondly recalled his guidance counselor, Mrs. Ellis; “She knew I wasn’t the best student, but she thought I was a pretty good speaker. She motivated me to seek out opportunities to do more of that.”

Mr. Vaccaro is responsible for establishing the renowned ABCD All America Camp for high school basketball players which ran from 1984 to 2007. Camp participants included future NBA stars Kobe Bryant, Dwight Howard, Sebastian Telfair, and LeBron James. Mr. Vaccaro is also known for co-founding the first national high school all-star basketball game, The Dapper Dan Roundball Classic, which operated for 43 years. Alumni of this program include Calvin Murphy and Shaquille O’Neal.

Sonny shared special memories and his insights for young college students on how to succeed and how to become what their dreams steer them toward. “Remembering things you will never forget” was the subtle undertone to his message presented to Reedley College students.

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life is WHAT YOU MAKE IT

Peter Buffett

It started with an idea from long-time Fresno businessman and philanthropist Dan Martin to bring Peter Buffett, accomplished Emmy Award-winning musician, composer, philanthropist, and author, to Fresno to hold a fundraiser musical performance and thought-provoking discussion about defining one’s own path in life. In a historic collaboration of State Center Community College District, Fresno State University, Fresno County Office of Education Foundation, and University High School, and months of joint dedicated planning among the educational institutions, Mr. Martin’s idea became reality.

In early February 2013, Peter Buffett visited students at Edison-Bethune Charter Academy, University High School, Fresno City College, and Fresno State University. While at each campus, he spent time with the students encouraging them to find and follow their passion. He directed bands and helped students with their music.

Mr. Buffett’s visit cumulated with a benefit concert held in the auditorium of the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College. He performed his musical compositions and added thought-providing discussions with the audience from his inspiring New York Times best-selling book, Life Is What You Make It. Funds earned from the event were used to support art and music programs at the four educational institutions involved in coordinating the event.

The Buffett family name is more commonly associated with Peter’s father, Warren Buffett, who is consistently ranked as one of the world’s wealthiest people. Despite being raised in a wealthy family, Peter was raised humbly and was encouraged to pursue his own talents and accomplishments. His passion to live life to its fullest was quite evident to those who met him and to those who attended his performance.
A blossoming orchard once filled the land where Willow International Community College Center (Willow Center) now stands. This land is again blossoming as the Willow Center accommodates more and more students. The goal is for the Willow Center to become a college.

The process of becoming a college requires long and arduous work. Hours are spent compiling information that is submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) who determines if candidacy is granted to become a college. The Willow Center was approved for candidacy this year, and the application for initial accreditation to become a college is in process. If the Willow Center meets all accreditation standards, it is expected that the Willow Center will become Clovis Community College around 2015.

Campus President Deborah Ikeda says she is excited for this new chapter and wants to include everyone’s vision including students, teachers, faculty, and residents of Clovis. Strategy planning has begun with the City of Clovis to determine programs that could help both the city and the college.

Two academic buildings currently stand on the campus. The entire college is expected to be completed by 2025 with plans to add a stand-alone library, pool, tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, and additional classrooms. Sports teams will be offered. As President Ikeda expressed, “you cannot have a school in Clovis without sports!”

Maintaining the small college feel while growing in size and enrollment is an important goal for the staff at Willow International.
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*For the year ending June 30, 2013*

## Assets

### Current Assets
- **Cash**: $380,801
- **Receivables**: 230
- **Pledges Receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts**: 20,671
- **Short-term investments**: 647,224

**Total Current Assets**: $1,048,926

### Long-Term Investments
- **Total Assets**: $13,134,108

## Liabilities and Net Assets

### Current Liabilities
- **Accounts payable and accrued liabilities**: 63,514
- **Deferred revenue**: 1,000

**Total Current Liabilities**: 64,514

### Net Assets
- **Unrestricted**: 1,274,302
- **Temporarily restricted**: 5,052,242
- **Permanently restricted**: 6,743,050

**Total Net Assets**: $13,069,594

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: $13,134,108
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