The Foundation provides strategic support for TMCC by cultivating and developing donor relationships. We raise funds for scholarships, programs, capital improvements, and the College community. The Grants Office supports the pursuit of external funding from private, federal, and state sources. We serve as the central coordination point for all grants, and ensure compliance with federal, state, and institution requirements and policies.

Annually, the TMCC Foundation & Grants Department fuels student success and academic excellence by directly supporting programs, scholarships, capital projects, instructional equipment, emergency funding, and other critical needs and opportunities as they arise.

- To build community support, the TMCC Foundation and Board Members serve as ambassadors to forge partnerships with individuals, businesses, and organizations.
- The Foundation raises funds through its annual fund campaign, employee giving, special events, and individual, corporate, and private foundation solicitations.
- The Foundation and Grants Department manages federal and state grants and submits proposals. Foundation Funding in Calendar Year 2021 totaled $2,735,128, and State and Federal Grant support totaled more than $44 million.

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Scholarship Impact

The TMCC Foundation Scholarship Program is an important source of financial support for TMCC students. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate scholastic merit and financial need. Thanks to the generosity of donors, during academic year 2021-2022, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 698 students totaling almost $1 million, providing an average scholarship award of $1,400.

1971 Society

For nearly 50 years, TMCC has served as a bridge to opportunity for students of all walks of life. In celebration of the College’s founding year, the TMCC Foundation launched a leadership initiative, the 1971 Society. The Society is a special giving community united in the support of TMCC students, faculty, programs, and the College’s mission. Members of the 1971 Society are making a profound impact by investing in student success by contributing $500 or more annually to support the College’s four themes of student success, academic excellence, access to lifelong learning, and stewardship of resources.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

Salvador Romero was a first-generation college student and working two jobs when he enrolled at TMCC.

Thanks to the scholarship Romero received in May 2021, he crossed the commencement stage to earn his Certificate of Achievement as his family watched and cheered him on. The experience is one he will never forget.

“This absolutely changed my life,” he said. “After completing my certificate, I have one job where I make more money than I did when I was working two. If it wasn’t for that scholarship, I don’t know if I would have made it through college.”

Romero is one example of hundreds of TMCC students who have benefited from receiving a scholarship. These scholarships exist thanks to the generosity of donors throughout the community who continue to support student success at TMCC.

Thank you to the many donors who provided scholarship support in 2021!
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TMCC Receives Millions in Grants

2021 was another successful year for federal and state grants at TMCC, with more than $44 million in grants under management.

- The focus on student research at the College was rewarded with the continuation and new Idea Network Biomed Research (INBRE) grant. INBRE aims to increase the number of low-income, first-generation and under-represented minority undergraduates successfully working toward biomedical careers. Included in the new award are three pilot research grants to study Bobcats in Nevada and Dance Biometrics, and perform an Ecoblitz at a local park.

- Workforce Development grants were awarded to assist dislocated and underemployed workers and new job seekers, including $500,000 for student tuition and fees.

- As a Hispanic Serving Institution, TMCC was awarded federal funds to support our minority student population. Funds have provided increased counseling, mentoring and advising services, as well as a pilot program to increase student retention.

- TMCC received higher education relief dollars from the federal government to assist students with emergency funding and provide needed financial support for the College due to the continued impacts from COVID-19.
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Impactful Contributions

Celebrating Chemistry Lab Renovations

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the William N. Pennington Foundation, two new chemistry labs were added and two existing labs were renovated in the TMCC Red Mountain Building.

These improvements are enhancing the learning environment through modern equipment, better use of space, and increased student access. As a result of the project, an additional 240 students will be accommodated each academic year.

Many of these students pursue studies in high-demand careers, including those in the allied health field such as nursing, medical imaging, and dental hygiene, and assisting and STEM fields such as engineering, computer sciences, and environmental science.

Dedication of Joe’s Gym and Sports and Fitness Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the dedication of the new TMCC Sports and Fitness Center and Joe’s Gym in August.

The ceremony welcomed members of Joe Ayarbe’s family to honor his legacy as the founder of the College’s first athletics program as well as coach, counselor, student advisor, and financial aid director. During the ceremony, the 8,000-square-foot gymnasium was officially dedicated and named “Joe’s Gym.” The dedication was made possible by the generosity of the Ayarbe family and friends, who joined together to raise $100,000 for equipment needs in the gym. Their tremendous support is a testament to how much Joe’s legacy continues to inspire others.