The Foundation provides strategic support for TMCC by cultivating and developing donor relationships. We raise funds for scholarships, programs, instructional equipment, capital improvements, student emergency funds, and critical needs. 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.
About the Foundation

Scholarships Impact Hundreds of Students

The TMCC Foundation Scholarship Program is an important source of financial support for TMCC students. Thanks to the generosity of our community, since 1990, the Foundation has been able to award nearly $11 million dollars in total to deserving students. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate scholastic merit and financial need. During the academic year 2022-2023, 776 scholarships were awarded, totalling just over $1 million, to 601 students. The average scholarship award is now $1,500, a record high amount.

Celebrating Donors & Scholarship Students

After a two-year hiatus, the 11th Annual Legacy Scholarship Dinner was back in person! And, as a result of the growth in scholarship support, we held two scholarship receptions in 2022. Over 400 students and donors attended an event in the V. James Eardley Student Center on the Dandini Campus, and the second reception was held at the William N. Pennington Applied Technology Center. The events provided an opportunity for students and donors to interact, and for students to personally thank donors for their support.

“A single mother of three with twin daughters also attending college, your generous gift allows me to spend quality time with my family instead of working more to cover postsecondary education costs.”
— Laura, a student in the Paramedic Program

“A Life Transformed Through Education

Paramedic student and Jacobs Presidential Scholar recipient Brett Bell shared his story during the Legacy Scholarship events, and thanked those who have supported him on his academic journey. Although he has faced hardships, Brett is now the class president of this year’s paramedic student cohort, and is determined to help others going through similar journeys.

Brett shared that his life has completely changed for the better since attending TMCC. A survivor of addiction and homelessness, Brett inspired us with his determination to complete his studies in order to help others in the community.

“This scholarship helps me so much. It takes a lot of school hours to finish the program and my time spent at work gets cut because of that. This scholarship allows me to work and still have funds to pay for books and supplies and still be the best student I can.”
— Alec, a student in the Radiologic Technology Program

A special thank you to our generous scholarship donors for making a difference. Your support transforms the lives of TMCC students!
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Thanks to the support of our 1971 Society members, the TMCC Foundation receives annual resources to cover critical needs that occur throughout the year. During 2022, 1971 funds supported the following:

Student Emergency Resource Fund
Sustainability Projects
Faculty/Staff Innovation Grants

This unrestricted and flexible stream of support enhances TMCC in our mission to provide academic excellence to our students and the community.

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Grants Fuel TMCC Programs

The TMCC Grants team managed more than $38 million in federal, state and private grants during 2022, and nearly $9.5 million was awarded in new grants.

The focus on workforce development continued as TMCC was awarded $1.6 million from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED) in partnership with Panasonic to provide training in advanced manufacturing, production systems, automation and robotics for our community at their new 10,000-square-foot training center on Plumb Lane.

TMCC remained committed to the well-being of staff and students as the Counseling Center became a sub-recipient for a pilot mental health project aimed at training faculty, staff and student leadership to identify signs of distress for mental illness and substance abuse. This funding pays for numerous workshops and a student peer support position.

Through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control awarded TMCC funding to participate in programs addressing health concerns among the LGBTQ+ population. Activities under this grant include Safe Zone workshops which will create a welcoming environment for those across campus, including staff, faculty and students.
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William N. Pennington Health Science Center Expansion

Thanks to an outpouring of support from the community, the TMCC Foundation has raised the needed $5 million to expand and renovate the William N. Pennington Health Science Center.

A challenge grant posed by the William N. Pennington Foundation assisted in raising $2.5 million in matching dollars to secure their $2.5 million grant. TMCC also received a $2 million federal appropriation for the project, thanks to U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen.

The impact from this expansion is significant and will benefit all programs at the Center, including Nursing, Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Emergency Medical Services, Paramedic and Radiologic Technology. With the enormous demand for nurses in our community, the expansion will allow for the growth in students for years to come.

The construction is well underway and the project is expected to be finished by Summer 2023. The expansion adds three new classrooms, expands the nursing lab, provides 12 new office spaces for instructors as well as an outdoor patio area for students and staff to enjoy.

Thank you to the following donors for their generosity toward this project

- William N. Pennington Foundation
- Nell J. Redfield Foundation
- Anonymous
- Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation
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Celebrating Sustainability and First-Generation College Students

The Foundation and Grants Office was pleased to participate in TMCC’s Year of Sustainability by supporting projects with a sustainability focus involving faculty, staff and students.

The Foundation Board approved and earmarked $10,000 for Sustainability Grants, which supports great ideas and collaboration across departments during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

On November 8, 2022, TRIO Student Support Services celebrated National First-Generation College Student Day. At an event marking the day, TRIO collaborated with TMCC’s Veterans Upward Bound and Health and Wellness Committee to illustrate the convergence between wellness and sustainability. As part of the festivities, an appetizing assortment of healthy snacks were provided and placed in complimentary sustainable lunch boxes. The reusable lunch boxes, purchased through a Sustainability Grant, were intended to encourage healthier meals while producing less waste.

SPOTLIGHT ON TMCC’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The Murder Mystery at the Disco Dinner Theatre Fundraising event culminated TMCC’s year of celebrating its 50th anniversary. A sold-out crowd was treated to a dramatic production by performing arts students while they enjoyed a three-course ’70s-themed meal prepared and served by culinary students. After the event, attendees and performers boogied the night away to the finest hits from the disco era. The nearly $50,000 in revenue from the event supports scholarships and student success in the Performing Arts and Culinary Arts programs as well as funding for the proposed new EastView building.