

# FOUNDATION 411

## Monthly Newsletter



October 2020

*Inside the Issue*

Foundation 411 is our chance to share more about what goes on in the Foundation Office and how you can potentially get involved with our efforts to support accessible, innovative and relevant higher education for our community.

While our office handles all things scholarships, grants and fundraising efforts, our mission is to make friends and raise funds to help Victor Valley College serve our community!

We understand how hectic days turn into hectic weeks. Keeping up with various events, grants and fundraising efforts is difficult! So, this is our chance to keep you up to speed with what we're up to and more importantly...how you make a difference for Victor Valley College students.



## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

"Receiving my scholarship means a lot to me. My wife is currently the only one in our home working as I remain focused on my studies. Since attending VVC, I feel I have become a better student, husband, father, and person all around. I'm excited to graduate and pursue a career in Aviation."

**JESUS SANCHEZ**  
**VVC AVIATION MAINTENANCE STUDENT**

# FINDING FOCUS WITH HIGH DESERT OPPORTUNITY SUMMIT

On October 22, we hosted High Desert Opportunity Summit - our annual conference that aims to connect the business community directly to our College.

In previous years, HDOS has been hosted at various locations including the SBC Fairgrounds in Victorville. As we were disappointed in the fact that we could not join alongside some of our biggest supporters in our community, we still very much wanted to showcase the magic of our communities and how they may benefit from the growing educational landscape and developing workforce.

This year, High Desert Opportunity Summit had one goal: find focus. While the 2020 year has been one of many trials and tribulations for many, we aimed to share how various local businesses and educational institutions shifted gears and found focus.

The Summit premiered as a 2.5 hour video segment that featured much of the content you would find at previous HDOS events: Panel discussions, an Economic update/speaker, and the chance to hear from local business owners.

This year's presenting sponsor, Southern California Logistics Airport, gave us the opportunity to get an inside scoop on what goes on at SCLA and how businesses located at the airport have adapted during the pandemic.

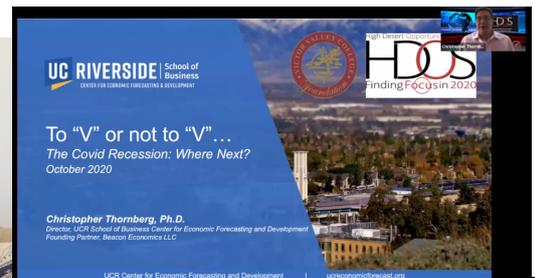
Additionally, attendees received the chance to hear from our very own, Dr. Walden who gave an update regarding the College's efforts and transition during COVID-19.

Those who registered also received an HDOS in a Box giftset that featured small gifts from sponsors who helped bring HDOS to life.

Thank you to all who joined us this year! Proceeds of the event continued to benefit the College and our students. We're proud to say our net income was over \$50,000!

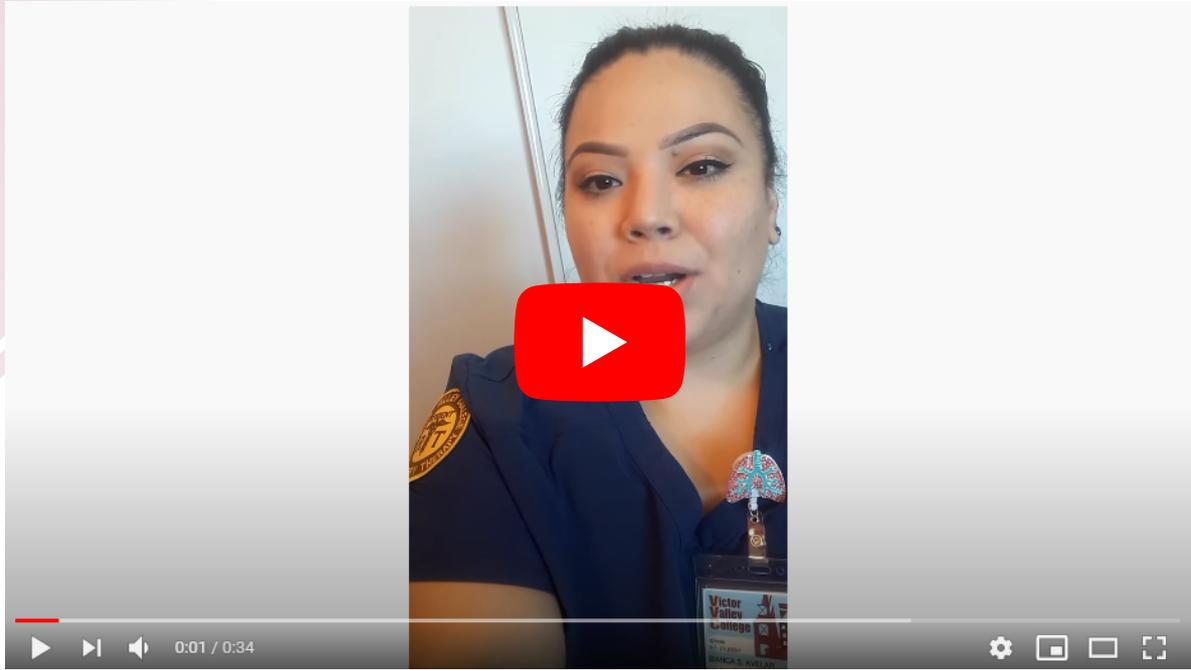
If you are interested in viewing High Desert Opportunity Summit 2020 in its entirety, please reach out to our office. We will be sharing details on how to watch the event from the comfort of your own office or couch! For more information, contact [Irene Molinar ext. 2146](#).

## HDOS 2020 IN A SNAP SHOT



# TAKING CARE OF OUR CARE TAKERS

Respiratory Therapy student, Bianca Avelar, shares her excitement and gratitude in receiving funding provided by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. We're so thankful for FCCC's gift as it has moved to help our future RTs succeed in their educational journey and future endeavors.



## THANK YOU TRACI MARIN AND THE FOUNDATION FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Victor Valley College was recently awarded funding from the Foundation for California Community Colleges that served to aid students studying to become Respiratory Therapists during COVID-19.

The First Response Healthcare Student Support Fund took care of 11 Rams who have diligently worked on progressing through the RT program. With the support of Program Director, Traci Marin, we were able to further that support to an additional 3 for a total of 14 RT students.

The RT students of today are quite special in that they have faced a global pandemic and have remained focused on meeting their goals. Despite fears, financial burdens, and adjusting to a new form of education, they are working to finish strong.

We were proud to award 14 Rams \$500 each for their success! A perfect way to celebrate National Respiratory Care Week!







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**PAYROLL DEDUCTION FORM**

The Victor Valley College Foundation supports projects and goals of Victor Valley College. Employees at Victor Valley College may elect to support the work of the Victor Valley College Foundation through a payroll deduction. These deductions may support specific programs or be undesignated to allow the Foundation to support areas of emerging needs.

EMPLOYEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM PLEASED TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HELP BUILD A STRONG FUTURE FOR VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE.**

- Payroll Deduction (begins next available payroll cycle)  
 I authorize a deduction of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (per month)  
*Please mark X in one box*
  - One Month Only
  - 12 Months (Classified / Management Only)
  - 10 Months
  - Other: Number of Months \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Enclosed is my one time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No Payroll Deduction)

**DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO:**

- Foundation Annual Fund (for use as the Foundation deems appropriate)
- Foundation Program (select one)
  - President's Circle (\$1,000 per year / \$83.34 for 12 months)
  - Advisory Council (\$100 per year)
  - Student Experience Fund (pays for extra curricular educational experiences)
  - Scholarships:
    - General Scholarships
    - Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_
  - Campus Grants
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- VVC Program /Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand this authorization will continue unless my employment terminates or I cancel this pledge in writing with a 30-day notice. My printed name below is exactly as it should appear on recognition lists, wall plaques, etc.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE VVC FOUNDATION**

# WHY DO YOU GIVE?

"I give because I love being able to see the smiles on our students' faces. I know they are all working very hard to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their community. I am thankful for the opportunity to give back."

## **Gabriela Callender**

Victor Valley College  
President's Office



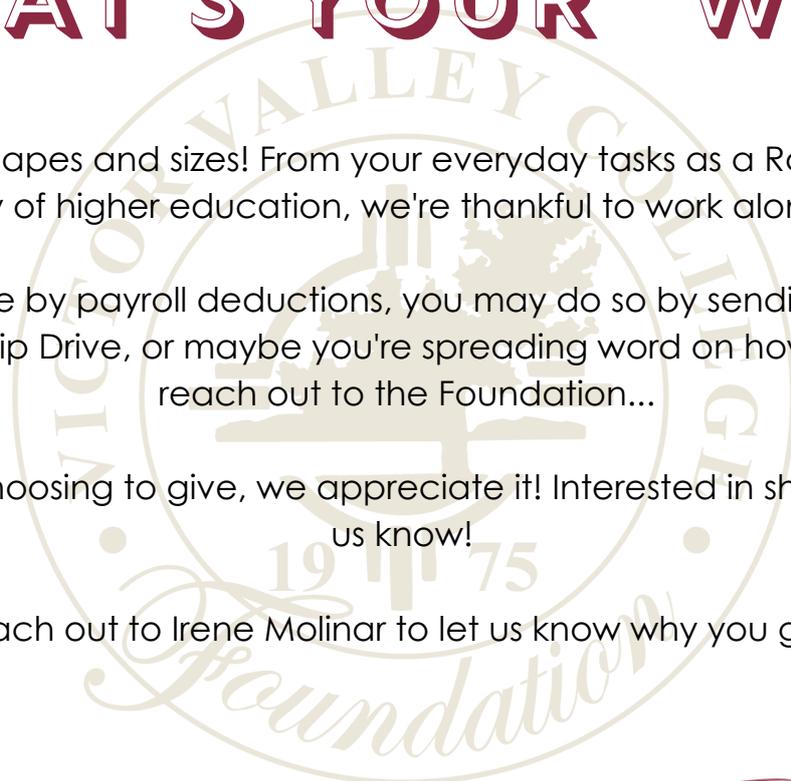
## WHAT'S YOUR "WHY"

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes! From your everyday tasks as a Ram to your constant advocacy of higher education, we're thankful to work alongside you.

You may contribute by payroll deductions, you may do so by sending students our way during the Scholarship Drive, or maybe you're spreading word on how our community can reach out to the Foundation...

However you are choosing to give, we appreciate it! Interested in sharing your "Why"? Let us know!

Reach out to Irene Molinar to let us know why you give!



# LOOKING AHEAD

The Foundation office is MOVING!

While we will be out of office from November 13 - November 17, we will be available and responsive to our emails.

Our new office will be in Building 10 and will be located in the previous home of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

Please feel free to stop by and say hello!



## IN-KIND GIFT FORM UPDATE



In-Kind Gifts are gifts made by various individuals throughout our community. From textbooks to supplies to even services! Victor Valley College is constantly receiving gifts that assist our students and campus.

As many of you have accepted in-kind gifts before, you know the impact they make on student success. In-Kind gifts are accepted year round!

Before receiving gifts, please note changes have been made to the campus In-Kind Gift form. You can receive a copy [here](#).

Every year we get to celebrate Giving Tuesday, a holiday dedicated to charitable giving.

As the holiday season nears, we gather huge amounts of excitement for this movement that unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

The Foundation has something excited planned for Giving Tuesday so please stay tuned to learn more. As always, we appreciate your willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures.

# DECEMBER 1ST

