

# 2025 Impact Report

Edmonds College Foundation

## Our Mission

The Edmonds College Foundation supports access, success, and excellence for students, faculty, and staff.

## 2025 Impact Overview

In 2025, the Edmonds College Foundation provided **\$692,000 in direct support** to students and programs, ensuring access to critical emergency assistance, food security, scholarships, mental health and wellness services, academic support, and more.

### Distribution of Direct Aid

- 50% – Access: Scholarships
- 35% – Excellence: Programs, Grants & Awards
- 15% – Success: Emergency Funds, Food Security & Initiatives

## Your Impact in Action

“At Edmonds College, we know talent alone isn’t always enough to overcome financial hurdles. Your generosity bridges the gap between student potential and success—ensuring every Triton has the opportunity to finish what they started. You aren’t just funding education; you are investing in the future of our community.”

– Dr. Amit B. Singh, President, Edmonds College

## Your generosity provides the steady hand our students need to reach their goals through three critical pillars:

### Creating Access

Removing financial barriers to open doors for a diverse new generation of learners.

### Empowering Success

Fueling emergency grants and support systems that keep students on the path to graduation.

### Building Excellence

Supporting innovative programs and lifelong learning that extend far beyond the classroom.

# Scholarships: Opening Doors to Opportunity

## Scholarship Impact at a Glance

- 122 Annual Scholarship Recipients
- 28 Majors Represented
- 20 Complete the Dream Scholars
- \$343,000 in Scholarship Aid Distributed

## Student Story: Chase

*2025–26 Harvey Day Scholarship Recipient*

“Edmonds taught me how small gestures make a big difference. This scholarship allows me to pay that kindness forward and continue my mission as an engaged global citizen.”

## Student Story: Molly

*2025–26 Hazel Miller Scholarship Recipient*

While working in the housing and legal nonprofit sector for five years, Molly saw firsthand how legal systems create barriers for those in need. She is now pursuing an Advanced Paralegal Certificate at Edmonds College while working full-time. A scholarship from the Foundation provides the financial stability Molly needs to stay focused on her goal: bridging the gap between community service and legal aid.

“I’ve seen how complicated systems can prevent people from getting the help they need. Your support and investment in my future brings me one step closer to a career rooted in justice, equity, and meaningful service to others.”

# Triton Student Resource Hub: Meeting Urgent Needs

In Washington, **1 in 2 college students struggles with basic needs insecurity.**

Students often face the impossible choice between tuition and a meal. In response to an unprecedented surge in need, the Triton Student Resource Hub stepped up.

## Resource Hub Impact

- 2,200 student visits per quarter
- 85,000 pounds of food distributed in 2025

Through the coordination of Edmonds College, student government, dedicated volunteers, and generous community partners, the Hub turned challenges into a showcase of resilience. While the need has grown, our students’ potential remains nourished.

“The best is yet to come—stay tuned for more exciting Hub news!”

## **Student Voice: Marielena**

*2025-26 Sueña en Grande Scholarship Recipient*

“My kids are my biggest superheroes. In the past, we utilized the Food Banks. Now I volunteer and help wherever I can. It is nice to pay it forward in a full circle moment.”

## **Joint Foundation Leadership Message**

**Lillian Sherman, Executive Director**

**Brian Donaldson, Board Chair**

This past year has been a season of growth and transition at the Edmonds College Foundation. As we welcomed new leadership, we were reminded that transitions bring both challenge and opportunity.

Thanks to your partnership, we haven't just sustained our mission—we have strengthened it.

Building on this momentum, the Board and leadership team are crafting a bold strategic vision to better serve our region. The foundation you have built is strong, and we invite you to join us in this next chapter. Together, we are turning shared commitment into lasting opportunity.

With gratitude and anticipation,  
Brian Donaldson, Board Chair  
Lillian Sherman, Executive Director

## **Kickstarter Grants: Bringing Bold Ideas to Life**

Kickstarter Grants fuel creativity and innovation across Edmonds College through seed funding for projects that enrich learning, build community, and invite new ways of thinking. These grants support imaginative ideas that might otherwise remain out of reach.

## **NSF Climate Change Exhibit**

The “Resilient Earth, Resilient Communities” exhibit brought nationally recognized climate education to Edmonds College through an interactive installation developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Supported by a Foundation grant, the exhibit engaged students, faculty, and the broader community in exploring climate science, resilience, and local responses to global change. By pairing hands-on learning with student research and creative work, the project transformed campus into a space for dialogue and discovery.

## **Origin / Identity / Belonging II**

The Edmonds College Art Gallery hosted “Origin / Identity / Belonging II” by photographer, faculty member, and alumnus Michael Wewer.

The exhibition featured fifty black-and-white portraits of students, faculty, and staff from around the world, celebrating diversity and shared humanity within the college community. Drawing from two decades of teaching and artistic practice, the exhibit fostered dialogue, visibility, and cross-cultural engagement.

## Center for Families: Supporting Student Parents

Initially funded by a Foundation capital campaign and supported annually by donors, the Center for Families (CFF) earned a **Level 5 rating from Early Achievers in 2025—the highest possible distinction.**

This recognition places CFF in the **top 1% of early learning providers in Snohomish County.**

The Center makes high-quality early learning affordable and accessible. Children receive top-tier early education while their parents pursue degrees. Your generosity ensures childcare is never a barrier to graduation, empowering both student parents and their children to thrive.

## Corporate Annual Partners

We gratefully acknowledge our Corporate Annual Partners:

- Prime Electric
- US Private Wealth Management
- Boeing
- LowerMark Student Insurance
- Law Offices of Sherri M. Anderson, Inc., P.S.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **April 25** – INSPIRE
- **June 15** – Annual Scholarship and Grant Awards Funding Notifications
- **June 18** – 59th Commencement Ceremony
- **October 16** – Triton Heroes Community Fundraiser
- **December 1** – Giving Tuesday

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