Allan Hancock College is a *community* college. In the spring, when national events began to have local impacts, the college was uniquely prepared to respond—taking a stand in our community and putting ideas into action like no other organization in our community can.

**Coronavirus Response**

The college declared a campus State of Emergency on March 20 in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19. Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers and his leadership team met with students, faculty and staff to discuss how best to respond. The priority was to continue our core mission of educating our students, so the difficult decision was made to move as many courses as possible to remote teaching and learning. Only ten days after the quarantine began, Hancock staff and faculty transitioned 98 percent of its classes to remote formats, and 70 percent of staff transitioned to working remotely.

As local businesses and restaurants closed, students and their families quickly found themselves in dire financial situations. In addition to the quick response to academic impacts, Hancock mobilized to become an emergency food distribution site for Santa Maria, Lompoc, and the Santa Ynez Valley. As of August 1, our Food Share Because We Care program has seen more than 16,000 cars come through the lines, serving more than 100,000 meals to our community.

The Allan Hancock College Foundation also pivoted fundraising efforts to immediately support the Student Emergency Fund, raising over $50,000 from dozens of individual donors and community organizations for direct student relief before other state and federal funds were made available.

**Addressing Racial Justice**

Just as the college settled into its new remote routines, our community began to respond to the death of George Floyd and the resulting civil uprising. Superintendent/President Walthers called for the Hancock community to take constructive and meaningful action regarding race and privilege at Hancock. “It’s not enough to be a passive supporter,” he wrote in a message to the college community. “We need to honestly assess our core beliefs and ensure they match our aspirational values. We need to ensure that our systems – employment, housing, education, justice – are transformed to recognize the inherent inequity that too many of our neighbors face daily.”

Students, faculty, and staff participated in local protests, and the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force is making concrete recommendations for how Hancock can be a more equitable place for students of color and better educate our students from historically underserved communities. The President’s Circle also provided funding for antiracism resources as the college continues to tackle this important issue.

Nobody can predict what the second half of the year will hold. But Allan Hancock College will continue to be a resource for our students and our community.
A NEW PRECIPICE OF AWARENESS AND ACTION

The incident happened almost 15 years ago, but it is still crystal clear in my mind. A friend and I were setting up for a special student event at the graduate school's community center where we both attended. We set off the security alarm when we fumbled our way into the closed building, so after we disarmed the system, we went about our business setting up tables and rearranging furniture.

Twenty minutes later, the building's automatic glass doors slid open and two police officers walked in. They saw my friend first—his arms were wrapped around the big television he was moving across the room—and they drew their guns.

“Whoa, whoa, whoa,” he said, freezing in his steps while still holding the TV. When I turned the corner and saw the scene, the officers saw me, took a pause, relaxed their stance, and asked for an explanation. We told them what we were doing, showed them we had keys to the building, and they holstered their guns and left as quickly as they came.

One more detail to the story: I’m White. My friend is Black.

When the officers entered the building, they saw a Black man carrying a TV in an otherwise unoccupied building. Their first instinct was to draw their weapons, not ask questions. When a White man appeared, the situation changed.

That day forever opened my eyes to the invisible advantages I have as a White person and what Black folks experience much too often in America.

Allan Hancock College has long been committed to principles and practices of equal access and educational equity, but the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor have brought the college to a new precipice of awareness and action.

As an auxiliary unit to the college, the AHC Foundation will stand steadfastly in solidarity and support of Hancock’s students, staff, and faculty as they navigate the decisions that must be made in coming months to ensure that our students from underserved communities have equal access not only to education, but to basic human needs and safety. For many of us, examining our own unearned advantages will be key to our progress.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Foundation. You are helping create a new future for our students and the world they are already changing.

Jon Hooten, Ph.D.
Executive Director

COLLEGE TRUSTEES ADOPT BLACK LIVES MATTER RESOLUTION

At their monthly meeting on July 14, the Allan Hancock College trustees adopted a resolution affirming that the lives of Hancock’s Black students are of inherent worth and tasking the administration with taking concrete action to ensure the college is free of systemic barriers for students of color. The resolution reads, in part:

“For many of us, examining our own unearned advantages will be key to our progress.”

Be it further resolved that the AHJCCD Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent/President to immediately convene a task force of campus stakeholders to examine programs, processes, and policies throughout the District to ensure that they are free of systemic barriers to students of color and report back no later than the end of the 2020 Fall Semester.”

To read the resolution in its entirety, go to https://bit.ly/39UilIx.
DONORS COMMIT $50,000 TO STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

Many of our students and their families experienced sudden financial insecurity as a result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

When restaurants, retail shops, and other businesses closed their doors in March, our students were among the first to be laid off from low-wage hourly jobs. This placed severe financial burdens on them that would, in many cases, be insurmountable without our help and support.

The Student Emergency Fund is a critical aspect of Hancock’s safety net, providing rapid-response emergency grants for students experiencing acute financial crisis. The college’s Basic Needs Office manages applications on a case-by-case basis and ensures that students who have nowhere else to turn can get assistance for unexpected housing, food, medical, childcare, or transportation costs. This proved to be critical support for many of our students during those early weeks of the crisis.

In March, the Foundation paused all other fundraising and turned our attention to the Student Emergency Fund. Our loyal friends were joined by first-time supporters to respond in a big way. Between the generosity of individuals and local community organizations, the Allan Hancock College Foundation provided over $50,000 to the Student Emergency Fund in a matter of weeks after the pandemic began to impact our community.

The Allan Hancock College Foundation Board of Directors is deeply grateful to our friends and neighbors for helping students at Allan Hancock College struggling to meet their basic needs and hold on to their hope for the future.
PROMISE STUDENT SUCCEEDING DESPITE THE ODDS

Alex Murkison is working to “shake things up.”

As one of five children born to a hardworking single mother, Alex Murkison saw no way out of his daily struggles. His family’s financial limitations made it hard for him to see a future where his dreams could become a reality.

At Lompoc High School, his advisor Lana Huyck introduced him to the Hancock Promise, which would pay for all tuition and fees his first year at college. Alex knew he wanted an academic career that would be a foundation for a bold and successful life, but he was already working hard to pitch in financially at home and take care of most of his own needs and expenses. Mrs. Huyck was a champion and “second mother” to many of her students, he says, and helped him chart a path to the kind of life that he wanted.

Alex knew that Allan Hancock College could be a bridge to that life, and the Promise would help pay for it.

When he graduated high school in 2019, Alex was already committed to making life better for others. He served as class president for his junior and senior years and sought that role so he could raise expectations and “shake things up” (in his words) for his classmates. Following his graduation, Alex entered Hancock fulltime as a Promise student to prepare for the next steps in his life.

Things were progressing well at Hancock until the coronavirus pandemic interrupted the spring semester.

In March, when the college moved classes to remote formats after the State’s shelter-at-home order, the gregarious 19-year-old had to adapt rapidly to learning entirely from home. Alex had established a solid academic foundation at Hancock—earning As and Bs in his first semester as a Promise student—and he was already taking some classes online. So, he was able to adapt to remote learning more easily than some of his classmates.

As he was adjusting to learning remotely, Alex was hospitalized for several days with a serious illness requiring a prolonged period of recovery at home while keeping up with his studies.

His close encounter with medical professionals in the hospital while having so little other human contact, combined with watching loved ones impacted so suddenly by economic crisis and fear for their own health and safety, was an experience that Alex took to heart. He says that the COVID-19 crisis revealed to him the fundamental, pervasive inequities in our world in a way that could not be ignored.

During his recovery, Alex also watched closely the death of George Floyd and the civil uprising that followed. He was deeply impacted by the circumstances around Floyd’s death and the heightened public awareness of the racism that Black Americans experience every day. It troubles him to see young children already steeped in an endemic fear of the police, he explains.

He has become more involved in local social justice events, but fears there could be consequences for being part of a social movement in a way he had not before.

“If I speak my mind,” he wonders, “will I have to watch my back?”

Ultimately, current events are moving him to advocate more strongly for awareness and change in his local community. He is frustrated by the lack of solutions being offered and is motivated to make a difference. Not yet 20 years old, he announced a run for the Lompoc Unified School District board of education, a process in which he plans to maintain his integrity.

“A seat at the table doesn’t mean anything if you sold your soul to keep it,” he says.

With his eyes on the future, Alex is more determined than ever to succeed academically at Hancock. In the midst of all the recent stress and chaos, he maintained a 4.0 GPA during his spring semester.

Alex’s response to the events of recent months is to be more determined than ever to build a triumphant future. With the help of the Hancock Promise, he is well on his way.
HANCOCK IS KEEPING ITS PROMISE

This fall, Hancock welcomes its third class of Hancock Promise students. The hallmark program will continue to cover all first-year tuition and fees for the 2020 graduates of high schools in Northern Santa Barbara County.

As in years past, Hancock Promise students must attend full time, take a math and English class, attend orientation, work with staff to create an educational plan, and complete a financial aid application.

The Promise not only provides critical financial assistance for students during their foundational first year, it also sets them up for success throughout their academic career. Outreach for the Promise begins in our community as early as the fifth grade, with the Bulldog Bound outreach program bringing elementary school students to campus. Thousands of young people experience Hancock firsthand in this innovative approach.

In its first two years, the Promise served almost 3,000 local young people in Northern Santa Barbara County—over one-half of all graduates from local high schools.

The Hancock Promise would not be possible without the local support of generous individuals and community partners. We continue our campaign to build a permanent $10 million fund so we can keep this promise for future generations of students.

Total Hancock Promise Students

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Percentage of local high school graduates enrolled at Hancock

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Fall-to-Spring Retention (2019-20)

- Hancock Promise students: 66%
- Non-Promise high school graduates: 52%

Ethnicity of Hancock Promise students (two-year average)

- Hispanic: 55%
- White: 35%
- Asian American: 5%
- African American: 1.5%
- Native American: 2%
- Other: 1.5%
## PROMISE PARTNERS

### Promise Founders | Gifts of $1 million and up
- Mary and Wayne Leutloff  
  Mechanics Bank

### Promise Keepers | Gifts of $100,000 to $999,999
- Anonymous

### Promise Builders | $30,000 to $99,999
- Aera Energy LLC
- Bartlett Family Foundation
- Donald and Sharon Eames
- George Ehmen Trust
- The Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation
- Mark & Dorothy Smith Family Foundation
- Mary and Ronald Nanning
- PG&E Corporation Foundation
- Roy and Ida Eagle Foundation
- Santa Ynez Valley Foundation

### Promise Leaders | $15,000 to $29,999
- The Murphy Foundation
- Brent and Fran Norris
- James and Janice Paulsen
- Santa Maria Kiwanis
- Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Foundation

### Promise Sustainers | $7,500 to $14,999
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- James E. Fields and April Gillette
- Judy and Erik Frost
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- Bruce and Pamela Lackey
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- Deborah and Thomas Sherry
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- Union Bank Foundation
- Kevin G. Walthers and Shannon L. Elliott
- Williams-Corbett Foundation
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### Promise Makers | $3,000 to $7,499
- Ferrabie June Aiello
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- Michael and Marla Gibson
- Jon and Jennifer Hooten
- Brad and Barbara Johnson
- Richard and Patricia Melsheimer
- Eddie and Jennifer Murray
- PG&E Corporation
- Mary Lou Rabska
- Santa Barbara Teachers Federal Credit Union
- Sue Sword
- Toyota Scion of Santa Maria

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# Hancock Promise Endowment

$3,816,000

## Donation Levels

- **$10 million**
- **$9 million**
- **$8 million**
- **$7 million**
- **$6 million**
- **$5 million**
- **$4 million**
- **$3 million**
- **$2 million**
- **$1 million**
This spring, the Foundation continued its work during the pandemic and awarded 451 scholarships to 302 Hancock students, totaling $503,000 in total awards this year – an increase over last year’s total scholarship amount.

The need for social distancing meant the annual scholarship banquet was cancelled, so awards were announced virtually and by mail. "We know many of our donors really look forward to the annual banquet and meeting the student who receives their scholarship,” says Advancement Officer Natalie Rucobo, who manages Hancock’s scholarship program. “We worked hard to make those connections virtually this year, and it was a great success even though we could not all be together.”

The most anticipated award of the year is the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. This year’s recipient, Santa Maria student Jacquelyn (Jackie) Huebner, is described by her instructors as “outstanding and impressive” with a “fantastic work ethic.” She started taking classes at Hancock while still in high school and maintained a 4.0 GPA as a Promise student throughout her time at Hancock.

Jackie credits the college’s student support systems for helping her overcome obstacles to her academic success. Jackie is transferring to Cal Poly in the fall, where she will study equine science. One day, she plans to launch a therapeutic horse-riding program, so that—in her words—“children and adults who are struggling with physical or mental disabilities can experience the healing power of these wonderful creatures.”

2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Aaron Allen Scholarship
AB540 Scholarship
Adam and Evelyn Frye Scholarship
Adams Family Scholarship
Alfred J. Perlman Scholarship for a PCPA Student
AHC ASBG Joe White Scholarship
AHC ASBG Scholarship
AHC Bulldog Rec-ing Club Scholarship
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AHC MESA Scholarships
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AHC Student Services Scholarship
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Cesar Chavez EOPS Scholarship
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Charley Ault Nursing Scholarship
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Ed Harvey Scholarship
Ed Prutzman Memorial Scholarship - Los Olivos Rotary Club
Edith F. Westerfield Memorial Scholarship
Edwin O’Neill Law Enforcement Scholarship
Elizabeth Osborne Scholarship
Eric Mason Auto Body Scholarship
Ernest Righetti, Sr. Transfer Scholarship - Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538
Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship - Eta Lambda Chapter
Eugene & Mary Ryan Memorial Scholarship
Fidel Herrera Memorial Scholarship
Fidenzo “Bruno” Brunello and Jacqueline Brunello Educational Scholarship
Fire Academy Scholarship, Tri-Counties Training Officers
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FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION:
JUDITH DALE

Judith Dale’s roots grow deep in Northern Santa Barbara County.

In 1954, Judith Dale’s family moved from the orange groves of Anaheim to the crossroads of Buellton, where her father began farming the river bench above the Santa Ynez River. He not only moved the family, he literally moved the family house to a plot of land on Highway 246 and built a second house within walking distance where Judith and her brother grew up. Today, those two houses are occupied by the famous Hitching Post II steakhouse and the adjacent tasting room in Buellton.

After graduating Santa Ynez High School, Judith was accepted to UC Santa Barbara but was missing a science class required for matriculation there. Hancock had the class she needed and a free bus to and from the Santa Ynez Valley each week. She took that class and has loved and supported Allan Hancock College ever since.

Today, Judith serves as Vice President of the Allan Hancock College Foundation Board of Directors. She is also a member of the President’s Circle and financially supports the Hancock Promise campaign. She is a vocal and passionate believer in the power of education to bring about positive social change, and she is adamant that the leadership and direction of society is decided by those who participate.

Judith credits her parents’ example for her passion and social conscience. Her father was a visionary and a driving force behind the implementation of a vital expansion of the local public-school system in the county. He inspired a life-long love of learning that pointed Judith to a career in higher education, which only deepened her understanding that colleges like Hancock are a critical place where social change can be sparked.

Her mother inspired her community engagement and activism, which is why Judith became a sociologist, educator, and community leader. She taught at UC Santa Barbara for 30 years and served on the Buellton City Council, including a year as mayor. She also writes a weekly column for the local newspaper that tells the hidden history of North County.

In addition to the Allan Hancock College Foundation, Judith serves as a member of the Santa Barbara County Committee on School District Organization, is a board member to the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation, and a representative on the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee.

Judith is adamant that now is the time for positive progress. “We can’t go back to the ‘normal’ that existed and forget what is happening in our country, communities, and schools today,” she says. “Times of stress reveal our innate biases. They show us what we need to fix, as a society. We each have a personal responsibility to be part of the solution.”

Higher education, and specifically a community college like Hancock, are more important than ever. She intends to continue the push to remove all financial barriers for those who want a quality education.

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PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE FILLS THE GAPS

The President’s Circle at Allan Hancock College continues to provide funds to support special initiatives, classroom innovations, student and staff recognition, and other unique opportunities on and off campus. Coordinated alongside the Office of the President, these unrestricted funds fill the gaps, providing flexible, one-time financial support where the impact can be the greatest.

This year, the President’s Circle supported a wide variety of initiatives at Hancock, including the Student Emergency Fund, the textbook lending program, leadership training for SkillsUSA student competition, and diversity training for staff and faculty that is critical to meet the challenges of the recent months.

"Because Hancock is a public college, there’s a need for private funds to augment our annual budget to cover areas that come up throughout the year," says Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers. "These funds help us support students, develop faculty and staff, and reach out into the community in important and effective ways.”

Members of the President’s Circle are invited to a variety of events and celebrations with President Walthers and Foundation staff and board members throughout the year. Membership includes opportunities to hear firsthand about the good work that’s being accomplished at Hancock and to offer input for how the college can best support the broader community.

Thank you, President’s Circle members, for your generosity and your partnership in helping us ensure that students truly can “Start here. Go anywhere.”

Select Projects Supported by the President’s Circle in 2019-20

- Student Emergency Fund support
- New anti-racism resources
- Textbook Lending Program
- SkillsUSA leadership training
- AIM-to-Dream Center opening celebration
- “Fuel Up for Finals” Coffee Day
- President’s Leadership Academy

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