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FOR OUR COLLEGE,



OUR COMMUNITY,



OUR FUTURE...

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the SRJC Foundation, we offer our greetings and sincere thanks for your steadfast support in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The loyalty and generosity of our donor community made for a record-setting year with total revenue up 7% exceeding \$15 million!

The SRJC Foundation received more than \$9.4 million in contributions to support students and programs and realized a gain of nearly \$5 million in investment portfolio returns. Several notable major gifts were secured, including an estate gift of \$734,543 from a series of charitable gift annuities, \$950,000 to fund student support services for the Health Occupation Preparation and Education (HOPE) program, and a gift of \$152,000 to fund student internships in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The combination of strong donor support and favorable investment returns allowed SRJC to surpass a major milestone for scholarships. More than \$5.2 million was awarded in scholarships to students from the Foundation's endowment, non-endowed funds, and the Doyle Trust Scholarship Fund.

As if record-setting revenue and scholarship distribution weren't reasons enough for celebration, the year also included a major upgrade for the Foundation with the move to our new office building on campus, as well as a major transition for the College with the arrival of new SRJC Superintendent/President Dr. Angélica Garcia. We are grateful for the beautiful new home for our meaningful work, and for the energy and vision of Dr. Garcia as we collaborate to elevate our community to new heights through the power of philanthropy and the promise of higher education.

The greatest reason to celebrate by far is the immense impact of your support on students and programs in the last year. The stories highlighted in this report represent thousands of others like them that would not be possible without your commitment to the College. Thank you for continuing to inspire investment in higher education to provide life-changing opportunities for all SRJC students, their families, and the community we share.




J Mullineaux
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COMMUNITY CATALYST

As FY23 came to an end, so did the tenure of Superintendent/President Dr. Frank Chong. There were several celebrations to honor his many accomplishments and contributions to SRJC while the College prepared to welcome its sixth Superintendent/President Dr. Angélica Garcia.

Following an extensive national search, the Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Garcia would assume the leadership role for SRJC, and, both by position and desire, the role of community leader in Sonoma County.

Dr. Garcia came to SRJC from Berkeley City College where she served as president, known for inclusive and strategic leadership. Her experience includes statewide and national exposure in community colleges, but her interest in Sonoma County is personal as her family has roots in Santa Rosa.

Dr. Garcia brings many firsts to SRJC. A first-generation college student herself, she is the first female president, first Chicana president, and first openly Queer president of Santa Rosa Junior College, drawing on her lived experiences to strengthen her work and commitment to issues of access, equity, and student success in higher education. Dr. Garcia has been welcomed on campus and in the community as an exciting catalyst for innovation growth.

In October of 2023, the Foundation hosted an event to celebrate Dr. Garcia following her formal investiture ceremony. The celebration at Shone Farm included food and wine representing different areas of Sonoma County, lively music and dancing, and a community art project that served as a collective gift of welcome. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria served as lead sponsor of the event, with other major sponsors including Exchange Bank, Billy Home Repairs, Career Ladders Project, IBEW Local 551 Electrical Workers Union, Los Cien Sonoma County, The Press Democrat, RSS Consulting, and the SRJC Rotaract Club. In addition, an honorary Host Committee of more than 80 community leaders came together to pledge their support for Dr. Garcia and SRJC.

The Foundation is looking forward to bringing the community back together to hear about Dr. Garcia’s first year at the helm and her vision for the year to come at the Annual President’s Address to the Community to be held on September 5th, 2024. Please save the date and plan to attend!



RECEIVER COMPLETES THE PASS



Scholarships often go beyond financial support. For many SRJC scholarship recipients, the donor stories behind the support provide inspiration and encouragement alongside the resources to pursue their dreams through higher education.

In 2021, SRJC student and football star Jorgen Sarganis tragically died in a car accident. To honor his memory, the Jorgen Sarganis Memorial Football Scholarship was created by Bauer Associates on behalf of his family so that his legacy would live on through future student-athletes at SRJC. The following year in 2022, the first scholarship was awarded to SRJC football player Isaac Torres. The scholarship helped him to pay for food, transportation, and living expenses so he could focus on success in school and sports.

Isaac’s story is one of struggle and strength, purpose and perseverance, similar to so many SRJC student-athletes who need assistance. He said “Sports are more than just games – for many of us, our sport means the opportunity for a better life.”

Isaac just completed his time at SRJC, graduating in December 2023, but his college football career is only beginning. He considered offers from multiple Division I university programs and recently announced his commitment to UC Berkeley. He’s excited to take this next step in his football journey toward of his dream of playing in the NFL, made possible through his experience at SRJC and the scholarship support he received.

Isaac said “I had the chance to meet the Sarganis family at a home game and thank them for the support of the scholarship. That experience was incredibly moving, and only strengthened my drive to succeed in the classroom and on the football field so that I can leave my own legacy of giving back to help other student-athletes in need.”

The legacy of love and support created by the Sarganis family to honor Jorgen will continue to expand and grow through Isaac, creating a ripple effect of life-changing opportunities for future SRJC students, their families, and our community as a whole.

SCHOLARSHIP STORIES

Scholarships will always be a core part of why the SRJC Foundation exists. The scholarship department currently offers more than 600 SRJC Foundation scholarships in addition to the incomparable Doyle Scholarship, thanks to the legacy of Frank P. Doyle and Polly O'Meara Doyle and the generosity of our many loyal donors. More than 87% of scholarship applicants for FY 22/23 were selected for one or more awards, and in FY 22/23 alone, the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation **awarded more than \$5.3 million in scholarships to 3,786 students**, helping them to stay in school and focused on their studies so that they can achieve their dreams.

“Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to pursue my college degree and for the scholarship. Without your generosity and kindness, I wouldn’t be able to pursue a major that is so time-consuming. The scholarship money will be of tremendous assistance to me in purchasing the books, supplies, and numerous other items I require to complete my studies at the SRJC and begin my future job with the least amount of debt possible. It will also help me pay off my new computer that I had to get suddenly when my old one broke since I am taking online only classes at the moment. - Courtney K.”

Thank you so much for this scholarship! When I first graduated high school, I never considered the possibility of furthering my education. Most of my family never attended a university, and I thought that I lacked the discipline and intellect to change this pattern. But after some encouragement from friends and family, I decided to attend the SRJC. I began to believe in myself, and through the opportunities given to me by the SRJC, I am now proud to announce that I am a first-generation student at UC Berkeley! I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and for all who have helped me along the way. I hope to be there for anyone who may need encouragement and support in the future. - Jackson F.

“*It means so much to me when I see someone donate towards my education because it means someone cares and sees potential in me. I want to become a Psychologist and get my PhD in the future to help kids and teens through psychological traumas. My family is unable to financially support my education, so they join me in thanking you. We appreciate the scholarship so much and I will not let you down!*
- Victoria A.

“*The gift of this scholarship is helping me achieve my goals because it is helping me save up for costly tuition costs at a four-year university. My commute is rather long and unfortunately that means that I have to spend a lot on gas and repairs on my old car. This scholarship helps me pay for gas, repairs, and possibly begin saving for an energy efficient vehicle.*
- Emma K.

SCHOLARSHIP STORIES

“Receiving a scholarship is very helpful. Working part-time as a hairstylist while I go to school full-time does not cover all the bills needed as a single mom. Scholarships really help me focus on school and not stress about needing to work more hours so I can focus on reading and learning what I need to know for my classes. This semester I am taking 3 classes all focused on Land Surveying and I am really enjoying them. Thank you so much for providing financial support as I transition careers. It really helps to be able to focus on my education goals to receive a scholarship.” - April M.

“I would like to express my special thanks and gratitude for giving me the opportunity to pursue my academic journey with the help of this scholarship. When I got accepted to UC Berkeley as a transfer student from SRJC, I was thrilled and excited to begin my new academic journey but the cost of attendance also created a burden. When I realized that I had to pay for tuition, housing, books and food, I began panicking and searching for ways to navigate and succeed through scholarships and jobs. Fortunately, there are many ways to navigate college and find financial support to make sure that all focus is on learning. I am grateful to have been awarded this scholarship and I will continue to thrive and excel as a first-generation low-income student at UC Berkeley.
- Emmanuel O.

“It is with my most sincere gratitude that I want to say thank you for this scholarship! I am a mother of 3 young children and I’m working full time to make ends meet while I take full time classes. Every single dollar has a significant impact not only on my education but also on my family and so my heart feels so overwhelmed with gratitude to you for choosing me to receive this. This scholarship means so much to me. This acts as such a boost to my motivation to keep going even when it feels difficult, knowing that there are so many people out there rooting for students like me to succeed. It’s truly such a gift. Thank you, again.” - Julia M.

“I want to take the time to sincerely thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. I am a student-athlete here at SRJC, and receiving scholarships from programs like yours helps students like me accomplish my goals. As a student-athlete it is really hard for me to find time and have the mental and physical capacity to work to take care of myself in the financial area. I want to let you all know how much this relieves the stress knowing I am receiving honest support. I am very grateful, and I will continue to accomplish my goals for my academics and future career. - Felipe M.

As a low-income and first-generation student, the gift of this scholarship is vital in supporting my education goals. I rely on these funds to help pay for out of pocket expenses such as books, supplies, food, and transportation. Scholarships have helped to reduce the financial stress of paying for college, and I can focus more on my studies. I am incredibly appreciative of your generosity as it will unquestionably help finance my undergraduate education at SRJC. I promise to work hard and never deter from accomplishing my goal. - Diego R.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



In an effort to support the changing needs of our College and the evolving needs of our students, the Foundation has been intentionally focusing on program support (in addition to scholarships) to fund equipment, supplies, training, tutoring, and other resources for the students who need it most.

The SRJC HOPE (Health Occupation Preparation Education) Program is literally providing hope for the future of healthcare in our community. Dedicated to advancing the success of underrepresented and first-generation students pursuing health care careers, the program fosters a sense of belonging by expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare education through mentorship, workforce development, academic support and social emotional well-being. Ultimately, HOPE empowers students to become healthcare leaders who will positively impact our community and beyond.

As first-generation college students, HOPE program participants benefit from special college and career workshops, individual tutoring and mentoring, special stipends for school supplies and unanticipated program costs (medical equipment, uniforms, etc.), as well as emergency funds for those who are facing financial stressors that pose a risk to meeting their educational goals (rent, utilities, food, etc.).

“The HOPE Center is the most valuable resource I have as a nursing student. They provide services across every academic dynamic in a smaller, career-focused way that is both personalized and professional. I always leave feeling better than when I walked in. This is the epitome of concierge academic resourcing.”
-Thomas W.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The program is led by Daisy Cardenas, a community college graduate who went on to achieve a Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology, making her the first person in her immediate and extended family to achieve a graduate degree. As the eldest daughter of immigrant parents and former first-generation and low-income college student herself, Daisy takes great pride in her accomplishments and draws from her personal experience in navigating higher education as she works to support SRJC students through HOPE, recognizing that barriers to success extend beyond academics.

Daisy has partnered with the SRJC Foundation to raise funds to sustain and grow the program from generous donors like The Peter E. Haas, Jr. Family Fund, Providence Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital Foundation, Gordon Blumenfeld, Kaiser Permanente, and Sutter Health, to name a few. These community leaders have made an incredible impact students, their families, and the future of healthcare in Sonoma County and beyond with their investment in HOPE at SRJC.

Gifts to the SRJC HOPE Program can be made online at give.santarosa.edu/hope

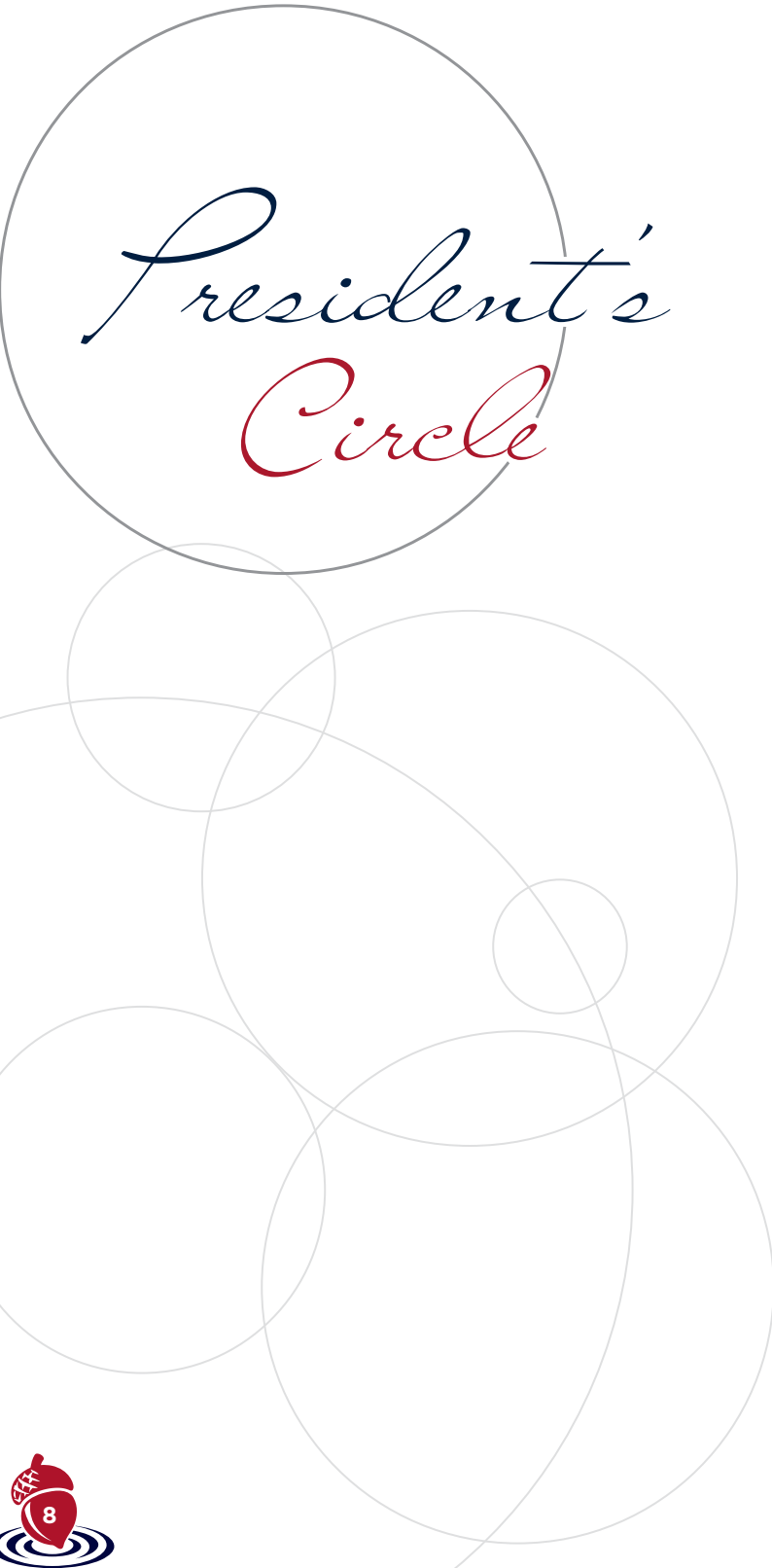
“Having kind, supportive women of color running a program that provides me a safe space to feel authentic is the best gift I could ask for as I navigate an academic world where I often feel like an outsider. I wanted to take this moment to personally thank you for all that you do to facilitate, run, and hold space for students like me. It’s a big job, and I want you to know that I see you and appreciate all the amazing work you do. As someone who struggles financially, having HOPE in my corner has opened doors that were previously closed for me. The food, tutoring, workshops, and access to supplies I cannot afford all make this process feel doable. I am able to breathe easier as I embark for special training because I know I will be supported by a workforce development stipend. All of these things add up for me in an impactful way. HOPE gives me a home where I feel safe and cared for.” - Mia V.

“The HOPE Center has saved my life. The support I have received during my time at SRJC is one of the top reasons why I will be graduating with my associate’s degree in nursing in spring 2024. I am so thankful for the academic counseling, financial literacy workshops, professional development, and case management support I have received. The HOPE center has provided me with the opportunity to tutor fellow students in anatomy, physiology, microbiology, nursing studies, and more. To walk into the HOPE center is to come home. Everyone is welcoming and supportive. During my studies, there have been numerous times where I was hungry, tired, and overwhelmed. The HOPE Center provided me with food, resources, and encouragement.” -Meghan O.



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Thank you to the 2022/23 members of the President's Circle. We are deeply grateful to these donors whose generosity, leadership and deep belief in the College provided vital operational support to the SRJC Foundation, enabling our work to generate resources for students and areas of greatest need at Santa Rosa Junior College.



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Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

We are proud to share the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 below. The SRJC Foundation remains among top of the 116 California Community Colleges for scholarship awards to students; in 2022-2023, the SRJC Foundation received more than \$9.4 million to support students and programs and awarded more than \$5.3 million in scholarships to 3,786 students from its endowment, non-endowed funds, and the Doyle Trust Scholarship Fund. It was a record-setting year! Thank you for helping us continue to secure resources that provide opportunities for students and donors to fulfill their dreams and make a difference in our community.



\$5,796,000+
received for **student scholarships**



\$4,254,000+
received for **College programs**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, & CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
REVENUES AND SUPPORT			
Contribution Revenue	\$9,493,648	\$8,925,820	\$7,125,621
Investment Revenue	4,937,088	(7,264,893)	15,209,826
Other Income	745,286	(35,443)	326,486
Total Revenue	15,176,022	1,625,484	22,661,933
EXPENSES			
Scholarships	5,286,201	4,264,623	4,364,163
College Support and Events	2,803,265	2,244,425	568,055
Operations	1,100,619	1,338,562	1,082,588
Total Expenses	9,190,085	7,847,610	6,014,806
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	5,985,937	(6,222,126)	16,647,127
NET POSITION, Beginning of year	72,709,558	78,931,684	62,284,557
NET POSITION, End of year	\$78,695,495	\$72,709,558	\$78,931,684

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