

## **TRI COUNTY TECH** FOUNDATION



# **2024 ANNUAL REPORT** CELEBRATING 55 YEARS!

## "Empowering Tri County Tech students to succeed by providing essential support."

The Tri County Tech Foundation assists in-need and qualifying students in three critical areas: **Tuition Assistance, Emergency Aid, and Food Assistance**, ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed. Our purpose is to eliminate financial barriers and provide crucial support, helping students stay focused on their goals.

Our vision is to ensure all students have access to quality training today for a skilled tomorrow.





Kim Smith

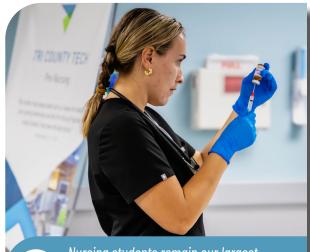
Chief Administrative Officer & Foundation Executive Director

Champagne Kane

Foundation Coordinator

## Did You Know?

Our journey began in 1969, just a few years after the establishment of Tri County Vocational School, District #1. The Tri County Vo-Tech Foundation was originally incorporated solely for charitable purposes, with the primary goals of providing unsecured loans and awarding grants to support students in the Nursing Education program. A few decades later, we embraced the philosophy that no student should be denied an education due to financial barriers. Today, the Tri County Tech Foundation supports in-need and qualifying students in three vital areas: Tuition Assistance, Emergency Aid, and Food Assistance, serving those enrolled in Full-Time and Flex classes at our Bartlesville, Pawhuska, and Nowata campuses.



EDUCATES

**EMPOWFRS** 

**INSPIRES** 

**SUPPORTS** 

TRANSFORMS

Nursing students remain our largest program served, continuing a proud tradition of transforming lives.

## **EMPOWERING FUTURES** 2024 Impact & Growth Report

BY THE NUMBERS



## **2024 Financial Performance**

As we wrap up another historic year at the Tri County Tech Foundation, we're delighted to showcase the positive impact we've made. Below is a brief insight into our financial performance in 2024.



## Tri County Tech Foundation Board Members

Dr. Lisa Bliss Stephen Colaw Trevor Dorsey Kevin Hay Barbara Herren Kumar Krishnan Shelley Koster Karen Leinen William Pierson Kevin Potter Paul Turcott John Woolman

## **Advisory Board**

Dr. Tammie Strobel Kim Smith Champagne Kane

## **Robotics Mentors**

Leroy Cordill George Halkiades Malcolm Joyce Don Lauffer Steve Paetz Dave Register

Lanny Seals Gordon Stallings Kellen Watt Bret Branstetter Nelson Stayton

## **Gifts In-Kind**

We are thankful for in-kind donations of daily necessities, which help extend our reach to those in need.

#### Atwoods

Catholic Charities Mary Martha Outreach
 Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma
 QT Community

## **Major Corporate Donors**

We want to thank our corporate sponsors who faithfully give to the Foundation. Their unwavering support has become the cornerstone of our success.







## **Grant Providers**

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the grant providers for believing in our vision and enabling us to make a positive difference in our community and beyond.

• AEP/PS0

#### Arvest Foundation

- Bartlesville Community Foundation Fund for Bartlesville
- Bartlesville Community Foundation Service League Fund

   Buell Family Fund
  - Jane Phillips Society
  - Rotary Club of Bartlesville
- Schmoldt Family Fund for Education



## Endowments

Endowments are essential for the growth and sustainability of the Tri County Tech Foundation. A Legacy Fund allows you to create a named scholarship, awarding 5% of the invested donation annually, ensuring ongoing support in perpetuity. Your generosity creates a lasting impact—thank you!

## SAPPHIRE (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Bank of Oklahoma Scholarship
Barbara Herren Scholarship
Dr. Jason & Andrea Godfrey Scholarship
Dr. Lisa Bliss Scholarship
Dr. Tammie & Brad Strobel Scholarship
Gordon R. & Laura E. Higbee Scholarship
Jane Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Jerri & Mike Moore Scholarship
Ken Phelps Memorial Scholarship
Kenny & Tonya Foreman Scholarship
Kerensa & Tom Kester Scholarship
Kim R. & Dustin T. Smith Scholarship

- Leigh Ann & Lindel Fields Family Scholarship
   McAnaw Family Scholarship
  - Marvin M. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
  - Michael H. Smith Memorial Scholarship
    - Michelle Rigdon Family Scholarship
       Potter Family Scholarship
      - Prentice Family Scholarship
  - Tara & Nate Gotwalt Family Scholarship
     • The Lyon Foundation
    - Todd Family Scholarship
  - William D. Estes Memorial Scholarship

## EMERALD (\$25,000 - \$99,999)

K. & Lalitha Vasudevan Memorial Scholarship for Manufacturing
Sandy & Darrel Fry Family Scholarship

- Wayne & Sue McClain Scholarship
  - The Reheis Family Scholarship

## DIAMOND (\$100,000 - \$499,999)

• D. Dwight Snider Memorial Scholarship

• Foust Family Scholarship Fund

## DOUBLE DIAMOND (\$500,000+)

Cindra L. Pribil RN, Nursing Scholarship
James M. Quickle Charitable Trust

• John G. & Georgalee Sawyer Charitable Trust







Bartlesville, OK – The Tri County Tech Foundation is thrilled to announce the success of the recent Swing for Students Golf Tournament, where generous sponsors and participants came together to raise \$34,500 to support students' education and emergency needs.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible sponsors: Ascension St. John Jane Phillips, ConocoPhillips, Arvest Bank, BOK Financial, Lindel Fields & Your Culture Coach, and Truity Credit Union. We also appreciate the support of Hillcrest Country Club, which provided a fantastic venue for this event.

"The weather was on our side, and it was a fantastic day! We were thrilled with the turnout and support for Tri County Tech Foundation," said Champagne Kane, Foundation Coordinator. "Events like this make a real difference, helping us raise important funds for scholarships, emergency aid, and food assistance programs that empower our students."

Congratulations to our tournament winners from Prosperity Bank: Ty Kent, Trevor Dorsey, Ross Novak, and Michael Robinson! Your skills on the course truly shone.

Kim Smith, Chief Administrative Officer & Foundation Executive Director, expressed her gratitude: "Thanks to the incredible support of our sponsors and participants, we turned a day of golf into life-changing learning opportunities for our students. We truly appreciate your enthusiasm and support for this event, and we look forward to hosting this again next year!"

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of students!







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We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped spread the word and participated in our Online Auction! Your enthusiasm, generosity, and support made this event a tremendous success. Thanks to your kindness, we raised an amazing \$3,436 to support students in need. Every bid placed and every item won contributes to a brighter future for those striving to achieve their educational goals.

Your generosity directly benefits the Tri County Tech Foundation, providing essential assistance for tuition, emergency aid, and food support. These funds help remove barriers that might otherwise prevent students from continuing their education, empowering them to focus on their studies and build a better future.

The unique items and services featured in the auction not only showcased the exceptional talents of our students and programs but also highlighted the incredible community that believes in and supports their success. Your involvement makes a real, tangible impact, ensuring that students receive the assistance they need when they need it most.

We couldn't do this without you—thank you for your generosity, your dedication, and for making a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Your support fuels their dreams and inspires hope for a brighter tomorrow!



In the past year, hundreds of donors have generously supported the Tri County Tech Foundation. Whether you're an alum, a donor, or a friend of the Foundation, your contributions have been vital to our success. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Together, we celebrate the past, embrace the present, and look forward to the exciting chapters ahead!



The Tri County Tech Foundation announced the generous donation of \$1,000 from the Bartlesville Rotary Club in support of Tri County Tech's FIRST Robotics Team 2165.



The Tri County Tech Foundation announced that they received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart for their Tuition Assistance Program, providing students with the resources to enhance their existing skills or pursue a new technical skill at Tri County Tech.



The Tri County Tech Foundation received a generous contribution of \$1,000 towards our Emergency Aid and Food Assistance Program from the Jane Phillips Society in Bartlesville.



The Tri County Tech Foundation was awarded a \$2,400 grant from the Bartlesville Community Foundation's Fund for Bartlesville during the Spring 2024 Grant Cycle to support its Modular FLEX Programming initiative, expanding adult education.



The Tri County Tech Foundation received \$7,000 in funds to ensure students are not denied an education due to lack of resources thanks to a grant from the Arvest Foundation.



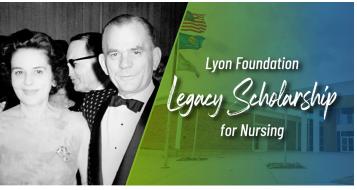
The Tri County Tech Foundation announced the Reheis Family Emerald Scholarship Endowment, generously funded by the Reheis family, to provide vital scholarships for deserving students.



The Tri County Tech Foundation was honored to establish the K. & Lalitha Vasudevan Memorial Scholarship for Manufacturing, an Emerald Legacy Scholarship honoring Vasu's dedication to Bartlesville, philanthropy, and patriotism.



The Bartlesville Community Foundation generously awarded a \$5,000 Service League Fund Grant to Tri County Tech's FIRST Robotics Team 2165, supporting their mission to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders.



The Tri County Tech Foundation was pleased to establish The Lyon Foundation Legacy Scholarship, funded by The E.H. Lyon and Melody Lyon Foundation, Inc., to support nursing students by reducing financial barriers to healthcare training.



The Bartlesville Rotary Club has awarded a \$1,000 grant to Tri County Tech's FIRST Robotics Team 2165, supporting the team's innovative approach to inspiring students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).





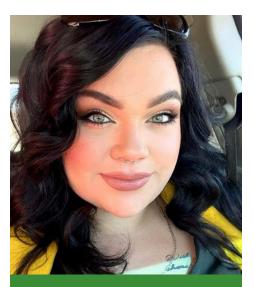
"Your contribution to my education allows me to achieve all that I have set out to do. Coming from a background of lost opportunity, it is an honor to finally be here with a gift that will impact my future."



" If it weren't for the Tri County Tech Foundation offering grants, financially it would not have been possible for me to attend TCT and achieve my goals & dreams. Thank you for always believing in me when no one else did, you truly changed my life and I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."



"When I first applied to Tri County Tech, I was not accepted, but luckily, someone else dropped out. TCT changed my life and encouraged me to be better, and I have had the opportunity to work with the Nursing department at a clinical site in two different locations. Last semester, I was given an opportunity to help with the phlebotomy class - and recently, I got invited to my first "meeting." It has been a full circle. The nursing program and instructors are life-changing. If you want to do something to improve your life/self, don't wait - it will only happen if you make it happen. Only let people near you that are positive, reassuring, and want to see you win."



"I personally thank Tri County Tech for allowing me to attend this amazing program and for all the help and care you provide to students. Without the grants you offer, financially, it would not have been possible for me to attend and achieve my dreams. Your support has made a real difference in my life; I know many others feel the same. Thank you for believing in me when no one else did and ensuring I know that being in a rough spot in life cannot stop me from doing anything I set my mind to. I've found an incredible support system and made many lifelong friends here. You truly changed my life, and I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

God bless each of you and your families."

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