Joseph B. Nordmann Estate Donates $840,000

In August 2015, long time LAVC Foundation supporter and founding LAVC faculty member Joseph Nordmann passed away at the age of 92. Two months later his estate donated $840,000 towards the Nordmann Chemistry Assistantship.

Professor Joseph Nordmann was one of the forty-nine Founding members of the LAVC faculty in 1949. He taught Chemistry at LAVC until his retirement in 1978, but he accomplished so many other things. Nordmann was also the Founding member of the LAVC Running Club along with Phil Clark, Jim Slosson, and Richard Raskoff. He was the Assistant Coach on the 1955 Football team which won the Orange Show Bowl that year. During summers, Nordmann was a coach’s assistant for the Los Angeles Rams and co-authored a book on football formations. He also co-owned an environmental laboratory. As a Valley College professor, he won a national award in excellence in college chemistry teaching from Manufacturing Chemists’ Association - a recognition usually reserved for Ivy League professors.

When he retired from LAVC, Nordmann moved to the Monterey Peninsula and found a couple of passions as a writer and a professional artist. His paintings have been showcased often in the Carmel area. Nordmann was a very generous supporter of the LAVC Foundation. He continued to love the Chemistry Department and so he established the Joseph Nordmann Endowed Assistantship in Chemistry in 2005. Before his passing, he donated over $230,000 to the endowment and the Nordmann Chemistry Assistantship has provided $38,000 to students since it was established. The recent estate gift is one of the largest single donation made to the LAVC Foundation and the Nordmann Endowment now totals over $1 million.

Nordmann expressed great appreciation to Valley College for giving him the opportunity to work in a wonderful environment with wonderful people. He says his donations to the LAVC Foundation were just a small token of his appreciation.

Freeway Lady Unveiled at LAVC!

The formal unveiling of Kent Twitchell’s mural masterpiece was conducted on April 14, 2016. The mural is located on the west side of the campus and can be seen along Fulton Ave. In the photo L-R: Foundation’s Arax Parseghian, Raul Castillo, Dean Emeritus Dennis Reed, Kent Twitchell, Foundation Pres. Eric Bubbers, LAVC Pres. Erika Endrijonas, and Foundation VP Pat Ballew.
Elaine & Elgin Baylor Establish Endowment

In December 2015, Elaine and Elgin Baylor pledged to establish an endowment with the LAVC Foundation. The purpose of the endowment is being developed, but the Baylors hope it will contribute to cultural awareness and acceptance. Ten years ago, the Baylors established the Baylor Scholarship in African American Studies and Interest. The scholarship has awarded $8,500 over the course of the years to various students.

Elaine has also been a member of the LAVC Foundation Board for the past eleven years. She came to know about the Foundation while taking music courses at LAVC. She is a co-chair of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee and she was a past chair of the Gala Committee.

Elgin is a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. He played 13 seasons for the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers. He was also the General Manager for the Los Angeles Clippers for 22 years.

Sean & Christine Astin Raise Funds and Award Scholarships

LAVC Alumni Sean and Christine Astin have been supporters of many causes including family literacy. In December 2015 the couple started a Go Fund Me campaign called Sean Reads Aloud to support a literacy program. They earmarked $5,000 to the LAVC Foundation to award Literacy Scholarships to LAVC students.

The scholarships were awarded to seven students from the Family Resource Center which includes child and family literacy components as part of the curriculum.

The Astins both attended Valley College in the mid 1990’s and both transferred to UCLA. They started a production company together garnering recognition and accolades. Sean continues to act as well as direct. His acting credits include The Goonies, Rudy, and Lord of the Rings.

$184K Awarded in Scholarships

The LAVC Foundation awarded $184,000 in scholarships and stipends to its students during fiscal year 2016.

In the past 14 years, the LAVC Foundation has awarded over $1.9 million in scholarships. The LAVC Foundation wishes to thank all of its contributors who include alumni, corporations, faculty and staff for continuing to make annual donations to scholarships and awards. A number of endowed scholarships have also been established ensuring perpetual scholarship funding.

If you wish to establish a scholarship, please call the LAVC Foundation Office at (818) 947-2619.
Greetings from LAVC President Dr. Erika Endrijonas

As we enter the 2016-2017 academic year, it seems like a perfect time to celebrate our accomplishments this past year. Over 400 students walked across the stage to receive their Associate degrees in early June, and with so many friends and family in attendance to support them, we may have to find a larger venue next year!

We hosted a Comprehensive Evaluation Team Visit by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) during the first week of March. We received seven Commendations and four Recommendations for Improvement; LAVC was found to be 100% compliant with all ACCJC accreditation standards, which few community colleges in California have achieved. LAVC has been fully reaffirmed for 18 months with a Follow-Up report due in October 2017 which addresses some issues of District non-compliance, after which I fully expect LAVC’s reaffirmation will be extended to 2023. LAVC did an amazing job and it was gratifying to see the Visiting Team recognize the quality of services provided to LAVC students.

Construction is still booming at LAVC! The Student Union building and the Monarch Athletic Center were completed in Spring and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for both buildings will be held in early Fall 2016. The Administration and Career Advancement building will be completed in the Fall, so the ribbon-cutting for that building may occur simultaneously with the ground-breaking for the Valley Academic and Cultural Center building in early Spring 2017.

Finally, I want to thank all of our donors for their generous support of the LAVC Foundation. While the state provides a budget to operate the college, it is our growing group of donors who provide much needed scholarships and direct support to students so that they can complete their educational goals. We can’t do it without all of you!

8th Annual President’s Circle Luncheon

On April 14, 2016, President Erika Endrijonas hosted the 8th Annual President’s Circle Luncheon at the LARC Patio. The President’s Circle is a leadership group of donors who have donated $1,000 or more with no restrictions on their gift.

Twenty members of the Circle, their guests, and members of the LAVC Foundation Board were in attendance. Former scholarship recipient, alumnus, and current adjunct faculty Jack Condon gave thanks to the Circle members for supporting the Foundation. In turn, students like Jack benefit and so does LAVC. For more information about joining the President’s Circle, call (818) 947-2619.

Math Prof Drums Up Endowment

Adam Littig is a full time instructor in the Mathematics Department at LAVC. In November 2015, he endowed a math scholarship and pledge to raise over $10,000 in funds for the endowment over the course of three years. “I’m happy to help and do my part to help our students succeed at Valley College.”

Alumni Update

Alumna Nancy Polin released her first full-length romance novel After the Curtain Call.

Polin received her AA in Liberal Arts at Valley College in 2001 and is currently pursuing her MFA at University of Texas El Paso.

When she attended Valley, Polin was in her late 20’s, a wife and mother. She expressed gratitude for the great educational environment while at Valley.
Your Los Angeles Valley College Foundation has been quite active in fiscal 2016! We received new grants, a major gift, established new endowments and awarded more scholarships than ever before.

The Foundation received two new grants this past year from the California Community College Foundation (CCCF) and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). CCCF awarded the Foundation $100,000 to support the Valley Internship Pipeline Program (VIPP). This program provides high school interns college credit and exposes them to mentors in industries that include Business, Child Development, and Computer Information Technology. The WIB awarded $148,000 to support The L.A. Fellows Program which takes cohorts of recently displaced or unemployed professionals, retools their skills, and assist them to better market themselves in their industry.

Emeritus Chemistry Professor Joseph Nordmann passed away in August 2015 and his estate donated $840,000 to the Nordmann Endowed Assistantship. Two new endowments were established by Elaine and Elgin Baylor as well as Math Professor Adam Littig.

You will be happy to know that your LAVC Foundation awarded $184,000 in scholarships, stipends and awards this past year to 317 students. The Foundation has also distributed over 840,000 to support various campus programs and activities!

I truly appreciate your continued support of our Foundation. Please continue to encourage fellow alumni, friends and family to consider supporting Valley College and our students.

Sincerely,
Raul Castillo
Executive Director
Class of 1988

A Message from the Foundation President

Dear Valley College Friends & Supporters,

As your newly elected Foundation President, I first want to take this opportunity to thank our immediate past President Andrea Kaufman-Goldberg for her leadership and service to the Board. During her term, she consistently cast a light on the needs of our LAVC students and emphasized the importance of providing scholarships for them. As I assume my new role with the Foundation, I look forward to building on Andrea’s successes and working with our Foundation officers - Vice President Pat Ballew, Treasurer Tom Soule, Secretary Sharon Udkoff, and Executive Director Raul Castillo for the next two years.

Beginning our new fiscal year, we say thank you to Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), which recently concluded its grant to support the LAVC Family Resource Center (FRC). Since 2008, this grant, which totaled $3.2 million over eight years, allowed the FRC to build a workforce in early childhood care. The Foundation welcomes the opportunity to work with the FRC going forward to identify new grantors that will provide continued support for this worthy program.

If you have not been to Valley College recently, I encourage you to come, visit, and see the wonderful transformation that is happening now. This past year, construction on the Monarch Athletic Center, a new parking structure, and the Student Union has been completed. Soon the Administration and Career Advancement Building will be completed, and it will be followed by ground breaking for the much anticipated Valley Arts and Cultural Center. These new buildings and facilities represent opportunities for the Foundation both to raise major funds to continue to build its endowment and to provide for the immediate needs of various campus programs and projects. The Foundation will also be looking for ways to recognize friends of the College who make major gifts by naming buildings or facilities in their honor.

Your support is very important to us at LAVC and our Foundation. Please consider expanding your philanthropy through Foundation efforts that include scholarships, the President’s Circle, or one of our endowments. Also, consider Valley College in your estate plans if you have not done so already. By doing so, you may become a member of our Legacy Society. The needs of Valley College and its students continue to increase, and the Foundation will continue to play an important role in addressing many of these needs.

Our Foundation success has been made possible in large measure by the financial support received from generous friends like you. We are grateful for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Eric Bubbers
President
Contributing to the Foundation

Los Angeles Valley College friends contribute through the LAVC Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the students and campus of Los Angeles Valley College. It welcomes outright gifts of cash, securities, and properties.

The LAVC Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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