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PROVIDENCE SEASIDE TO DONATE \$30,000 TO ESTABLISH HEALTH CARE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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SEASIDE, Ore. — Providence Seaside Hospital is proud to announce a partnership with Clatsop Community College to provide health care scholarships for underrepresented students over the next three years. In all, \$30,000 will be awarded to students pursuing education in health care and who are of a diverse background, including students of color, indigenous-first nation and LGBTQ.

“We are proud to partner with Clatsop Community College to provide these academic scholarships to underrepresented students on the North Coast,” says Don Lemmon, chief executive at Providence Seaside Hospital. “We also hope by offering the scholarships that we can create excitement and interest in a health care career.”

Clatsop Community College has a robust nursing program in addition to their medical assistant and certified nursing assistant programs.

“We are very grateful for Providence’s partnership support in providing scholarship funds for our nursing students,” says Doris Jepson, director of nursing and allied health at Clatsop Community College. “Our nursing program is rigorous, and this scholarship will help ease some of the financial pressures students face, thus allowing them to focus on their training and become safe, knowledgeable health care professionals.”

Clatsop Community College Foundation chair, Cliff Fick, added, “Building relationships in our community is so important. Working as partners, we benefit each other as we help students achieve their educational goals. These students are able to have a career in the community, benefiting all of us.”

About the Scholarship Program

- Beginning winter term for the 2020-2021 school year, eight scholarships will be awarded each term.
- Students may apply for subsequent terms with an annual cap of \$2,000.
- The funds and allocation will be managed by Clatsop Community College Foundation.
- Applications will be available with Financial Aid (finaid@clatsopcc.edu) and posted on their website: <https://www.clatsopcc.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships>.

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The Clatsop Community College Foundation was established in 1960 as an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit community based organization. The CCC Foundation's mission is to inspire and engage the community in support of Clatsop Community College students so they can achieve their goals. The Foundation believes that our entire community benefits when every student has access to the tools and resources they need to help them succeed in school and in life.

Providence Seaside Hospital is part of the not-for-profit Providence Health & Services, Oregon's largest health system and largest private employer. Providence Seaside serves people living in or visiting the North Coast area through our hospital and clinics located in Astoria, Cannon Beach, Seaside, and Warrenton. For more information, please visit www.providence.org/northcoast.