



Endowment Association
**ANNUAL
REPORT**
2024 - 2025

GARDEN CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mission

"To aid, foster and promote the development and welfare of
Garden City Community College, and the education
and welfare of its students, faculty, and alumni."

2024-2025 ENDOWMENT & ALUMNI *Impact Report*

The past year has been one of continued momentum and meaningful impact for the Garden City Community College Endowment Association and Alumni Relations. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, partners, and alumni, we are removing financial barriers, strengthening programs, and creating new opportunities for GCCC students to succeed.

Scholarships remain at the heart of our mission. During the 2024–2025 academic year, the Endowment Association awarded \$436,208 in academic and technical scholarships, helping hundreds of students pursue their education and achieve their goals. Each scholarship represents a life changed, a dream supported, and a future strengthened.

Community partnerships continued to expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Through MatchDay with the Western Kansas Community Foundation, donors helped raise \$14,214.97 for resources and raise awareness of the Endowment's mission. We are excited to build on this partnership in the coming years to create even more opportunities for students.

This year also brought tremendous success through the Endowment Scholarship Auction, which once again united alumni, donors, and community supporters in a shared

commitment to student success. The event raised vital funds that directly support scholarships and student initiatives, including \$116,000 for the GCCC Endowment Association General Scholarship fund.

Beyond scholarships, donor support provided over \$378,000 in equipment, program enhancements, and academic support, ensuring students have access to modern technology, innovative learning environments, and the resources needed to thrive.

The Endowment Association also continued to play a key role in advancing the \$1.1 million grassroots, no-tax-dollar initiative to relocate and remodel the Garden City Career Connection Academy. This transformation created a welcoming space that offers programs supporting education, mental and physical health, and healthcare screenings. The Academy is dedicated to helping participants meet their educational and life goals while fostering a commitment to lifelong learning.

Alumni engagement continued to grow through events, outreach, and partnerships that celebrate Buster pride and strengthen lifelong connections to GCCC. Our alumni remain some of our most passionate advocates, mentors, and supporters, helping open doors for the next

generation of Broncbusters.

Garden City Community College introduced official Broncbuster license plates, each of which includes a \$25 tax-deductible donation to the GCCC Alumni Office in support of the GCCC Alumni Scholarship Fund. This unique opportunity allows alumni, students, parents, fans, and friends of Garden City Community College to proudly display their Buster pride while making a meaningful impact on the educational pursuits of students. As of 06/30/25, the program has generated \$2,075 through the addition of 83 new Broncbuster tags, directly supporting Alumni Association Endowed Scholarships.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the leadership of our Board of Directors, the dedication of our partners, and the generosity of our donors and Alumni. Your support continues to create opportunities, transform lives, and strengthen the future of Garden City Community College. As we look ahead, we remain committed to our mission:

To aid, foster, and promote the development and welfare of Garden City Community College and the education and welfare of its students, faculty, and alumni.

*Thank you for believing in the power of education
and for making this impact possible.*

- Scott Kedrowski, Dean of Advancement & Alumni Relations



GCCC ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Financial Report

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

INCOME

Contributions	\$1,297,614
Investment Return	\$368,042
Investment Return (Net Appreciation)	\$744,232
Oil & Gas Gain	\$5,735

TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

\$2,415,623

EXPENSES

Scholarships, Grants, & Awards	\$534,644
Special Projects	\$410,872
Taxes	\$1,705
Operating Expenses	\$114,489

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$1,061,710

TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

\$1,353,913

BUSTER NATION T-SHIRTS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS



GCCC, in partnership with Golden Plains Credit Union, offered an exclusive “Buster Nation” T-shirt to support student scholarships. Priced at

\$5 each, all proceeds directly benefited students’ educational goals at GCCC. Fans showed their Buster pride by wearing the shirts during “Buster Nation

Night” at the home basketball games on November 20, 2024, helping the initiative raise an impressive \$6,000 for Alumni scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION ILLUMINATES FUTURES

The 47th Annual Scholarship Auction was held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Finney County Fairgrounds. Presented by Commerce

Bank, the theme, “An Evening of Stars: Illuminating Futures,” celebrated the bright students at GCCC and the life-changing impact of scholarships. The

evening featured live and silent auctions, a cash raffle, and a variety of exciting items, raising more than \$116,000 to support student scholarships.



FROM AUCTION TO ACCESS

YOUR DONATIONS CREATE REAL SCHOLARSHIPS & REAL FUTURES

Every dollar raised through the GCCC Endowment Scholarship Auction helps transform generosity into opportunity.

Since FY24, donor support has created an additional
\$100,000 PER YEAR IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GCCC STUDENTS.



SCHOLARSHIP
AUCTION



COMMUNITY
SUPPORT

IMPACT ON STUDENTS



MORE SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

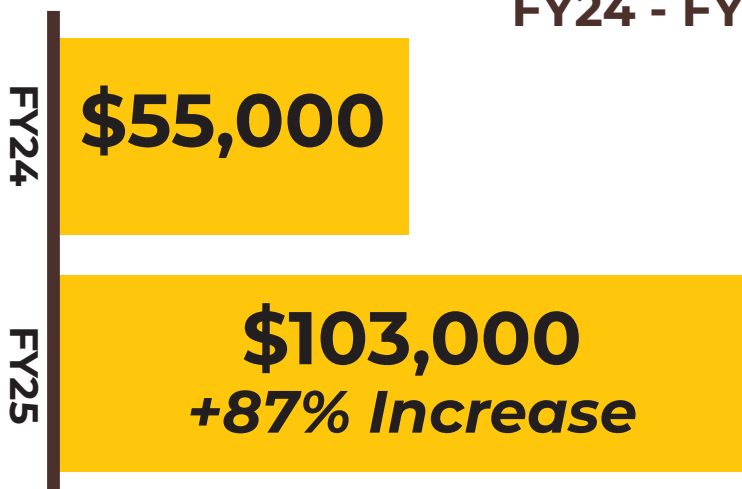


FEWER FINANCIAL
BARRIERS



MORE STUDENTS
STAYING ON TRACK
TO GRADUATE

GENERAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FY24 - FY25



Because of donors like you, our students have a better chance at reaching their educational goals. Thank you for your support.

ALUMNI RECONNECT AT GCCC'S SECOND ANNUAL TAILGATE

The GCCC Alumni Association hosted its second Annual Alumni Tailgate on Saturday, October 26, 2024, bringing together fellow Broncbusters for a morning of camaraderie, connection, and celebration before the game. Alumni enjoyed food, drinks, and conversation, reminiscing about their time at GCCC while celebrating the Broncbuster spirit. The event provided a fun opportunity for alumni to reconnect with old friends and show their support for current students and the college community.



SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION FOR STUDENTS & DONORS

The annual Scholarship Celebration was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, bringing together more than 265 student scholarship recipients, donors, guests,

board members, and GCCC staff for an evening of connection and recognition. The event gave students and donors the opportunity to share a meal and build

meaningful relationships, highlighting the important role of community support in education.



PHONATHON AND MATCHDAY RAISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Endowment Association participated in the Western Kansas Community Foundation's MatchDay event, which ran from November 18 to December 3, 2024. During this time, the GCCC Endowment Association also held its annual Phonathon, combining efforts to maximize support for GCCC students and programs. GCCC students called alumni, friends, and supporters of the college, and donations collected during this period contributed to the MatchDay initiative, further amplifying their impact.



MOLZ SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS LOCAL STUDENTS



Three area students were selected for the 2025-2026 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship. The recipients — Emily Dryden of Holcomb High School, Grady Gleason of Garden City High School, and Codee Unruh of Ingalls High School — receive full tuition and fees for up to 16 credit hours per semester

at GCCC. Established in 2014 by Otis & Mary Lee Molz through the largest living-donor gift to the GCCC Endowment Association, the Molz Cooperative Scholarship provides full tuition and fees for eligible Garden City Co-op employees, members, and their family members.

STEPS TO ENDOW A SCHOLARSHIP

Leave a lasting legacy by establishing an endowed scholarship fund in your name or in honor or memory of someone meaningful to you. An endowed scholarship creates a permanent source of support for students, helping future generations pursue their educational goals for years to come. Your generosity not only provides financial assistance, but also reflects the values, passions, and priorities that matter most to you and your family.

1

CONTACT & PLANNING:

The donor contacts the GCCC Endowment Association to discuss creating a scholarship, including its name and criteria.



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AWARD DISTRIBUTION:

Scholarships are awarded once the fund has generated sufficient interest after the initial year.



2

FUND ESTABLISHMENT:

Open the scholarship fund with the initial donation. The fund must reach \$10,000 to begin earning interest.



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ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS:

Donations can be made at any time to increase the fund size and award amount.



3

INVESTMENT & GROWTH:

The fund generates interest for one year. The annual return determines the scholarship allocation.



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FLEXIBLE FUNDING:

While the initial donation can be any amount, the fund must reach \$10,000 within five years.



**READY TO GET STARTED?
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Special thanks to our DONORS!

These are the generous contributors who have assisted Garden City Community College students by providing funds for scholarships and special projects that enhance academic opportunities from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This list includes donors to the 2025 Endowment Auction, endowed scholarships, annual scholarships, Match Day, phonathon, year-end giving, and special project funding. Every effort has been made to present an accurate listing of all gifts received during our fiscal year. Please forward any corrections to the Garden City Community College Endowment Association at endowment@gccccks.edu.

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