

Valencia Foundation
Report to the Board of Trustees
April 2019

Taste for Learning X

It's not too late to help support deserving individuals through Valencia's signature philanthropy event.

On Saturday, May 11, please join us to raise a toast at Rosen Shingle Creek to gather scholarships for first-generation students. Every dollar for sponsorships, tickets and auction items goes directly to scholarships and is doubled by a challenge grant. So, for example, a \$5,000 sponsorship will provide \$1,000 scholarships for 10 deserving students.

Thanks to ABC Fine Wine and Spirits, Rosen, dozens of vintners, and local chefs who provide everything for free. This is the tenth Taste; over time, the event has raised \$3.3 million. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$3,500. Individual tickets are \$125. Rosen is honoring a \$109 a night discounted rate the night of the event (as well as a day before and after).

Rosen's premier chefs and those from T-Rex, Rainforest Café and Yak & Yeti will dish out their finest delights.

Generous First Press sponsors are SEI and Signature Systems of Florida.

Vintner sponsors are Addition Federal Credit Union, the Bailes Family Foundation, BB&T, Clancy & Theys, Helios Educational Foundation, McCree General Contractors and Architects, Orlando Health, Skanska USA Building, and Universal Orlando Resort.

Cabernet sponsors are Core Construction, Rosemary O'Shea, Esq., Signature Flight Systems, TLC Construction.

Incoming board chair, Dr. Reggie Riley, is serving as event chairman for the third year. Auction items are still welcome. Consider converting your frequent flier or credit card points to gift cards you may donate.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please visit www.VALENCIA.org/Taste.

Valencia Foundation board identifying new directors

This spring, the board will conduct a recruitment and discernment process with potential new board members who share our passion for access to and success in higher education. The foundation has four business meetings a year, plus a two-day retreat, and social and educational opportunities to interact with students and participate in telling our story. Please contact Geraldine, ggallagher@valenciacollege.edu, with recommendations.

Please mark your calendars: Spring 2019 foundation board gatherings

- **Full Board Meeting:** Thursday, **May 9**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Finance Committee:** Wednesday, **May 15**, 8 to 10 a.m.

Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 board dates will be available in early summer.