

**Valencia Foundation  
Report to the Board of Trustees  
May 2019**

**Taste for Learning X**

Valencia Foundation's 10th signature event, Taste for Learning, generated \$335,000 in scholarships for first-generation college students. This includes dollar-for-dollar match from the state.

Every penny given for sponsorships, tickets and auction items goes directly to student scholarships.

Thank you to ABC Fine Wine and Spirits, Rosen Shingle Creek, vintners and local chefs for providing the celebration entirely for free. Over time, Taste has raised \$3.7 million.

Major sponsors included Freeman, Millennium Technology, PSAV, SEI, Signature Systems of Florida and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

Also supporting the event were Addition Financial, the Bailes family, BB&T, Clancy and Theys, Helios, McCree, Orlando Health, Skanska USA, Synovus Bank, Core Construction, Duke Energy, Hyatt Hotels of Central Florida, Rosemary O'Shea, Signature Flight Support, Simaan Real Estate, Square M Ranch, Summit Broadband, TLC Engineering, Westgate Resorts Foundation, and UCF Connect.

Chefs partnered from Walt Disney World, T-Rex, Yak and Yeti, Rain Forest Café, A Land Remembered, Cala Bella, and Tobias Burgers and Brews.

**Foundation board monitoring its top priorities**

Board members have identified five major priorities of their work, and are holding themselves accountable for these objectives:

- ◆ Achieve 100 percent board giving
- ◆ Achieve 100 percent board participation
- ◆ Strategically grow the board
- ◆ Tell Valencia's stories to the right people
- ◆ Connect to potential donors and advocates

**Valencia Foundation board identifying new director candidates**

This summer, 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 note: Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 board dates will be available this summer. We welcome trustee participation in all business, social and storytelling events.*