

Valencia Foundation
Report to the Board of Trustees
May 2017

Taste for Learning creates more than \$500,000 in new scholarships

Valencia's ninth Taste generated \$552,000 in scholarships for students who are the first generation in their families to attend college. ABC Fine Wine and Spirits and Rosen Shingle Creek brought together dozens of vintners, distributors and master chefs to donate their finest offerings to nearly 700 guests. Special thanks to Lew Oliver and Bruce Carlson for their generous sponsorships, along with Sandy Shugart, who has personally donated \$35,000 to support Taste. Every single dollar given for sponsorships, tickets and auction items goes directly to scholarships and is doubled by a matching grant. Taste has created \$3.5 million in scholarships.

Faculty, staff and community fully endow Valencia United LGBT+ Scholarship

The scholarship created by Valencia employees to honor the seven students lost in the Pulse tragedy has reached \$43,000. The first scholars will be awarded for summer and fall 2017 through non-endowed funds. Orlando-based Miracle of Love contributed \$8,000, and the Community Foundation of Central Florida donated \$5,000. Foundation board member Carlos Carbonell was instrumental in helping to raise community funds alongside Valencia's dedicated faculty and staff volunteers. The donor reception is Thursday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the West Campus Special Events Center. Contributions are still being accepted.

CREW donates \$24,000

The Commercial Real Estate Women, 22-year partners and donors, raised \$24,655 for through their May golf tournament. Begun 20 years ago, the CREW endowment is now valued at more than \$355,000 and has awarded about \$100,000 in student support.

Duke Energy extends engineering scholarship

Duke Energy has again pledged \$75,000 to support women in engineering. The \$4,500-a-year two-plus-two scholarship has made a marked difference, nearly tripling the number of women studying engineering at Valencia during the past five years.

Upcoming meetings:

- Thursday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., **Valencia United Gathering**; West Campus Special Events Center.
- Thursday, Sept. 21, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Full Board Meeting.**
- Thursday, Dec. 7, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Full Board Meeting.**
- Thursday, Jan. 31, and Friday, Feb. 1, **Overnight Board Retreat.**
- Thursday, March 29, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Full Board Meeting.**
- Thursday, May 10, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Full Board Meeting.**