

**Valencia Foundation**  
**Report to the Board of Trustees**  
**June 2015**

**Taste for Learning sponsorship drive begins**

Please consider investing in the lives of deserving students and the future of local health care by sponsoring Taste. It will be Nov. 7 at Rosen Shingle Creek. The formula remains: *100 percent of every dollar* given for sponsorships, tickets and auction items goes directly to the cause, and scholarships are doubled by a challenge grant.

To learn more, please visit [www.valencia.org/taste](http://www.valencia.org/taste) or email the foundation's Taste lead, Julie Wright, [juliewright@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:juliewright@valenciacollege.edu).

**Distinguished grad walks in the footsteps of Mary Smedley Collier**

Most of you met 20-year-old Rebecca Nash at commencement.

Nash, who dropped out of high school at age 17 to help support her family, was a member of Valencia's Seneff Honors College and graduated with a 4.0 PA. Based on her extensive Valencia study of genocide and gendercide, she has been granted permission to skip the final two years of undergraduate education and enter graduate school in the fall at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Chosen by the alumni association, the award is named in honor of former foundation board member, Valencia advocate and the college's first Distinguished Graduate, Mary S. Collier. To learn more about Mary, please visit the foundation's Facebook page to view her Valencia video at

<https://www.facebook.com/MyValenciaFoundation/videos> or check out:  
<https://valenciafoundation.wordpress.com/2010/04/21/donor-spotlight-mary-collier/>

**Help the Class of 2015 leave a lasting footprint**

It is not too late to invest in individual students through the "Leave a Legacy" campaign, spearheaded by the most recent graduating class. To make a tax-deductible donation, please click: <http://valenciacollege.edu/alumni/classgift/>.

Contributions received by June 30 will be part of the class gift.

**Don't miss these opportunities to work with the foundation board**

Valencia Foundation's board of directors invites the college's governing trustees to all of our meetings and gatherings. The foundation volunteers appreciate the insights and perspective of the college's governing board.

Please join us:

- Wednesday, **Aug. 26**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **Scholarship Luncheon**.
- Thursday, **Sept. 24**, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 to 1:30 p.m. meeting. **Full Board Meeting**. Foundation Offices, 1768 Park Center Drive, fifth floor
- Saturday, **Nov. 7**: **Taste for Learning**. Brought to you by ABC Fine Wine and Spirits and Rosen Hotels and Resorts. Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
- Saturday, **Dec. 5**: **Donor Recognition Gala**