

**Valencia Foundation**  
**Report to the District Board of Trustees**  
**April 2017**

**Faculty, staff and community fund Pulse Memorial Scholarship endowment**

The scholarship created by Valencia employees to honor the seven Valencia students lost has exceeded the \$25,000 required to permanently endow it. The first scholars will be awarded for fall 2017 through non-endowed funds. The Pulse donor reception is Thursday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the West Campus Special Events Center. Contributions are still being accepted. For more details, please contact Barbara Shell, 407-582-3219 or bshell@valenciacollege.edu.

**Foundation's net assets reach \$90 million**

At the April board meeting, finance chair, Steve Davis, announced that the foundation reached the \$90.3-million mark for the first time in February. Net assets were \$81.1 million in March 2016. Distributions for scholarships, chairs and programs are \$2.2 million and up almost 10 percent over the same period last year.

**Collier Distinguished Graduate announced at TPC gathering**

At the spring President's Circle luncheon, Valencia's Mary Smedley Collier Distinguished Graduate offered her first public remarks. Rula Khalaf will give the valedictory address at commencement. The competitive award recognizes an extraordinary learner in honor of long-time foundation board member and donor Mary Collier, who was the first Distinguished Graduate. Stay tuned for more information about this talented young woman.

**Hat's off to our 2017 graduates**

The Alumni Association hosted decorating events for upcoming grads, allowing them to spruce up their caps. You will see their inspiring and entertaining mortar board embellishments May 6.

**Foundation board and college alumni prepare students for the workforce**

The foundation board and alumni reps recently served as mock interviewers for students preparing to interview for summer internships and post-graduate employment. The Alumni Association also partnered with Valencia's Career Center on a career panel, providing real-world advice on maximizing their student experiences and preparing for business.

**Don't miss our 50th anniversary Taste celebration**

Raise a toast on May 20 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. Visit: [www.ATasteforLearning.com](http://www.ATasteforLearning.com).

**Upcoming meetings:**

- Wednesday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. networking/breakfast, 9 a.m. meeting, **Foundation Finance Committee**; Citrus Club.
- Saturday, May, 20, **Taste for Learning**; Rosen Shingle Creek.
- Thursday, May 25, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, **Full Board Meeting**; West Campus Special Events Center.
- Thursday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., **Pulse Gathering**; West Campus Special Events Center.