

Valencia Foundation
Report to the District Board of Trustees
April 2016

New Foundation board member begins term

Gina Cordero, vice president of human resources, diversity, inclusion and employee relations for Disney's Florida and California parks, has joined the foundation board. A graduate of the University of Florida, Gina also attended Valencia College and has an affinity for our mission. To recognize Disney's philanthropy, she presented a Mickey Mouse statue. Several other candidates are in the peer-review stage and will be approved to begin their terms during 2016. Please contact Geraldine with additional recommendations.

Foundation board commits to the Valencia Promise

In its March board meeting, the foundation board committed to a comprehensive campaign that will raise somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30 million in new funds to support Valencia students. The four promises are: to keep education affordable and accessible by removing barriers; to grow our knowledge economy by building on outstanding program clusters; to lead individuals out of minimum-wage jobs into promising careers; and to ensure learning opportunities with the most innovative equipment, spaces and professors. To discover more, please visit our emerging web interface, which will be used during personal visits with donors: www.valenciacollege.edu/promise. Special thanks to the marketing and IT teams, led by Jay Galbraith and Bill White, who created the site in astonishingly record time. Stay tuned for details as the campaign evolves, kicking off the official "quiet phase" this fall.

New scholarship honors Rick Rietveld

Kristine Rietveld, whose husband Rick passed away in 2015, has seeded an endowed scholarship fund to continue Rick's legacy at Valencia. Rick had a flair for the dramatic, a spirit of adventure, a penchant for methodical planning and the gift of impeccable timing. Each talent served him well as theater administrator, actor, and 25-year Valencia College professor, dean and founder of innovative programs that were the first of their kinds in Central Florida. Rick partnered with Orlando theme park companies to create innovative programs and degrees that served the community and local industry, as well as Valencia learners.

His vision of an associate's degree in theater arts came to fruition in 1984. Rick wrote the curriculum that created the region's first film technician training program. It has since produced nearly 50 full-length feature films. As dean, he worked with faculty to create programs in sound and music technology, and digital media. As a professor, he inspired three generations of students. As a philanthropist, he raised significant funds for the college foundation and was instrumental in expanding the faculty endowed chairs program. In 2008, the college honored Rick as one of 10 distinguished contributors for the previous decade.

Join us as we plan an exciting future

Wednesday, May 18, 8:30 a.m. breakfast, 9 am. Meeting, **Finance Committee Meeting**, The Citrus Club.

Tuesday, May 24, 11:35 a.m. lunch, 12 to 1:30 meeting, **Full Board Meeting**, West Campus Special Events Center.