

ANNUAL REPORT

VALLE VERDE STUDENT UNION



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
2019-2020



GOALS

EDUCATION

OPPORTUNITY

QUALITY

HELPFUL

THANKFUL

FUTURE





Welcome

A year of challenges, a year of strength.

The El Paso Community College Foundation is pleased to present this annual report reflecting the Foundation's mission to support EPCC student success and college degree completion. Generous individuals and company donors have made the work of the EPCC Foundation rewarding and beneficial for local El Paso students. We are proud to share that more than 1,700 EPCC Foundation scholarship awardees have graduated in the past 10 years.

EPCC students are hard working. They continued to pursue their higher education goals and dreams, despite a global pandemic. A college education contributes to job opportunities and economic success for graduates, as well as overall quality of life for graduates and their families. Many EPCC students are the first in their families to achieve a college degree. A more educated and workforce-ready El Paso is a benefit to us all, and the EPCC Foundation is proud to foster and encourage local students to pursue their dreams with less financial worry.

**"We celebrate the successes of EPCC students and share a few of their inspiring stories.
They are strong, resilient, and staying strong."**

Patricia Marquez

Board Chair, El Paso Community College Foundation

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REFRESH, RECHARGE, RESTART

Few people could anticipate the many challenges presented by the 2019-2020 academic year. In the midst of a global pandemic, EPCC students persisted. Many students shifted to online instruction by necessity and continued on toward their educational goals. For students, the journey presented unexpected challenges with schedules, personal struggles, family health concerns, financial challenges, childcare and in some cases, job loss. There were students who experienced unexpected food insufficiency and others were challenged by the costs of daily living while trying to achieve a higher education. Yet, EPCC students are resilient, and many became stronger than ever to overcome the unthinkable and achieve success. This would not be possible without the generosity of donors.

EPCC FOUNDATION STAYSTRONG STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

EPCC STUDENTS RECEIVE HELP DURING THE PANDEMIC



Course Hero

**EPCC Foundation partners with Course Hero
and Excelencia in Education for student
emergency funding due to COVID-19 impact.**

The EPCC Foundation partnered with Course Hero/Excelencia in Education to bring a Student Emergency Aid fund to EPCC during the early months of the pandemic. The fund supported EPCC students with emergency needs created by COVID-19. Emergency grants totaling \$10,000 for El Paso Community College students affected by the pandemic were awarded by the EPCC Foundation to help students with needs for tuition, academic materials, healthcare, technology, food, utilities, housing expenses, transportation, and childcare.

Alejandro Lozano

I appreciate your help, especially in these hard times when we are all struggling. I will make the most of this support. Like the help I received, I hope that we all continue to assist one another in these times of need.

**Course Hero/ EPCC Foundation
Emergency Assistance**

If you would like to help EPCC students to continue their education and overcome financial hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future, please visit EPCC StayStrong Student Emergency Fund at epcc.edu/Administration/Foundation. One click on the 'Donate Now' button will help provide a student in need support to continue toward fulfilling their higher education dreams. A gift to higher education is a gift to El Paso's workforce and economic future.



StayStrong Student Emergency Fund Donors

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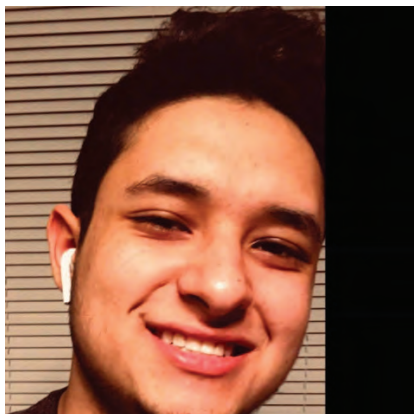
EPCC Cares, Chefs Share Fund Donors

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Thank you Supporters!
**To date, the StayStrong
Student Emergency Fund
has raised \$35,750!**

EPCC STUDENT STORIES

RESILIENCE IN A TIME OF CHANGE



Julio Marin Bustillos

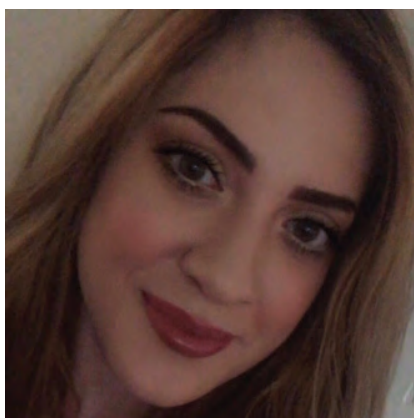
I would like to thank the El Paso Electric Company for giving me this opportunity. They helped me finish my last year at EPCC and get my associate's degree. This experience inspired me to continue my education and to pursue a bachelor's degree.

El Paso Electric Scholarship

Ana Ricarte

Thank you, this money increased my desire to continue my education, especially now since the pandemic has changed our lives drastically.

EPCC Foundation Student Emergency Assistance



Kimberly Olvera Girard

I would like to say thank you to the donor for this scholarship. This scholarship has helped me achieve my career goals by lessening the impact of rising tuition costs. EPCC has also helped with federal financial assistance as I pursue training for my career.

Wells Fargo Scholarship

Karen Gonzalez

First, I want to thank you infinitely for your considerable donation and the sacrifices behind these donations. This opportunity will help me advance my mission, which is my studies. Today more than ever, your donation is a tool to continue my career since the world is going through a tragic situation that is taking away opportunities for many students. Your support is invaluable to me, thank you.

Officer Andrew Barcena Memorial



WHY I GIVE



I give to EPCC because a college education set my path toward making a positive impact in my community.

LUCIA RODRIGUEZ
EPCC Administrator

I give to EPCC because it helps students in need. This past year has been a different and difficult time with Covid-19, therefore, many students and their families have and will continue to struggle. If I can help make a difference in a student's life, I will continue to donate.

SYLVIA GONZALEZ
EPCC Classified Staff



Like many of our students, achieving my academic goals was not easy. I attended classes at EPCC and worked several jobs. I have earned several degrees and owe much of my academic success to my EPCC instructors, coworkers and supervisors. The opportunity to give to students is my way of saying 'Don't give up! Anything worth having takes hard work. But you can do it!'

CECILIA HINES, M.B.A
Retired EPCC Professional Staff & EPCC Adjunct Faculty
EPCC Teachership Academy Steering Committee

Students deserve the opportunity to excel academically to open doors for their careers. I remember when I was younger, I could not afford to go to college. Fortunately, I was able to attend later in life and I remember the struggle to complete my education while caring for my family, work, and whatever life threw at me. Since many students are going through the same struggles, we need to assist them in their endeavor.

DR. GEORGE HOLDEN
EPCC Adjunct Faculty



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BUILDING A BETTER EL PASO WITH STUDENT SUPPORT

Thanks to the support of our community partners, the EPCC Foundation was able to provide financial assistance to hundreds of local students attending El Paso Community College. Higher education is a life-changing pursuit for many individuals in the El Paso region.



Benjamin De Los Reyes

I am very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected for this opportunity. I will put the money you have granted me to good use as I will use it to pay for my educational learning. With all the knowledge I have gained, it will help me achieve a career as an accountant.

Wells Fargo Scholarship

Paola Solis

I would love to thank the donor of this scholarship because it gave me an assurance that I am going on the right path. It may sometimes seem like we are not doing enough for our future, but this scholarship gave me an inspiration to keep going.

El Paso Electric Scholarship



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SUPPORTING EPCC STUDENTS & BUILDING A BETTER EL PASO

Adan Breceda

Your donation has greatly assisted me in my studies for the purchase of technology. You have helped my journey not only financially, but mentally by reducing the stress involved in paying for an education.

GECU Foundation Scholarship

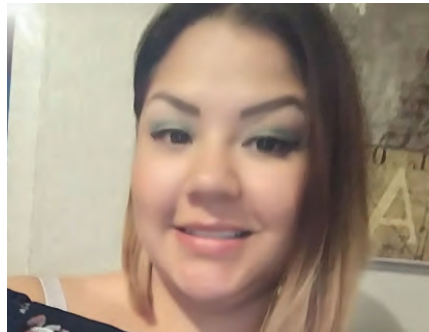


GECU Foundation

The GECU Foundation is dedicated to the credit union's people helping people philosophy through its collaborative engagement with community organizations to further assist charitable causes that improve the lives of those in the Borderplex region. GECU Foundation supports higher education at EPCC through scholarships which are essential and benefit students from all backgrounds and majors.

Hospitals of Providence

The Hospitals of Providence - Tenet Health has been a continued supporter of EPCC student success. EPCC students in programs such as laboratory technology, surgical technology, x-ray technology, amongst others, do their practical internships at Hospitals of Providence. Students graduate with real-world skills, prepared for the workforce.



Patricia Capuchin

These funds will allow me to buy materials to study such as notebooks, a laptop, and my books for every subject. This scholarship is going to help me continue being a dedicated student and reach my goal of becoming a dental hygienist.

Hospitals of Providence Scholarship

Eduardo Flores

I want to thank the donor for giving me the opportunity to start my college education at EPCC. College has opened up new experiences and incredible challenges to overcome throughout my journey to become a professional. This scholarship helped me find the courage and inspiration to continue my dreams. It was an honor and privilege to be chosen as a recipient.

McDonald's Scholarship



McDonald's El Paso

In its second year, McDonald's El Paso and Mr. Richard Castro partnered with the EPCC Foundation to make full scholarships possible for graduating high school students. Focused on local students of Hispanic origins, McDonald's El Paso provided \$2,000 scholarships, matched by the EPCC Foundation to fund \$4,000 scholarships for entering EPCC students.

These scholarships covered the entire costs of tuition, fees, and academic materials and supplies, allowing students to focus on their studies without financial worry about college costs.

Stars Scholarship Fund

The Stars Scholarship Fund and the EPCC Foundation have partnered since 2014 to provide college students with \$2,000 scholarships for the school year. The EPCC Foundation matches the funding provided by Stars Scholarship.

Through this partnership, more than \$374,000 has been awarded, totaling 252 scholarships. The partnership continues for 2021-2022.



Gabriela Davis

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. It will allow me to focus my attention on becoming the best medical lab technician that I can, instead of worrying about how I am going to pay for my tuition.

Stars Scholarship

FUNDS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

2019-2020

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

McDonald's El Paso	\$ 22,000
State Farm Grant	\$ 19,750
GECU Foundation	\$ 10,000
General Scholarships	\$ 8,335
Camino Real Rotary Club & Mexican Consulate	\$ 5,000
Professional Staff Association Scholarships	\$ 4,000
Deas Campbell Memorial Fund	\$ 2,500
Northeast El Paso Rotary Club Foundation	\$ 2,000
Student Science Poster Contest Fund	\$ 1,800
50th Anniversary Building the Future Scholarships	\$ 1,500
Maria Luz Rodriguez Memorial Fund	\$ 850
Total	\$ 77,735

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Diana Natalicio	\$ 25,000
Senator Joe Christie	\$ 25,000
Buddy Walk	\$ 6,000
Kharisma James Endowment	\$ 1,431
George Lockhart Memorial	\$ 1,375
James Franco Fund	\$ 1,225
Total	\$ 60,031

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fajitas & Margaritas for Scholarships	\$ 35,345
El Paso Giving Day	\$ 7,350
EPCC 50th Anniversary Luncheon	\$ 2,425
50 for 50 Campaign Donations	\$ 350
Total	\$ 45,470

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS 2019-2020

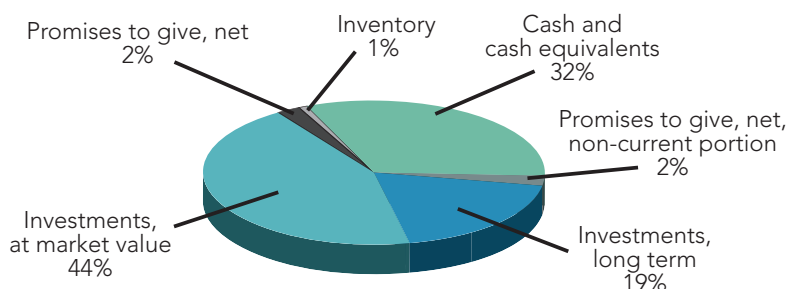
CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 672,274
Investments, at market value	\$ 924,196
Promises to give, net	\$ 35,000
Inventory	\$ 23,048
Total current assets	\$ 1,654,518
Investments, long term	\$ 410,753
Promises to give, net, non-current portion	\$ 35,000
Total	\$ 2,100,271

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Total liabilities	
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	\$ 57,957
With donor restrictions	
Purpose restrictions	\$ 502,477
Perpetual in nature	\$ 1,539,837
Total	\$ 2,100,271

Current Assets



Financial information has been summarized from financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2020. The Foundation for El Paso Community College is audited annually by an independent public accounting firm. The audited financial statements are available upon request.

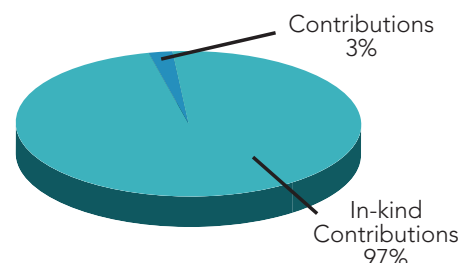
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Support and revenue	
Contributions	\$ 4,864
In-kind contributions	\$ 157,051
Realized gain (loss)	\$ -
Total	\$ 161,915
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	\$ 206,391
Total support and revenue without donor restrictions	\$ 368,306

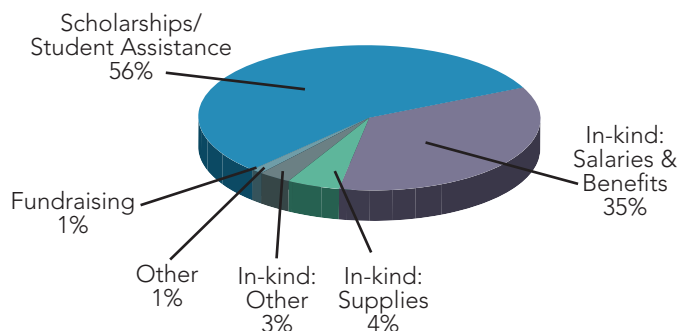
Unrestricted Net Assets



PROGRAM EXPENSES

Scholarships/student assistance	\$ 206,505
General and administrative	
In-Kind: Salaries and benefits	\$ 128,645
In-Kind: Supplies	\$ 16,179
In-Kind: Other	\$ 12,227
Other	\$ 1,371
Fundraising	\$ 4,886
Total Expenses	\$ 369,813

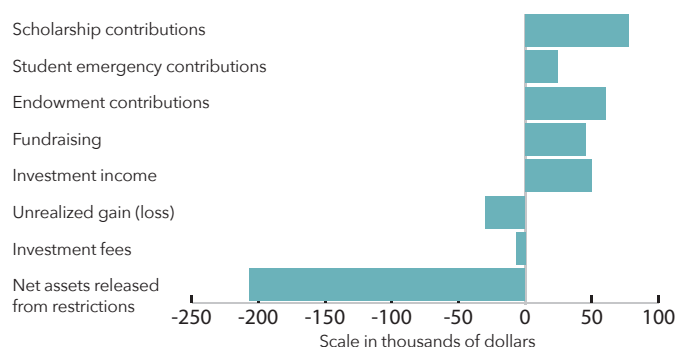
Program Expenses



NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Scholarship contributions	\$ 77,735
Student emergency contributions	\$ 24,440
Endowment contributions	\$ 60,066
Fundraising	\$ 45,487
Investment income	\$ 49,661
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (29,827)
Investment fees	\$ (6,998)
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ (206,391)
Total Net Assets With Donor Restriction	\$ 14,173

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets



INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ (1,507)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 14,173
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 12,666
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	\$ 2,087,605
NET ASSETS, End of year	\$2,100,271

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EPCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

STUDENT AWARDEES 2019-2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE EPCC AWARDEES
THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Andrew Barcena Memorial

Cesar Chavez
Karen Gonzalez
Michael Rodriguez

Culinary Arts Club

Mahala Johnson
Shelia Anthony

Deas Campbell Memorial

Jeffery Baca
Maria Vela
Mia Espinosa

El Paso Electric

Alan Perez
Andrea Gonzalez
Arlet Gamboa
Collin Whitener
Jean Rendon Sifontes
Jose Garcia
Julio Marin Bustillos
Marc Loya-Reyes
Paola Solis
Richard Martinez
Rodrigo Centelles Tafolla

El Paso Architectural Foundation

Collin Whitener
Mariely Gonzalez
Oscar Duran

EPCC Foundation Scholarships

Adan Breceda
Aristea Cavazos
April Rodriguez
Ayana Montgomery
Brianna Morelos
Cesar Zepeda
Christine Sifuentes
Crystal Palacios
Diana Vega Urbina
Grisel Harrison
Isis Fierro Castillo
Jezmin Salazar Zacarias
Jennifer Avila
Joel Moya

Julie Luna
Josie Gutierrez
Luz Vega
Maria Martinez
Mia Rios
Michaela Castor
Raymond Davis
Sara Trevizo
Sulma Soto
Valeria Alarcon
Vivian Munoz

GECU Foundation

Areli Serrano Chacon
Bryan Mendoza
Carlos Lerma Mata
Cristal Encizo Guardiola
David Ceballos
Jose Gonzalez
Karla Carbajal
Kayla Fierro
Nuvia Lerma Mata
Valerie Flores

Hospitals of Providence

Alejandra Ibarra Tafolla
Alexandra Roddy
Allison Prieto
Catherine Duarte
Eduardo Garcia
Elizabeth Garcia
Janel Dominguez
Joan Tarin
Kimberly Pinedo
Patricia Capuchin

Hospitality-Related Programs

Guillermo Diaz
Jorge Ballesteros Carrera

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Dante Munoz
Efrain Silva
Hector Hernandez Rascon
Jaime Gutierrez Portillo
Joshua Borrego
Matthew Jimenez

Melissa Vasquez
Noel Garces
Pedro Castillo
Sirena Bermudes

James Franco

Elsa Aguinaga
Micshal Davis

JP Morgan Chase

Cecilia Quiroz
Jasmine Molina
Jennifer Parsont
Mariana Hermosillo Hidalgo
Paula Chavez

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Sujin Shields

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Alexandra Sanchez
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Eduardo Flores
Itzel Tejeda
Karen Lozano
Kate -Lynn Palacios
Samantha Nunez
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Raymundo Felix
Yared Lara

Mervin Moore

Karrie Chavez

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Sarah Martinez
Stephanie Phillips
Pablo Gaytan

EPCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Project Arriba

Janet Luna-Flores
Marissa Estrada
Sonia Grijalva

Stars Scholarship

Abigail Torres
Alejandro Cano
Alexis Tamez
America Ogaz
Andrea Gonzalez-Barraza
Anthony Menchaca
Aristea Cavazos
Cristina Ramirez
Dante Munoz
Diva Mendoza
Elsa Aguinaga
Eunice Alarcon
Gabriela Davis
Guadalupe Ramirez
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Jorge Rodriguez
Karrie Chavez
Maria Vela
Nayely Moya
Niko Franco
Pablo Gaytan
Rodolfo Gonzales
Sarah Martinez

Stephanie Phillips
Valeria Aleman

The Buddy Walk

Brian Avila
Crystal Nieto
Dania Gonzalez
Daniel Perez
Frances Lamboy
Isaac Smith
Karen Corral
Joanna Castro
Michael Robinson
Ramon Contreras

El Paso Rotary Club

Hector Arzate
Jasmine Acuna

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Vanessa Reyes

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Allison Cortnie
America Melendez Hernandez
Ashley Lopez
Aylene Macias
Benjamin De Los Reyes
Brian Ragan
Cecilia Morales

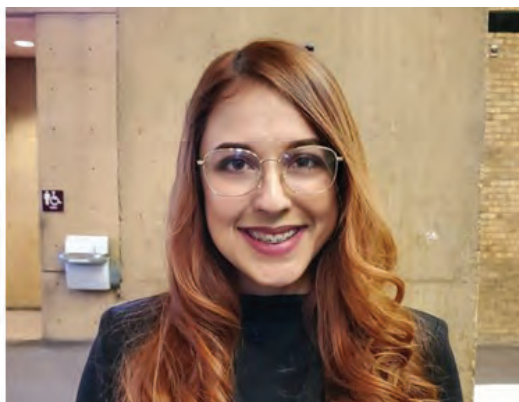
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Rashell Aldaz
Valeria Avitia Sosa
Veronica Ogaz
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Gabriela Davis
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Orlando Jimenez



Mireya Rocha Vejar

This scholarship helped me to pay part of my tuition, kept me motivated, and to realize there are opportunities to help us with educational costs. My dream is to finish a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering at UTEP, and the Wells Fargo scholarship has encouraged me to keep fighting regardless of the circumstances. Thank you very much for giving the same opportunities to all students.

Wells Fargo Scholarship

Sirena Bermudes

Being the last of my siblings to graduate from high school and attend college, it has been hard for my parents to financially support the four of us and having been awarded this scholarship was a blessing not only for me, but for my family as well. This scholarship allowed me to focus on school, not having to worry about paying for books, and even allowed me to buy a laptop to complete schoolwork at home!

Hunt Family Scholarship



WE ARE HERE FOR EPCC STUDENTS

- The Foundation for EPCC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds to support EPCC & student scholarships.
- A group of dedicated community leaders work to raise funds and engage local partners in investing in El Paso students.
- In 2019-2020 the Foundation for EPCC awarded more than \$206,000 for student scholarships.
- The Foundation has been helping students achieve college success since 1999.



Did You Know?

More than 20% of EPCC students paid for school out-of-pocket in 2019-2020, without financial help, often working and taking classes part-time, delaying graduation for financial reasons.

Scholarships Make a Difference


The Foundation for EPCC has awarded 2,015 scholarships in the past 11 years. This funding resulted in 1,548 college degrees and certificates completed by local students.

Funds = Graduation!

55% of students who received an EPCC Foundation scholarship graduated in three years or less.

YOU Can Make an Impact

Scholarships help higher education dreams come true. Your gift will open the windows of opportunity for local students. We invite you to help EPCC students become graduates, benefiting themselves and our community.



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