

**Shasta College Foundation
Executive Director's Quarterly Report to Trustees**

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Shasta College Foundation / The McConnell Foundation Community Speaker Series

Colson Whitehead, October 16, 2018

Our speaker for this year, is Pulitzer Prize award winning author, **Colson Whitehead**. He is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Underground Railroad* (an Oprah's Book Club selection and winner of the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize). Several of our instructors are teaching his book this semester. Terrific read!

Trinity Forest Monitor Project (Pat Frost) **NEW!**

Foundation Executive Committee member Pat Frost from Trinity County and I will be working on a potential upcoming project. The Weaverville Community Forest Steering Committee is working on a proposal to the USFS Washington Office for a new Citizen Science Initiative. They'll be asking for \$25,000 from the USFS in a competitive grant process for a forestry monitoring project that will use local volunteers who will be trained by USFS/BLM and a local Registered Professional Forester (member of the committee) to set up permanent plots to measure forest health and changes over time. Pat feels the proposal would be stronger if there was an academic "link" (i.e. Pat as an instructor), as well as getting our students involved.

Student Veterans Emergency Fund **NEW!**

(Foundation Fiscal Agent – Partnering with the Nick Dahl Memorial Foundation)

From our time working with Mike Dahl on the "*Vietnam Shasta Stories*" event last fall, Mike expressed interest in setting up a special emergency fund for student Veterans. Before the holiday break, we had a meeting with Mike, James Konopitski, Julie Fisher, Jill Ault, Wendy Akins, Nancy de Halas and Rob McCandless to talk about the guidelines for this fund. This partnership will help us continue to provide better service and support to our student Veterans. As Mike Dahl pointed out, this will be a great resource to provide **preemptive** and **preventive** support to our student Veterans. Our committee will meet again next month to get this fund up and running.

Student Emergency Fund **NEW!**

An anonymous donor donated \$3,000 to the Foundation to be used to help students who are in dire need of emergency funding. We've been working with Becky McCall, Lorelei Hartzler and Angela Nava in the Financial Aid Office who do all of the screening for these students in desperate need. Since the start of the spring semester, we have been able to help 10 students and have disbursed \$3,000. The Foundation is donating \$2,000 to this fund.

California Humanities Journalism Project **NEW!**

Sociology Instructor Heather Wylie and myself are working on partnering with John Lightfoot, Senior Program Officer and Julie Fry, President and CEO of California Humanities on a new project. We will be meeting with John and Julie at the end of February. The project will be to bring a journalism speaker to Shasta College.

Global Education Program – Guyana 2018

(Amazon Rainforest / River Habitats of Guyana, South America)

Our fourth expedition in the Global Education program is in full swing. GIS Instructor Dan Scollon and Botany Instructor Susannah Fulton are the point folks for this excursion. They are already receiving applications from students who want to travel to Guyana, South America. There is a tentative date for an information night on February 1st. The application deadline is March 1. The trip will be taking place from July 16 to August 3, 2018.

Teresa Poore Trust Textbook Fund

With the start of the new spring semester, the Teresa Poore Textbook Fund will be giving out \$10,000 for students to purchase textbooks. From its inception in 2013, this fund has disbursed \$124,790 to students on a first come first serve basis.

Foundation Executive Board Retreat

The Foundation will be having their annual Board retreat with consultant Eric Ryan on February 13th. At that meeting we will revise and finalize the 2018-2019 Strategic Plan. I will share it with all of you once it's finalized.

“Pay it Forward”

Our “Pay it Forward” voluntary payroll deduction staff drive continues to be an important program for funding campus programs and events. Since my last report in October, the Foundation has sponsored the following events:

For Faculty, Staff & Students	Amount Paid
Thanksgiving Social for <i>First Year Experience Program</i> Students 11/15/17 (Sharon Felder)	\$192.31
Civic Expo – 11/8/17, 11/15/17, 11/16/17 (Shelly Presnell) Appreciation pizza party's for student participants	\$495.00
Music Association of CA Community Colleges Conference Nov. 17-18 (Matthew Brooks) Instructor / 2 students to attend conference in SF	\$955.60
Art Reception – Annual Art Faculty Exhibit 11/30/17 (David Gentry)	\$569.77
North State Symphony – Chorale Concert in December (Liz Waterbury) Special Guest Vocalist Honorarium's – Baritone Andrew Kessler \$500 / Tenor Rafael Delsid \$500)	\$1,000.00
“Final Exam Jam Night” for Extended Ed Campuses - Dec 2017 (Nancy Lamberson) Refreshments for students /3 campuses	\$200.52
“Final Exam Jam Week” in the Library – Dec. 4-7, 2017 (Will Breitbart)	\$328.00
Coral Sea Research Vessel – Oceanography Class – 12/1/17 (Randy Reed) Class fundraised as well.	\$2,000.00
“Exam Jam” - Tutoring & Learning Center Refreshments - Dec 2017 (Edward Stewart / Jennifer McCandless)	\$264.66
STEP UP Holiday Dinner for Students 12/15/17 (Robert Bowman)	\$992.06
North State Symphony – Chorale Concert in December (Liz Waterbury) Transportation to 3 venues with Chorale students	\$539.50

Scott Thompson, Executive Director