

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

October 17, 2018

**Shasta College Foundation / The McConnell Foundation / KIXE Channel 9
Community Speaker Series featuring Colson Whitehead, October 16, 2018**

Last night the Community Speaker Series featured our 7th speaker, Colson Whitehead. Colson Whitehead is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award for *The Underground Railroad*. The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author was named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in April of 2017.

English instructor Kathryn Gessner said, *"There is no way to encapsulate the power of Colson's talk, except to say that while people were really laughing at his description of the writing life and the issues he faces as a writer, they were also very involved in his reading and the heaviness of the topics presented in The Underground Railroad -- the audience was present for a complete literary and cultural experience, something very rare and precious in our lives here in the North State."*

Colson was really funny, super smart and a terrific speaker. We had a great audience! This series started back in 2015 as a joint effort with The McConnell Foundation and this year we added KIXE Channel 9 as a community partner. It's been quite a ride!

**California Humanities Journalism Event
"California 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen"**

I continue to work with Sociology Instructor Heather Wylie, History Instructor Chris Rodriguez, and Library Information Technician Jennifer Brewer, on partnering with John Lightfoot, Senior Program Officer and Julie Fry, President and CEO of California Humanities.

Our involvement with **California 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen** involves the creation of a new class, Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology Honors Course. The focus of this course will be a semester-long investigative journalism project exploring the impact of the recent Carr Fire on our community. Through the application of key sociological concepts, this project will provide a careful analysis of the immediate and future impact of this disaster while also situating it in a larger historical, economic, political and cultural context.

Students will be working in teams on different aspects of the fire. They will receive support through training, mentorship and networking. There will be numerous opportunities for students to network with professional journalists and fellow community college students including field trips to the Bay Area. Projects will culminate in podcasts that will be available to the community.

On February 6, 2019, we will be hosting Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sonia Nazario, whose focus is on immigration and journalism. Her visit is presented as part of California Humanities' **CA 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen** initiative, a year-long partnership with California community colleges designed to engage a broad cross-section of young Californians in a consideration of the vital connections between democracy and journalism. The initiative brings Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists to California campuses, provides hands-on media literacy training and helps amplify young people's voices and perspectives in the public dialogue.

Sonia Nazario won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing for her six-part Los Angeles Times series, “Enrique’s Journey” about the experiences of Latin American children immigrating to the United States. She is also currently an opinion writer with the New York Times, focusing on immigration and asylum issues.

Study Abroad Program – Guyana 2018

(Our Fourth Expedition) July 15 – August 3, 2018

On July 15th, approximately 20 students along with Botany Instructor Susannah Fulton and GIS Instructor Dan Scollon, traveled to Guyana for the **Study Abroad Program**. They are here this evening with a few students to give the Board a report on their trip.

The McConnell Foundation committed to funding this program \$10,000 a year for a five year period. The Shasta College Foundation has also funded \$10,000 each year. The study abroad program is connected with Operation Wallacea who organizes these trips. These scientific expeditions are taught by PhD’s in the field and are a hands-on opportunity for students in the science field.

Previous excursions have been to Honduras, Indonesia and South Africa and next year, the Study Abroad program is heading to Fiji.

“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 July, the Foundation has sponsored the following events:

For Faculty, Staff & Students	Amount Paid
Field Trip to University of British Columbia (UBC) Summer 2018 (Mark Blaser) Lodging for 4 faculty	\$1,924.71
Shasta County Arts Council / Shasta College Art Faculty & Paraprofessionals (John Harper) Special printing for Art Show	\$1,103.61
Tehama Campus Summer Kick-Start Program – Aug 6-9, 2018 (Jessica Knight) Lunch for attendees	\$612.97
Math Camp Lunches for Students / 4 days July 30 - August 2, 2018 (Ed Stuart / Cherish Padro) Sponsorship of lunches	\$590.18
Summer Vocal Institute – Summer 2018 (Liz & Robert Waterbury) Stipends for professional instruction	\$4,000.00
Foundational Skills Tutor Retreat Training – 8/25/18 (Sandra Darling) Meals for annual training retreat for tutors	\$855.32
Umoja Program / Student Life Scholarships – Fall 2018 (Kevin O’Rorke) (merit & financial need based scholarships)	\$1,000.00
Big League Dreams 2018 Season 4 Softball Sponsorship – Fall 2018 (Michael Booth & Joe Trompczynski) Team Fee	\$240.00
Extended Education – “Welcome Back Day” Fall 2018 (Jessica Knight) Bottled water and refreshments for students	\$82.40
“Your Heart is Free,” Works by Jennifer Pochinski Art Reception (Andrew Patterson)	\$453.51
Shasta Family YMCA Power Scholars Academy – Summer 2019 (Buffy Tanner) Community Connection	\$5,000.00

McKenzie Gulch Trail Hike – 10/6/18 (Pat Frost / Susan Molyneux) Community Connection	\$300.00
Student Senate General Assembly in Ontario - Oct. 25-28, 2018 (Allie Hancock/Isabella Elizarraras) Registration and meals for 5 students to Attend Assembly in Ontario, CA	\$2,306.88
Trinity Trail Alliance – McKenzie Gulch Hike Support 10/6/18 (Pat Frost / Susan Molyneux)	\$300.00
Asphalt Cowboy Breakfast for Staff – Fall 2018 (Courtney Vigna) Staff breakfast for Flex-Day	\$333.75