



# THE FOUNDATION FOCUS

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### **Thank You, Donors!**

Joined by more than 300 participants, we shined the spotlight on our donors at the 2023 Donor Appreciation Luncheon. We applauded donors for making college a reality for hundreds of students annually. This fall alone, donor support resulted in more than \$240,000 in scholarships to 208 students.

"We began this semester with record enrollment numbers, largely due to your efforts to expand access to a college education," said BCC President Gene Smith. "Every dollar and hour that you give makes a difference. Thank you for realizing that and for choosing to invest in BCC. We're excited about plans for what's next including new programs, services, and state-of-the-art facilities, all laser-focused on student success."

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Held at the Dinah E. Gore Sports & Aquatics Complex, the event featured a welcome from Foundation Executive Director Teresa Nelson and remarks from BCC Board of Trustees Chair Alan Holden, President Smith, and Foundation Board of Directors President Teresa Carroll. Attendees also heard from Student Ambassadors, Ava Hinson, Kaylin Mills, and Cam Williams, who thanked donors for their kindness, generosity, and for believing in the students of BCC.

"You have contributed to the life of our college and supported students in countless ways," said Nelson. "Your gifts have provided tuition scholarships, stocked our food pantries, and grown our emergency fund, helping students overcome unexpected obstacles. You also served as mentors, attended and cheered for students at college events, volunteered for committees, and shared kind words of support. Today and every day, we thank and appreciate you."







**A New Registry for Stocking the Shelves**



That's all there is to it! Your order will arrive directly to BCC for stocking. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## Ambassador Spotlight: Meet Cam Williams



Student Ambassador Cam Williams was still figuring out where he would attend college this time last year. His dream was to find a school where he could work toward his degree and play baseball, but unexpected injuries and challenges at home were making it tough to achieve. The one thing he was sure of was that he would not give up.

With support from his mom, friends, teammates, and coaches, Cam kept working hard, doing well in school, and trusting that his opportunity would come. And come it did. Through former teammates and coaches, Cam connected with Dolphins Baseball Coach Robbie Allen at BCC.

"Coach Allen called me and asked if I'd like to meet the team and learn more about BCC," said Cam. "I made an official visit last June, and here I am." Nearly halfway through his first year at BCC, Cam is warming up his pitching arm and doing well academically. He is pursuing his Associate Degree in Arts & Sciences and plans to continue college for his Bachelor's and Masters degrees in Psychology.

Cam also serves as a Student Ambassador. "I wasn't sure what an Ambassador did, but Coach encouraged me to interview, so I did," said Cam. "I've been part of a non-profit organization supporting my friend's dad, a former baseball player who died of cancer a few years ago. I like giving back, and when I got the offer to be part of the Student Ambassadors, I decided to join."

Cam immediately stepped up to the plate and volunteered to speak at the recent Donor Appreciation Luncheon. "Cam was nervous and struggling with his tie and name tag just before taking the stage," said Foundation Executive Director Teresa Nelson. "You'd never know it because he wowed the crowd. Cam is the real deal. He's authentic, cares about others, is determined to succeed, and is unafraid of working hard for what he wants. We are thrilled to have him as an Ambassador."

We invite you to cheer him on this season as he takes the field as a Dolphin. Go, Cam!

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## Donor Spotlight: Donnie M. Royal Foundation



This month, we shine the spotlight on the Donnie M. Royal Foundation. The Foundation President William Allen recently presented a \$5,000 gift to The Foundation of BCC. That donation funded the Donnie and Dorothy Royal Nursing Scholarship, which helped 10 BCC Nursing students

further their education. President Allen and his wife had the opportunity to meet those students and more at the Donor Appreciation Luncheon.

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## New Members Wanted




The Women and Men in Philanthropy groups are ramping up and looking for new members! If you have a few spare hours and a passion for supporting and mentoring our youth, please consider joining us. On hundred percent of your \$100 annual dues goes directly toward student scholarships. To learn more, contact [nelsont@brunswickcc.edu](mailto:nelsont@brunswickcc.edu). Ready to join us now? Simply complete the membership form below and we will be in touch. Thank you!

Women in Philanthropy

Men in Philanthropy

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## Your Name in Lights



If you are looking for an opportunity to create a lasting legacy by naming a building, classroom, or campus area in your honor, or that of a loved one, please consider opportunities at BCC. We have many now and more on the way. Learn more at [nelsont@brunswickcc.edu](mailto:nelsont@brunswickcc.edu).

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