



# COASTAL BEND COLLEGE **Foundation**

## **FOUNDATION NEWS: August 2017**

### **Consider A Planned Gift to the Coastal Bend College Foundation**

There are many ways you can support Coastal Bend College's future without affecting you and your family during your lifetime. Although including a bequest in your estate plan is one way to leave a legacy, there are other arrangements, similar to bequests, which are simple, straightforward, and accomplish the same goal.

#### **Bequests (Gifts by Will or Living Trust)**

Give to the Coastal Bend College Foundation without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

#### **Gifts from Retirement Plans**

Your retirement plan may be worth more when donated to the Coastal Bend College Foundation than it would be to your heirs.

#### **Testamentary Life Income Gifts**

One gift in your estate can benefit your family and Coastal Bend College.

#### **Gifts of Life Insurance**

Give a policy you no longer need to the Coastal Bend College Foundation to support a scholarship program for students.

Remember, donors who contribute their hard-earned money reach and transform lives through our college mission, and help to shape the future of many lives in our community.

## Where Your Gift Goes

### Innovative Teaching Grants

Thanks to generous donations, the CBC Foundation awards up to \$4,500 each semester to recognize innovative and creative instructional programs or projects that encourage higher levels of student learning.

The Foundation awarded a Spring 2017 Innovative Teaching Grant to Mr. Taylor Tomlin for the NASA Micro-G NExT Challenge.

The grant allowed the team of students named "The Space Cougars" to develop an anchor prototype that was tested in the NASA neutral buoyancy labs as a part of the challenge.

### Scholarships Awarded

Because of our donors' generosity, the CBC Foundation awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to CBC students for the spring 2017 semester and an additional \$29,000 for the summer and fall semesters. Scholarships were awarded to students attending the four CBC campuses: Beeville, Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton.

### Foundation Scholar

"CBC Foundation Scholarship Recipient Shoots for the Moon, or Perhaps Mars!"

*Regan Wilbanks* started his educational career in high school as a dual-enrollment student at Longview Global High School. Regan's family relocated to Beeville, Texas where Regan jumped right in as a CBC student, and was a recipient of CBC Foundation scholarships during the spring 2016 and fall 2017 semesters. He became involved in the ReEnergize Grant undergraduate research project where he grew algae in the hopes of using the oil to create bio-fuel. Regan presented his ReEnergize findings at the 2016 EcoExchangeEdu Showcase at Eco Centro in San Antonio. He developed a formula to enhance the algae nutrition supplement, optimizing the growth outcome.

Regan continued working on the algae project but his focus was on the Micro-G NExT Challenge where he was the Space Cougars' team captain. He envisioned himself working for NASA when he was in preschool. Mr. Taylor Tomlin approached the student lab assistant about the challenge. Regan was ecstatic; he wanted to know where he could sign up! He and Tomlin submitted a design proposal for an anchor prototype to NASA and crossed their fingers. In the meantime, Tomlin applied for the Innovative Teaching Grant to help fund the project, pending acceptance from NASA. During winter semester 2017, the two received word their submission was accepted.

The next step was to create a team, "The Space Cougars" which included: Jacob Mendez, Raj Bhakta, Tyler Kerr, and Regan Wilbanks. The team developed the prototype design over the month, and are fired up about the possibility of testing their design in the NASA neutral buoyancy lab. They were invited to take a tour of the facility in February, which was a highlight for the team. Regan and the team worked diligently on the anchor design for NASA, and they hoped their design would be selected for the upcoming Mars Mission.

Regan used most of his free time working on the project. He did take time to apply for the Joe Barnhart CBC Transfer Scholarship, and was selected as one of the four CBC students to receive the prestigious award. Regan graduated in May from CBC with an Associate in Science degree and a Robotics Certificate. He plans to attend New Mexico State University and continue his educational goal pursuit toward becoming an Aerospace Engineer.

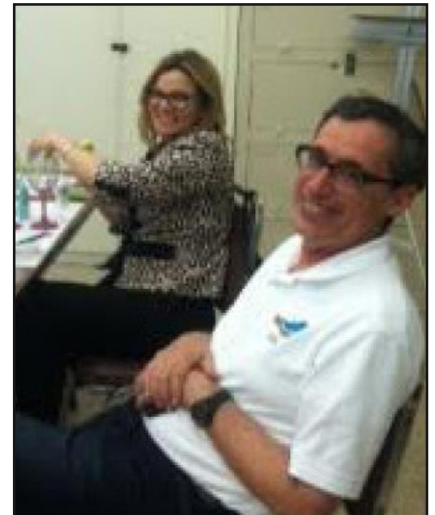
Coastal Bend College was a perfect launch pad for Regan's educational career.

## **Spotlight On A Board Member**

### **Meet Dr. Gerardo D. Quinones-Whitmore**

Dr. Quinones serves on the Development Committee of the CBC Foundation Board. This committee provides valuable input for the development of the fundraising plan, solicitation of gifts, stewardship, and long-term financial resources for the College.

A new member of the Coastal Bend College Foundation Board, Dr. Quinones brings a commitment of caring and excellence to the Beeville community and Coastal Bend College. In his own words, Dr. Quinones states that his family, dentistry and his patients are his passions in life. He sees each patient as a unique individual to be treated accordingly. It is this same belief in the individual that he brings to his board position.



Dr. Quinones graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dentistry, one of the top American Dental Association accredited schools in 1984. Dr. Quinones continued his training with a hospital residency at Beth Israel Hospital In New York City. He served a second residency year as Chief Resident of the Dental Department. He has committed to a live-long study of dentistry and is a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantology and a past Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of dentistry.

Welcome to the CBC Foundation Board, Dr. Q.!

## **Save The Date for the Foundation's Upcoming Events**

Planned Giving Presentation, Alice Country Club, Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Rotary Lectureship Series, November 2, 2017.

## Consider A Gift



If you would like more information about making a planned gift or you would like to make a gift to the Coastal Bend College Foundation to help students achieve success and make our community strong, please call Madeline Madden, Executive Director, CBC Foundation at (361) 3542520.

All gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible. Your gift can be sent to CBC Foundation, 3800 Charco Road, Beeville, Texas 78102. Attn: Foundation.

To ask about an opportunity to acquire your own BEE sculpture, contact the Foundation office at (361) 354-2348.